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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](http://thriventchoice.com) or call 800-847-4836. Call 402-643-2540 (Seward office) for any questions or concerns.

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**CONCORDIA NEWS & EVENTS**

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**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](http://go.cune.edu/wib) or in person at the Advancement Office, Weller 206.

**February Birthdays Party thanks**
Thanks to all who brought the variety of delicious treats and to the wonderful people who helped with the setup and cleanup: Vikki Gremel, Bernita Krenzke, Brenda Topil, Dottie Huebschman, Michaela Curran, Bill and Judy Preuss, and Elaine Royuk. Thank you to Dr. Friedrich for his beautiful tribute. But special thanks to the 100+ people who came and made our final party a huge success! Thanks for all of your support for 32 wonderful years!

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**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).

*University Symphonic Band performs across Nebraska*
The Concordia University, Nebraska University Symphonic Band will perform for the students, faculty and staff at its four Lutheran high school partner schools in Nebraska, as well as for the community in Seward, Nebraska, in mid-February. The concert at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska, is free and open to the public on Feb. 21, 2016, at 3 p.m.
Professional string trio performs on campus
The Concordia String Trio will perform on campus Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Music Building. The trio includes Karen Becker, Marcia Henry Liebenow and Leslie Perna, playing the cello, violin and viola, respectively.

“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 7:30 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS

Vehicle 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.

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.

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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