

# *Concordia Theological Seminary Guild*

## *Fort Wayne, Indiana - Newsletter*

*May 2021*

### **Called To Serve – A Note from Pastor-Elect Cory Kroonblawd called to St Paul Lutheran Church, Sac City, IA**

Greetings in Christ! There is truly no better time to go forth into the harvest field. In a world of division, God unites us in our Baptism and in our partaking of the one cup and one bread in Holy Communion. In a world ripe with fear, God grants us His divine peace by His Word and Spirit. In a world of confusion, God's Truth is proclaimed, heard, and believed. By God's mercy, CTS-FW was able to maintain classes in person for the entire 2020-2021 academic year and students have been formed into servants.

As I look forward to being sent forth into the world, I am confident that the seminary gave me a firm foundation. I have had great opportunities to learn in field education, vicarage, and classroom. I have made lifelong friends and brothers in the ministry. My tool belt for pastoral care is full and ready to use. COVID-19 clouded half of my vicarage and my entire final year at seminary but God uses even these difficult circumstances to mold and shape us. I look forward to delivering the gifts of Christ to God's redeemed children in whatever context He calls me into. I look forward to reaching out in a diverse and changing world with the unchanging truth of God's Word; namely, that Jesus came that all might have life and have it abundantly in Him.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, your love, your care. May God bless and keep you in body and soul unto life everlasting.

### **Legacy Project - Deborah Steiner, Chairperson**

We are beginning to make plans for the 2021-2022 academic year. This will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Guild has been able to provide a *Pastoral Care Companion* (PCC) to many Concordia Theological Seminary students. Each PCC continues to cost \$36.99 plus sales tax.

Special thanks to Mrs. Thomas Kuchta of Elm Grove, Wisconsin for her generous donations the past two years.

As a recap, the Guild distributed 70 PCC's during the 2020-2021 academic year. Here is a summary of the various groups of students who received a book.

- ❖ 47 – First-year seminarians
- ❖ 4 – First-year residential deaconess students
- ❖ 9 – 2020 Cohort of Specific Ministry Pastoral (SMP) students
- ❖ 1 – Colloquy pastoral candidate
- ❖ 8 – First-year deaconess distance learners
- ❖ 1 – Spanish language church worker student (Spanish version)

I continue to solicit input from faculty and students regarding the Legacy Project. In response to some suggestions regarding the timing of distribution, we hope to distribute books to new distance-learner deaconess students sometime this summer.

Thanks to one and all for your support of the Legacy Project

### **Welcoming New Babies – Reta Borchelt, Special Service Coordinator**

Size 12 month t-shirts and newborn booties were mailed to the parents of 7 new babies in April, 2021 (5 boys and 2 girls).

- ❖ Vicar John & Emma Dolde--Simon Peter born 04/08/2021
- ❖ Vicar Emmett & Jaimie Bartens---Matthias Ronald born 04/11/2021
- ❖ Vicar Timothy & Amy Steele II---Timothy Dewaine III born 04/17/2021
- ❖ Raymond & Aubrey Hulett---Albert Richard born 04/18/2021
- ❖ Vicar Kyle & Nicola Mullins---Miriam Norma born 04/22/2021
- ❖ Erik & Katherine Saunders---Stephen Ambrose born 04/27/2021
- ❖ Vicar Nathaniel & Hannah Konkel---Aubrielle Rae born 04/38/2021

From January through April, 2021, mailings have gone out to 18 new parents (9 boys and 9 girls)--8 while on Vicarage.

In the past twelve months (May 2020 through April 2021), 34 new babies (18 boys & 16 girls) were born ---12 of them while on Vicarage.

NOTE: To all of you hobby crocheters, Eileen Witte would love to have some help to crochet the booties. Just call her for details at 485-8324. Thank You!

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, Treasurer**

Your dues and donations fund the various projects by the Guild. The fund balances as of May 5 are as follows: General Fund - \$1,876.89; Skillet Cookie Fund - \$90.24; and the Legacy Project - \$ 5,477.89.

### **Birthday Celebrations – Ruth Hartmann, Birthday Treat Coordinator**

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 May: May Itzcovitch, David Matthews, Tsegaye Rebu, and Jacob Stoltzman. They each receive their skillet cookie on Friday, May 7th.

### **Providing Snacks for Finals Week--Reta Borchelt, Special Service Coordinator**

Finals week snacks will be served during coffee hour after 10 am chapel " outside " at the seminary on Tuesday, May 18th, Wednesday, May 19th, and Thursday , May 20<sup>th</sup>.

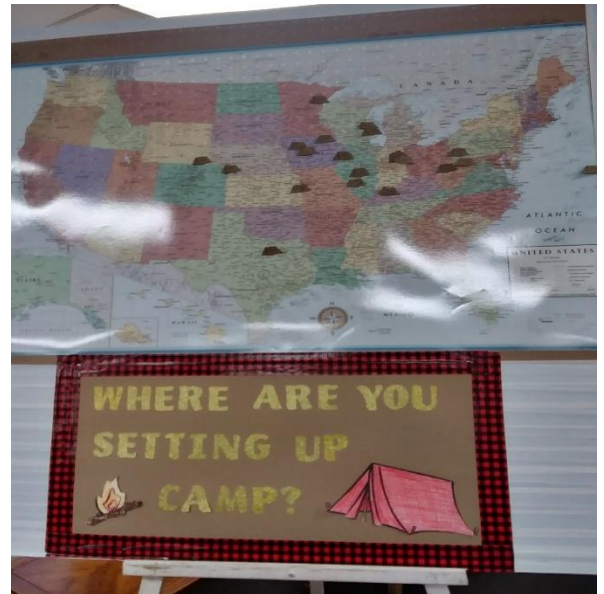
Tables will be set up in the walkway between The Commons and Wyneken Hall, as weather allows. Anyone providing snacks can deliver them directly to the tables at 10 am or to The Commons if earlier in the day or on the day before and labeled with the day to be served. Snacks will still need to be individually wrapped and can be store bought or homemade. We need 4 ladies each day to provide around 48 to 60 snacks each of the 3 days. We also need at least 1 or 2 hostesses each day.



We need your help please! Please call me at 486-0121 or send me an email at [bluelakefolks@frontier.com](mailto:bluelakefolks@frontier.com) as soon as possible if you can help. I will get back to you with final directions or answers to your questions. Yes, masks are still required. Thank you so much for helping us to let the students know how much we care!

### **SWA-Seminary Women's Assembly**

A Farewell Reception was hosted by the SWA in Luther Hall on Tuesday night, May 4<sup>th</sup> with the theme "Happy Trails". Ten members of the Guild were in attendance to bid farewell to the wives of the pastors-elect, wives of the vicars who received their assignment in April, and residential deaconesses leaving on internship. A large map of the United States was used to designate with "tent flags" where they will set up their "tent" for vicarage, for internship, or their first call. The Guild presented a gift to each wife of a pastor-elect and each deaconess. God's blessings to these ladies as the next chapter in their life begins.



### **Looking back.....**

On May 5, 1976 the last meeting of the Seminary Guild at the Springfield, Illinois campus was held. The Guild reorganized to the Fort Wayne campus on October 3, 1977.

During this academic year your gift of your time, your talent and your treasures assisted in providing....

- ❖ A copy of the *Pastoral Care Companion* to 70 students - \$2,771
- ❖ Donations (from 39 individuals/groups) toward the purchase of 3 water bottle filling stations (Project 2020) - \$4,013.90
- ❖ A skillet cookie/card for 36 dorm students in the month of their birthday -\$126
- ❖ A donation to the Deaconess Program - \$150
- ❖ A donation to the Kantorei - \$150
- ❖ A CTS picture frame to the women of the SWA - \$684
- ❖ Support of Donation Day in October - \$326
- ❖ A T-shirt and booties for 34 newborns
- ❖ Snacks, snacks and more snacks during finals week at the end of each quarter

## Looking forward.....

- ❖ May 21 at 2:00 pm - The Commencement Organ Recital in Kramer Chapel  
Join the livestream at [ctsfw.edu/Daily-Chapel](https://ctsfw.edu/Daily-Chapel) or [facebook.com/ctsfw](https://facebook.com/ctsfw)
- ❖ May 21 at 4:00 pm -The Commencement service in Kramer Chapel  
Join the livestream at [ctsfw.edu/Daily-Chapel](https://ctsfw.edu/Daily-Chapel) or [facebook.com/ctsfw](https://facebook.com/ctsfw)
- ❖ Summer 2021 - The Seminary Guild Board will meet this summer to discuss the schedule of activities for 2021-22 and will send information in August to the membership. No Newsletter will be sent in June or July. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

## Thank you .....

- ❖ **Guest writers** – A sincere and heartfelt **thank you** for the time and effort you took out of your busy schedule to write an article for the Guild Newsletter. It was a gift to the readers of the Newsletter; a means of keeping in touch, providing updates, and sharing with all of us. We pray that God will bless you as much as you have blessed us in your special way.
- ❖ **Members/Donors** – Thank you to the 59 individuals who joined the Seminary Guild for 2020-2021. You joined us from Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Also a thank you to the 15 groups who joined the Seminary Guild. You joined us from Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin. And a thank you to the 23 members and friends of the Guild who sent a donation to support the on-going projects for the Seminary students/families.

COVID 19 gave the Guild an opportunity to reach out to many more individuals and groups than we could during the course of the year with just on-campus monthly meetings. Yes, COVID gave us pause, was a bit of a stumbling block; but it did not keep the Guild (you) from praying for and being of service to the Seminary family.

- ❖ **Kim Hosier, Printing and Postal Services Manager** – Thank you for the time you spent to print the Newsletters and mail them to our readers.

## **Sharing and caring.....**

Pray... a gift everyone can give in support of the students and their families, the faculty and staff, and the Seminary as a whole. Keep them all in your daily prayers. The power of prayer should never be underestimated because it draws on the glory and might of God.

The mission of the Guild is to serve God by communicating the needs and encouraging the support of Concordia Theological Seminary and its students. Our vision, by God's grace, enables us to pray, encourage men and women in our congregation to prepare for the pastoral and deaconess ministry, support the seminary, and help provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the seminary and for the students and their families.

Please share this Newsletter with friends to introduce them to the Guild.

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