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REPORTS AND MESSAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

SPRING! Looking out the window as I write this Newsletter article, I see the trees with leaves, beautiful spring flowers, and a yard full of dandelions among the lush green grass. It is sure a sign of Spring. A bit of warm weather would complete this beautiful picture.



“THANK YOU” A special thanks to the Guild Executive, the students, faculty, staff and the entire Guild membership who have supported us with their Time, Talents and Treasures, and for all the donations to the Food Pantry.

PLEASE JOIN US ON HARVEST DAY, Saturday, October 17th, with the Coffee Fellowship being hosted by Resurrection, St. Catharines. Mark your calendars now!

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I thank you, the membership, for trusting me to serve you again for another two years as Guild President. I will do my best to serve and support the students and Seminary with God’s help and yours.

CONGRATULATIONS and God’s blessings to our newly assigned candidates and vicars.

WITH SUMMER COMING, please continue to keep our students and their families, the faculty and staff, in your prayers. We pray that God will continue to bless them.

IN CONCLUSION, I pray that God will continue to bless us as a Guild, and we continue to be a good support to the students and Seminary. May God bless you with a healthy and safe Summer with lots of “Sonshine.” Looking forward to being together on Harvest Day.

*Blessings, Peace and Love,
Judy Zastrow John 14:27
Is Prayer Your Steering Wheel, or your Spare Tire?*

LIFE IS A GIFT: *Today...before you say an unkind word – Think of someone who can’t speak.*

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: *She taught me religion – “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”*

CHURCH SIGNS: *The meek shall inherit the earth...if it’s alright with you.*

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

IT WAS AN HONOUR and a privilege to serve two terms as Vice-President (2005-07 and 2007-09). Your confidence in electing me to yet a third term humbles me and yet reaffirms my sincere desire to serve Christ, the Seminary, faculty and students, and my fellow Guild members. The loving support and encouragement of the

strong, faithfilled, Christ-centered members of the Executive has also given me both the inspiration and motivation to continue to serve in this capacity. The Lord will be my strength until He gently tugs at the heart of another sister-in-Christ offering her this wonderful opportunity to be of service to His future Servants of the Word.



The types of items needed for the Pantry are: macaroni and cheese, tomato sauce, pasta, canned meat (ham, turkey, and tuna), water-based soups, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, soap, dish detergent, laundry soap, toiletries, and baby food. No more pork n' beans at this time, please! There also does not seem to be a big demand for canned vegetables either. Several large boxes of "expired items" have needed to be thrown out. Please be careful to note the expiration date on any donated items (especially baby food)! Thank you for your kind attention to these requests.

*Your Servant in Christ,
Mary Silver*

LIFE IS A GIFT: Before you complain about the taste of your food – Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: She taught me logic – “Because I said so, that’s why.”

CHURCH SIGNS: Let us help you study for your final exams.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

IT IS A PLEASURE to be of service as your new secretary. I am to bring two proposals to your attention.

- 1) At Guild Day in April, during the elections, Judy Zastrow as President and Mary Silver as Vice-President were willing to stand for re-election to each serve another 2-year term of office. (We are indeed thankful that they are willing to continue serving on the Executive.) However, in order for this to take place we had to waive one of the bylaws in our Constitution and it was proposed to the Executive to change the bylaw slightly to avoid this situation in the future. Our proposal is to amend Article V of the Bylaws deleting the phrase *“but may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.”*

The present wording is: **Article V – Terms of Office**

The term of office for all officers shall be two years. Any officer may stand for re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. In the case of a president who succeeds herself, the past president may or may not choose to continue serving.

The proposed wording is: **Article V – Terms of Office**

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Please prayerfully consider this proposed change over the Summer and we will bring it to the assembled membership at Harvest Day in October. See you then.

- 2) Another proposal brought to our attention at the Executive meeting after Guild Day is a donation suggestion for groups that participate by adopting a seminary student. We wish to encourage groups with adoptive students, if they would be willing, to contribute \$50 to \$60 towards the Fall Student/Faculty Retreat. Send donations to the Seminary “ear-marked” for the Annual Fall Retreat for their adoptive student.

THANK YOU for all your support and bear with me as I take my first baby steps as secretary, a position that was so carefully performed by Kay Tiffney for many wonderful years.

*Yours in Christ,
Nancy Bryans*

LIFE IS A GIFT: *Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep – Think of the people who are living in the streets.*

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: *She taught me about stamina – “You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”*

CHURCH SIGNS: *Speak well of your enemies – after all you made them.*

FROM THE TREASURER:

DUE TO THE ABSENCE of Bonnie, the latest Treasurer's Report was given on Guild Day 2009 which can be found further on in the Newsletter.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:



THE MEMBERSHIP TOTAL for this past year, 2008-2009, was 932, a bit short of our goal of 1,000. However, I must congratulate our Contact People out there in their local congregations for all their efforts as we already have 556 members for the new year, 2009-2010, much higher than the figure of 464 last year at this time. If we keep this up, we will reach, and maybe even surpass, our goal of 1,000 members. Thanks again and God bless.

*Your sister in Christ,
Carol Nagel*

LIFE IS A GIFT: *Before whining about the distance you drive – Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.*

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: *She taught me about the weather – “This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.”*

CHURCH SIGNS: *Down in the mouth? Come in for a faith lift.*

FROM THE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:

OUT OF SIGHT – but not out of mind!

THE MAY 9TH PLACEMENT AND CALL SERVICE held at Christ Lutheran once again reinforced the importance of the Seminary Guild. Seen, and appreciated, were the refreshments prepared for the worship guests. Unseen, and perhaps even unknown, is how much the Guild contributes to events leading up to that day.

THOSE WHO ATTEND GUILD DAYS hear the thanks expressed by students for adopting them, caring for them and praying for them. In some cases, usually because of distance, the students never meet anyone from their foster family in faith. Others benefit from being Field Workers in parishes that adopt them.

IT MAY SURPRISE some Guild members to learn that students think about the Guild every day. Entering students receive bookstore certificates frequently used to purchase the study edition of the *Book of Concord* – used almost daily. At noon they wander into the Food Pantry to find something for lunch, and again stop to thank God for the generous donations which keep it full. An Edmonton Seminary student and wife who recently toured here were amazed at the volume and variety of donations. After lunch they may rest in the

lounge and think about ways to improve it because of a grant promised by the Guild. When they return to class, they see the newly painted walls and doors and remember, “O yes, the Guild was here too.” And these are just some of the more obvious ways in which the Guild has contributed to their education.

I SUPPOSE if one could do the math he would be surprised how much the Guild has invested in each graduate by the time he stands in front of his congregation for the first time. And the ongoing encouragement and prayers? Priceless!

OUT OF SIGHT much of the time, but definitely not out of mind, is how students see the Guild. Their sentiments about what the Guild stands for might well be summed up with words borrowed from the Apostle Paul, who had the privilege of dispersing the generous Macedonian offering taken up for the relief of Christians in Jerusalem. *We intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others” (2 Corinthians 8:21).*

SO EVEN IF WE DO NOT SAY IT OFTEN ENOUGH, we do see what you are doing, and thank God for it.

*In Christ,
Dr. Wm. Mundt, Dean of Students*

LIFE IS A GIFT: *When you are tired and complain about your job – Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.*

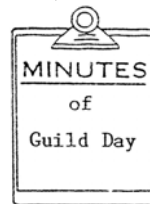
THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: *She taught me about anticipation – “Just wait until we get home.”*

CHURCH SIGNS: *Adam blamed Eve; Eve blamed the snake; and the snake didn’t have a leg to stand on.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

HYMN SING with Dianne Humann as accompanist.



WORDS OF WELCOME by Acting President, Dr. Thomas Winger, who welcomed the Guild members and thanked them for all they do for the Seminary.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M.

JUDY AND THE ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMED, “HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!”

ROLL CALL: There were 100 members registered from 23 churches in Canada and the U.S. Christ, St. Catharines, was the largest group with 12 members present, with St. Mark’s, North Tonawanda, a close second with 10.

SECRETARY REPORT: The Minutes of Harvest Day 2008 were read with one correction, “Dr. Winger’s sabbatical to be in 2010.” The Minutes were adopted as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT: A copy of this report is included at the end of the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The total membership to date was 453. Carol thanked the Contact People for their efforts and recognized Mrs. Schultz, a new member and Contact Person, from Bloomsburg, PA. Carol also expressed thanks to Mrs. Sharleine Haycock from St. Mark’s, Mississauga, who brought a display board and has 33 new members at her church!

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT: Dr. Mundt spoke about the upcoming Call Service on May 9th. He also encouraged us to continue recruiting for the Guild and admissions to the Seminary. He asked that we remember the students in our prayers as they approach their final exams.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Judy introduced Lois Juritsch and thanked her for taking on the position of Hosting Coordinator. She gave thanks to 1) Dr. Mundt for his presentation in today's activities, 2) Dianne Humann for accompanying the hymn sing, 3) to Grace, Oshawa, ladies for the morning muffins, 4) to our caterer for the noon luncheon, Ernie Green, seminary student, 5) to Nancy Bryans for coordinating registrations, nominations and the Guild Day program, 6) to Alice Martens, Ann Schneikart and Mary Silver for cleaning the student kitchen, 7) to Kay Tiffney for preparing Guild newsletters as well as those who helped with the mailing of it, 8) the Contact People for all their efforts in their congregations, 9) the Guild Executive, and 10) many thanks to the Guild membership for their food and monetary donations and support for the students and the Seminary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS



PAINTING OF THE CLASSROOMS was a project of the Executive made at our January 21, 2009, meeting. Thanks to Bonnie for coordinating this project, and all who came out to help with the painting. The Guild membership can check out the rooms before they go home.

PROPOSED PROJECTS: 1) **TO PURCHASE A VACUMN CLEANER** for Seminary use with an approximate cost of \$800; and 2) **TO HAVE THE CHAPEL PAINTED PROFESSIONALLY** for an approximate cost of \$3,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ISABELLE BOOKER, SECONDED BY ANNA BAUGMAN, TO PURCHASE A VACUMN. CARRIED.

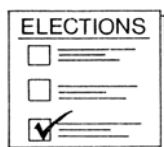
A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANNE HUMANN, SECONDED BY JEAN SCHULTZ, TO PAINT THE CHAPEL, INCLUDING THE WALLS AND CEILING, UP TO A MAXIMUM COST OF \$6,000. CARRIED.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING will be held at the Seminary on Wednesday, April 22, at 1:00 p.m.

THE CERTIFICATION AND CALL SERVICE will be held at Christ Church, St. Catharines, on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

HARVEST DAY will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Resurrection, St. Catharines, volunteered for Coffee and Muffins.

GUILD DAY will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010.



The positions of President and Vice-President are up for election. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY LINDA ROBINSON, SECONDED BY VIA HANRIGHT, TO WAIVER THE CONSTITUTION ALLOWING JUDY ZASTROW AS PRESIDENT AND MARY SILVER AS VICE-PRESIDENT TO SERVE ANOTHER 2-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE. CARRIED.** Carol declared Judy as President and Mary as Vice-President. Dr. Winger

installed the re-elected officers.

VIA HANRIGHT MADE A PROPOSAL THAT THE BYLAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED TO ADJUST THE DETAILS IN THE TERMS OF OFFICE BYLAW. The Proposal will be presented at Harvest Day.

THE BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:28 A.M.

CHAPEL SERVICE: The service of Matins including Psalm 33 and Hymn 473 was enriched by selections from the Seminary Choir.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Mary introduced our speaker, Dr. Wm. Mundt, Dean of Students at the Seminary, with his topic, "Saving the Gypsy Soul." At the close of the presentation, Mary thanked Dr. Mundt for his informative presentation.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS: There were 49 students, their wives and family members who introduced themselves and gave thanks to the Guild for their continued help, support and prayers.

LUNCHEON: Dr. Winger offered a table prayer. The meal was catered by Ernie Green and organized by Lois Juritsch. The Guild members were encouraged to sit with their adopted students. A delicious meal was enjoyed and a good time was had by all.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bryans*

LIFE IS A GIFT: *Before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another – Remember that not one of us is without sin.*

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: *She taught me how to become an adult – "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."*

CHURCH SIGNS: *Gambling is a sin, bet you can't give it up.*

ANOTHER CHANCE

**Another week beginning, Lord,
Another page to turn,
Another chance to start anew
With lessons still to learn.
A time to lose all last week's fears
And leave them all behind.**



**To look for bright horizons, Lord,
And find new peace of mind,
Then going forward through the week
Whatever lies in store.
Be with us on the path we tread
And keep us safe once more.**

Iris Hesselden,
Friendship Book, 2009

**SEMINARY GUILD ACTIVITIES
APRIL 30, 2008 TO APRIL 30, 2009**

CERTIFICATION AND CALL SERVICE – Hosted the reception following the Service, Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you to our Hosting Committee for serving and setting up.

CLEANING DAYS – The Student kitchen was cleaned in August, 2008, and again in March, 2009. Many thanks to the Guild members, Mary Silver, Ann Schneikart and Alice Martens for all their hard work.

ORIENTATION DAY – Judy represented the Guild on Thursday, September 3, 2008, and distributed gift certificates to 6 new students enrolled at the seminary.

OPENING YEAR BARBECUE – Following the Orientation the barbecue was held on the seminary grounds with the Guild Executive as invited guests.

OPENING SERVICE AND RECEPTION – Held on Sunday, September 7, 2008, in the Martin Luther Chapel. The Executive and Faculty wives provided goodies for the reception and the Executive served and cleaned up.

HARVEST DAY – Organized and convened the activities on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The Coffee Hour host was Linda Makey, our Guild Hosting Coordinator, and Chef Paul catered the luncheon.

SEMINARY CHRISTMAS DINNER – Held on Friday, December 5, 2008, at Grace Lutheran Church. The Guild provided the hams for the meal and distributed food certificate Christmas gifts to the student body. Caroline Dietsche made a donation towards the certificates.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS – Held on Sunday, December 7, 2008, in the Martin Luther Chapel. The Executive, Staff and Faculty wives provided goodies for the reception following and served and cleaned up.

GUILD DAY – Organized and convened the activities on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The Coffee Hour hosts were the ladies of Grace Lutheran Church, Oshawa, Ontario. Ernie Green, seminary student, catered the lunch. The projects voted on were 1) the purchase of vacuums for the seminary and 2) to paint the chapel.

PROVIDED MONIES FOR – 1) Amplifier/microphone; 2) Bike rack; 3) Seminary bookstore gift certificates; 4) Chapel chairs; 5) Christmas grocery cards; 6) Donation towards student tickets for fundraiser “Lucky in Love” concert; 7) Classroom painting; and 8) Donations to the Food Pantry.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF NOTE – 1) Supported the Student Adoption Program; 2) Conducted 4 Executive meetings; 3) Published and distributed 3 Guild Newsletters and submitted articles to various Lutheran Magazine issues; 4) Provided food to the Food Pantry and 5) Pictures were taken on Guild and Harvest Days by Naomi Hohnberg, Guild Archivist, with collages on display.

TREASURER'S REPORT**GUILD DAY, 2009**

OPENING BALANCE at the beginning of the fiscal year \$12,533.87

INCOME

Memberships/Donations	\$3,050.72
Harvest Day	1,548.08
Receptions	431.77
Food Pantry	108.00
Projects	379.96

TOTAL INCOME **\$5,518.53**

TRANSFER IN FROM U.S. SAVINGS **\$1,233.00**

EXPENSES

Paper, post, copy, phone	\$1,264.06
Harvest Day	1,126.32
Receptions	225.73
Projects:	

Amplifier/microphone	1,096.40
Bike rack	487.55
Sem Bookstore Gift Certificates	300.00
Chapel Chairs	3,529.56
Christmas grocery cards	521.60
Student tickets for fundraiser	300.00
Classroom painting	500.00
Thank you gift card	25.00

SUB TOTAL **\$6,760.11**

Food Pantry	723.43
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TOTAL EXPENSES **\$10,099.65**

Currently there is a balance in the Chequing account of which includes

\$55.69 in the Food Pantry Fund not yet disbursed \$ 9,185.75

The U.S. Account has a Balance of \$738.53

The Church Extension Fund has a value of \$3,232.87

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Stephenson, Treasurer

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2009 – 2010**

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