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It's a New Academic Year!

"Lives of Significance, For God in Service to Others"

During the Opening Service Aug. 23, 2019, Seminary President Dr. Dale A. Meyer welcomed new and returning students. He preached and introduced the 2019–20 academic theme, "Grace. Mercy. Peace. Lives of Significance."

Following Dr. Meyer's lead, the Sem Guild has taken on as its 2019–20 service theme "Lives of Significance, For God in Service to Others," from 1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

The Sem Guild Board is looking forward to another year of service and giving to Concordia Seminary students and their families. Members at the March luncheon adopted 14 projects totaling \$22,000. As Dr. Meyer said, "All who are here and at home support you." You can offer encouragement to the Seminary community by keeping the students, families and faculty in your prayers and by generously giving to the newly adopted projects. Every gift, from the smallest to the largest, is important in our ongoing mission to enhance the lives of students on campus.

Where Were You When...



Former Guild Historian Caroline Kuechenmeister, left, dressed as Emilie Walther, the wife of the Seminary's first president, Dr. C.F.W. Walther, and Bernice Malec presented the Guild's 70th anniversary program in October 2002.

Photo: Courtesy Sem Guild Archives

From the Guild President

I just completed the first year of my two-year term as president of the Seminary Guild. What a blessing this year has been for me! It was an honor to be asked to run for president, and although it took a lot of prayerful consideration and encouragement before I said yes, it has been a privilege to serve.

Getting to know the board members and meeting Guild members at the luncheons has been interesting and fun, but the highlight of my first year was talking to concluding students. These men and women are prepared to go out into God's world and do God's work. Not only are they prepared, but they also are excited. They have answered the call: "Here am I! Send me" (Is. 6:8 ESV).

I am looking forward to serving this next year with you. As we work toward meeting our adopted service projects goal of \$22,000, remember that you and I are called, too. We are called to lead lives of significance, for God in service to others.

I will be appointing a nominating committee to accept names of candidates for the offices of president and recording secretary this month. The Guild also has an appointed position open for public relations chairman. If someone asks you to serve in one of these positions, please give it prayerful consideration! In fact, don't wait to be asked. Volunteer! God has given all of us gifts and He will equip us to use them. We just need faith — and maybe some encouragement. However you use your gifts, pray that, together, we may continue to support and serve the Sem students on their journeys to lead lives of significance!



Tami Clardy, Guild President

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2019–20 Adopted Service Projects

Books for incoming students	\$2,500*
Campus landscaping	2,000
Direct-to-student aid	4,000
International students	1,000
Musical Arts	2,000
Community student gatherings	1,000
Dorm student community fund	1,000
Resident Field Education off-campus events	1,000
After chapel coffee time	1,000
Center for Hispanic Studies and Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology students	1,000
Student educational helps	500
Student athletics and Fitness Center	2,000
Families in Transition (FIT)	1,000
Dorm student housing	2,000
Total	\$22,000

*Funded

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Being a New Pastor Topic of September Luncheon

by Carol Schmidt

The first Concordia Seminary Guild luncheon meeting for the 2019–20 academic year was held at noon Friday, Sept. 13, in Koburg Hall. The opening prayer was led by Paul Dickerson, a fourth-year student and second-career (attorney) student from Michigan.

Dr. Peter Nafzger, assistant professor of Practical Theology at the Seminary, and Rev. Bryan Roberts, a recent Seminary graduate and current pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Pevely, Mo., both contributed to the program topic, “Being a New Pastor.”

Roberts is a second-career pastor who served a deferred vicarage in 2017 at Zion, after which he was ordained. He gave an example of how a pastor must always be prepared — he had to catch a bat early one morning before parishioners arrived!

Nafzger recalled how 20 years ago he bought his first computer, cell phones did not exist and travelers could walk all the way to the arrival gate at the airport regardless of whether they had a ticket. In an always changing world, he told Guild members that future pastors must be prepared to deliver the unchanging Gospel message. Recognizing this, the Seminary has revised its curriculum by translating course work into ways it can be used in the congregation. Emphasis is placed on how the church responded years ago, on how to understand today’s culture, and how pastors and deaconesses can handle whatever comes their way. This has resulted in what is known as the “formation hour.” Students meet regularly in small groups with faculty regarding a personal plan designed to strengthen them spiritually, vocationally, financially, physically and intellectually. The goal is to have students be well prepared to proclaim the Gospel in whatever situations they may find themselves.

\$3,460 DONATED AS OF AUG. 31, 2019

Only 13 more projects to fund! Since the Concordia Seminary Guild does not hold fundraisers, all projects are funded solely by the generous donations of our members. Would you please prayerfully consider sending a donation this year to fund the projects adopted by the membership?

Your Donations at Work

Journaling Bibles, \$2,500

The first of 14 service projects has been funded! A journaling Bible is a Bible that has wide margins printed with lines so you can write down whatever thoughts, questions or observations you have during the course of your reading. Dr. Timothy Saleska, professor of Exegetical Theology, thought it would be a good idea for Sem students to try journaling. So in the fall of 2017, the Sem Guild purchased a journaling Bible for each new student. This academic year marks the third year students have received journaling Bibles from the Sem Guild.

The Bibles have become a treasure for the students who have received them and especially for Eric Gradberg. Eric, a second-year Residential Alternate Route (RAR) student, says, “The journaling Bible gifted to me from the Sem Guild has been a great asset. It’s allowed me to take notes on passage meaning, historical details and personal application from class discussion and Bible study that will help me at the Seminary and in ministry in the years to come.”



Sem Guild President Tami Clardy, left center, and Projects Chairman Alice Kastens hand out journaling Bibles to new students during Orientation Aug. 20.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6, 2019

*Advent by Candlelight
Laudamus, Concordia Seminary choir*

Feb. 7, 2020

*Mission Central
Rev. Jeffrey Thormodson, Interim Director of
Resident Field Education*

March 13, 2020

*Re-Sell It Shop Fashion Show
Business meeting: adoption of new projects 2020–21;
election of president and recording secretary*

May 1, 2020

*End of the Academic Year Report
Business meeting: installation of officers*

Meet Historian Gail Brauer

The historian of the Sem Guild is appointed by the Guild president to a two-year term with the approval of the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the historian to prepare a general history of the fiscal year’s events, which becomes a permanent history of the Guild after board approval. The Concordia Historical Institute keeps the permanent history records. President Tami Clardy recently appointed Gail Brauer to this important position.

Gail and her husband, James, live at Laclede Groves and are members at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Des Peres, Mo. They lived in New York for 22 years while James was a professor at Concordia College New York, Bronxville.

After moving to St. Louis, James worked at the LCMS International Center and was a professor and dean of chapel at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Gail worked as a secretary at several companies in St. Louis before retiring.

Gail is not new to the board, having previously served the Seminary Guild as corresponding secretary from 2013 to 2017. She is happy to be back on the board as the Guild works to provide support to our Seminary students.

Immanuel Bazaar Fundraiser

The women of the Immanuel Bazaar Workshop at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, Mo., have donated to the Guild service projects for many years. They meet every Wednesday to create crafts of all kinds. On the first Saturday in November each year, the women hold a bazaar in the gymnasium of the church’s Lutheran school. There also is a great bakery booth and a large Granny’s Attic area. Half of the profits go toward meeting the needs at Immanuel’s church or school. The other half go to missions, one of which is the Sem Guild’s service projects.

If your organization holds a fundraiser and donates the proceeds to the Sem Guild, we would love to hear from you! Send your pictures and information to braddyk@csl.edu.



Women serving at the Immanuel Bazaar Workshop at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, Mo. Photo: Courtesy Margot Loebis



Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues/Project Fund Donations

Individual – \$10 Organization – \$25

A yearly Guild membership is from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Have you paid your dues for this current year?

Name (or Society) _____

Individual membership (\$10) _____

Address _____

Organization membership (\$25) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Project fund donation

Telephone _____

_____ \$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50

Email _____

_____ \$75 _____ \$100 Other: \$ _____

Total _____

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