



CLASS LETTER

CLASS OF 1962 CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD

Greetings Class of 1962

I hope this letter finds you well! My name is Emery Bell; I am a current junior at Concordia College. I am writing your class letter because your class is currently without a class agent. Class agents aim to keep classmates connected to each other and the college. To accomplish this, agents write the annual class letter, forward stories and updates of classmates to the alumni office, assist in special events and activities, and work with the reunion planning committee during their reunion years. If you would like to learn more or volunteer as your class agent, contact Karen Carlson in the Alumni Office by email carlsonk@cord.edu or phone 218.299.3734! I hope this class letter brings back many fond memories of your time at Concordia College! Here is what's happening with your classmates!

CLASS UPDATES

Natalie (Hanson) Buzby

Sandra Clarksean Kopcha and Natalie Hanson Buzby send greetings from Warren and Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Thank you to retiring President Craft for all he has accomplished while at Concordia. It is so good to see all the career choices Concordia now offers to the students.

Best Wishes to all our classmates for a healthy 2023.

Glen Wheeler

Highlight was preaching at 150th anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran church and School in Waverly, Iowa, where I served as pastor for 19 years, and raised our six kids and some grand kids. I am retired but I am frequently asked to do the eulogy or funeral sermon for my friends and colleagues in Iowa. Doing that much preaching at 82 years old has some stress with it, but is well.



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Paula (Albano) Spengler

Looking forward to hearing from classmates through our class letter. Ken and I made plans to attend our 60th Class reunion last October, but Covid reared its ugly head and we remained home. Fortunately, Sandra Seim kept us posted about the reunion.

Although our attendance was lower than expected, it is understandable with travel and health concerns.

Hopefully, our 65th reunion will gather more classmates. Our class letter becomes more important to share current information. Retirees become the reliable volunteers. Ken and I keep active with volunteering at our church. Ken has been our church organist for 55 years. We also have enjoyed singing in The Festival Chorus, a community chorus for 18 years. Our chorus travel plans for this year includes a trip to Boston. Unfortunately, our trip aboard was cancelled three times due to Covid.

Our daughters, Julie and Lisa live in Chicago. We see them often with our four grandchildren. Two are in college with two working. Sophie, the only girl is attending Colorado College, Colorado Springs, with an interest in ecology. As an award winning climber, she continues to rock climb. Concordia has experienced many exciting changes and now looking forward to President-Elect Ervine to continue the goals of Concordia. We have seen several since President Knutson (he married my parents while serving a congregation in Lake Mills, IA). My parents purposely did not tell me until I was accepted. Concordia recruiters helped me to decide.

Hope this note finds classmates doing as well as possible. Soli Deo Gloria. Peace, Paula

Mandy (Sorensen) Ylvisaker

Dear Classmates,

Greetings from Minnesota! We have snow and ice to spare! About now we are thinking of spring. This March my 3 sons will all be in their 50s. At one time that seemed old! I feel fortunate that they all live in the Minneapolis area. My grandson Max is a freshman at the Minneapolis School of Art and Design, and Jonny will be in high school next year. They both help me with technology! My volunteer work is mostly centered around music, playing piano at church weekly and flute in a flute choir called Flute Cocktail. We practice weekly and play gigs in the area periodically. I am the oldest in the group.

I have such fond memories of our Concordia years. Blessings to you in the coming season of Lent and Easter. Mandy Ylvisaker



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If you know any classmate listed below please help to update their information by contacting the Alumni Office. Email to alumni@cord.edu or call 218.299.3734 or by going to ConcordiaCollege.edu/classnotes We would love to update their records. Thank you if you've already done so.

Behl, Kenneth W.
Bergman, G M.
Bring, Sandra
Carney, Judy M.
Churchill, Ross W.
Dagen, Luanne W.

Dean, Jane L.
Hannah, Juli A.
Mellum, Elton J.
Merritt, Evelyn R.
Mmbaga,
Enighenja E.

Murtuza, Virginia A.
Nelson, Frieda C.
Ness, Arrol K.
Wodekwia, Elliot P.

Notice was given of classmates who passed away in the last year.
Our hearts go out to their families and all who remember.

Knutson, Ronald
Larsen, Larry L.
Joyce, Patricia J.

Stebbins Waller, Geraldine A.
Smilonich, Phyllis M.
Jorgenson, Patricia A.



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