Nebraska Community Blood Bank thankful for donations

Thank you for hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at Concordia. With your help we saw 75 donors and collected 57 units of blood, which represents 110% of your collection goal. Your organization helped patients in Lancaster, Saline, Seward, Polk, York and Jefferson Counties. I especially appreciate the efforts of Andreea Baker in coordinating this drive.

Thank you again for allowing your staff to donate during business hours, enabling them to support their community. Participation in this blood drive represents 75 hours of volunteer community service.

Ellen DiSalvo
President, Nebraska Community Blood Bank

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.

Tina Marroquin to speak on campus

Seward County Public Defender, Tina Marroquin, will speak on campus on
Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in TLEC 111. This event is sponsored by the Law and Justice Club and is free and open to all of campus and the public.

**Orphan Grain Train speaker March 22**

As part of the Looking Beyond Speaker Series, which is made possible through an ongoing gift from Martin and Regina Maehr, Rev. Ray Wilke will be coming to speak about the Orphan Grain Train on Tuesday, March 22, in TLEC auditorium at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

**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. For questions, contact Kay Rohren at 402-643-7202 or email 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

**Latest news and event details**

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

**Osten Observatory open houses**

The Moon, Jupiter and its moons, a star cluster, a nebula and even a distant galaxy will be seen at the spring open houses of the Osten Observatory at Concordia University, Nebraska. The observatory will be open from 8:30 to 10 p.m. March 14–17, 2016. Admittance is free, and the public is invited to attend.

**Guest musician performance on campus**

Guest artist Nathan Mertens will perform a saxophone recital at Concordia University, Nebraska on March 16, 2016, at 3:40 p.m. He will also lead a master class for Concordia students following the recital. Mertens is currently a saxophone teaching assistant at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is pursuing a Doctor of Music Arts degree in saxophone performance. He performs with the University of Texas Wind Ensemble, Austin Saxophone Ensemble, Vermilion Saxophone Quartet and University of Texas Saxophone Ensemble.

**A Cappella tour and local concerts**

The University A Cappella Choir will travel to Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota, Oregon and Montana from March 2-13, 2016, for its annual concert tour. Two local performances will conclude the 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 p.m.

**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.
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

Waffleman fundraiser
Hungry for waffles? Come get your fill of the famous “Waffleman Belgian Waffles.” Not only will you be eating delicious mouthwatering waffles, but you will be supporting Concordia students (and President Brian Friedrich!) on the Guatemala mission team.

Come support the Guatemala mission team on Sunday, March 20, at St. John Lutheran Church from 4 to 6 p.m. and get your fill with all you can eat Waffleman waffles and sausages. The price is only $7 a plate, and children age 5 and under are free. So, come hungry and support the Concordia University Guatemala Mission Team 2016.

Chevy Malibu for sale
2000 Chevrolet Malibu LS. One owner. 166K miles. Silver. Leather, sunroof, CD. Vehicle has been well-cared for. Garaged for all but one year. $1,600. Call or text Nolan Harms at 402-613-0230.

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.

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 refrigeration 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.

Diets for your health–library program
March is National Nutrition Month, and Seward Memorial Library is hosting a special afternoon focusing on diets and your health. Everyone wants to “savor the flavor of eating right.”
On Sunday, March 13, three speakers will emphasize different health conditions that require alternative diets.

- Joan Gloystein will provide information on diets for those diagnosed with diabetes and pre-diabetes.
- Cindy Winter will share information about nutrition and food choices for those who are lactose or fructose intolerant.
- Mary Schluckebier from the National Celiac Association will address the needs of those who require gluten-free menus.

General information about the current popular diet plans will also be discussed. If you or a family member is seeking nutritional input, please mark this date on your calendar. The one-hour program begins at 2 p.m. and includes alternative refreshments.

*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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