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2020-21 Adopted Service Projects

Journaling Bibles*	\$2,500
Campus landscaping	4,000
Adopt-A-Student	4,000
Music Arts	2,000
After chapel coffee time	1,000
Student athletics and fitness center	2,000
New student orientation	2,500
Total	\$18,000

*Funded



Your Donations at Work

Campus landscaping, \$2,000

The Seminary sits on 72 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds. Since 1992, Gayle Zollmann has helped to keep those grounds beautiful. In 2012, she became the grounds coordinator. Gayle grew up in Wentzville, Mo., but now she and her husband live a few blocks from the Seminary, and their four children have grown up on campus. She has degrees in agronomy and horticulture from the University of Missouri.

Campus landscaping has long been a service project supported by the Sem Guild. As early as 1992, the Guild was working with the Seminary's grounds crew. Gayle recalls that some of the first donations were barbeque pits and picnic tables for the students that are still used today. More donations that live on are the numerous hostas in the Academic Quad. It's possible almost every hosta on campus originated from an original single donation. The cross of daffodils planted on the hill above Demun Avenue in recent years, for all of the neighborhood to see, is another Guild project.

Although a few jobs are outsourced, like mowing and large tree removal, most everything else is done in-house. Currently, five students work with Gayle. Other students who work with Campus Facilities/ Environmental Services help out as needed.

In 2019-20, the Guild raised \$2,000 for campus landscaping. Those funds were used to establish a large vegetable garden where the Fritz and Mezger dorms had been located and to run water to the garden. The vegetables grown there are available to the students through the Food Bank.

The Guild hopes to raise \$4,000 for campus landscaping in the 2020-21 academic year. This money will be used to help purchase 40 fruit trees to be planted around campus and in a large grove adjacent to the vegetable
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From the Guild President

I have completed the second year of my term as president of the Seminary Guild. When asked by the nominating committee if I would run for a second term, I eagerly said yes. Little did I know that the election would not be held because of COVID-19. Recording Secretary Carol Schmidt also was asked to run for a second term and she said yes as well. The Seminary Guild Board of Directors agreed that Carol and I should stay on in our positions until we are able to have an election to make it official.

All of the service projects for 2019-20 were funded by our members and other friends. I would like to personally thank everyone who made a contribution to the Project Fund.

Interim President Dr. Daniel Preus has selected "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" from Heb. 13:8 as this year's academic theme. It is a constant reminder of eternal hope in a changing world. The salvation offered in Jesus is proclaimed still today by God's people.

The Guild Board of Directors adopted its 2020-21 theme, "JESUS – yesterday, today, FOREVER," and service projects totaling \$18,000 to be ratified at the first luncheon in 2021. Join us this year as we continue doing what we have always done: support the Concordia Seminary community by donating to the Project Fund, and praying for students, their families, and faculty and staff. And although so many things have changed in our lives recently, we rejoice in knowing that God never changes.

The Lord's blessing,
Tami Clardy



Tami Clardy, Seminary Guild President

WANT TO DONATE, LEARN MORE OR BECOME A MEMBER?

Visit csl.edu/semguild or search "Concordia Seminary Guild" on Facebook.

NEW WAY TO DONATE!

You can now make donations to the Seminary Guild's projects on the Seminary website. The website has been updated to include the "Seminary Guild Fund" as a designation at csl.edu/give. Of course, you may still send in donations by check. Make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and send them to: Mary Jane Autry, 7609 Fleta St., St. Louis, MO 63123.

How to Support the Project Fund Through an Online Gift

On the homepage of the Concordia Seminary website, click on "Give." The general donation form will appear. Fill in the amount you would like to donate and then click on "Designation." A menu will drop down and you can click on "Seminary Guild Fund." Finish by clicking "Add Donation." It's that simple!

Where Were You When ...

By Gail Brauer, Historian

Dr. August Suelflow, former director of the Concordia Historical Institute and adjunct professor at Concordia Seminary, spoke at the Sem Guild's 50th anniversary tea Feb. 19, 1982. The following is an excerpt from his speech:

"Nineteen thirty-two was a particularly taxing and demanding year. Thirteen million people were unemployed. Business losses were estimated at between 5 and 6 billion dollars as the great financial depression continued. Two and a half years had passed since the famous stock market crash in October 1929.

"It was during the '30s that only very few Seminary graduates received a call; many times there were only one or two out of an entire class who were fortunate enough to be placed.

"As one reflects on the unbelievably poor economic conditions at that time ... one must, indeed, speak about the phenomenal and sacrificial giving by the members of the 'Student's Welfare Committee,' and later the Seminary Guild, in order to support and assist the future pastors of the Synod. Many a pastor who graduated during that decade still speaks words of profound gratitude to the good ladies who saw him through the Seminary by keeping him fed and clothed.

"In the name of countless seminarians, past and present, on this 50th anniversary, accept the gratitude of a grateful church for such marvelous services rendered. May the Lord of the church continue to bless you in all you do in His service."

TO OUR ST. LOUIS AREA MEMBERS: REMAINING 2020 LUNCHEONS HAVE BEEN CANCELED

We are hopeful that our 2021 luncheons can go forward as planned. If the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, you will receive a postcard for the Feb. 5 luncheon.

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garden. Quite a few mature trees were lost this year; therefore, some of the money will be used for replacement trees.

One of the challenges for Gayle is to have enough helping hands at the right time. It can be difficult to plan around student schedules! On the other hand, her greatest joy is working with students and getting to know them and their families. Gayle said, "Being Lutheran, I feel that everything I do here is a special commitment. I couldn't ask for a better job."

Journaling Bibles, \$2,500; fully funded

As the Seminary prepared for fall orientation in August, fourth-year student Ian Thormodson helped to pack the welcome materials for the incoming students. Pictured below, Ian holds a journaling Bible, a gift from the Seminary Guild to each incoming student. Incoming students have received a journaling Bible each year since 2017.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and programs are subject to change.
Please watch your mail for postcards.

Feb. 5, 2021

Interim President Dr. Daniel Preus
Food Bank shower
Business meeting: ratification of election of officers and service projects for 2020-21

March 19, 2021

Laudamus, Concordia Seminary choir
Business meeting: election of officers and adoption of service projects for 2021-22

May 7, 2021

End-of-the-academic-year report
Business meeting: installation of officers

Reminder: Lunch registration is \$15 for each attendee. Reservations are required two weeks before the event. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

The Sem Guild supports four students at a time throughout their time at the Seminary through direct-to-student aid. Each academic year, a first-year student is selected to replace a concluding student. Meet this year's students:

Luke Onken

First-year seminarian



Luke Onken hails from Brownstown, Ind. He attended Lutheran schools through 12th grade and studied biology and theology at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. His parents still live in Brownstown where his father, Lance, is a pilot for UPS and his mother, Carol, works in the office at Peace Lutheran Church, their home congregation. Luke has an older sister, Sarah (married to Brad), who recently made him an uncle; an older brother, Seth; and a younger sister, Rachel.

Although Notre Dame will always have a special place in Luke's heart, his time there left him craving more knowledge and a better understanding of Lutheran doctrine and theology. He is looking forward to his time at Concordia Seminary where, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he will become a better steward of Christ.

Luke's greatest hope is that "the Holy Spirit will work not only through my classes but also through my interactions with others to develop me into God's servant." He adds, "I am humbled and grateful for the Concordia Seminary Guild to be my sponsor."

MEET OUR Adopt-A-Student SEMINARIANS

Jacob Moore

Second-year seminarian



Jacob Moore is a second year seminarian and is excited to be continuing his Seminary training. He was born and raised in St. Louis and is extremely grateful that he can be surrounded by family and friends during his studies. In his free time, he enjoys reading, playing guitar, hiking and watching movies. Jacob also is very excited to begin this school year engaged to Hope, who in his opinion is the kindest woman on the planet. They are planning to be married next July before vicarage.

Ezra Grabau

Third-year seminarian



Congratulations are in order for third-year seminarian, Ezra Grabau. He and his wife, Sami, were married in May. They met while working at Camp Perkins in Idaho a few years ago. Sami is an ICU nurse and is working at a hospital in Columbus, Ind. Ezra and Sami are currently on vicarage at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Columbus.

Mason Vieth

Fourth-year seminarian



Mason Vieth completed his vicarage at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Peters, Mo., this spring and was recently elected Student Association president for the 2020-21 academic year. Congratulations, Mason!

Notes of encouragement to Luke, Jacob and Mason may be sent to 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. Notes to Ezra may be sent to 2721 Poplar Drive, Columbus, IN 47203.



Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues/Project Fund Donations

A yearly Sem 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) _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

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Email _____

Individual membership (\$10) _____

Organization membership (\$25) _____

Project Fund donation

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

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

Total _____

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Membership dues: Please make certain that your Guild membership is up-to-date so that you will continue to receive *Guild Lines*.

Project donations: Project donations will be used for any of the Guild projects unless they are specified for a particular project.

Thank you for your support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 314-429-6302.