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Dr. Tim Rippstein recently received his terminal degree in theology from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana. His dissertation is titled “Recapturing Lutheran Spirituality: Spiritual Theology, Attitudes and Practices.” Tim has been teaching at Concordia since 2003 in the Director of Christian Education program. He also serves as the DCE internship site coordinator.

Direct your Thrivent Choice® Dollars by March 31
This is a friendly reminder for all eligible Thrivent Financial members to direct your remaining 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2016. The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program that allows Thrivent members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds each year.

To direct Thrivent Choice Dollars visit thriventchoice.com or call 800-847-4836. Call 402-643-2540 (Seward office) for any questions or concerns.

CONCORDIA NEWS & EVENTS

March Mania Watch Party
Join alumni and friends for an evening of fun and fellowship in Seward! Watch basketball, have snacks and drinks and enjoy an evening out.

March Mania Watch Party
March 19, 7 to 11 p.m.
Bottle Rocket Brewery
230 S. 5th Street
Seward, Nebraska

No RSVP needed—you and your friends and family are welcome anytime!
**Annual Scholastic Half-Price Book Fair**  
The Annual Scholastic Half-Price Book Fair will be open during Gathering of the Talents on Saturday, April 2, and for the campus and Seward communities April 4–7. Watch “Connections” for further details.

**Latest news and event details**  
Check out what’s happening at Concordia. Get more details regarding these news and events at [cune.edu/news](http://cune.edu/news).

**A Cap local concerts and alumni reception**  
Two local performances will conclude the University A Cappella Choir’s spring performance season on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Newman Center) in Lincoln, Nebraska, at 2 p.m. and St. John’s Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska, at 7:30 p.m. An alumni reception will be held after the Lincoln concert. Get location, parking and volunteering details at [cune.edu/events](http://cune.edu/events) for the March 20 alumni reception or contact Director of Alumni and University Relations Jen Furr at [jennifer.furr@cune.edu](mailto:jennifer.furr@cune.edu) with questions.

**“Gospel Mime” returns during Holy Week**  
A group of Concordia students will perform a dramatic retelling of the story of Jesus Christ this Easter season in the third annual “Gospel Mime.” The performance will be held at 7 p.m. on March 20 (Palm Sunday) and 22 (Tuesday of Holy Week) in Weller Hall auditorium.

**Orphan Grain Train founder shares insights on campus**  
Rev. Ray Wilke will speak about the Orphan Grain Train during an hour-long session at Concordia University, Nebraska on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Thom Leadership Education Center.

**Marxhausen Gallery exhibits**  
Current: Concordia is pleased to present “Now and Not Yet: Paintings and Drawings by Jered Sprecher” from Feb. 21 to April 1, 2016. The exhibition will be available for public viewing in the Marxhausen Gallery of Art on campus at Concordia. Along with the exhibition, an opening reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. with an artist talk at 2 p.m. in the Thom Leadership Educational Center.

**Saturday Art Classes for elementary children**  
Elementary students are invited to attend art sessions put on by Concordia’s art department. They will be held on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Brommer Art Center, room 123, on Concordia’s campus in Seward.

Register online at [cune.edu/saturdayart](http://cune.edu/saturdayart). For questions, contact Kay Rohren at 402-643-7202 or email [kay.rohren@cune.edu](mailto:kay.rohren@cune.edu).

**Session Calendar:**  
- Pre-Kindergarten: March 19
- Kindergarten: April 2
- First and second grades: April 9
- Third and fourth grades: April 16
- Fifth and sixth grades: April 23

**Concordia event calendar**  
Check out Concordia’s event calendar at [cune.edu/events](http://cune.edu/events) for a complete listing of events happening on and around campus.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS**

**Hungry for waffles?**  
Then put Sunday, March 20, on your calendar—the Waffleman is coming to town!
Sunday, March 20
St. John Lutheran Church
Serving from 4 to 6 p.m.

Get your fill of famous “Waffleman Belgian Waffles.” Not only will you be eating delicious, mouthwatering waffles, but you’ll also be supporting Concordia students who will be serving on a mission team in Guatemala in May. President Brian Friedrich will be one of the leaders of this trip!

The price is $7 for all you eat, and children ages 5 or under are free.

So, come hungry and support the Concordia University Guatemala Mission Team 2016.

And hey, you’ll be all set to wander upstairs for the University A Cappella Choir concert afterward at 7 p.m.

We would love to have your support! Team members include Zach Barz, Cassie Boeka, Laura-Li Gaide, Thomas Hinrichs, Jordyn Knight, Sophie Simonson, Malinda Standerfer, Angela Steinbacher, Christine Young, Julie Johnston Hermann and Brian Friedrich.

House for sale
Perfect for elderly couple, single person or first time home owner. Located at 419 Lincoln St.

Features:
- 1175 square feet of living space
- 2 bedroom/1 bath with step-in shower
- Living room that opens to the dining area
- Fenced backyard

Upgrades:
- New kitchen with stone counter tops
- Spacious cupboards
- Side-by-side refrigerator with ice and water dispenser
- Dishwasher/garbage disposal
- Flat-top stove
- New carpet
- New kitchen and bathroom floors
- New windows
- New gutters and down spouts
- New stackable washer and dryer

Visit zillow.com for the home listing or call Brenda Topil for more information at 402-643-5758.

BMW roadster for sale
2008 BMW roadster. 76K miles. Very clean interior, exterior and ragtop. Runs and drives like a champ. $20,000.
Call Bruce Creed at 402-643-5047.

Additional resources available on next page.
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](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraska)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNE](http://www.twitter.com/CUNE)

Concordia Alumni
- [www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni](http://www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni)

Concordia Athletics
- [www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNEbulldogs](http://www.twitter.com/CUNEbulldogs)

Concordia Career Services
- [www.facebook.com/CUNEcareers](http://www.facebook.com/CUNEcareers)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNEcareers](http://www.twitter.com/CUNEcareers)

**Church resources**
St. John Lutheran Church
- Website: [www.stjohnseward.org](http://www.stjohnseward.org)
- Calendar: [http://stjohnseward.org/aboutstjohn/calendar](http://stjohnseward.org/aboutstjohn/calendar)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjohnseward](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnseward)

The Rock Lutheran Church
- Website: [www.therockseward.org](http://www.therockseward.org)
- Calendar: [http://therockseward.org/calendar.html](http://therockseward.org/calendar.html)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/therockseward](http://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](http://www.sewardindependent.com)
- Seward Chamber of Commerce: [www.sewardne.com](http://www.sewardne.com)
- Seward Memorial Library: [www.sewardlibrary.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/campaigns/index.html)

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