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

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

Gathering of the Talents on campus April 2
Nearly 1,500 elementary and middle school students will showcase their talents on Saturday, April 2, on campus during our annual Gathering of the Talents event. Participants and their families will travel from 49 schools and churches across Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and South Dakota in order to attend the festival. Please welcome and support them during their time here!

Discover opportunities to serve abroad

Special presentation on campus:
Serving Abroad!
Wednesday, April 6, in TLEC 111
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Going on a mission trip this summer? Want to have a better sense of truly helping (and not hurting) when serving within other cultures? Then plan to join in a special presentation for any mission-minded
students, staff and friends who are participating in summer mission and cross cultural experiences!

Dr. John Mehl will share his expertise in missional leadership to help participants:

- Consider cultural awareness and understanding of cultural differences
- Follow God’s lead vs. personal desires
- Develop action plans for personal preparation

This opportunity is open to all!

**Saturday art classes**

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.

The sessions will be led by elementary education and art education majors and will be overseen by Professor of Art Don Robson. All of the sessions will be divided by age group. Art making combined with art history, aesthetics and constructive criticism will be applied through the teachings of the Concordia students to the elementary students.

There are 25 seats available per session. Each student is required to pay a fee of $5 for registration and supplies.

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.

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

**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).

**Scholastic Half Price Book Fair**
The Annual Scholastic Half-Price Book Fair will be held in TLEC 113 on Saturday, April 2, during the Gathering of Talents. It will be open to the campus and Seward community April 4-6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Annual One-Act Play Festival**
Students of Concordia University, Nebraska will be performing five one-act plays that cover a range of genres including comedy and drama during the Annual One-Act Play Festival, running April 7–9, 2016. The festival begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre in the basement of the Music Building on campus.

*Professional pianist Richard Fountain performs*
Pianist Richard Fountain will be featured as a guest artist at Concordia University, Nebraska on Friday, April 8, 2016, at 4 p.m. in the Music Building’s Recital Hall on campus.

**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.

**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.
**COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS**

**Eureka! Euchre is in the library**
Seward Memorial Library will offer an opportunity for people to learn the popular Midwest card game of Euchre. The library will host card games on four Saturdays in April at 9:30 a.m. On April 2 come to get instructions or brush up on your skills as you try a game.

Euchre will be played on April 9, 23, and 30. Those interested in playing Euchre should pre-register by stopping in the library, calling the library at 402-643-3318 or visiting the library website at: www.sewardlibrary.org

**“The Fabulous Fables Factory” play at library**
The York College Traveling Children’s Theatre will be coming to Seward Memorial Library on Saturday, April 9. The talented group of students will perform “The Fabulous Fables Factory” at 1 p.m. This delightful story revolves around an inquisitive youngster who discovers an old factory operated by a Mrs. Aesop and an assembly line of eight fable makers.

Some of Aesop’s best-known fables are enacted as the young Margo surprises everyone with her moral-making ability. Everyone is welcome to this one-hour show, but children who have not yet attended school must be accompanied by an adult.

**House for sale on Locust Avenue**

- Built in 1990, single-story ranch
- 1064 sq ft first floor and 920 sq ft basement finished living space
- 3 bedroom, 1.75 baths
- New carpet throughout
- New kitchen floor
- New glass-top range/oven
- Newer refrigerator (one year old)
- Microwave/hood combination
- Garbage disposal
- Clothes washer, dryer (gas)
- New high-efficiency furnace and air conditioner installed in December
- Roof (30-year high-impact shingles) and gutters replaced in 2012
- Water softener
- Spacious, two-stall attached garage with openers

**House for sale on Lincoln Street**
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.
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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