

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD

 NEWSLETTER

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REPORTS AND MESSAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT –

**NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO ALL!** A new year and new challenges. We are taught to reach out to our brothers and sisters who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Through our work with the Guild, we do this with our support of the students and the seminary. We have met many challenges over the years, and with God's help, patience, prayer and perseverance we will continue to meet any and all challenges.

**HARVEST DAY** went well with 78 members, 16 churches and 50 students and family members in attendance. Thanks to the ladies of Resurrection Church, St. Catharines, for providing the refreshments.

**THE EXECUTIVE** enjoyed their invitation to the CSSA Christmas dinner/social on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Guild provided the hams for the dinner, and gave all the students a \$30 grocery gift card for Christmas.

**IT WAS BACK TO BUSINESS** on January 20<sup>th</sup> when we had our Executive meeting. Some of the business for you to consider is **adopting a student** and **Food Pantry** needs. Mark your calendar for **Guild Day, April 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Harvest Day, October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**NEW PROJECTS** are presented to the Executive in **January only**. It has been brought to our attention the need for a **NEW ENERGY EFFICIENT stove and/or freezer**. Several things don't work on the stove, and the freezer is **very old**. Neither of these appliances is energy efficient.



**GUILD DAY IS SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>!** **Registration Form and Agenda** is at the end of the newsletter. All **registrations and money** is due by **Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, due to the meal being catered. **MAIL ONLY**. Registrations received after April 9<sup>th</sup> are subject to an additional late fee of **\$4.00**. Registration time begins at 8:30 a.m., with refreshments being served by the ladies of Redeemer, St. Thomas. If you would like to pay for your Adopted Student or **any** student, please make a note on the Registration Form and only include the luncheon cost. Just for your information, approximately two thirds (2/3) of students and family members are **NOT** covered for the luncheon. Possibly we could make an effort to add a donation with our registrations, noting that a donation has been included towards students' and family members luncheons. The money for these luncheons **not paid** for, are taken from our Treasury. We are honoured to have Tara Lyn Hart as our Presentation guest for Guild Day.

**ELECTIONS** will be held for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman. Job descriptions and a Nomination Form are included in the newsletter. If you have a nominee in mind, please consult with the person in order to submit their name. Please feel free to submit your own name.

**STUDENT ADOPTION AND MEMBERSHIP FORMS** are included with this mailing. Your **Adoption Form** can be mailed as soon as completed to Concordia Seminary. The **Membership Form** is from **May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011** and should be mailed to Bonnie Stephenson at Concordia Seminary.

**CERTIFICATION AND CALL SERVICE IS SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 4 P.M.**, the place yet to be determined.

**IN CLOSING**, we soon will be focusing our thoughts on the Lenten season. May we search our hearts and minds and truly walk the way to the cross with our Lord. On Easter we will rejoice in His resurrection, knowing we have the forgiveness of our sins. A blessed Easter to all and I look forward to seeing you on Guild Day.

*Blessing, Peace and Love,  
Judy Zastrow*

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS: Q. Name the four seasons. A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.**

**INTERESTING THOUGHTS: A penny saved is a government oversight.**

**ISN'T IT STRANGE..how a \$20 bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?**

**FROM THE TREASURER –**



**THE TREASURER'S REPORT** as of the Executive Meeting, January 20/10: **Opening Balance** at the beginning of the fiscal year - \$12,592.87. **Income:** Memberships/Donations - \$2,690.30; Harvest Day - \$1,117.37; and Food Pantry - \$345.10 for a **Total Income** of \$4,152.77. **Expenses:** Paper, post, copy, phone - \$318.36; Harvest/Guild Day - \$1,607.08; Projects: Chapel painting - \$5,085.15; Vacuum - \$699; Seminary Bookstore Gift Certificates - \$350; Memorial - \$100; Baby changing table - \$255.54; Student Christmas grocery gift cards - \$570; Care and Share - \$500; 2 students air fare to Thailand - \$1,000; and Food Pantry - \$500 for **Total Expenses** of \$10,985.13. Currently there is a **Balance** in the **Chequing Account** of \$5,760.51, which includes \$63.79 in the **Food Pantry** not yet disbursed. The **U.S. Account** has a **Balance** of \$462.27.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Stephenson*

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS: Q. How is dew formed? A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.**

**INTERESTING THOUGHTS: The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.**

**ISN'T IT STRANGE..how two hours seem so long when you're at church and so short when you're watching a good movie?**

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN –**



*New Members*

**MEMBERSHIPS** received and recorded to date are 961, up from last year's figure of 930 but we haven't quite made it to 1,000. Let's aim for that in the 2010-2011 membership year! The work of each Contact Person is appreciated and we ask the members of the congregations to be receptive when the Contact Person asks you to become a member of Seminary Guild and help support the work of Concordia Seminary and the students studying there towards becoming our future pastors.

Remember, the Seminary Guild is not gender specific but welcomes both male and female members. Join now!

*Your sister in Christ,  
Carol Nagel*

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS:** *Q. How can you delay milk turning sour? A. Keep it in the cow.*

**INTERESTING THOUGHTS:** *The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.*

**ISN'T IT STRANGE..that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?**

#### **FROM THE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR –**

**THE DEADLINE** for submissions to the Guild newsletter coincides with an important festival, which appears in bold print on LSB xi. But because February 2 usually falls on a weekday, most years go by without any remembrance of the fact that Mary and Joseph kept God's law by bringing the baby Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth. They presented Jesus to God as a first born son (Ex. 13:2). Mary went through a rite of purification (Lev.12). And there was a Meeting!

Sparrows and swallows lived in the rafters of the Temple (Ps.84:3). The forsaken old widow Anna was so pious that she lived in the Temple and partook of its worship day by day; faith wasn't just a part of her life, it was her life, so you couldn't prise this old lady out of the Temple with a crowbar. Old Simeon wasn't the kind of lackadaisical Jew who just showed up at the Temple on Passover and Tabernacles; no, he frequented the place on a regular basis.

But the major inhabitant of the Temple was the God of Israel, who in a symbolic but real way dwelt in the Most Holy Place. He granted Israel an audience with Himself through the Temple worship, which had a daily and a yearly pattern set in stone by the commands He gave to Moses.

Simeon and Anna never got close to the Most Holy Place, where the high priest alone set foot in great fear and trembling, and that only once a year. But these two pious old people were prophets, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to them that God's promise of a Saviour, the Anointed One (Messiah in Hebrew, Christ in Greek) was in the process of being fulfilled.

But God wasn't just sending an ambassador; He was coming in person. We can't imagine what all went on in the souls of Simeon and Anna when the holy family walked through the Temple courts, the baby Jesus in Mary's arms. Here, in human flesh and blood, is the God of Israel Himself, no longer symbolically locked away in the Most Holy Place, but present as a little baby boy, like all other babies except that He was without stain of sin.

Simeon and Anna knew the Psalms of David by heart, and they prayed with David, "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Ps.27:1). Simeon takes the Christ Child into his arms and he cries out, in a song we all know very well, that Jesus is the Light to lighten the Gentiles. God's salvation, His rescue, His provision for mending every ill, is this little child. "My eyes have *seen* Your salvation!"



Simeon and Anna had an unforgettable Meeting, one that St. Luke writes up in detail (Lk.2:22-38), one that we shall be celebrating through a Divine Service in chapel. And that Meeting still goes on. One of the most beautiful things that Dr. Martin Luther ever said about Holy Communion is that, in the sacrament of the altar, Jesus is bodily as close to us as He was to people like Simeon and Anna back then. The Church lives from her Meeting

with our Lord in the spoken and the sacramental gospel, that is, from the Divine Service. She is always inviting people to enjoy this Meeting, to have Light shine through the darkness of their lives, to encounter Salvation in person.

One of the results of this holy Meeting is that we meet you, and you meet us, and that the members of the Guild cooperate with our faculty and staff in preparing men to play a particular role in the Meeting between the God of Israel made flesh in Jesus and all the people, including all of us, who need the Light and the Salvation that He is.

On behalf of my faculty colleagues, I thank you for all your support, which makes a big difference in the lives of our students and which plays an important role in the life of our community. Thank you for the gift of your time, of your financial offerings, but above all for your gift of yourselves to us, and for the gift of your prayers. Please pray that we would always be faithful and true to the One old Simeon held in His arms, the One who approaches us through the spoken and sacramental gospel, the One who dwells in us through Holy Communion, Jesus our light and our Salvation. May God grant all of you to share the joy of Simeon and Anna, who would certainly be part of our Seminary Guild if they were on earth today!

*With every blessing and love in Christ,  
Dr. John Stephenson*

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS: Q. What is the fibula? A. A small lie.**

**INTERESTING THOUGHTS: Did you ever notice...when you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs.'**

**ISN'T IT STRANGE..how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?**

#### **FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE –**

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**THE POSITIONS** of the **Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman** are up for election on Guild Day. Please consider these important positions in the Executive and volunteer your name to serve in one of these capacities. A **NOMINATION FORM** is included with the newsletter, and remember, if you submit someone else's name **they must be asked if they wish to stand for the position.** Please fill out the Nomination Form and mail it to Bonnie

Stephenson by the **deadline date of April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:**

- 1) Attend and record the Minutes of all Executive meetings (4 a year) and Guild and Harvest Day meetings and distribute Minutes to Guild Executive members, to Linda Lantz, and 2 copies for Seminary archives,
- 2) Keep files of all committee reports and handle all official correspondence, including thank-you cards,
- 3) Send news articles to the various LC-C publications, etc., after Guild and Harvest Days,
- 4) Submit a list of the year's Guild Activities for inclusion in the Guild Day program brochure as well as prepare the Guild Day and Harvest Day program brochures,
- 5) Include the Minutes of Guild Day in the May newsletter, and
- 6) Assist in various activities and functions of the Guild.

#### **DUTIES OF THE TREASURER:**

- 1) Receive and disburse funds on behalf of the Guild, all cheques are signed jointly with the President,
- 2) Keep an accurate record of all income and expenses of the Guild,
- 3) Have all records and books audited by a qualified person each year following Guild Day,

- 4) Prepare a written report for all Executive meetings, Guild and Harvest Days, as well as an inclusion in the Guild Day brochure,
- 5) Receive all registrations and fees for Guild and Harvest Days. A Registration list should be compiled from these registrations.
- 6) Attend Executive meetings (4 a year) as well as Guild and Harvest Days, and
- 7) Assist in various activities and functions of the Guild.

**DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:**

- 1) Keep an accurate list of all congregational Contact Persons, their names and addresses, on a card file,
- 2) Keep an accurate list of all Guild members, their names and addresses on a card file,
- 3) Keep an accurate list of Contact Persons, their church affiliations, addresses, and allotment numbers for mailing labels for newsletter distribution,
- 4) Attend Executive meetings (4 a year) and Guild and Harvest Days,
- 5) Encourage and promote membership in the Guild,
- 6) Receive membership forms and keep on file, and
- 7) Assist in various activities and functions of the Guild.

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS: Q. What does 'varicose' mean? A. Nearby.**

**INTERESTING THOUGHTS: When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.**

**ISN'T IT STRANGE..how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts and games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in church?**

**GUILD DAY NEWS AND AGENDA**



**THE DATE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. CATHARINES.** We look forward to seeing you all and you will be able to meet with all the students and your adopted student, as well as the faculty and staff. Our Business meeting will include voting on projects and the election of officers. A **Registration**

**and Nomination Form** (at the end of the newsletter) should be filled in and sent to Bonnie Stephenson at Concordia Seminary before the **deadline date of Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid a late fee charge of \$4.** See you on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>!

8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

**REGISTRATION** and Coffee Fellowship

9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**HYMN SING** in the Chapel  
**WELCOME** by Dr. Thomas Winger, Acting President  
Concordia Seminary

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Reports and Projects  
Election and Installation of Officers

(As time allows)

**HYMN SING**

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**CHAPEL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**GUEST PRESENTATION**  
Tara Lyn Hart, Country and Western Vocalist

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS**

12:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON at the Seminary  
Catered by Justin Hagar, Organized by Lois Juritsch

**CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS:** *Q. What does the word 'benign' mean? A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.*

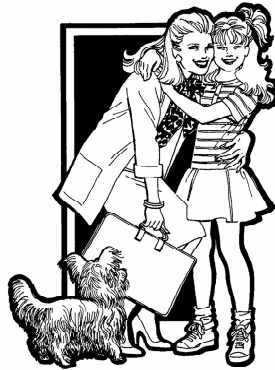
**INTERESTING THOUGHT:** *Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.*

**ISN'T IT STRANGE..***how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible?*

## HUGS

A hug is a handshake that comes from the heart,  
A welcome embrace after time spent apart,  
A sweet "Good to see you", or loving "Godspeed",  
Or perhaps just to comfort a friend who's in need.  
For hugs have a meaning no handshake can hold:  
To those you love best they are worth more than gold,  
A warm, wordless gesture each human can share  
That speaks your affection, and shows how you care.

*Margaret Ingall  
Friendship Book, 2010*



**REGISTRATION FORM**

**GUILD DAY**

**Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary  
St. Catharines, Ontario**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010**

**NAME: ..... CONGREGATION: .....  
AND**

**ADDRESS: ..... CITY: .....**

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**PHONE: .....**

**REGISTRATION: \$ 3.00  
LUNCHEON : \$11.00  
TOTAL : \$14.00**

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED: .....**

**NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING: .....**

**LIST NAMES ON BACK OF FORM (INCLUDING  
ADOPTED STUDENT, LUNCHEON COST ONLY)**

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010.  
A LATE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$4 WILL BE ADDED TO  
ALL THOSE REGISTERING AFTER THE DESIGNATED DEADLINE.  
THE DEADLINE DATE MUST BE ADHERED TO BECAUSE  
THE MEAL IS CATERED.**

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**MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:  
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY GUILD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**I NOMINATE FOR SECRETARY:**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Phone:** ..... **Home Congregation** .....

**I NOMINATE FOR TREASURER:**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Phone:** ..... **Home Congregation** .....

**I NOMINATE FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Phone:** ..... **Home Congregation** .....

**WHEN NOMINATIONS ARE MADE:**

**THE NOMINEE MUST BE CONTACTED AND PERMISSION GRANTED TO LET HER NAME STAND BEFORE THE NAME CAN BE ENTERED ON THIS NOMINATION FORM.**

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010**

**MAIL TO: MRS. BONNIE STEPHENSON (ADDRESS ON REGISTRATION FORM)**

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**List names of those attending Guild Day (re: Registration Form):**