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2019-20 Approved Projects

Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Books	\$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
CHS and EIIT students	\$1,000
Student educational help	\$500
Student athletics and fitness center	\$2,000
Families in Transition (FIT)	\$1,000
Dorm student housing	\$2,000
Total	\$22,000

Then and Now

by Marian Hoehner

In 1932, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Greater St. Louis was organized and included a committee called "Concordia Seminary Students' Welfare Committee." The committee's purpose was to encourage women in St. Louis and the surrounding area to develop a deeper interest in Concordia Seminary and its students. Luthearn Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregational societies began to coordinate their efforts by uniting in state and regional leagues. Women from the LCMS aid societies were invited to campus in the fall while classes were underway and were asked to bring a jar of preserves or jelly for the Seminary kitchen.

The response to the invitation was astonishing. More than 1,100 women attended and brought jars of homemade jellies and preserves, along with baskets of potatoes, apples, pears and dozens of eggs. This enthusiastic response was repeated in subsequent years.

Between 1932 and 1942, approximately 11,000 women attended the annual "Jelly Showers" and donated more than 23,000 jars of jellies and other canned items to the Seminary. In addition, the women donated \$2,806.25 over the same time period.

A 1937 Milwaukee, Wis., newspaper article mentioned that 115 members of the Concordia College Milwaukee Ladies' Aid boarded two chartered buses en route to St. Louis. They carried suitcases filled with jars of jam and jelly, along with sweaters, coats and other clothing for Concordia Seminary students.

Today, members of the Concordia Seminary Guild proudly carry on the tradition of sponsoring pantry showers for the Seminary's Food Bank.

Joyful Servant

My name is Tami Clardy and I am the president of the Concordia Seminary Guild. I'm blessed to be a part of the wonderful work that the Seminary Guild does for the students and their families. I feel I was called here to help serve. I find it amazing how the Lord touches young people. My 11 year-old son, Gabriel, wants to be a student here someday to become a pastor. I serve so that students like my son can be provided for. I serve with joy so that he can live a life of serving.

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am!! Send me." (ISAIAH 6:8 ESV)

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Visit us online at www.csl.edu/semguild or on Facebook by searching Concordia Seminary Guild.

Your donations at work—Families in Transition, \$1,000

Students enrolled at the Seminary are embarking on one of the most critical journeys of their lives. While at the Seminary, they must balance the rigors of academics with their spiritual care, career planning and family obligations.

But what about the challenges facing the spouses of the students? The Families in Transition (FIT) team provides encouragement, education and support for wives of seminarians while preparing them for post-seminary life.



Formation education is vital in preparing wives of seminary students to become pastors' wives. Women's Coordinator Celina Haupt, under the direction of

Dean of Ministerial Formation Dr. Timothy E. Saleska, is responsible for organizing classes and events that allow for an easier transition. "There are a lot of transitional times," says Haupt. "You start at the Seminary, you're there for two years, and then to vicarage and then come back."

Free classes are offered in the evenings during the fall, winter and spring. Additional Saturday seminars occur throughout the year, including marriage seminars and a pastor's wife

panel in which Seminary wives ask questions of current pastors' wives. Other offerings may include campus Bible studies, an annual women's retreat and a weekly prayer group.

Between the class sessions, small groups of women meet and cover various topics for four to eight weeks. This is a time of spiritual growth in which women enjoy being in the Word together and getting to know one another.

Building relationships is encouraged and although it may be difficult to make connections when the women know their time together is short, these connections are important. When there are challenges in church or personal life, the women know they have a safe community to turn to.

Bible study is an important part of spiritual development. Last year, the Guild gave journaling Bibles to students. This year, the Guild funded journaling Bibles for students' wives, as well. That way, students and spouses can grow spiritually together.

According to Haupt, 70 percent of the women whose husbands are enrolled in the residential formation programs at the Seminary participated in small group Bible studies this past fall. Money donated by the Guild provides for books and materials needed for the classes and seminars. Funds donated by the Guild also made it possible for FIT to purchase a study of Colossians that included a book and a journal. The women journaled through the week and then met to discuss what they studied.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Concordia Seminary Guild," says Haupt.

Thank you, Seminary Guild members!

From Rev. Jeff Thormodson

*Assistant Director, Vicarage and Deaconess Internships
Interim Director, Resident Field Education*

The Resident Field Education (RFE) office would like to thank the Concordia Seminary Guild for the generous donation of \$1,000 to be used for RFE off-campus events. What a wonderful gift to receive this check from you! These off-campus experiences are very helpful in shaping the students' understanding of ministry.

For example: On Jan. 11-13, 2019, 16 students and two professors piled into two vans and drove to Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, and then on to St. John Lutheran Church in Columbia, Neb. This trip was part of their PRA563 class on Mission and Ministry Seminar. We also have them visit one of the fastest growing congregations in the LCMS whose ministry focus is their community. Seeing and interacting with the leadership of this church gives the students key insights into effective pastoral practice and leadership that will help them in their ministry.

From Dr. Timothy E. Saleska

Dean of Ministerial Formation

Well, what can I say that hasn't been said? All of you are such wonderful supporters of our students that "thank you" seems hardly enough. The students love the journaling Bibles and I have already seen many making use of them. I hope they will be a lasting blessing for them. Through all you do, our students are truly blessed. Thanks again for everything. Have a great day and go with the Lord.

From Ezra Grabu

First-year seminarian (Adopt-A-Student)

Thank you so much for your support. It makes my time at Seminary much more focused on my studies and less stressful. You are helping me more than you know. Seminary is challenging but exciting. I'm enjoying my professors, classmates and courses. I can't wait to see how I grow in the Lord along the way. Thank you for sharing this journey with me. Again, thank you for your support. The Lord is certainly working through you. I pray that He continues to uphold you.

From Dr. Gerhard Bode

Dean of Advanced Studies

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! On behalf of the Graduate School of Concordia Seminary I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 in support of international students. We are very grateful to you for your kindness and for your dedication to the work of our Lord's church. You are a blessing to us and to our students! Thank you!

We are excited to welcome a brand-new group of international students this year. This is an important time for them and us. We hope that you will be able to meet and get to know some of them in the future.

We are confident that our Lord will use your gift for the blessing of His people and the building up of His church. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3, 2019

End of the Academic Year Report
Dr. Dale A. Meyer,
President, Concordia Seminary
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Luncheon
Business meeting;
installation of officers

OCT. 18, 2019

9:35 a.m.: Chapel with students
10:30 a.m.: Registration
11 a.m.: Brunch
Ingathering: Household and
personal care items for the
Food Bank

DEC. 6, 2019

Advent by Candlelight
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Luncheon
Ingathering: New socks and
underwear (size infant through
12 years) for the Re-Sell It Shop

SEPT. 13, 2019

11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Luncheon
Business meeting

Luncheons are held in Koburg Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make check payable to Concordia Seminary and mail reservations with your check to: Mary Jane Autry, 7609 Fleta St., St. Louis, MO 63123

Meet Jane Schmidt... Sem Guild Vice President

Jane Schmidt was elected vice president of the Concordia Seminary Guild in March 2019 and will be installed in May. In her new role, she also serves on the Guild's Strategic Planning committee.

Jane and her husband, Rev. Dennis Schmidt, live in South St. Louis County and attend Christ Memorial, Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo. Jane is retired from Ameren where she worked as an occupational health nurse.

Jane plays in the Handbell Choir and is in charge of the twice-a-year rummage sale at Christ Memorial. She plays the organ as a regular substitute at Ascension Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.; St. Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis Mo.; and Zion Lutheran Church, Pevely, Mo.

Her husband, Dennis, is retired from the ministry but still plays an active role at Christ Memorial by teaching Bible class and serving as the celebrant and occasional preacher in the chancel. Jane and Dennis have two children and one granddaughter.

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Individual – \$10 Organization – \$25

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Thank you for your support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 314-942-7254.