

REPORTS AND MESSAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE our Summer is almost over. Summer clothes are being packed away, swimming pools are closing, plant and vegetable gardens will soon be touched by frost and leaves are already turning colour. These are all signs that Fall is on it's way.

FOR THE GUILD our activities started on Wednesday, September 2nd, with our Executive meeting. It was also Orientation Day and the BBQ supper following. I presented the new students with a \$50 gift certificate for the Book Store and informed them about the work of the Guild in the life of the Seminary.

THE OPENING SERVICE was held on Sunday, September 13th, at 4 p.m., in the Martin Luther Chapel. A reception was held in the Student Lounge with the Guild Executive and Faculty wives as hosts.

HARVEST DAY IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17. The Registration Form and Agenda are located at the end of the newsletter. **Registrations must be received by Friday, October 9th. Please register by mail only.** Our Presentation will be given by Dr. John Stephenson centring on Martin Luther. Hosts for the coffee fellowship are Resurrection, St. Catharines.



KITCHEN CLEANING was done on August 19th by Alice Martins, Ann Schneikart and Mary Silver. Our sincere thanks to these ladies for their time and dedication. It has been suggested by the Executive that it would be nice if some new volunteers would step forward to help with this project. If you can help please talk with Mary Silver.

FOOD PANTRY: On Harvest Day we encourage donations to fill the Food Pantry. Items of cleaning, laundry, personal hygiene supplies and paper products are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are accepted also. There is also a freezer available for frozen items. If possible, please identify your group or individuals making the donations. Also check expiry dates on items.

JUST A REMINDER TO OUR U.S. FRIENDS - as of June, 2009, there is a new policy on identifications needed for crossing the border. You need **ONE** of the following: **ENHANCED LICENCE, PASSPORT CARD OR A PASSPORT. A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND LICENCE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.** It takes approximately three (3) weeks for this process to be completed. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

IN CLOSING, on behalf of all our Guild membership, we wish all our students a warm welcome and ask that God be with them and guide them through their year of studies. I also ask that you keep the faculty, staff and Guild Executive, but most of all, the students and their families, in your daily prayers. With God's help we can move forward. Looking ahead to seeing you all on Harvest Day.

*Blessings, peace and love,
Judy Zastrow John 14:27*

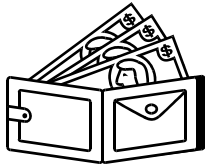
LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: *When in doubt, just take the next small step.*

I BELIEVE...*that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.*

QUIZ: *1) Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends? (Answers at end of newsletter)*

FROM THE TREASURER:

REPORT AS OF GUILD EXECUTIVE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2 – OPENING BALANCE as at the beginning of the fiscal year - \$12,533.87. **INCOME:** Memberships/Donations - \$7,716.38, Harvest Day - \$2,375.31, Receptions - \$431.77, Food Pantry - \$218, and projects - \$379.96 for a total **INCOME** of \$11,121.42. Transfer in from U.S. savings - \$1,233. **EXPENSES:** Paper/post/copy/phone - \$1,633.06, Harvest Day - \$2,643.16, Receptions - \$535.66, Projects: Amplifier/microphone - \$1,096.40, Bike rack - \$487.55, Seminary Bookstore Gift Certificates - \$300, Chapel Chairs - \$3,529.56, Christmas Grocery Cards - \$521.60, Students' tickets for fundraiser "Lucky in Love" - \$300, Classroom painting - \$500, Thank You Gift Card - \$25, and Food Pantry - \$723.43 for total **EXPENSES** of \$12,295.42. Currently there is a balance in the Chequeing Account of \$12,592.87 which includes \$218.69 in the Food Pantry not yet disbursed. The U.S. Account has a balance of \$762.68. The Church Extension Fund as a value of \$3,268.95.



*Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Stephenson*

LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: *Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.*

I BELIEVE...*that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.*

QUIZ: *2) What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:



OUR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION to date is 904, up one from last year's 903. We still need 96 more memberships to reach our goal of 1,000. I would like to thank the Contact People for their time and efforts 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.

*Your sister in Christ,
Carol Nagel*

LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: *God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.*

I BELIEVE...*that you can keep going long after you think you can't.*

QUIZ: *3) Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Can you name them?*

FROM THE FACULTY ADVISOR:

"Fill 'er up!" Before the age of self-serve gasoline, this was the direction often given to service station attendants. As a child I remember family vacations where a trip to the gas station was the first thing done. Not only that, we "filled up" our car with snacks, maps, flashlights, jumper cables and other needed items. My Dad didn't like to travel without being prepared first.

None of us wants to be empty. Our view of success is geared toward fullness—self-assurance and confidence. Bad decisions often come because we are empty of common sense, but we think this can be overcome. In general, we don't like empty rooms, empty computer screens, empty pitchers or empty lives. "Full to the brim"; that's our motto.

The trouble is we are constantly trying to fill ourselves, to satisfy our own hunger by our own will and resourcefulness. How often do we scold ourselves that if we would just try harder, do more, pull ourselves up by our bootstraps, think outside the box, put our shoulder to wheel, our nose to the grindstone, harness our personal power, think positively, run with the wolves, and whatever current saying there is for being our own god, that all will go our way?

But no matter how we try, nothing we do will fill us up. In fact, only when we are empty of ourselves can our Lord Jesus Christ fill us with Himself. Unlike other charismatic figures, Jesus was never full of Himself. In fact He emptied Himself of all that is His by divine right. Jesus "travelled light" so that He could pick up loads along the way. He carried our sins, our sorrows, our despairs, our insecurities, our fear and our distrust with Him to the Cross, and left them there. He emptied Himself so we can be full.

And so: *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.* The new academic year has begun, and we are filled with joy that Christ has blessed His church with new and returning students preparing themselves to serve the people of God. It's going to be a great year, because we are filled to the brim with His love. In His service, and yours,

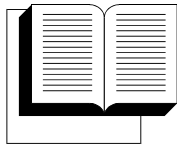
Prof. Keller, Faculty Advisor

LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: If we threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

I BELIEVE...that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

QUIZ: 4) Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

GUILD CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS NEW WORDING SUGGESTIONS



UNDER BYLAWS: Present Wording –

Article I – Duties and Responsibilities of Elected Officers

(c) The vice-president shall: 1) take the place of the president in her absence or upon her request.

Proposed Wording –

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(c) The vice-president shall: 1) **take the place of the president during an absence or upon the president's request.**

Present Wording –

Article V – Terms of Office

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

Proposed Wording –

Article V – Terms of Office

The term of office for all officers shall be two years. Any officer may stand for re-election. **In the case of a president who has been re-elected, the past president may or may not choose to continue serving.**

THE GUILD ASSEMBLY will be asked to vote on these changes on Harvest Day.

LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: *Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.*

I BELIEVE...*that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.*

QUIZ: 5) *Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. What are the only two perennial vegetables?*

STUDENT ROSTER 2009 – 2010

STUDENT'S NAME	CLASSIFICATION	BIRTHDAY	FAMILY
Bonato, Daniel	Special/Pastoral Ministry	October 7	Noelia
Castilio, Oscar	Vicar	May 1	Mayra, 2 children
Choi, Seung Woo	M.Div. I	June 20	Ju Yeon Lee, 2 children
Christoforidis, Vasilios	Special	October 24	Rebecca, 1 child
Craig, Ken	M.Div. IV	November 25	Julie, 3 children
Green, Ernie	M.Div./Vicar	January 11	Cindy, 3 children
Hart, Perry	M.Div. I	January 24	Tara, 3 children
Hromowyk, Wes	M.Div. II	November 8	Single
Juhlke, Jesse	Special/Pre-Sem	February 10	Single
Kosbakian, Kevork	M.T.S.	October 2	Single
Lettieri, Domenick	Diploma	February 16	Nancy, 2 children
McNiel, Robert	Special	January 5	Bettylou
Palmer, Greg	M.Div. II	June 20	Maria, 5 children
Pillay, Dereck	Diploma	April 12	Chandra, 2 children
Preus, Andrew	M.Div. I	October 4	Leah
Preus, Paul	M.Div. I	November 26	Bethany, 2 children
Rapp, John	M.Div., post-vicarage	May 31	Charleen, 1 child
Richert, Jeremy	M.Div. I	April 25	Single
Schewtschenko, Oleg	Special/London B D	August 6	Single
Schnarr, Cameron	M.Div./Vicar	June 25	Andrea
Schultz, Kurt	M.Div. I	November 20	Single
Swords, Jeff	Diploma	November 13	Karen, 2 children
Zahner, Douglas	Vicar	July 11	Tricia, 1 child
Zhang, Wayne	M.Div. III	July 3	Tasi, 2 children

LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: *No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.*

I BELIEVE...*that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.*

QUIZ: 6) *What fruit has its seeds on the outside?*

HARVEST DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR has begun at Concordia Seminary and the Seminary Guild members will again meet for its annual Harvest Day activities at the Seminary. We look forward to seeing each other once more and meeting the faculty, staff and returning students and being introduced to our new and also our adopted students. In our Business Meeting we will plan and organize, with God's guidance, the support we will give to the students and the Seminary at large throughout this school year. A Presentation will be given by Dr. John Stephenson, Registrar & Professor of Historical Theology on *A Fork in Reformation's Road*.

A Luncheon, organized by our Hosting Coordinator, Lois Juritsch, and catered by Chef Paul, will round out our day. Please mark the date on your Calendar and make sure to mail your Registration Form to Bonnie

Stephenson before the **deadline date of Friday, October 9, 2009**. The Executive look forward to meeting and greeting all of you on **Harvest Day, Saturday, October 17**.

*Kay Tiffney,
Newsletter Editor*

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: 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: Dr. John Stephenson, Registrar & Professor of Historical Theology, Concordia Seminary Topic: "A Fork in Reformation's Road: Dr. Luther versus Dr. Karlstadt, and their Deep Disagreement concerning what Christianity is all about"
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS
12:15 p.m.	CATERED LUNCHEON – Chef Paul

***LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME: Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
I BELIEVE...that the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the
most of everything.***

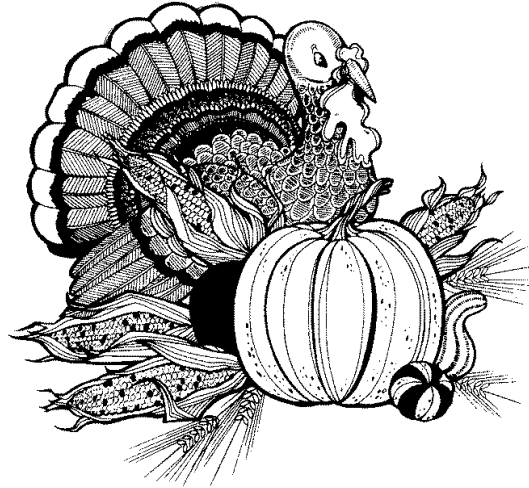
QUIZ: 7) Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

HELP ME, LORD

**Help me to remember, Lord,
When I feel lost and small
That I am held within your arms,
And You won't let me fall.
Help me not forget, dear Lord
When hope seems far away
That I am always in Your care
And You won't let me stray.
Help me hold within my heart
The knowledge of Your care,
Each venture starts and ends with You
And always You are there.**

Margaret Ingall

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1) *Boxing*, 2) *Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.* 3) *Dwarf, dwell and dwindle*, 4) *Lettuce*, 5) *Asparagus and rhubarb*, 6) *Strawberries*, and 7) *Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings and stilts.* How many questions did you get right?





REGISTRATION FORM

HARVEST DAY

Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary
St. Catharines, Ontario



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

NAME: CONGREGATION:

AND

ADDRESS: CITY:

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PHONE:

REGISTRATION: \$ 3.00
LUNCHEON : \$ 8.50
TOTAL : \$11.50

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING:

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



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009.
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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