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Concordia University System Newsbriefs

- ✦ Concordia, Ann Arbor, entered into a strategic alliance with Concordia University Wisconsin to enhance educational resources and student experiences.
- ✦ Ten student housing cottages were renovated on the recently purchased 37 acres at Concordia, Selma, to house 200 additional students.
- ✦ Concordia, Austin, held a “Conversation with . . . Speaker Series” featuring American Airlines CEO Gerard Arpey and his pastor, Walt Waiser from Hurst, Texas.
- ✦ The men’s baseball team at Concordia, Irvine, won the NAIA World Series in May.
- ✦ Concordia, River Forest, earned continuing national accreditation of all its education programs by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- ✦ Concordia, Mequon, dedicated its state-of-the-art School of Pharmacy, with 156 students enrolled in the first two classes.
- ✦ Concordia, St. Paul’s, Residence Life Center was renamed Holst Hall in honor of 20-year president Rev. Dr. Robert Holst.
- ✦ Concordia, Bronxville, received New York State approval for a Master of Science in Childhood Special Education.
- ✦ President Charles Schlimpert, Oregon’s longest-standing university president, began his 29th year at Concordia, Portland.
- ✦ Concordia, Seward, introduced an undergraduate program in Art Therapy, a specialization in art and psychology.
- ✦ Concordia, Selma’s, accreditation was reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- ✦ Concordia, Irvine, added new programs in Graphic Design, Special Education, Healthcare Management, Economics, RN to BSN and Industrial/Organizational Psychology.
- ✦ The nationally recognized Family Life Program at Concordia, Ann Arbor, received a special grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Endowment adds \$4 million

The 10 colleges and universities of the Concordia University System received cash gifts of \$1,858,291 and pledges of \$2,914,619 during the first six months of 2011. These gifts were designated to benefit the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort.

The **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort has now received gifts and pledges totaling \$214,847,723 in the past 11 years.

Invested endowment funds generate earnings that assist students financially as they prepare to serve as leaders in the church and their communities. In the past academic year, the Concordia



colleges and universities provided more than \$85 million in financial assistance to students.

The cost of education remains high. Members of the LCMS and supporters of students preparing to make a difference in the future of the church and society have an opportunity to make a significant impact in Lutheran higher education

with a generous gift to the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort. A cash gift immediately enhances the endowment fund while a pledge offers the donor the privilege to defer a gift to a later time. In either case, **For The Sake Of The Church** welcomes both types of gifts.

Donors can make a gift directly to a Concordia campus (designated “**For The Sake Of The Church**”) or send a gift to the Concordia University System office in St. Louis. For assistance call 1-800-248-1930, ext. 1252, or send an email to cus.info@lcms.org.



Concordia University, Portland, Ore., held its move-in day Aug. 26. Pictured is Concordia President Charles Schlimpert, left, with some of the students moving into residence halls.

Enrollment increases 2.5%

The Concordia University System institutions report an estimated increase in student enrollment of 2.5 percent over the fall of 2010. An additional 667 enrolled students raises the total headcount from 27,454 in 2010 to 28,120 in 2011. This marks 20 consecutive years of continuous growth in enrollment since the inception of the Concordia University System.

A complete statistical report will appear in the December issue of the *Concordia Chronicle*.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Liberal Arts and the church

What we today call the “liberal arts” or “humanities” was defined in the ancient world of Greece and Rome as including grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. These subjects were considered to be the foundation of learned society, in contrast to the manual arts taught to slaves. During the Middle Ages these were taught as part of the church’s education system and were considered fundamental to becoming a Christian scholar.

Martin Luther was schooled in the liberal arts tradition, as well as biblical languages, church history and theology. His discovery of the true nature of the Gospel in late 1518 was based on a fresh insight into the grammar of Rom. 1:16-17. As a seminary professor he used philosophical learning to highlight

the errors of contemporaries. His emphasis on the importance of Christian education for children highlighted the liberal arts curriculum in service of preparation for Christian vocations of all kinds for the good of society.

Our Concordia colleges and universities continue to hold up the value of liberal arts learning in service to church and society. Although we recognize the importance of providing programs that lead to professional careers, our Concordias are convinced that the basis of all higher education continues to be the disciplines of the arts and sciences.

Our church body is well served when our pastors, teachers and all other professional workers understand the literature, history, politics and scientific disciplines of our culture.

Our congregations are well served when the lay members are grounded



Borcharding

in the liberal arts understood from a Christian perspective. The society around us will be enriched by Concordia graduates who bring their faith and learning to law, medicine, science, art and politics.

Our Concordias can make a difference in the life of the church and the world through our liberal arts curricula.

Dr. Alan Borcharding is interim president of the Concordia University System.

RESEARCH: About Concordia graduates

(Imperfect research but impressive numbers)

When the colleges and universities are not in session, it's a good time to research some of the more important questions that should be answered, such as "How many students graduated from a Concordia college or university?" . . . even though the answer may be less than perfectly accurate.

A bit of history might be helpful. Many of our Concordia colleges and universities were started as Concordia high schools with a junior college added later. The Concordia "junior colleges" granted "associate" degrees and served as feeder schools to Seward (Concordia, Nebraska) and River Forest (Concordia, Chicago), then known as the teacher colleges of the LCMS. Pre-seminary men

matriculated to the seminaries in St. Louis or Springfield, Ill. It was not until the 1950–60s that the Synod, in convention, authorized the granting of four year institutional status to the other Concordias. Today, all 10 Concordias are four-year colleges or universities and many of these 10 institutions now also have graduate programs granting M.A., M.S., Ed.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

As many of you may know, the founding fathers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod were intensely interested in preparing their children for effective service in their new home in America. It is reported in the history of Lutheranism that "the immigrants built a school before they built a church." Immigrant children were to be the future pastors, teachers, butchers, bakers, lawyers, mayors, etc., of their communities. Schooling provided the foundations for the future of Lutheranism in America. Even to this day, the LCMS is known for its excellent and quality educational system, beginning with preschool programs and extending through graduate studies.

Number of graduates? A search of the Concordia University System files came up empty. No records were kept from the late 1800s to the present. However, some of the Concordia institutional registrars kept a rolling record over the years and could provide an almost-perfect count while others had to make an estimate based on their records from the 1900s. At any rate, the numbers are worthy of notation and reference.



A recent graduate at Concordia, Mequon, Wisconsin, displays her diploma.

Number of graduates? Though the numbers may not be totally accurate, they offer an impressive window into the educational system of the LCMS. In the 100-plus years that there have been Concordia colleges and universities, it is likely that more than 130,000 individuals have been impacted by a quality educational experience and lasting relationships developed at the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System for a life of professional service both in the church and society.

relationships, including the choice of a spouse. It comes close to "friends forever"—precious memories from the past as well as trusted friends well into the future.

Considering how our colleges and universities initially emerged as Lutheranism in America moved

westward, the numbers indicate that the LCMS will continue to graduate through the Concordia University System institutions qualified individuals to serve as leaders in our

churches and communities. Concordia graduates' perspectives on American society and their global worldview are the result of studying within a Christian, Lutheran environment. They are part of a long line of those already sharing the "good news" of the abundant life in Christ Jesus.

You are invited to encourage your sons and daughters, grandchildren and friends to attend a Concordia college or university. Prov. 22:6 gives us reason to encourage our youth to be of special service in both our churches and communities: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (NIV 84).

How many students graduated from a Concordia college or university?



A recent Concordia University System student is congratulated by loved ones on his graduation.

INSTITUTION	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL
Ann Arbor, Mich.	8,938		8,938
Austin, Texas	6,391		6,391
Bronxville, N.Y.	6,682		6,682
Irvine, Calif.	5,545	2,413	7,958
Mequon, Wis.	13,292	6,645	19,937
Portland, Ore.	5,964	1,997	7,961
River Forest, Ill.	17,056	10,884	27,940
St. Paul, Minn.	14,705	8,973	23,678
Selma, Ala.	2,123		2,123
Seward, Neb.	14,657	1,617	16,274

The numbers, as reported by the Concordia colleges and universities, are displayed in the chart at the left.

Why conduct research to discover how many students graduated from our Concordia colleges and universities? It has everything to do with how a Christian, Lutheran educational experience touches the lives of individuals and families in communities. Maybe one should say it is all about relationships—relationships that develop between the graduates and faculties while in school and relationships between the graduates and those they will serve during their lifetime. Most of these are lifelong

What a Way: Recruitment-retention effort



Encourage Serving
How can I help support & recruit church workers?



Explore Careers
How might I serve the Church?



Embrace Serving
How can I serve well and stay healthy?

Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., to inaugurate Rev. Tom Ries as its ninth president

Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., set the inauguration of the Rev. Tom Ries as the university's ninth president for 10 a.m., Sept. 24, in the Gangelhoff Center on its campus.

This "Concordia Chronicle" went to press before that day.

Ries, who took office June 1, said he selected the inaugural theme, "The Concordia Promise," to highlight Concordia's efforts to uncover its promise and build its future based on what is compelling, differentiating and true about the university.

"The inaugural celebration invites us to celebrate our rich heritage and embrace our promising future," said Brad Hewitt, chair of Concordia's Board of Regents. "Tom brings us solid, visionary leadership which will lead the university to new heights."

A weekend of alumni-centered activities was planned to complement the inauguration ceremony.

On Sept. 22, alumni were to gather for the Cohort Connections luncheon, for which radio talk show host and singer Jearlyn Steele was scheduled as keynote speaker. The university planned to hold a dinner Sept. 23 to honor five alumni for their distinguished service to God and humanity. On Sept. 24 the university was to host a post-inauguration

reception for hundreds of church leaders, alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students. These events were to be followed by traditional homecoming festivities, including an on-campus carnival, football game, alumni art show, soccer game and faculty celebration recital.

In his previous position as president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation for seven years, Ries significantly increased the Foundation's gifts and investments, growing its net assets by nearly 200 percent. Prior to his time with the Foundation, he served as vice-president for Finance and Operations at Concordia University, St. Paul, during which time net assets grew by 50 percent. Ries also served as a pastor for 12 years, was with an auditing company for four years, and was assistant to the president and vice-president for College Relations at Concordia University, St. Paul, for three years.



Ries

Ries is a doctoral candidate in the Higher Education Administration program at the University of Minnesota, from which he currently holds a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in finance.

He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and a bachelor's degree from Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Ries and his wife, Susie, have three grown children.

Consider matching gifts

Gift giving is more exciting when a gift is matched with another gift. A matched gift intensifies the spirit of giving!

Many corporations, foundations and major businesses offer a gift matching program for their employees. It is a values thing. Supporting the charitable intent of an employee reinforces the importance of good stewardship and citizenship.

The Concordia University System initiated the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort to assist students financially as they prepare to serve as professional workers in the church or lay leaders in their local congregations and communities. A matched gift is a special way of multiplying the original gift of the donor.

Each college and university of the Concordia University System is an eligible organization and participates in the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment fund effort. Support of the Concordia of your choice assists the institution in providing financial support to students.

Please ask your employer about a matching gift program at your place of employment. Send your gift and the matching gift form to the Concordia of your choice or to the Concordia University System office, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122.

If you need assistance, call the Concordia University System office at 1-800-248-1930, ext. 1252.

Estate gift:

Planning your estate?

Adding a codicil to your will?

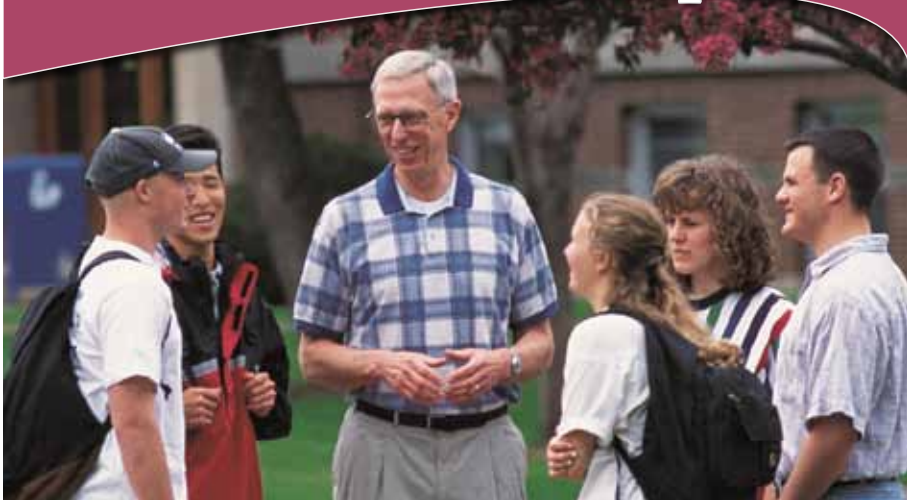
Why not include **For The Sake Of The Church**, the Concordia University System endowment fund?

Or you may wish to establish a named scholarship fund for

Lutheran students preparing to serve the church in local communities as pastors, teachers, directors of Christian education, family life ministry, deaconesses, etc.

Consult your estate planner or attorney or call the Concordia University System office at 1-800-248-1930, ext. 1252, for assistance.

We Need Your Help



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An effective way to keep giving is through a bequest stated in your will. That is the power of the will . . . not only the legal document that specifies a portion or all of your estate to a charitable entity, but also the personal decision to make a gift through your will.

A will is a simple legal document that an individual prepares to ensure that personal wishes are fulfilled at the end of life. Everyone needs a will, especially to provide for the guardianship of children and the distribution or appropriation of assets upon death. It is an effective document to transfer lifetime assets to another person or entity. This can be done in a stated amount or percentage of an estate, a piece of property or other invested funds.

Wills also can be changed or modified. This is done through a codicil (an amendment attached to the will specifying minor changes in a previously executed document).

Have you written a will? If so, did you designate a portion or percentage of your estate to support one of the institutions of the Concordia University System?

The Concordia University System initiated a special program to assist

students financially as they prepare to serve as full-time church workers or lay leaders in their local congregations and communities. This program is called **For The Sake Of The Church**. It is an effort to increase endowment funds throughout the Concordia University System, with earnings designated for financial assistance to needy students.

If you already have a will, you can ask your attorney to add a codicil to the will to include a special gift to the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort. You can designate the gift for one of the Concordias or the Concordia University System (the names and addresses of the institutions are located in the box at the right).

Please consider leaving a portion of your estate in support of the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who serve tomorrow. Be a blessing to others, even as the Lord of Life has blessed you!

If you need assistance in developing a portion of your will to support the **For The Sake Of The Church** endowment effort, please call 1-800-248-1930 and ask for the Concordia University System office.



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Here's how you can help:

Eligible Thrivent Financial benefit members who are 16 and older are designated "Choice Dollars" that they can direct to their preferred Lutheran organizations. Member eligibility and designated Choice Dollar amounts are based on:

- annual premiums of qualifying insurance products;
- contract value on qualifying products; or
- holding a qualifying Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership position.

"Choice Dollar" designations range from \$25 "Choice Dollars" to \$2,500 "Choice Dollars" for eligible benefit members. Designate "Concordia University System *For The Sake Of The Church*" to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Giving back has always been important to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its members. In 2010 alone, Thrivent Financial provided \$135 million to help congregations, communities and nonprofit organizations.

Your Thrivent "Choice Dollars" will benefit the **Concordia University System *For The Sake Of The Church*** endowment that:

- enables students to attend a Concordia.
- provides a quality education in a Christian atmosphere.
- offers daily faith-life conversation and experiences.
- receives financial assistance.

For more information about the Thrivent Choice program and Choice Dollars:

- visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice;
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Upcoming Lutheran College Fairs

Attending a Lutheran College Fair is a great way to learn more about Lutheran colleges and universities. You will be especially pleased to sit in on brief seminars on programs, campus life and financial aid. For more information on locations and times, please go to www.lutherancolleges.org and click on "college fairs" or call Linda Lehr at 1-800-248-1930, ext. 1252.

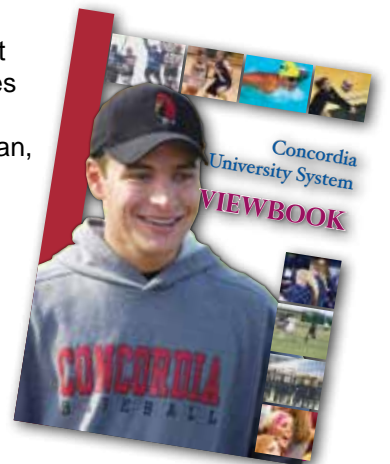
CUS Viewbook

Do you want an overview of the programs, admission requirements, financial aid, cost and institutional focus of the Concordia colleges and universities? Can you use an information piece to help share the importance of a Christian, Lutheran college education? Do you need a handout to encourage a young person to consider studying at a Concordia?

Please write for a free copy(ies) of the *CUS Viewbook*:

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