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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas at Concordia tickets available Nov. 4
Registration to attend a Christmas at Concordia concert, performed each year by the musical ensembles from Concordia, will open on Nov. 4, 2015, beginning at 4 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling 402-643-7150 or 402-643-7160. Available tickets are reserved very quickly; calling within the first hour of registration is recommended.

Nominate honorary degrees/awards by Oct. 31
You are invited to nominate individuals to receive special honors from Concordia University, Nebraska. The nomination form is on the portal and can be accessed via the Employee tab. In the Documents – Employee section in the right column, there is a Miscellaneous section toward the bottom of the list. You will find the Honorary Degree Nomination Form there.

Following is a description of the types of honorary degrees and awards conferred by Concordia:

The Doctor of Laws degree is conferred upon individuals who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in their field of endeavor.

The Doctor of Letters degree is conferred upon individuals who have distinguished themselves through creative contributions to their field of endeavor.

The Master Educator Award
This award is presented to teachers, DCEs and school administrators who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in educational ministry and who typify the many superior educators in our congregations.

The Crest of Christ Award
The Crest of Christ Award is given to members of the Lutheran Church for outstanding service to the church. The award is presented to those
individuals who support and sustain in a quiet and deliberate fashion the public ministries and work of the church-at-large.

**The Distinguished Service Award**
This award is presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding public service.

If you are interested in nominating individuals for any of the above awards, please complete the nomination form by Oct. 31. Please do not inform the nominee that you have nominated him/her for an honorary degree or award. All nominations should be kept confidential. The more complete the information you provide, the greater the assistance you are giving the Honorary Awards Committee in making its recommendations to the Concordia University faculty. Please note that nominations are not carried over from one year to another.

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**CONCORDIA NEWS & EVENTS**

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**Project Pumpkin**
Project Pumpkin will occur again this year in David Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. The residents of David are very excited to host children from the Concordia/Seward Community. If you would like to donate candy (or money toward their candy purchase), please feel free to drop it by Rehema Kavugha’s office in the SLO or contact the RC for David Hall, Alyssa Newton.

**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. The sessions will be taught by students majoring in elementary education and observed by art department faculty. The sessions, available to Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade students, are divided by age group. Each session will be led by elementary education majors enrolled in the Methods of Art Education course. As part of the course, they must create discipline-based art lesson plans, which address art history, aesthetics, constructive criticism and art making, to teach to the elementary students. 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 schedule for Saturday Art School for the fall semester of 2015:

- **10/24**  Pre-Kindergarten
- **10/31**  Kindergarten
- **11/7**  Grades 1 & 2
- **11/14**  Grades 3 & 4
- **12/5**  Grades 5 & 6

*Note: Registration is online. To register your child/children please visit [cune.edu/saturdayart](http://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](http://cune.edu/news).

**Musical Arts Day**
The Musical Arts Day concert will take place at Concordia University, Nebraska on Friday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. after high school student vocal and band students from all over the country practice for the event throughout the day on campus. Approximately 200 high school students, out of more than 300 who auditioned, will participate in the event. Members of Concordia’s University A Cappella Choir and University Symphonic Band will help with rehearsals and perform with the high school musicians during the concert.
Chamber Recital
Chamber Recital is scheduled for Nov. 5, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Music Center on campus. It will feature voice duets, piano, cello and trumpet performances, as well as a brass ensemble performance.

Marxhausen Gallery exhibits
Current: Concordia will display artwork curated by Robert Mahoney as part of a new Marxhausen Gallery of Art exhibit entitled “The Picture...Thoughts of Portraiture and Representation from Concordia’s Permanent Collection of Art” from Oct. 5–Nov. 4. An opening reception will take place Oct. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. with a special talk from Robert Mahoney at 2 p.m. in the Thom Leadership Education Center (TLEC) auditorium.

Upcoming: Concordia will display the artwork of Akira Ikekoe 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 Ikekoe 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS

New location for The Rock Lutheran Church
This weekend The Rock Lutheran Church starts worship at its new location: 237 So. 3rd Street in Seward. Worship begins at 10 a.m.

Seward Memorial Library hosts Vietnam veterans
On Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. several local Vietnam Veterans will share their military experiences at Seward Memorial Library. There will be time to for interaction after they present their perspective of the Vietnam War. The one-hour program is in correlation with the 2015 One Book One Nebraska title, “Death Zones & Darling Spies,” which was written by Beverly Deepe Keever, a young Vietnam War correspondent from Nebraska. Everyone is welcome to this opportunity to honor those who served our country.

National Youth Gathering BBQ fundraiser
Don’t want to cook before the Voter’s meeting? Do you like BBQ? Want to support the youth going to the National Youth Gathering?

Whatever the reason, come to the Fellowship Hall after church at St. John for a delicious meal of Spare Time pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, side salads and dessert on Sunday, Nov. 15, following the 11 a.m. service.

Freewill donation (suggested $8 for adults and $4 for children 10 years and under). Please help us raise funds for our youth going to New Orleans in July 2016. Thank you for your support!

Make an impact with a Thrivent Action Team
If you’re a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a Thrivent Action Team to bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously.

You can:
• Coordinate an educational event
• Conduct a service activity
• Organize a fundraiser
Thrivent will provide:

- Resources to help you plan the event
- Promotional items, including Thrivent t-shirts
- Community Impact Card with $250 of seed money

Learn more at [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) and apply online.

*Additional resources are available on the next page.*
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](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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