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Cover Photo: CUAA's Chapel of the Holy Trinity

BUILDING MOMENTUM

OUTSIDE OF MY WINDOW I CAN SEE THE construction workers busily, almost frantically, laboring on the remodeling of the Science Building. Their goal is to have the place finished and ready to welcome students as they arrive for the beginning of the new academic year.

Of course, summer construction projects on college campuses in anticipation of the beginning of a school year are not unusual. What makes our renovation special, however, is what the transformation of this academic building symbolizes. We are not just constructing an academic facility—as impressive as the new structure will surely be. Much more than that, Concordia is building momentum that will help propel us far into the future. This fall we will welcome students to campus the same way that we have done so for a half century, and, by God’s grace, the way that Concordia will for years, decades, and perhaps centuries to come.

Understandably, not long ago there were questions about whether Concordia would be around to celebrate a fiftieth birthday. The new improved and state-of-the-art Science Building is the dramatic answer to any questions that linger. Resoundingly, the answer is that Concordia is back and stronger than ever with a future that is promising and bright as we build upon the tradition and legacy of five decades of excellence in Lutheran higher education.

Earlier this summer the merger between Concordia University Ann Arbor and Concordia University Wisconsin (the institution that I have been privileged to serve as president for the past sixteen years) was announced. Concordia is now one university with two distinct residential campuses—one in Ann Arbor, Michigan and the other in Mequon, Wisconsin. Together we serve more than 8,000 students close to home and around the world. We prepare future church professionals for full-time service in the church, and we educate women and men in a broad assortment of academic majors and professional programs leading to a wide array of opportunities for service to Christ. Concordia Ann Arbor moves forward into the next chapter of our unfolding history reinforced and bolstered by this partnership.

Long after the construction workers have left, the real work on our campus will just be getting underway. We are building up students in faith and knowledge and equipping them with insights and abilities that will enable them to have an impact in the lives of others.

Our God, our help in ages past is our hope for years to come.
To God be the glory, now and forever!

REV. DR. PATRICK T. FERRY
President

REFLECTIONS:

a long look back, a quick step into the future

ANYONE WHO HAS VISITED CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR, WHETHER TO study, to work, or to attend a campus event, has undoubtedly felt the vital presence of one its long-standing professors. For nearly four decades, Dr. Neil Skov has been respected and loved by his students, colleagues and friends. From his rich tenor voice, as he sings in the chapel, to his soft-spoken, engaging delivery in the classroom, Dr. Skov has made an indelible mark on CUAA.

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After 38 years of service to the University, I announced my retirement this year. It is my personal commitment to its institutional mission that has kept me at Concordia these many years. I was called to CUAA in 1975 to serve in its chemistry department. I continued my studies, earning a Doctorate of Education in 2000 at University of Michigan. During my years as a college professor, I served on the Michigan Association of Computer-Related Technology Users in Learning, the Council for Pre-Service Technology—of which I have also been a former president—and the Michigan Department of Education’s Educational Technology Advisory Group.

In addition to my contributions to academics at CUAA, I have enjoyed the honor of portraying of King Wenceslas in the University’s annual Boar’s Head celebration yearly since the festival’s inception in 1979.

I’ve always considered myself a champion of Lutheran higher education. The Lutheran University provides three things that distinguish it from other private and public universities. First, a sound theology founded on the three pillars of the Reformation: scripture alone, grace alone and faith alone. Second, a comprehensive concept of Christian vocation that stems from this theology. And third, a Christian world view that is willing to live with uncertainty and tension between ideas that are seemingly paradoxical, such as Christians simultaneously being sinner and saint or determinism versus free will.

What I can say about my career is I have deep appreciation for the CUAA community. I am grateful that both my colleagues and University supporters diligently strive to keep CUAA focused on its unique mission. I am grateful that God continues to provide able students who are eager to join this mission. My own commitment to this mission has led me to spend most of my life serving in this place. I am looking forward to retirement and continuing to be involved in the life of the University. †



Neil Skov
Professor
of Physics
& Computer
Science (1977)

REFLECTIONS: *a quick look back, a long bright future*



“I found family in Concordia.”

– Hannah Shiff (13),
recapping her
CUAA experience

I COULD HAVE GONE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. Raised in Ann Arbor, I’m accustomed to the bustle of a university town. Our blood runs maize and blue in A2, swirling into green to symbolize the natural abundance of Tree City and a booming recycling community. I’m proud of my analogous-schemed roots and couldn’t bring myself to leave Ann Arbor after high school.

But I didn’t apply to be a Wolverine.

One of 3,000 in high school—and nonetheless kitty-corner from the Big House—I was already well acquainted with anonymity, and didn’t figure a school of 40,000 would humanize me. Directly across the color wheel stood my counterpart—the red speck of CUAA, 500 strong—a tiny beacon against Michigan’s renown.

Concordia, unlike any space I’d encountered, thrives on conscious decisions. Everyone chooses their place at CUAA; everyone responsible for their own story. Concordia sponsors the *choice* to follow, the *choice* to lead, or the *choice* to believe. One does not learn sedation, but instead gains inspiration from recognition, affiliation, and most simply, family. Don’t get me wrong, my family and I argue. We disagree and at times, we differ in almost everything, to the point where I question our commonality. But my family and I are *inseparable*. I’ve come to know the difference between “like” and “love;” that though I won’t always like my choices, I will love them because they will define my identity. They are a part of me, as I am a part of them.

Though unlikely partners, I found family in Concordia; in students, staff, and the buildings themselves. In the four years I attended the university, we changed together, for what I believe to be the better. Likewise, our symbiotic relationship allowed for growth on both ends. For how long Concordia’s walls will remember me, I can’t be sure, but I can assure you its influence has been written on my soul indelibly. †

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HAAB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

GROWS AND EXPANDS

By Dr. Suzanne Siegle, Dean of the Haab School of Business

There is an excitement in the air on the CUAU campus as the celebration of the 50th academic year is underway. The University as a whole is experiencing tremendous growth, which includes the Haab School of Business. It saw an increase in enrollment in 2012–13 and added new programs to its offerings, including Sport and Entertainment Management and a full program in Accounting and Management.

New majors in Business Communication, Finance, Marketing, International Business, Human Resource Management, Hospitality Management and Justice and Public Policy have been added, as well. Additionally, Accounting and Sport and Entertainment Management were added as concentrations in both the accelerated learning offerings and the MBA program.

Each and every year God leads amazing students to the CUAU campus: young men and women who have hearts for Him, and want to serve others. They fit so well with the University's mission of preparing men

and women for a life of service in the Church and in the world. The Haab School of Business recognizes it is imperative to not only produce outstanding scholars, but Christian citizens as well, that engage the culture and make a difference in the world.

"The knowledge and skills that I have learned at CUAU have given me a competitive edge in the field of Accounting," says Courtney Wassenaar, Class of 2013. "With the variety of courses offered, as well as the amount of resources available, CUAU has provided me with the educational foundation necessary to build my future," Wassenaar adds.

Wassenaar accepted an accounting position with Dominos World Headquarters, where she did her internship between her junior and senior years. Another success story is Ms. Thuy Phan from the Class of 2011. Phan graduated from the Organizational Leadership program and secured a management position with the Target Corporation.



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–Courtney Wassenaar, '13



A liberal arts education is a transformative experience. Teaching young people to think creatively, communicate effectively, problem-solve innovatively, and make sound ethical decisions is the essence of a Christian liberal arts education and something that CUAA takes very seriously.

“In a short period of time, the Haab School of Business has been turned around to become a real beacon of hope and positivity on the Ann Arbor campus,” says Dr. David Borst, dean of Concordia University Wisconsin’s School of Business Administration (CUAA’s sister school).



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According to a recent survey conducted by the Graduate Management Admissions Council (the organization that administers the GMAT entrance exam), in 2012, 79% of companies planned to hire MBA graduates, up from 72% the previous year.

“We are all on the same page and there are exciting things to be announced in the future related to curriculum, programs, and structure,” adds Dr. Borst.

Looking ahead to the 2013–2014 academic year, CUAA plans to increase focus on preparing the next generation of global innovators, business leaders and problem solvers by launching an Entrepreneurial program, complete with a space for student start-ups and accelerators; resources to help small businesses grow. Quality has not changed over the years, but the reputation and span of the programs offered continues to soar, including practical courses such as internships and field work experience contributing to Concordia’s focus on transforming theory into practice. †

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 “What Exciting Things Would You Like to See?”
 [#HaabSchoolofBiz]



HAAB SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS:

- Accounting
- Business Communication
- Finance
- General Business
- Human Resource Management
- Hospitality Management
- Management
- Marketing
- Sport and Entertainment Management

GRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Two programs with 13 concentrations

- Global MBA & Organizational Leadership
 - Accounting
 - Corporate Communication
 - Environmental Studies
 - Finance
 - Health Care Administration
 - Human Resource Management
 - International Business
- Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Public Administration
- Sport & Entertainment Management
- Risk Management

ADAPT AND CHANGE CONCORDIA'S *OTHER* MOTTO

By Michael Kalmes, Associate Professor of Political Science



AT AN OPENING SERVICE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, the speaker informed his listeners that “nobody likes change, except maybe a baby.” I think he meant the statement to be a humorous warning that we had better be prepared for what was coming. But I remember musing at the time that, if I took the claim literally, I would have to describe my entire career at Concordia as a form of self-torture.

Sitting there, I could quickly list several major changes during my time at the University: from quarters to semesters, from traditional programs only to multiple-degree completion options, from two education courses to a fully accredited teacher preparation program, from a distributed core curriculum to an integrated core and from an independent college to a university system. Among these major changes were even more minor changes: in majors, minors, and programs; in personnel; in instructional and communication technologies; in daily schedules and annual calendars; in facilities and campus activities; in academic and student-life policies; and in administrative organization. It appeared to me that, contrary to the speaker’s statement, if we didn’t like change we weren’t going to survive as faculty members at Concordia University Ann Arbor.

Far from being bothered by change, we positively seemed to embrace it. In fact, in the years following that address, we changed the core curriculum back to a distribution of courses, added graduate programs, eliminated and added undergraduate programs, and began the process of merging with Concordia University Wisconsin. To put the matter wryly, making Christ pre-eminent in all things at Concordia depends upon a less formal University motto: “Change and Adapt.”

As I think over the changes in teacher education at Concordia while I have been a member of the faculty, I notice again the adaptability of the faculty and leadership to changing circumstances and needs. I also observe the grace that put the right people in leadership positions to make those changes possible. Finally, I note the hope and optimism about the future that is God’s gift to believers, because we know that the future is in His hands and that He can make our efforts good, even though we may not see the success immediately. Without that hope and belief in His faithfulness, without the resulting ability to adapt and change, it is not likely that Concordia University Ann Arbor would be celebrating its 50th anniversary. +



artistic identity: *Kreft School of the Arts*

Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive,
But to be young was very heaven!
— William Wordsworth, *The Prelude*

IT IS THE HOPE IS THAT EVERY STUDENT at Concordia University Ann Arbor has agreed with the poet Wordsworth's sentiment at some time during his or her time here. The arts wake them up to their own lives, to the people around them, and to the world that God created. In doing so, they can profoundly affect the lives—of student, staff, faculty—that CUAA have sought to nurture. Through courses, performances, readings and exhibitions, the arts at Concordia over the last half century have connected students, curriculum and faculty to the most sweeping issues of our society as well as to the most minute and quotidian aspects of the world in which God has placed His people.

Because the arts are so much about individuals rather than buildings or equipment or procedures, anything written risks becoming a very incomplete litany of names. From the earliest years of Concordia, music, art, theatre and literature have been an integral part of the school's identity—and one of the strongest and most enduring aspects of Concordia's heritage and legacy.

The goal of all of this, of course, was and is not simply to make Concordia a venue for outstanding performances and exhibits, but to enrich the curriculum, to make our students more intelligent consumers of the arts and producers of their own art. The embodiment of that spirit might be found in the Boar's Head Festival, now approaching its thirty-sixth year, with Good King Neil Skov presiding, as always. But student theatrical productions, student art exhibits, the student creative writing (and now visual arts) anthology, *In the Moment*, all testify to the continuing importance of the arts at Concordia.

It's particularly fitting that the theme for the 2013–2014 Kreft Arts Program and spring conference is "Memory," chosen with an eye to the half century that has gone by since the opening of the college. An essential attribute of consciousness itself, memory is critical to every form of cultural and intellectual work, from the public memory engaged in by the historian and social scientist, to the private memory of the poet, the biographer, and all students of life. As the University thinks about the arts at Concordia, the theme holds special relevance during this 50th academic year. It is a year when honoring the past and the traditions have made CUAA what it is, while dreaming of the future and what it might become, and anchoring both the memories and dreams in the enduring work of the present. †

50th

The Start of Something

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**A RICH HISTORY 50 YEARS
IN THE MAKING. A LOOK BACK
AT THE COLLEGE'S INCEPTION.**


By **Dr. Georgia Kreiger**
Photographs **CUAA Archives**



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YEARS

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Ann Arbor, Michigan



ENVISIONING THE FUTURE BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1962. LUTHERANS from across Michigan gathered on the grounds of the former Earhart estate in Ann Arbor to install the cornerstone of a building that would soon become the centerpiece of a new college. The motto inscribed on the cornerstone, *"That in All Things Christ Might Have Preeminence,"* set the tone and function for the Chapel of the Holy Trinity and the surrounding buildings that would embody Concordia College Ann Arbor.



Upper: *Original Concordia College signage.*
Lower: *Original groundbreaking ceremony circa 1960.*



and staff of the college's primary purpose. Concordia's newly appointed first president, Dr. Paul A. Zimmerman, declared, "Education at Concordia will be theologically always truly conservative, but educationally quite the opposite: truly progressive and forward-thinking." The campus chapel and the library would be equally important symbols of the kind of education the college would provide.

The Synod selected for the site of its new institution a tract of land originally occupied by one of Michigan's earliest settlers, Elnathan Botsford, in 1852. During that same year John Geddes had built a saw mill on the banks of the Huron nearby. Later, the land was obtained by Harry Boyd Earhart, who built the stone mansion now known as the Manor.

In his essay "Building on the Vision," Dr. Erich von Fange, professor emeritus and first academic dean of Concordia College, recalls of the land purchase and planning for what would become Concordia's campus:

The countdown now began for doing the impossible. Possession of the property could not be taken until December 1961, a scant 21 months before the college was to open. The first board of control comprised of seven members had begun their awesome task in March 1961, with 30 months to go to open a new college. One of the earliest actions involved the calling of the first president, Paul A. Zimmerman, then president of our Concordia College, Seward, NE. He arrived September, 1961, with 24 months at his disposal to turn lawn and alfalfa fields into a functioning campus.

As members of the Missouri Synod envisioned the campus of an institution whose purpose they determined would be "to recruit, equip, and pass onto other schools of the Synod a select and able group who will be prepared to lead in the work of the church in the years ahead," they commissioned architect Vincent G. Kling to design the chapel so that its spire would cast its shadow over each of the academic buildings, reminding students, faculty

HISTORY FILES

'59 - Missouri Synod officially authorizes construction of a junior college

'63 - Concordia College Ann Arbor opens as a two-year institution

'76 - Concordia College expands to a four-year college

'64 - Dedication of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity

'65 - First class of 169 students graduates

'62 - Groundbreaking ceremony takes place

'61 - Synod purchases Earhart property; appoints Dr. Paul A. Zimmerman as first college president



'68 - CCAA earns accreditation as a two-year college by the North Central Association of Colleges

'72 - CCAA joins the North Central Christian Athletic Conference



“THE COUNTDOWN NOW BEGAN FOR DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE.”

The first annual college budget was \$92,743 to get the mind-boggling task completed by the fall of 1963. An idea of the heavy involvement of both our local board and the Synodical board for Higher Education may be seen by the fact that the preliminary campus master plan and the contractor to carry out the job were approved in Philadelphia in the same month that President Zimmerman arrived. There was no time to waste.

As the campus construction progressed, the new college began to attract notice. Dr. von Fange describes the scene:

Every day groups of people would pop in and we would take them around to where the stakes had been pounded into the sandy soil and tell them, "We are putting the chapel over there, and the science building here, and you are standing on the fine arts building. Way over yonder to the east we are putting up a lot of cottage style men's dorms, and way, way over on the west side we will build a few dorms for women." And a contractor who stopped by shook his head at all the beginning stages of construction and thought it a shame because the campus in his mind would make a great sand and gravel pit. A concerned neighbor came by on horseback and asked whether he could continue using the horse trails on the campus after the college was built. The pessimists were shaking their heads at the building timetable and prophesied that we would never make it in time to

open in the fall of 1963. How can you build and equip a campus, set up a library, recruit a faculty, establish a curriculum, create a policy handbook, and recruit a class of trusting students all in little more than a year?

With God's providence, the task was achieved. On September 30, 1963, over 15,000 people gathered to dedicate the newly completed college. The ceremony, which included the college's 236 students and 24 instructors, took place in the campus gymnasium, which served also as the chapel before the completion of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity in 1964.



'78 - First Bachelor of Arts degrees awarded

'82 - Michigan State Board of Education approves certificate for teacher education program

'86 - Beginning of Adult Degree Completion Program

'87 - CCAA establishes the Center for Adult Education

'90 - New Krefl Center for the Arts dedicated

'79 - First performance of the Boar's Head Festival held with a cast of 200 and more than 1500 attendees



[2013 will be Dr. Neil Skov's 35th year playing the part of the King]



'88 - 25th Anniversary



**“ WITH GOD’S PROVIDENCE,
THE TASK WAS ACHIEVED. ”**

“...and many thousands have helped in every way possible to continue the vision of a school.”

Of the college’s inception and ongoing mission, Dr. von Fange reflects:

Enthusiastic support and good will have continued, and many thousands have helped in every way possible to continue the vision of a school of the prophets educating the young people of our day for the challenging ministries for a hurting world.

. . . Thousands of Concordia graduates as well as former students have now taken their places out in the real world where they serve in all the ministries of the church overseas, as well as in our nation, and in a broad variety of other careers and occupations. These former Concordians are making good use of the fine Christian education they received.

This year, as CUAA celebrates 50 years of dedication to equipping future leaders for the Church and for the world, members of the University’s community look back on the college’s inception, construction and growth. As the spire of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity continues to cast its shadow over the campus and its students, faculty and staff, the institution’s purpose remains impeccably clear: That in All Things, Christ Might Have Preeminence. †



**Editor’s Note: Dr. Erich von Fange’s essay, “Building on the Vision,” excerpts of which appear in this article, was originally published in Arbor Light Magazine, Volume 8, No.1 (Winter 1988), in observation of Concordia’s 25th anniversary.*

‘93 - 30th Anniversary; enrollment reaches all-time high

‘94 - Youth and Family Life Institute founded

‘97 - Earhart Manor dedicated as Otto G. Schmidt Center; iconic campus “Front Door”



‘13 - 50th Anniversary

‘01 - CCAA officially becomes Concordia University Ann Arbor; approves first Master’s Degree



PAST & PRESENT

CUAA & PRESIDENTS



REV. DR. PAUL A. ZIMMERMAN 1961–1973
Zimmerman graduated from Concordia Seminary in 1944. He also served as President of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska (1954–61) and Concordia Teachers College, Chicago, Illinois (1973–83). In 2012, he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award at Concordia Seminary's Commencement. He is 95 and currently resides in Traverse City, Michigan.



REV. DR. PATRICK T. FERRY 2013
Ferry is an ordained pastor of the LCMS and since 1997 also has served as the eighth President of Concordia University Wisconsin. He has authored numerous articles, reviews, and essays on education, religion, and history, including an autobiography titled, *Faith in the Freshman*. He is a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

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1974-1982



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1983-1991



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1992-2003



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OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

FROM ROTARY PHONES TO REAL-TIME VIDEO CHAT
50 YEARS OF EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY

By Dr. Neil Skov, Professor of Physics & Computer Science



ONE FACET OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY Ann Arbor that has changed radically during the institution's first 50 years is the technology we use to communicate and to manage information. Back in the summer of 1975, the library card catalog allowed patrons to locate books by author, title or subject. Students could search for professional journal articles among the bound volumes in the stacks by using the paperback, multi-volume Readers Guide to Periodical Literature. The business office kept accounts using an electromechanical machine to record data on card stock. The registrar had a small office with a few file cabinets full of paper, backed up by a microfilm archive in an off-campus vault.

Campus communication once consisted of a mimeographed daily bulletin, an inter-office memo pad and the new rotary dial telephone system—replacing the earlier switchboard. Instructional technology included phonographs, reel-to-reel audio tapes, filmstrip, overhead and 16 mm movie projectors, and the new black-and-white, reel-to-reel video tape recorders. The admissions office had one recruiter with a secretary to handle the correspondence and applications by U.S. mail. Financial aid was a new concept, handled part-time by a math professor, and the development/alumni office did not yet exist.



During the 1980s, computer use expanded rapidly across campus. The admissions office obtained Radio Shack computers with a database program. Another system was installed in the registrar's office to manage student records. On the academic side, computer workshops were conducted for Concordia faculty and K-12 teachers. The first programming and educational computing classes appeared.

The big problem: By the early 1990s computers were ubiquitous on campus, but the University had a collection of stand-alone, incompatible systems. In the mid-90s, the newly incorporated Concordia University System (CUS) initiated a wave of technological changes. CUENet, the Concordia University Education Network, was established. The mid-90s was also the period of CUAA's initial connection to the Internet. The Internet expanded the reach of campus email and provided access to the then new, World-Wide-Web. Students and faculty were encouraged to create personal web pages. The University commissioned a series of institutional websites to support marketing and to disseminate information. Over time, personal faculty web pages to support instruction were supplanted by a series of course management systems: WebCT, Blackboard, and most recently, Angel.

During the last decade, the Internet has brought us online, full-text, professional journals, digital textbooks, homework systems, and Wikipedia. The original CUS compressed video system (a two-way, compressed video system requiring six telephone lines to support synchronous distance education) is long gone; replaced by such Internet-based technologies as Skype, FaceTime and Polycom.



The history of information technology is not without irony. Around 1980, people at MIT's Media Lab predicted the development of the 3M machine; a computer that could perform a million operations per second and fit in a lunch box. Now we have smart phones and tablets. Mass communication used to be broadcast wirelessly and personal communication came on a telephone wire. Now, personal communication is wireless and we get our mass news by cable. +

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 "What's the oldest technology you can remember?" [#OldTech]



SCOTT GUENTHER '85 is the Director of High School Youth Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church & School in Lincoln, NE. Over the summer, Guenther and more than 50 students embarked on a week-long mission trip to California. The group was originally supposed to pick peaches in Dinuba, but a virus at the camp they planned on staying at altered things. They ended up spending the week at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bakersfield where they help residents of that community beautify the city.



MS. THUY PHAN
BA '11 & M. S. '13

"My experience at CUAA has by far exceeded expectations. Coming in as a freshman in 2007, I was without any friends and family. Fortunately that changed rather quickly as the staff, faculty and students stepped forward to create an extremely warm environment in the classroom as well as throughout campus life. Because I had such a great undergraduate experience, it only made sense for me to further my educational career with the Organizational Leadership & Administration program. I was continuously challenged and truly felt that my potential was realized fully! Besides being a proud alumna, I am now the Executive Team Leader at Target and must say that my experience at CUAA has certainly played a major role in this blessing!"



SARAH FITZEK '89 has written, illustrated, and published a children's book *The Mailman*, a story about a little girl impatiently waiting for the mailman. Along with her writing, Sarah teaches first grade at Inland Lakes Elementary School in Indian River, Michigan.



COURTNEY WASSEHAAR '13 accepted an accounting position with Dominos World Headquarters, in Ann Arbor, MI where she did her internship between her junior and senior year.



ALEXANDER RUETER '12 has been awarded The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's 2012 Dean's Scholarship. UDM Law awarded Mr. Rueter this scholarship in recognition of his academic achievements.

WAYNE HAMIT '84 has been appointed as a Consultant to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Wayne Hamit is a LCMS pastor and entrepreneur. He has worked throughout the world and has served government leaders as a consultant on security as well as social and economic development.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS

Did you recently get married or give birth? Did you receive a promotion, change employers or travel the world? We want to know! Please email your alumni update with an accompanying photo (high-resolution if possible) to: alumni@cuaa.edu or submit online at: cuaa.edu/Alumni/whatsnewform.cfm



ADVANCED AND STRENGTHENED

A FEW YEARS AGO, PRESIDENT FERRY approached me with a request. He asked if I would be willing to work with him and others serving at Concordia University Wisconsin by providing assistance to the leadership team at Concordia University Ann Arbor. While I had never even been to the campus in Ann Arbor, it was exciting to have the opportunity to learn from and support a sister school.

Since that day, I have spent a lot of time in Ann Arbor and the surrounding region. Attending pastors' and other church worker conferences, going to meetings, and visiting alumni and friends in their homes, has helped me develop a sense for the wonderful history of Concordia Ann Arbor and the deep commitment of her many supporters.

I have learned from those I have met that we have much for which we can be grateful. As we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Ann Arbor campus, we can be especially thankful for a mission focus that has centered on preparing young men and women for Christ-centered service. The mission of Concordia is advanced every time another student becomes an alumnus and lives the mission wherever God calls that graduate to serve.

Through the combining of Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia University Ann Arbor into one university with two residential campuses, the mission is not diminished, but rather it is **ADVANCED** and **STRENGTHENED**. By combining resources, our mission reach has never been greater, the future impact never more certain.

Concordia University Ann Arbor celebrates 50 years of God's grace because of His blessing and the amazing commitment and support of so many people who helped advance the mission. Today we benefit from their hard work and generous spirits as we look forward to the next 50 years.

Today, I am personally committed to helping advance the mission of our university on both campuses. As we look ahead to our next 50 years, I would like to invite you to join us in advancing the mission by remembering us in prayer, encouraging students to consider Concordia, and as you are able, supporting us generously so that the resources are available to help equip future generations for service to Christ in the Church and the world.

REV. DR. ROY PETERSON
Vice President of Advancement

THE NEWNESS OF TODAY

Step foot on and walk around the campus of Concordia University Ann Arbor, and you will sense something new. You'll meet new students, new faculty members, and new staff. If you sit in a classroom, you'll be handed a new syllabus. You'll watch athletes making their collegiate debut. You'll witness new relationships forming, and new experiences being made. For some, they will be exploring the many benefits of living in a Big Ten town like Ann Arbor, Michigan. Undoubtedly, the beginning of a new academic year invites new opportunities and new challenges.

Not everyone embraces "new" in the same way. Some would prefer every day and year to be ordinary and usual. Some would love to relive "the good ole days." And yet, the nature of life is ever changing. This is true at Concordia University as well, as we step into the next chapter of its history. Something new is happening in our midst.

Years ago, the prophet Jeremiah witnessed the destruction of his beloved city Jerusalem. Suddenly, life would never again be the same. Something new would be taking place. His words, hopeful and helpful for us today, speak clearly to the character and action of God in our daily lives: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Jeremiah 3:22-23). Even in his laments, Jeremiah held tight to what he knew to be true each passing moment. Because of the incredible and gracious love of God, we can live with eager anticipation of the newness offered to us in Christ Jesus.

The life, campus, and culture of Concordia University are new for me, as well. My family and I recently relocated from the St. Louis area to begin a new chapter in our lives as I begin this new academic




year as Campus Pastor. We are eager and excited to engage in the mission of Concordia with all of you.

Prior to serving at Concordia, I served in parish ministry for six years. It is with great joy and hope for the future of Concordia that I stand ready to serve the University, Church, and world as we walk together into the future. When you're on campus, please introduce yourself to me. I look forward to experiencing the newness of today, and this exciting time in Concordia's history, with you.

REV. RYAN PETERSON
Campus Pastor

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50th Anniversary **CELEBRATE WITH US**

SATURDAY 9/28/13

ALL-ALUMNI EVENTS

Campus Tours 4:30 p.m.

- Archival Photo Display
- Alumni Art Exhibit

Alumni All-Class

Reunion Banquet 6:00 p.m.

- Complimentary Photos
- Musical Entertainment

*RSVP and Fee Required for
Events on Saturday 9/28/13
See below for more details.

SUNDAY 9/29/13

ALL-COMMUNITY EVENTS

Campus Tours 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Program 2:30-3:00 p.m.
CUAA Past, Present and Future

Worship Service 3:30-4:30 p.m.
with Alumni Choir

Refreshments 4:30 p.m.

Interested in Singing in the Choir?
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