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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from Concordia University, Nebraska where we learn, serve and lead in the Good News that Jesus came that we “may have life and have it abundantly” John 10:10b (ESV).

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of anniversaries of service to Concordia

Employees celebrating a multiple of five-year anniversary of service to Concordia in 2015 will be recognized in January 2016 (service to the university is based upon a calendar year rather than an academic year). **Please notify Lisa Owens, extension 7364, as soon as possible if any corrections need to be made.**

45 years

Marcile Brehmer

30 years

Andy Langewisch

Lois Mannigel

25 years

Linda Janousek (Chartwells)

Lynn Soloway

John Townsend (Aramark)

20 years

Mark Blanke

Lana Eiting

Pete Kenow

Brent Royuk

15 years

Jeremy Geidel

Joe Herl

Sue Jensen

Bill Schranz

10 years

Jen Janousek

John Jurchen

Kristi Jurchen

Kathy Rippstein

Thad Warren

Vance Winter

5 years

Sara Endorf (Chartwells)
Jane Furtwangler (Chartwells)
Heidi Gubanyi
Tim Heidorn
Corby Osten
Joan Payzant
Bob Smallfoot
Sandy Sova (Chartwells)
Angie Wassenmiller
Brad Woodruff

Brian L. Friedrich
President

Celebration of anniversaries in the teaching and pastoral ministries

Faculty and staff will be recognized for years of service to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at the end of January when service to the university is recognized. Ministers of religion-ordained are recognized based upon their ordination date during the calendar year. Ministers of religion-commissioned are recognized based upon their active academic years.

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60 years

Marvin Plamann
Prof. Robert Pflieger*

55 years

Dr. Jerry Pfabe*
Rev. Dr. Orville Walz*

50 years

Dr. Eunice Goldgrabe*
Courtney Meyer

45 years

Dr. Don Sylwester*

40 years

Dr. Russell Moulds

35 years

Julie Johnston Hermann
Dr. Jenny Mueller-Roebke

30 years

Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich
Dr. Russell Mosemann
Dr. Janell Uffelmann

25 years

Rev. Dr. Paul Holtorf
Dr. Mark Meehl
Dr. Ed Reinke
Dr. Thad Warren

20 years

Mark Anschutz
Jeremy Geidel

10 years

Prof. Amy Harms
Prof. Shanna Opfer

*Emeriti Faculty

Brian L. Friedrich
President

Drawing for Christmas at Concordia tickets

Concordia will give away a limited number of Christmas at Concordia 2015 concert series tickets at a special ticket drawing event on Nov. 28, 2015, courtesy of the Christmas at Concordia presenting sponsor, Jones National Bank & Trust Co. The drawing will begin at 9 a.m. on the south lawn of Jones Bank at 203 S. 6th Street in downtown Seward.

Participants must be present to enter. Entries will be taken starting at 9 a.m., and the drawing will take place shortly after all entries are received. Winners will receive a pair of tickets to one concert of the series, and those whose names are drawn must be present to win.

Hot chocolate and other refreshments will be provided by Jones Bank during the event.

Annual Concordia community Christmas celebration

President Brian and Laurie Friedrich invite you and your family or guest to an informal Concordia community Christmas celebration in the Janzow Campus Center Cattle Conference Room on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Offices will be closed at 3 p.m. so all faculty and staff are able to attend the celebration. For staff persons who work hours outside of 3 to 5 p.m., please work with your supervisor to adjust your schedule so you are able to attend.

Please register online at <http://go.cune.edu/christmascelebration> with the number of people (adults and children) attending by Thursday, Dec. 3. Regrets need not reply.

Annual University Drug and Alcohol Policy Notification

In compliance with both the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act amendments of 1989, Concordia University prohibits the use, sale, transfer, possession or being “under the influence” of alcohol, illegal drugs or controlled substances while on the job, operating university vehicles, on university property or at any activity sponsored and controlled by the university.

Concordia University’s Employee Drug and Alcohol Policy is available on the connectCUNE portal under the Employee tab. The policy is listed under Documents on the bottom-right-hand side of the screen. A hard copy of the policy is available by request from the Human Resource Office (Weller 102).

Concordia directory available online

As announced last summer, the official faculty and staff directory is now available online. Formatted to work with all of your devices, the directory features a fully searchable and easy-to-use interface to provide you with contact information quickly. In addition, a downloadable and printable version is also available by clicking the “Download” link in the left-hand column. Visit the directory at cune.edu/directory or click the link at the bottom of every Concordia web page.

Also, if you’d like a different photo on the directory, contact Demi (demi.bartunek@cune.edu) in the marketing office to coordinate a time to get a new picture taken.

CONCORDIA NEWS & EVENTS

Discounted autographed books available at Plum Creek Christmas book sale

Stop by the Plum Creek Christmas book sale on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on TLEC Main Street to get big discounts on autographed books for every age by authors and illustrators who presented at the 2015 Plum Creek Children’s Literacy Festival. These authors include Andrew Clements, Denise Fleming, Carmen Deedy, Steven Kellogg, Eric Litwin, and more!

Saturday Art School

The Methods of Art Education class, in cooperation with the Art Department, will once again be holding Saturday School morning sessions for elementary students to learn about and create art. All sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The classes will be held on Concordia University's campus in Brommer Art Center, room 123. A \$5 fee per student is required for registration and supplies. Each session has 25 seats available. Please dress your child in clothes that can get messy.

The following is the remaining schedule for Saturday Art School for the fall semester of 2015:

12/5 Grades 5 & 6

***Note:** Registration is online. To register your child/children please visit cune.edu/saturdayart.

Latest news and event details

Check out what's happening at Concordia. Get more details regarding these news and events at cune.edu/news.

Scholarship Parade of Homes

The Scholarship Parade of Homes, scheduled for Dec. 6, 2015, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., in and around Seward, Nebraska, will feature homes owned by Kurth and Jessica Brashear, Roger and Carrie Fitzke, Kyle and Allison Garrett Johnson, Mark and Ingrid Minchow and Steve and Jenny Pinkall. All homes have unique structural and design elements and will be decorated in celebration of Christmas.

Christmas at Concordia open house

Christmas at Concordia weekend at Concordia University, Nebraska will culminate with the second annual open house on campus. This year's open house is scheduled for Dec. 6, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Janzow Campus Center, with a tree lighting of the 40-foot outdoor Christmas tree at 6 p.m. on the C.G. "Kelly" and Virginia Holthus Family Plaza.

Children's book author Jan Brett community event

Children's book author Jan Brett is coming to Concordia University, Nebraska, as part of her fall tour and a special event hosted by the Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival and Chapter's Books and Gifts of Seward. Brett will participate in a special family event, including a 15-minute drawing illustration and presentation and a book signing, on Dec. 8, 2015, at 6 p.m. in Weller Hall at Concordia. All of Brett's books will be on sale during the event, including her new book, "The Turnip."

Marxhausen Gallery exhibits

Current: Concordia will display the artwork of Akira Ikezoe in "Body-Site: the Meeting of Nature and Culture." The exhibition will be available for viewing at the Marxhausen Gallery of Art from Nov. 8 through Dec. 16. There will be an open reception from 1 to 4 p.m. with a special talk by Akira Ikezoe on Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in Concordia's Thom Leadership Education Center Auditorium.

Concordia event calendar

Check out Concordia's event calendar at cune.edu/events for a complete listing of events happening on and around campus.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS

Lincoln Stars vs. Omaha Lancers tickets

Heartfelt Inc. is selling tickets to the Lincoln Stars vs. Omaha Lancers Hockey Game on Friday, December 11. The tickets are \$16.50 each, with Heartfelt Inc. keeping a generous \$6.50/ticket. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Memorial on the campus of Concordia University. If you have never attended a

hockey game, it is an experience you shouldn't miss. The "Ice Box," located on the west side of UNL Innovation Campus, is one of the best hockey environments in the area. The Stars have been very successful this year and this promises to be one of the most fun games of the season. This is a great Friday night adventure for all ages, so grab your family and friends and support the mission of the Memorial!!

The youth of The Rock afternoon daycare

19 Youth and seven leaders of The Rock are attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2016. To help raise funds for their trip, the youth (and parents) are providing child care on Dec. 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at The Rock, 237 South 3rd Street in Seward.

For more information, email jessica.manley@cune.edu or melanieabbott@windstream.net.

Suggested donation: \$5 per hour per child.

Fresh Georgia pecans for sale in support of Alaska Mission Team

We have just received our shipment of fresh Georgia pecans!

The following items are available:

- Pecan halves (1#--\$10)
- Medium Pecan pieces (1#-\$10)
- Dark Chocolate covered pecans (\$9/bag)
- Milk Chocolate covered pecans (\$9/bag)
- Caramel Clusters (turtles) (\$9/bag)
- Cinnamon covered pecans (\$9/bag)

If you would like to support the 2015 Alaska Mission Team through this fundraiser, please contact Jan Bruick (Ext. 7304) or jan.bruick@cune.edu.

We do appreciate your ongoing support of our mission efforts in Akiachak, Alaska!

ORLS soup supper

Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Staplehurst will be having their annual soup supper on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. The dinner will take place at the Staplehurst Community Hall. Come and enjoy soup, sandwiches and homemade pie and dessert!

Rudolph's Red Nose Run in Seward

The Seward Area Chamber of Commerce presents Rudolph's Red Nose Run, a 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m. The run begins at the Seward Middle school (2401 Karol Kay Blvd.)

Registration and packet pick-up starts at 8 a.m.

1Mile Fun Run begins at 9 a.m.

5K begins at 9:30 a.m.

Run or Walk in either race. Costumes are encouraged but not required!

There will be 7 age groups (both male and female) in which the top two from each group will receive awards, along with awards for best Rudolph-themed costume and best overall costume. The awards presentation will follow immediately after the race, with cookies for everyone.

The pre-registration deadline is Nov. 30 with the registration forms available at sewardne.com.

Please contact the Seward Area Chamber of Commerce with questions:

616 Bradford St.

402-643-4189

sewcham@sewardne.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following resources will be available in Connections each week for your reference.

Concordia University, Nebraska social media

Concordia University, Nebraska

- www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraska
- www.twitter.com/CUNE

Concordia Alumni

- www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni
- www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni

Concordia Athletics

- www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs
- www.twitter.com/CUNEBulldogs

Concordia Career Services

- www.facebook.com/CUNECareers
- www.twitter.com/CUNECareers

Church resources

St. John Lutheran Church

- Website: www.stjohnseward.org
- Calendar: <http://stjohnseward.org/aboutstjohn/calendar>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnseward

The Rock Lutheran Church

- Website: www.therockseward.org
- Calendar: <http://therockseward.org/calendar.html>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/therockseward

Community resources

Visit the links below to see what's going on around the community:

- Seward County Independent: www.sewardindependent.com
- Seward Chamber of Commerce: www.sewardne.com
- Seward Memorial Library: www.sewardlibrary.org

Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial has provided more than \$170 million through its Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations. Thrivent Choice lets you recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds go. Find out more about Thrivent Choice at these links:

- Thrivent Choice program details and eligibility: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/program/index.html
- Thrivent Choice campaigns provide even more dollars toward your organization of choice: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/campaigns/index.html

Chartwells newsletter

View "The Scoop" at www.dineoncampus.com/concordia/show.cfm?cmd=newsletter.