

✠ In Memoriam ✠

Gertrude “Trudy” Behning (1937-2023)



Gertrude “Trudy” Behning, secretary to CTSFW presidents Dr. Robert Preus and Dr. Dean Wenthe, was called to her eternal rest May 4, 2023. Trudy served on the CTSFW campus for over 50 years as a staff member and contributed countless volunteer hours thereafter, including copy editing *For the Life of the World* and many other CTSFW publications.

As some of you might remember, Trudy first worked at Concordia Senior College in the Registrar’s Office (1958-1976). When Concordia Theological Seminary moved from Springfield to Fort Wayne, Trudy took on a new role, serving as secretary to President Preus from 1976-1989 and again in 1992-1993. She later served as executive assistant to President Wenthe, a position she held from 1996-2006. Trudy served in various other capacities during her years at the Seminary, including overseeing the faculty secretaries, providing secretarial support for the chapel, managing Symposia registrations, and assisting in the Advancement Office.

In 2013, Trudy received CTSFW’s *Miles Christi* Award. When recommending her for the award, Dr. Charles Gieschen observed, “Trudy Behning is a wonderful example of a *miles Christi*, a soldier of Christ, who has honored our Lord through a lifetime of exemplary service, much of it linked to this campus, where she has served faithfully for the past 55 years.”

Below you can see one small example of Trudy’s careful work. If not for Trudy’s eagle eye, December 3 would have appeared twice on our 2022-23 calendar (an error spotted only by Trudy).

We thank God for the blessings He provided through Trudy and rejoice that she is now home with Him, having won her “imperishable wreath.” Blessed be her memory.



BEHNING, Trudy
Secretary to Dr. Preus

