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Grace in Giving

This year, through our Direct-to-Student Aid Project, we were able to provide three students with \$1,000 each. Here is a bit of information about the three recipients:



Dustin Atkinson is a fourth-year student from Colorado Springs, Colo. He is attending the Seminary after graduating from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He spent his vicarage year in Everett, Wash. Dustin and his wife, Ashley, recently welcomed their new son, Louis, into their family. Dustin is excitedly awaiting Call Day and his first call.

Aaron Bird is a fourth-year student from Bend, Ore. Aaron's vicarage year was an incredible year of growth for him in Fairfax, Va. Aaron is traveling to Israel this summer and is excited to be finishing up his last year at the Seminary and being placed somewhere as a pastor of God's church.



Craig Reiter is a fourth-year student from Grafton, Wis. After experiencing a wonderful vicarage year, Craig was elected president of the fourth-year class. He is a member of the Preachers basketball team and soccer team. He and his wife, Christa, recently welcomed their first child, Samuel, into their family. Craig is looking forward to Call Day and can't wait to find out where the Lord will be sending him and his family to serve in His church.



How did our projects help this year?

International students

Purchased new computers for three African students, eyeglasses for two students, bedding items, and food for students on campus during quarter break and Christmas recess, when the cafeteria was closed. Dean of Advanced Studies Dr. Gerhard Bode said: "We are so grateful to the Seminary Guild for its support. You are helping to take good care of these students!"

Families In Transition

Marriage seminar live streamed in January 2017. More than 250 people either attended in person or watched via the live stream. The wives of pastors and seminarians gave the seminar rave reviews, saying it was extremely beneficial. Women's Coordinator Celina Haupt said: "The Families In Transition team would like to thank the Seminary Guild for its support!"

Student educational helps

Funded student tutoring assistance (mainly in Greek and Hebrew skills that are core for moving on in the curriculum) and individual counseling sessions for students. Director of the Master of Divinity and Residential Alternate Route Programs Dr. Rick Marrs said: "Please thank the Seminary Guild for supporting these vital areas of student formation."

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From the Guild President

As I reflect on this year's theme, "It's All About Grace," I am reminded of this Bible verse, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10 ESV).

In reviewing our adopted project list for this year, I see all the various ways that the members of the Guild have administered God's grace to Concordia Seminary students and their families.

It is not only the diverse projects that I think about, but also the gathering of new socks and underwear for the students' children, and the Food Bank donations. I think of the board members who diligently meet to guide the Seminary Guild each year. Yes, we are all administering God's grace in various forms.

We have diversity in the "way" we administer God's grace since we not only have the St. Louis area members who attend our meetings, but we also have our individual members and congregational organizations across the United States who so generously support our projects and support us with their prayers.

This academic year has once again been a success both with the completion of many of our projects and also in our interesting programs. This is a superb time to enjoy fellowship with other Guild members and friends, so please mark your calendars for our next meeting Friday, May 12. Come and enjoy a fashion show from the Seminary's Re-Sell It Shop. This is always a fun time and a time to see God's grace in another form. This is in the form of gracefully donated items that are enjoying a new "grace-filled" life in each recipient.

Indeed, our life is all about grace! Thanks to each of you for your contributions and your partnerships with Concordia Seminary Guild!

Joan Schlichter



A note of thanks from a Seminary wife

Since arriving at the Seminary nearly two years ago now, I can honestly say that one of the most surprising and encouraging gifts to our family has been the Food Bank and the Re-Sell It Shop.

Our family has already collected countless stories of God's provision via those small little shops. Our son needed new church shoes. There they were in the Re-Sell It Shop — size 6 black dress shoes that looked like new. Our daughter was quickly growing out of her underwear. There it was: a pack of brand new underwear in the Re-Sell It Shop. Last week, I ran out of red wine vinegar, an ingredient I use quite frequently for marinades, sauces and dressings. Vinegars are not usually stocked on the Food Bank shelves, yet there it was: one bottle of red wine vinegar. Each of these instances are a reminder to me of God's provision for us.

All of the little things I do in a day — wash clothes, wipe counters, help children learn to brush their teeth — you have a part in all of it. Your gifts to the Food Bank and to the Re-Sell It Shop mean more to us than I could ever articulate.

As I wipe a counter or pour laundry detergent in our washer, I am humbled. Humbled by a God who weaves the stories of His children together. Humbled that you and so many others would continue to give to seminarians and their families, financially and spiritually. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement. These things make life here at the Seminary a true joy.

Kelsey Fink
Second-year wife



Koburg Dining Hall was adorned in red and green for the Christmas luncheon.



Seminarian Matthew Bohlmann visits with a Guild member at the December luncheon.

2017-18 Adopted Service Projects Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Textbooks for incoming students.....	\$2,600
Food Bank.....	\$1,000
Re-Sell It Shop.....	\$500
Campus landscaping.....	\$800
Direct-to-Student Aid.....	\$4,000
International students.....	\$1,000
Families In Transition.....	\$1,000
Student emergency fund.....	\$1,000
Music department.....	\$1,000
Community student gatherings.....	\$2,500
Field education office/student off-campus events.....	\$1,000
After chapel coffee time.....	\$800
CHS and EIIT students.....	\$1,000
Student educational helps.....	\$1,000
Student intramural programs.....	\$1,000
Total.....	\$20,200

“I don't live in St. Louis. Can I still be a member of the Guild?”

The answer to this question is “ABSOLUTELY!” While we have Seminary Guild meetings on campus six times each academic year, we have members and friends from all over the United States. These can be individual members or women's ministry groups.

Twice yearly our *Guild Lines* newsletter is mailed so that all of those on our list have updates on the Guild's adopted projects. Do keep in mind that all of our adopted projects benefit seminarians and their families. More likely than not, your pastor in your home parish is familiar with the Concordia Seminary Guild. After all, we have been supporting seminarians for more than 80 years!

You can be a partner with your project contributions and also with your prayers. Our theme this year has been about “GRACE.” Our 80-plus-year tradition

2017-18 Calendar

All Sem Guild meetings are held in Koburg Dining Hall on the Seminary campus, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. For directions or a campus map, visit www.csl.edu/directions.

Sept. 15, 2017
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting follows

Oct. 20, 2017
9:35 a.m.: Chapel service with students
10:30 a.m.: Brunch and program

Dec. 1, 2017
Advent by Candlelight
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

Feb. 9, 2018
Food Pantry Shower
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

March 16, 2018
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting follows

May 4, 2018
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting follows

Lunch registration is \$10 for each guest. Reservations are required two weeks prior to the event. Send RSVP with payment to: Marie Springer
1115 Oakleaf Cove Court
Fenton, MO 63026

Please make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

of giving to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis has indeed been all about His grace. Won't you help us continue this tradition?

Keep up to date with the Seminary Guild by visiting www.csl.edu/friends/seminary-guild

Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues

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?

Please make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and send to: Marie Springer, 1115 Oakleaf Cove Court, Fenton, MO 63026

Name (or Society) _____ Individual membership (\$10) _____

Address _____ Organization membership (\$25) _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Project fund donation _____

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Email _____

Are your membership dues up to date? See below for dues information. Thank you!

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

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 314-942-7254.