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

Honorary award recipients
The Board of Regents of Concordia University, Nebraska recently endorsed the recommendation of the Concordia faculty in naming the university’s 2016 honorary award recipients. Those to be honored are:

**DOCTOR OF LETTERS:** Dr. Frederick H. Schamber
Murrysville, Pa.

**DOCTOR OF LAWS:** Dr. David Hahn*
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Roland Temme
Lincoln, Neb.

**MASTER EDUCATOR:** John C. Bobzin
Concordia, Mo.

**CREST OF CHRIST AWARD:** Virginia Von Seggern
Orchard, Neb.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** Lt. Col. Eric J. Teegerstrom
Firth, Neb.

*Honor will be awarded at the 2016 ALSS Conference in March 2016.

Recognition of anniversaries of service
On Monday, Jan. 25, Concordia colleagues who are celebrating an anniversary of service to Concordia and to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be recognized in chapel. Please join us in chapel worship and for a reception afterward in Weller Hall lobby.

We thank and praise God for these dedicated servants for their service. Please join me in congratulating them!

(Lists of those being recognized are on the next page.)
Service to Concordia University, Nebraska

45 years
Marcile Brehmer

20 years
Dr. Andy Langewisch
Lois Mannigel

25 years
Linda Janousek (Chartwells)
Prof. Lynn Soloway
John Townsend (Aramark)

10 years
Dr. Jen Janousek
Dr. John Jurchen
Dr. Kristy Jurchen
Kathy Rippstein
Dr. Thad Warren
Vance Winter

5 years
Sara Endorf (Chartwells)
Jane Furtwangler (Chartwells)
Prof. Heidi Gubanyi
Prof. Tim Heidorn
Corby Osten
Joan Payzant
Dr. Bob Smallfoot
Angie Wassenmiller
Brad Woodruff

20 years
Dr. Mark Blanke
Lana Eiting
Pete Kenow
Dr. Brent Royuk

15 years
Jeremy Geidel
Dr. Joe Herl
Sue Jensen
Bill Schranz

Service to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

60 years
Marvin Plamann
Prof. Robert Pfleger*

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
Dr. Mira Wiegmann*

35 years
Dr. Jenny Mueller-Roebke

30 years
Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich
Dr. Russell Mosemann
Dr. Janell Uffelman

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

*Emeritus Faculty

Brian L. Friedrich
President
Special showing of “The First Rosa” on Jan. 26
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has produced and is ready to release “The First Rosa,” a movie that will enlighten the church to Rosa J. Young’s remarkable history, initiate and invoke the vocation of new professional church workers and inspire the establishment of new Rosa J. Young Academies.

You are cordially invited to attend a special showing of “The First Rosa” on Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. in Concordia’s TLEC auditorium on campus. Tickets are complimentary, but seating is limited, so please arrive early to get your seat. You are also invited to join other attendees after the showing for a special reception in honor of the release of “The First Rosa.”

Born to an ordinary life in an ordinary town in rural Alabama, Rosa J. Young was anything but ordinary. With a passion for helping others, educating children and sharing the Gospel, Rosa accomplished extraordinary things for her community and the kingdom of God. She was instrumental in founding and promoting 30 Lutheran elementary schools and 35 Lutheran congregations in Alabama’s “Black Belt.” Her legacy is unparalleled as an educator, confessor and church planter for Christ and His church.

For more information, check out lcms.org/thefirstrosa.

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Speakers
Two professionals with unique experiences related to civil rights will speak at Concordia University, Nebraska on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18, 2016. The first session will begin at 10 a.m. with a presentation by Dr. Lesa Covington Clarkson in Weller Hall Auditorium on campus. The second session, led by Alvin Benn, will take place from 2:40 to 3:30 p.m. also in Weller Hall Auditorium.

A panel discussion called “The Current State of Civil Rights and Racial Issues in the U.S.” will feature both speakers. It will begin at 12:40 p.m. in Weller Hall Auditorium. Each speaker will offer introductory information and then take questions from the audience.

Guest musician
Vocal artist Andrew White, a visiting musician from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, will perform at Concordia University, Nebraska Jan. 23, 2016, at 7 p.m. The performance will be held in the Recital Hall of the Music Center on campus. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Five-week series on understanding Islam
Former devout Muslim and current devout Christian Dr. Mark Christian will present a five-week series on understanding Islam each Tuesday between Feb. 2 and March 1, 2016, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Concordia. The first session will be in the Thom Leadership Education Center auditorium, and the additional four will be in Weller Hall auditorium.

Marxhausen Gallery exhibits
Concordia is pleased to present a ceramic exhibition that will be on display at the Marxhausen Gallery of Art Jan. 11 through Feb. 18, 2016. A reception will be in the gallery Jan. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. with a talk at 2 p.m. The exhibit is titled “Support Structures: An Exhibition of Regional Ceramics” and will feature the work of nationally recognized artists Rain Harris, Forrest Gard and Tyler Lotz.

Concordia event calendar
Check out Concordia’s event calendar at cune.edu/events for a complete listing of events happening on and around campus.
Not an ordinary travelogue
Seward Memorial Library will host a travelogue featuring beautiful Greece and Athens on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. Brady and Jill Johnson and Rich and Sue Bollwitt will share stories and pictures of their adventures. Both couples experienced some unique situations. They will give tips on how to be prepared for emergencies in a foreign country. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome to this one-hour program.

Additional resources are available on the 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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