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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Obituary of George Weller’s grandson
George Henry Weller
1922-2016

George Weller, a long-time college professor, church organist and composer in Portland, died peacefully on Jan. 16, 2016, at age 93. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he lived a long life of music, scholarship, family, and fishing.

In 1950, George married Norma Rose Koch, together raising three surviving children, Paul, John and Carol (Segal), in their love of the arts and education. Though the marriage dissolved in the 1970s, and Norma predeceased George in 2012, their tenderness remained kindled throughout the years.

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George taught academics and music at Portland’s Concordia College in the 1950s and ’60s while also performing as organist and choir director at nearby St. Michael’s Lutheran Church. For many more years then until retirement, he was the organist and choir director at Zion Lutheran Church in downtown Portland.

During his later years, George wrote three children’s operas while teaching music at the Montessori Earth School in Portland, all of them encouraging the young to embrace their fellow man and care for their planet.

George (“Bing,” to his relatives) loved fishing since he was a boy, beginning at a lakeside cabin in Indiana purchased by his father in 1921. It was at the oars of a small boat, with a line in the water, that he found his peace with the world.

Throughout the years, and wherever he found himself among friends new and old, George was recognized as a man of depth and humanity. His spirit lives on now through his children and others who will forever remember his gentle soul.

If you would like to express a memory or tribute to George, please visit anewtradition.com.
Alumni Award nominations due March 1
It is the time of year when we are again collecting nominations for this year’s Alumni Awards. We need YOUR help—please consider nominating an alum for recognition. Below is a list of the categories. Please return your nominations by March 1.

Access the nomination form at cune.edu/alumni/alumni-awards.

Alumni Award Category Descriptions

- **Alumnus of the Year Award**
  - An alumnus reflecting outstanding Christian service and leadership in the community, church and world.

- **Young Alumnus of the Year Award**
  - An alumnus who graduated within the last 15 years and has made a significant contribution as a servant leader in the community, church and world.

- **Partners in Mission and Ministry Award**
  - An alumnus or alumni currently serving in or retired from a local or global mission field as partners of professional church work or related vocations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

- **Church Leadership Award**
  - An alumnus currently serving in or retired from professional church work in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in a unique or challenging ministry which extends the reach of the Gospel.

- **Lifetime Service Award**
  - An alumnus or friend of Concordia who reflects outstanding Christian loyalty to support Concordia and the world through volunteer service or significant vocational achievement.

- **Honorary Alumni Award**
  - A friend of Concordia who is not an alumnus yet who supports Concordia through contributions of time, talents and treasures.

- **Friend of Concordia Award**
  - A friend or alumnus reflecting outstanding Christian leadership as a lay worker through exemplary service to Concordia, alumni advancement, student recruitment and/or university support and promotion.

We appreciate your time and enthusiasm in recognizing one of our outstanding alums. Thank you again!

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.
“Sanctity of life” guest speaker on campus on Feb. 28
Concordia has been blessed through St. John Lutheran Church to bring a guest speaker, Rev. Dr. John Lamb, to campus this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in TLEC Auditorium. Dr. Lamb will be speaking about a positive approach to the sanctity of life. Please come and enjoy. This event is open to all.

Women in Business luncheon March 1, honoring Suzanne Kolterman
Please join the community in honoring and thanking Suzanne Kolterman for her service to God, the community and the world.

Luncheon with Keynote Speaker State of Nebraska Court of Appeals Judge Riko E. Bishop:
Tuesday, March 1, 11:45 a.m.
Janzow Campus Center

Registration is required, with a $10 ticket price to support Concordia students through scholarships. Register online at go.cune.edu/wib or in person at the Advancement Office, Weller 206.

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 in regard to Orphan Grain Train on Tuesday, March 22, in TLEC auditorium at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

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

“ Murder by the Book” play
Students will perform Craig Sodaro’s “Murder by the Book” Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, and Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. Each of the performances will be presented in the Black Box Studio Theatre in the lower level of the Music Building on campus.

Series on understanding Islam
Former devout Muslim and current devout Christian Dr. Mark Christian will present a series on understanding Islam each Tuesday through March 1, 2016, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Concordia. The remaining sessions will be in Weller Hall auditorium.

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.

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.
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 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.

Come hungry, go home happy!
The 2016 Alaska Mission Team will be hosting a fundraiser at Sam & Louie’s Pizza (1519 W. Hwy 34, Seward; 402-643-3200) on Feb. 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. Carry-out and dine-in options are available. A portion of the profits will be donated to the team. We hope to see you there!

Jan and Becky’s excellent adventure down under
On Sunday, Feb. 28, Seward Memorial Library will host “Jan and Becky’s Excellent Adventure Down Under.” During December Becky Reisinger and Jan Peery spent several weeks exploring both Australia and New Zealand. Come and hear about their adventures and follow in their steps as they traveled to locations on this strange and unique continent. Did they see koalas and kangaroos? Come and find out. The tour begins at 2 p.m. and everyone is required to have fun with these special tour guides.

Jambalaya and jazz Lenten supper
Supper doesn’t have to be a BIG deal, so take it EASY on yourself and support the local youth by attending the Jambalaya & Jazz Lenten supper at St. John Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 2, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will include homemade jambalaya, salad with creole Italian dressing, French bread, and bananas foster or ice cream. Entertainment will be included by the St. John Jazz on the Spot featuring the Paul Soulek Players. Student service items will be available for silent auction bidding. All proceeds will support the youth traveling to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering.
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
- www.twitter.com/CUNE

Concordia Alumni
- www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni
- www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni

Concordia Athletics
- www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs
- www.twitter.com/CUNEbulldogs

Concordia Career Services
- www.facebook.com/CUNEcareers
- www.twitter.com/CUNEcareers

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

The Rock Lutheran Church
- Website: www.therockseward.org
- Calendar: http://therockseward.org/calendar.html
- Facebook: 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
- Seward Chamber of Commerce: www.sewardne.com
- Seward Memorial Library: 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
- Thrivent Choice campaigns provide even more dollars toward your organization of choice: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/campaigns/index.html

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