

Concordia Theological Seminary Guild

Fort Wayne, Indiana - Newsletter

April 2021

What do you treasure? – Deaconess Amy Rast, Associate Director of Deaconess Formation

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

“Du bist mein schotz”. “You are my treasure”. These words, spoken to me by my grandfather, now have a deeper meaning, for Dr. Rast and I have a *“schotz”* – a little treasure – Graham Alfred Rast, our first grandchild.

What do you treasure? This past year has given new insight into what we most treasure. We have been apart from our children, parents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces. We have missed our friends, co-workers and neighbors, gathering with our church families, and our sisters of the CTSFW Guild. We have mourned those dear ones now with the Lord Jesus in heaven, and have longed to join them there, safely with Him. The old saying, *distance makes the heart grow fonder* is certainly true; we treasure those we love more than ever!

As the pandemic passes, and we are together once more, we rejoice. Yet we know this is temporary. Grandchildren grow up, friends move, co-workers retire; eventually we will be separated by death.

However, these words of Jesus bring hope, *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven”*. Jesus urges us to store our treasure - our families and friends – where the Heavenly Father stores *His treasure* – at His right hand - Jesus. Subject to the sinful *moths, rust, and thieves* of earth, we were tarnished, without heaven-worthy shine. *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* Ephesians 2:4-6.

Christ Jesus has made us new, and remains with us through all the sorrows of this life. He treasures us, and is our treasure, now and forever.

*“Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Psalm 73:23-26

Our treasure - our family, friends and neighbors - are the Heavenly Father's treasure; entrust our Lord Jesus with them. Pray for them, bear their burdens, instruct them in the faith, and encourage them. Thanks for helping CTSFW share the Gospel near and far, as together in Christ, *we lay up treasure in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”

Welcoming New Babies – Reta Borchelt

T shirts and booties were mailed to the parents of six new babies in February/March..... (3 boys & 3 girls.)

Christopher & Mary Durham----Clement Joseph Lazarus born 02/20/2021

Brian & Emily Homann---Miriam Lisa Jane born 02/25/2021

Tyler & Yanela McMiller---Alessia Abigail born 02/25/2021

David & Elizabeth Woelmer---Elizabeth (Ellie) Jane born 02/26/2021

Dylan & Abigail Smith---Felix Simeon born 03/09/2021 in Oberusel Germany during Dylan's special 3rd year assignment at Lutherische Theological Hochschule

Benjamin & Elizabeth Janssen---Nathaniel John born 3/12/2021

Special appreciation to Jacquie Peterson, Administrative Assistant to Dean of Students, who

is faithful in providing birth information to me each month as soon as she is made aware of the arrival of the new little ones.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Financial Report – Diane Hartmann

Dues and donations fund the various projects by the Guild. The fund balances as of April 4 are as follows: General Fund - \$2,440.44; Skillet Cookie Fund - \$90.24; Project 2020 - \$1,323.90; and the Legacy Project - \$ 5,873.58.

A gift of \$150 was given by the Guild to the Seminary in support of the Deaconess Program.

Birthday Celebrations – Ruth Hartmann

To celebrate each dorm students' birthday, a skillet cookie is prepared by the dining hall and a birthday greeting by the Guild. One is given to each student in the month of their birthday.

Happy Birthday and God's blessings to the following students who celebrate a birthday in April: Nathaniel Jensen, Matthew Carlson, Camille Cox, Michael Skarda, Martin Hill, and Di Angelo Wragg. They will each receive their skillet cookie on April 9th.

Project 2020 –Mission Accomplished

The mission of the Guild is to serve God by communicating the needs and encouraging the support of Concordia Theological Seminary and its students.

Thank you for your participation, your prayers, and your love for the students and their families and for the faculty/staff at the Seminary. Thanks to you the Seminary will receive funds toward the purchase of three water bottle filling stations needed on campus to provide safe drinking water in a hands-free manner as standard water fountains are off limits to restrict the spread of COVID-19.

Future Events

- April 25, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Sihler Auditorium and livestreamed @ ctsfw.edu and Facebook -- 175th Anniversary Lecture Services - Luther on Trial at the Diet of Worms – Dr. Cameron A. MacKenzie.
- April 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm in Kramer Chapel and livestreamed @ ctsfw.edu and Facebook -- 175 Anniversary Music Series - Easter Hymn Festival with the Seminary Schola Cantorum.
- April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm -- Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service
- April 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm -- Candidate Call Service

Note: Services and lectures will be livestreamed online at www.ctsfw.edu/DailyChapel or www.facebook.com/ctsfw. Check the Seminary website or call (260) 452-2100 for the most current information.

Sharing and caring

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Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

** Executive Board: Reta Borchelt, Diane Hartmann, Ruth Hartmann, Louise Showalter, Deborah Steiner, Phyllis Thieme, Joyce West, Rita Wissman, and Helen Witte **

Concordia Theological Seminary Guild - Fort Wayne, IN Annual Membership Dues and/or Donation

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