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Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of the Guild's direct-to-student aid project:

- Adam Kosberg (LCMS Pacific Southwest District), fourth-year student
- Michael Metzler (LCMS Minnesota North District), fourth-year student
- Aaron Sterling (LCMS Missouri District), fourth-year student
- Luke Watt (LCMS Nebraska District), fourth-year seminarian

Each of the above students received \$1,000 from the Seminary Guild to assist with his Seminary expenses. The names of qualifying students are provided by the Seminary's Financial Aid director. Thank you for your project contributions that made it possible for us to share our blessings with these seminarians. This is indeed grace in giving!



Building community through coffee time

By Erika Bennett, Campus Store Administrator

For those of you who do not know, the Campus Store at Concordia Seminary makes and serves coffee to the campus community every day following chapel. This time spent after chapel allows our Seminary students, faculty and staff a time to relax and to build relationships.

The coffee is usually served on the Campus Store patio or on Chapel Plaza, weather permitting. Otherwise, the coffee cart is wheeled into the Chapel of St. Timothy and Titus and the coffee is served in the narthex after chapel. Both regular and decaf coffee is served along with hot water for tea. The beverages are even served in special Seminary porcelain mugs.

Most of the time Campus Services provides this coffee service for the community. However, several times during the academic year, the campus community can thank the Seminary Guild for providing the funds for this special treat. It's a great way for the Seminary Guild to reach out to the Seminary community. To all the Guild members, THANK YOU for what you do!

The Campus Store is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It offers a variety of convenience store items such as coffee, ice cream, sandwiches, snacks and soda. The Campus Store also sells logo clothing and gifts along with religious greeting cards.

Do you need a gift for your favorite pastor or field worker or just want to show your Concordia Seminary spirit? Be sure to stop at the Campus Store the next time you need that perfect gift!

You can either stop in or visit online at www.csl.edu/store.

Grace and more grace

Before a meal, the host says to his or her guests, "Will you all join me by saying grace?" We remember God's grace at least three times a day; however, my guess is that all of us have many more remembrances throughout each day.



Joan Schlichter
Guild President

As I am completing my term as president of the Concordia Seminary Guild, I have been reflecting on the themes during my tenure: "It's All About Grace" and "Faith by God's Grace." I am reminded of the words used by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson as they wrote the chorus to "Grace Alone":

"Grace alone which God supplies / strength unknown He will provide / Christ is our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone."

Concordia Seminary Guild has made a difference for more than 80 years in the lives of Seminary students and their families. It also has made a difference in my life as I reflect on this organization:

- The Guild's grace in giving – completing the proposed projects and the in-gatherings of clothes and food that we have during the year
- The Guild's grace in caring – our prayers and support for the students of the Seminary
- The Guild's grace of community – coming together to share our faith in fellowship and service. Plus - the grace of community on this campus among the students, families, faculty and staff

And, the grace God has given to me, along with the strength provided by Him, to carry out my duties as Guild president, and the infinite blessings received only by His Grace.

I thank the Seminary Guild Board, members and friends of the Guild for supporting me during my term of office. Being the president of the Guild has indeed been a rewarding experience. Thank you!

On behalf of the Concordia Seminary Guild, we offer our sincerest thanks to Joan for her years of service. Joan, we wish you the very best!

Thank you Seminary Guild members!

The thank you notes below are just a few examples of the goodness that is spread by the members of the Seminary Guild through the completion of our projects. Thanks to each of you for your contributions to our 2017-18 service projects in support of Seminary students and their families. You have had a part in sharing the gifts of grace.

From Carla Becherer, Health and Wellness Coordinator: "I've had several requests from students about items for intramurals and am excited to be able to make some of their requests come true. Again, thank you so much!" (\$1,000)

From Dr. James Marriott, Kreft Chair for Music Arts: "Please know our sincere gratitude for this amazing and generous gift! It is a joy and privilege to serve with *Laudamus* as the musical ambassadors of Concordia Seminary, and the generosity and support of the Guild is a constant blessing to us!" (\$1,000)

From third-year seminarian Paul Terral and family: "Our family of six is blessed to be able to shop at the Seminary Food Bank twice a month for free. It helps us out so much. Many blessings to you all and thank you for all you do!"

From Dr. Timothy Saleska, dean of Ministerial Formation: "Thanks for the money for the student emergency fund. This will come in super handy. Go with the Lord and thanks again. Shalom!"

From Rev. Jeff Thormodson, interim director of Resident Field Education (RFE): "The Resident Field Education office would like to thank the Concordia Seminary Guild for the generous donation of \$1,000 to be used for RFE student off-campus events. These experiences are very helpful in shaping the student's understanding of ministry."

Some examples of how these funds are being used:

- Taking some students to visit a rural congregation in Nebraska, where 90 percent of its members regularly attend worship. (That might be the highest attendance rate in the LCMS.)

- Visiting one of the fastest growing congregations in the LCMS whose ministry focus is its community. Seeing and interacting with the congregation's leadership gives students key insights into effective pastoral practice and leadership that will help them in ministry.

2018-19 Adopted Service Projects

Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Books for incoming students	\$2,000
Food Bank	1,000
Re-Sell It Shop	500
Campus landscaping	2,000
Direct-to-student aid	4,000
International students	1,000
Student emergency fund	500
Musical Arts	1,000
Community student gatherings	1,500
Dorm student community fund	1,000
Resident Field Education off-campus events	1,000
After chapel coffee time	500
CHS and EIIT students	1,000
Student educational helps	500
Intramural and fitness programs	1,000
Families in Transition (FIT)	1,000
Library enhancement	1500
Total	<u>\$21,000</u>

Congratulations and thank you for your support! As this Guild Lines goes to press we have completed all the projects for the current 2017-18 academic year. This comes to a total of \$19,700!

Now we have a new goal as we begin work on our newly adopted list of projects.

Thanks to each of you for your continued partnership in this worthwhile organization. And, thanks for God's continued GRACE!

JOURNALING BIBLES

For the current academic year, the gifting of journaling Bibles to incoming students was a new project for us. You will see that we have included this project again on our new adopted project list for the 2018-19 academic year. Students have offered many positive thanks for this gift.



FROM DR. TIMOTHY SALESKA, DEAN OF MINISTERIAL FORMATION:

"One student gave the journaling Bible to his wife because she loved it so much, and he bought another one for himself. Other students have indicated that it has helped them with the devotional part of studying the Bible. This is a valuable spiritual resource, and thanks to the Guild members for providing this to the students."

Calendar

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

Sept. 21, 2018
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting follows

Oct. 19, 2018
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting follows

Dec. 7, 2018
Advent by Candlelight
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting follows

Feb. 8, 2019
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

March 15, 2019
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

May 3, 2019
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

NOTE: There is a change as to who receives the lunch registration money. Please send payments to:

Mary Jane Autry, 7609 Fleta St., St. Louis, MO 63123

REMINDER: Have you paid your dues for Concordia Seminary Guild? The yearly dues cover the period from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Therefore, please pay your dues for 2018-19 prior to June 30, 2018. We would appreciate this, since the dues support our mailings for our Guild members and friends. Thank you for your cooperation!

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:
Mary Jane Autry, 7609 Fleta St., St. Louis, MO 63123

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

Address _____ Organization membership (\$25) _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Project fund donation _____

Telephone _____ Total _____

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 *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 314-942-7254.