

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD

 NEWSLETTER

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REPORTS AND MESSAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER, and the evenings longer. Fall will be here in two weeks! After a somewhat laid back, relaxing Summer it is time to get back into routines, meetings, etc.

SPEAKING OF MEETINGS, our Guild Executive met on Wednesday, September 3rd. It was also Orientation Day and the BBQ supper. On behalf of the Guild I gave some background information and the activities of the Seminary Guild to six new students. I also presented a \$50 gift certificate for the Bookstore with the suggestion of purchasing the Book of Concord. If they already have this in their possession, then they should purchase what they need.

THE OPENING SERVICE was held on Sunday, September 7th in the Martin Luther Chapel. A reception followed with refreshments provided by the Guild Executive and the Faculty wives.

HARVEST DAY IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18. The Registration Form and Agenda are at the end of this Newsletter. The registration deadline is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**. Please register on time by **MAIL ONLY**. Registrations received after Friday, October 10th will be subject to an additional \$4 late fee to be added to the luncheon and registration fees. **THE PRESENTATION** for Harvest Day is still being determined at this time in the way of a musical (vocal or instrumental) presentation.



THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY, I'm sorry to say, has still not been filled as of this printing. No one has stepped forward to accept this position. Between the time you receive this Newsletter and Harvest Day, PLEASE pray and consider that you or someone else will step forward and accept this position. You can contact any Executive Board member if you can help out in this situation.

FOOD PANTRY AND FREEZER: The Guild maintains a Food Cupboard and Freezer for use by the students. On Harvest Day we **ENCOURAGE** special food donations such as groceries, frozen meats or cash donations for groceries. Paper and cleaning supplies, along with toiletries, are also welcome. If possible, please identify your group or individuals making the donations.

THE AUGUST KITCHEN CLEANING was done by Alice Martins, Ann Schneikart and Mary Silver. We thank them for their time and work. Their help is greatly appreciated.

IN CLOSING, I ask you to keep the following in your prayers as the new school year begins: the Seminary Faculty, Staff, Guild Executive, and most of all, the students, as well as their wives and children.

I LOOK FORWARD to seeing you on Harvest Day.

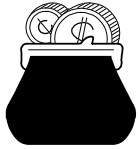
Blessings, Peace and Love,
Judy Zastrow John 14:27

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *Of all the things I wear, my expression is the most important.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. (age 5)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *In a podiatrist's office, "Time wounds all heels".*

FROM THE TREASURER:



REPORT AS OF GUILD EXECUTIVE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 3/08 – OPENING BALANCE as of the beginning of the fiscal year - \$12,533.87. **INCOME:**

Memberships/Donations - \$1,297, Projects - \$356.96, and Receptions - \$400 for **TOTAL INCOME** - \$2,053.96. **EXPENSES:** Paper/Post/Copy/Phone - \$10.92, Projects:

Amplifier/microphone - \$1,096.40, Bike rack - \$487.55, Chapel chairs - \$3,529.56 for **TOTAL EXPENSES** - \$5,124.43. **CURRENT BALANCE IN CHEQUEING ACCOUNT** - \$9,463.40 (which includes \$724.12 in the Food Pantry not yet disbursed). **THE U.S. ACCOUNT BALANCE** is \$1,724.69.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Stephenson*

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *The happiness of my life depends on the quality of my thoughts.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *It's not easy to become an angel. First, you die. Then you go to heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you've got to agree to wear those angel clothes. (age 9)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *On a plumber's truck, "We repair what your husband fixed".*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

OUR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION to date is 903, a wee bit higher than 897 as of last year at this time but we are still aiming for 1000. I'd like to thank all the Contact People for their time and effort in their congregations. All the Contact People will be acknowledged on Harvest Day and Concordia pins will be presented to all those who are new.



ONE OF THE CONTACT PEOPLE recently suggested that, to save on postage, we send her one copy of the Newsletter by computer file (i.e. PDF) or by mail and then she would photocopy it for members who do not have a computer or email it to members who do have a computer. If this would be a possibility for any of the Contact People, please let me know and we will do this for the next issue. Looking forward to seeing you at Harvest Day.

*Your sister in Christ,
Carol Nagel*

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *The heaviest thing I can carry is a grudge.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *Angels work for GOD and watch over kids when GOD has to go do something else. (age 7)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *On a church billboard, "Seven days without God makes one weak".*

FROM THE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:

Dear Guild Members, sisters and brothers in Christ,

SCARCELY A DAY GOES BY at the Seminary that I'm not affected by your kindness and generosity. I have sat through the renovations of the chapel seats over the Summer as I quietly found a place among them for my

morning devotions, praying for the whole seminary community, for the church, and for you. I certainly hope that on Harvest Day you find your investment well worth it! It's particularly pleasing that you have focused on the Chapel, with donations in the last year of a new surplice, brass candle lighter, iron, thirty new hymnals, and a portable sound system. Worship is as vital a part of forming pastors as books and classrooms.

BUT LET'S NOT OVERLOOK the more mundane things. I was stunned by the transformation of our kitchen after a few of you came for its regular cleanout. It's a shame the students can't keep it cleaner, but we all know what they're like! And the new bike rack has arrived, and been given a good coat of paint. It's a welcome addition.



THANKS are always our first words to you, though we all know that true thanks are ultimately due to God, who inspires and strengthens our gifts. But I'm sure you would also like to know how things are going. Without undue exaggeration, I'm modestly pleased with the outlook for this coming year. We are welcoming six new students, including three from each side of the border. Quality is more important than quantity, but we're happy to have a bit of both. We have introduced some changes to our curriculum, particularly to help new students get through their first year more successfully. Some students may now spend five years with us, but we believe they'll manage the work much better. Please welcome our students heartily, if you have them as field workers or adopted students. Finally, we've carefully addressed our financial situation, and we believe that we'll be able to meet our budget this year, with the help of generous supporters like you across the church.

SO I LOOK FORWARD to entering another academic year in this community of faith. Please pray for us and visit us when you can. See you at Harvest Day.

*Peace to you from our heavenly Father,
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Winger,
Acting President*

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *If I lack the courage to start, I have already finished.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *Angels don't eat, but they drink from holy cows. (age 6)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *In a Nonsmoking Area, "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action".*



CHAPEL CHAIRS: In our May Newsletter we listed individuals or groups who paid to have a Chapel Chair or Chairs refurbished at the cost of \$25 each. Added to that list are the following: Frank and Mary Silver (in memory of their parents), St. Peter's Lutheran Church Women (Rhineland) – Delhi, Thora Appelt (in memory of her husband, Mark), Dorothy A Kreutzwieser, Howard and Valerie Kramer, Edna Stresman (for the occasion of her 84th birthday) and St. Matthew Ladies Guild. *"O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells". Ps. 26:8*

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *My mind is like a parachute....it functions only when open.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *Angels live in cloud houses made by GOD and his son, who's a very good carpenter. (age 8)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *At an Optometrist's Office, "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place".*

STUDENT ROSTER 2008 – 2009

STUDENT'S NAME	BIRTHDAY	YEAR	FAMILY
Bonato, Daniel (Special/Past.Min.)	October 7		Noelia
Castilo, Oscar (Colloquy/Diploma)	May 1		Mayra, 2 children
Choi, Seung Woo (M.Div.)	June 20	1	Ju Yeon Lee, 2 children
Cole, William (M.Div.)	January 21	4	Single
Craig, Ken (M.Div.)	November 25	4	Julie, 3 children
Gatluak, Peter (Diploma/Vicar)	June 24		Mary, 5 children
Green, Ernie (M.Div./Vicar)	January 11		Cindy, 3 children
Hart, Perry (M.Div.)	January 24	1	Tara, 3 children
Hromowyk, Wes (M.Div.)	November 8	1	Single
Juhlke, Jesse (Special/Pre-Sem)	February 10		Single
Lettieri, Domenick (Diploma)	February 16		Nancy, 2 children
Luke, James (Colloquy)	October 7		Rehana, 3 grown sons
Naylor, Steve (M.Div. post vicarage)	February 29		Single
Palmer, Greg (M.Div.)	June 20	1	Maria, 5 children
Pillay, Dereck (Pre-sem/Diploma)	April 12		Chandra, 2 children
Rapp, John (M.Div. post vicarage)	May 31		Charleen, 1 child
Schewtschenko, Oleg (Special/ London B D)	August 6		Single
Schnarr, Cameron (M.Div./Vicar)	June 25		Andrea
Smith, Mark (M.Div.)	April 20	4	Single
Sorenson, Matt (M.Div.)	November 5	4	Beth, 2 children
Schultz, Kurt (M.Div.)	November 20	1	Single
Swords, Jeff (Pre-sem/Diploma)	November 13		Karen, 2 children
Whitehouse, Heather (M.Div.)	January 9	4	Bruce
Zahner, Douglas (M.Div.)	July 11	3	Tricia, 1 child
Zhang, Wayne (M.Div.)	July 3	2	Tasi, 2 children

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *The Ten Commandments are not a multiple choice.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. (age 9)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *At a car dealership, "The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment".*

HARVEST DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008



AUTUMN will soon be with us, as will also our annual Fall event, Harvest Day. We will, once again, meet new and returning students as well as our adopted ones. We'll greet also the Faculty and Staff and Acting President as they have again begun a new school year. And we will get reacquainted with fellow Guild members who will be attending from far and wide. In our Business Meeting we will together plan, with God's guidance, and make God-pleasing decisions in order to help and support the students studying to become pastors in God's churches. A **Luncheon** will be catered by Chef Paul and organized by our Hosting Coordinator, Linda Makey. Please make sure that you **MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**. Looking forward to seeing all of you on Harvest Day, Saturday, October 18. Mark in on your calendars.

H A R V E S T D A Y A G E N D A

8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Registration and Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Hymn Sing WELCOME by Dr. Thomas Winger, Acting President Concordia Seminary
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	BUSINESS MEETING
(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.	PRESENTATION: To be determined
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS
12:15 p.m.	CATERED LUNCHEON AT THE SEMINARY – Chef Paul

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: *It is never too late to become what I might have been.*

ANGELS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN: *My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. (age 9)*

INTERESTING SIGNS: *Outside a Muffler Shop, “No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.”*

W E L C O M E T H E H A R V E S T

**Welcome the harvest, the season of plenty,
Rejoice in the gifts of the fruit and the grain
And celebrate nature, she gives of her bounty,
Bestowing sunshine and warm, Summer rain.**



**The earth and the ocean, the river and sky,
The beauty and wonder abound everywhere,
The crops in the field and the trees in the forest,
The joy of creation for each man to share.**

**So welcome the harvest, reach out to each other,
And lift up your voices in praise and in song,
Go forward together, remember your brother,
And share a new harvest-time all the year long!**



Iris Hesselden
Friendship Book 2008

Student Adoptions

2008-2009 Academic Year

(Based on applications received by September 16, 2008)

<i>Student:</i>	<i>Sponsoring Group</i>
1. Daniel Bonato	Fisherville, Trinity Lutheran LWML
2. Oscar Castillo	Simcoe, St. Peter's Lutheran LWML
3. Seng Woo Choi	St. Catharines, Resurrection Mary-Martha Society
4. Will Cole	Dunnville, Faith Lutheran Ladies
5. Ernie Green	Dashwood, Zion Lutheran Ladies
6. Perry Hart	Oshawa, Grace Lutheran
7. Wes Hromowyk	New Hamburg, St. Peter's Women's Guild
8. Domenick Letierri	Sebringville, Second St. John's
9. James Luke	Desboro, The Ladies' Guild of Faith Lutheran
10. Stephen Naylor	Seebach's Hill, First St. John's LWML
11. Greg Palmer	Coronach, SK, Rev. Joshua Reynolds
12. Dereck Pillay	Scarborough, St. Matthew's Women in Mission
13. John Rapp	Kitchener, Historic St. Paul's Ladies' Guild
14. Oleg Schewtschenko	Kitchener, Faith Lutheran Ladies Guild
15. Cam Schnarr	Hamilton, Pilgrim Lutheran LWML Hanover, "Lutheran Women" of First St. Matthew's
16. Kurt Schultz	North Tonawanda, Women of St. Mark
17. Mark Smith	Wellesley, First St. Paul's Mary-Martha Society/LWML
18. Matt Sorenson	Locksley, Grace Lutheran Men's Club
19. Jeff Swords	Toronto, Our Saviour Women's Guild
20. Doug Zahner	Niagara Falls, Joanna Society, Our Saviour Niagara-on-the-Lake, Trinity
21. Wayne Zhang	St. Catharines, Mary-Martha Society, Christ Lutheran

A Warm Welcome



REGISTRATION FORM

HARVEST DAY

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



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008

NAME: CONGREGATION:

AND

ADDRESS: CITY:

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PHONE:

REGISTRATION: \$ 3.00

LUNCHEON : \$ 8.00

TOTAL : \$11.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING:

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008.

**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.**

**Mark
Your Calendar**



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

