



# Class Letter

MARCH 2022

CLASS OF 1982

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

## CAMPUS UPDATES



### President Craft to Retire

President Craft announced his upcoming retirement at the end of his second presidential term, on June 30, 2023. The Board of Regents has already started seeking Concordia's next president with a presidential search committee and national consulting firm.

### New Executive Director for Faith and Learning

Dr. Michael Chan will be welcomed in June 2022 as the new Executive Director for Faith and Learning. He will direct the Lorentzsen and Dovre Centers, guide Concordia's interfaith relationships, and oversee the work of Campus Ministry.



### Learn. Work. Lead.

A Concordia College education is rooted in college's deep commitment to providing a transformational experience for every one of our students. Development has continued on our academic framework through **Three Schools, One College:**

- Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions
- Offutt School of Business
- School of Arts and Sciences

Concordia will begin renovation in the summer of 2022 on the Sanford Clinic building adjacent to campus to provide expanded laboratory, classroom, and centralized office space for its freshly named Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions. The project will include a nursing simulation lab and a human performance lab. It will be a remarkable advancement to the program.

## Dr. Gwen Wagstrom Halaas '75 named new dean of Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions

Dr. Halaas brings more than four decades of research, teaching, program development and administrative experience to Concordia.

She grew up in the Fargo-Moorhead area and is a 1975 graduate of Concordia. Dr. Halaas will assume the role on July 1, 2022.



## Advancing the Mission | Cobber Ambassador Program

A new initiative was officially launched to invigorate the unique network and relationships among alumni, friends, and students of Concordia College. Cobber Ambassadors are people who care about the students and mission, believe in the college, and help spread the word about Concordia's life-changing education.



Learn more or sign up to become an Ambassador at [ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/cobber-ambassador-program](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/cobber-ambassador-program)

## COVID Response/Planning



We continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC to keep our campus as healthy as possible amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Students, faculty, and staff are updated regularly and encouraged to engage in risk-reducing practices to prioritize in-person learning and working through the academic year.

## Around Campus

- Renovation was completed in Christiansen Recital Hall to provide a higher quality and more modern experience for students and guests
- A gas firepit was installed near the 8th Street entrance of the Knutson Campus Center
- An Indoor Performance Center for golf was added in Olson Forum using the latest simulator technology to provide year-round training for the men's and women's golf programs
- Olson Forum's workout balcony will be expanded this summer



## Concordia Recognized for Women in Coaching

The University of Minnesota's Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport gave Concordia an "A" grade on its 2020-21 report card. The college was highlighted for having female head coaches for 70% of its women's sports. Concordia was the only MIAC school to receive an "A" grade in the report. Compliments to Athletic Director Rachel Bergeson for her leadership.

## Homecoming

100 Years of Homecoming was celebrated in October 2021. The college was happy to successfully welcome back over 700 alumni and friends to partake in this strong Cobber tradition.

We look forward to celebrating with YOU **October 7-9, 2022!**  
Watch for updates at [ConcordiaCollege.edu/homecoming](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/homecoming)



### Corn Feed Season is around the corner!

We will continue the tradition of hosting corn feeds in the summer and hope to see you!

Updates can be found at [ConcordiaCollege.edu/cornfeeds](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/cornfeeds)

## Giving Update

We can pay forward the generous scholarships we received as students by supporting this new generation of Cobbers. Together, we help ensure that a Concordia education is possible for every student.



In 2021, more than 5,000 people came together to raise **\$2.6+ million** for The Cobber Fund, which helps provide scholarships for students, and we have to say, this new generation of students.

**THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF '82 THAT PARTICIPATED IN GIVING!**

Be on the lookout for the Cobbers Give campaign **March 7-18**; a generous alum will add an additional \$100 to each of our gifts to The Cobber Fund. The class of 1982 can truly make a difference in the lives of current students.

**Learn more or give online at [ConcordiaCollege.edu/giving](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/giving)**

## Travel the World with Concordia



Each year, the Alumni Relations Office offers opportunities for alumni and the Concordia family to partake in global travel experiences led by our in-house experts. From wine tastings in the French countryside, participating in Northern Spain's rich culture from the seat of your bicycle, or traveling as a companion to our top vocal and instrumental ensembles as they share their music with the world, there's an excursion catered to every interest.

Explore the trips at [ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/global-travel](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/global-travel)

## News & Notes



Stay up to date on news throughout the year and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter.

[ConcordiaCollege.edu/news/news-and-notes](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/news/news-and-notes)

## Alumni Awards

Concordia has three categories of awards presented each year.

- **Called to Serve Award** is conferred upon alumni who have demonstrated notable commitment to the mission of the college through lifelong service to their faith communities, education, arts or other not-for-profit activities. Alumni of any year are eligible.
- **The Sent Forth Award** is conferred upon young alumni who have distinguished themselves early on in their careers and service to others. For graduates of less than 20 years, this award is reserved for alumni who have shown vocational precociousness.
- **The Alumni Achievement Award (AAA)**, the college's highest honor, is conferred upon alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and service to others. For graduates of 20 years or more, the AAA is reserved for alumni at the pinnacle of their vocational life.

### 2021 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients



Co-CEO Burrell  
Communications  
Group

Fay Ferguson '73



Vice chancellor for Academic  
Affairs and professor,  
Washington State University  
Health Sciences

Dr. Gwen (Wagstrom) Halaas '75



Senior counsel at  
Dykema Gossett, PLLC

Harold D. Pope '77



Vascular and interventional  
radiologist, researcher, and  
developer, and Chief Scientific  
Officer, Penumbra, Inc.

Dr. Corey Teigen '86

### 2021 Sent Forth Recipients



Founder, Executive Director  
Able Artist Foundation

Stephen Letnes '00



Clay County Courthouse  
Seventh Judicial District

Judge Jade Rosenfeldt '05

### Nominations Always Open

To read more about these recipients or to nominate a deserving alumni, go to  
[ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition)

## Message from Class Agent and Class Member Updates



### Greetings Class of '82!

First of all, a special thank you to those who sent an update so our class could “reconnect” by means of this annual class letter. Reading your updates makes me so excited for Homecoming and hopefully crossing paths with many of you! It would be great to see one another again, so I hope you are making plans to return to campus this fall!

**Homecoming weekend will be October 7-9, so mark your calendars!**

Second, since this will be a reunion year for us, I am looking for a few classmates to help me plan our reunion events. I know you didn't all jump at the opportunity to be our Class Agent, but your help on this would be greatly appreciated! Please reach out to me, Lori Petersen, at 320-226-2343 or [apfamily@hcinet.net](mailto:apfamily@hcinet.net) if you would be willing to help brainstorm an unforgettable reunion!

Thirdly, I would love to encourage the Class of '82 to exceed the other classes in our participation in the class giving challenge. For myself, I know my education would not have been possible without any financial assistance. Now is our time to help others. Whatever you can give will be a blessing. Remember also that it's not just the size of the gift that is important. Let's shoot for the moon and get a high percentage of our class to give. We have always been a phenomenal class - so let's once again make our mark!

Lastly, I would just like to thank all of you for the great memories and friendships we made at Concordia. I was and I am proud to be a Cobber!

Please feel free to grab a cup of coffee or your favorite beverage, and enjoy reading the updates of your classmates! I will share my update at the end, so hopefully you can make it that far!

Take care and God's blessings to you!

Your Class Agent,

Lori (Loe) Petersen



P.S. I was just informed by Eric Johnson, Director of Alumni, that two of our classmates recently received special recognition from Concordia. Please join me in congratulating these well-deserving recipients.

In 2020, **Lynn (Fragale) Foulk** was awarded the Called to Serve Award which was conferred for notable nonprofit work. Because her bucket list included climbing a mountain, Lynn climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, and, after witnessing the poverty in a nearby village, she formed a charitable organization, Safaris With A Heart. Lynn's foundation raises money for the village of Pasua, Moshi, Tanzania, East Africa, and she leads charity treks where part of the group climbs the mountain while the rest work on community projects.

In February this year, **Keith Fuglie** was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award for professional achievement. After receiving his PhD in Applied Economics, Keith served as senior economist for agriculture and natural resources on the Clinton White House Council of Economic Advisers. Keith then began work in Indonesia and in Tunisia for over 7 years, where he served as the Regional Representative for Asia of the International Potato Center, one of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) centers. While in Indonesia, he gained an understanding of the challenges that smallholder farmers face to improve their agriculture systems, and he continues to make these issues a central focus of his work. Today, Keith is an economist with the US Department of Agriculture. His work focuses on the economics of agricultural technical change, science policy, and productivity growth. In his capacity as an agricultural economist, he is seen as a global expert on how to "produce more, using less." Keith will receive his award at this fall's homecoming banquet.

Here's the rest of our updates:

**Diane (Hatlem) Bjornson:** "I retired after 39 years in education on May 28, 2021. For most of my career, I was an elementary librarian in the West Fargo School District, West Fargo, ND. Now I spend my days reading, quilting, and enjoying time with friends and family. I'm loving retirement!"

**Ron Peterson:** "Currently, I am President/CEO Baxter Regional Medical Center Mountain Home Arkansas. Been in this position for about 15 years." When I asked Ron how he ended up in Arkansas, this was his response: "I wanted to move away from the cold, went to Xavier in Cincinnati for a Master's in hospital and health administration. Moved to Florida, then to Nashville, TN, Wichita, Kansas, St. Louis, then Kentucky (15 years), and now I have been in Mountain Home about 15 years. All moves were related to careers in healthcare administration. When I was in Nashville, I met my wife of 34 years. We have two children, an anesthesiologist and a doctorate of nurse practitioner/family practice. We have one grandbaby!!! Mountain Home, Arkansas, is a beautiful little community that sits between two lakes, three rivers, trees, and hills. There are enough transplants from the Midwest to keep me happy and enough Southern culture to keep my wife from Nashville happy. I love four seasons, when winter is only a few weeks and golf is year-round."

**Sharon (Swengel) Olson:** "I am a stay-at-home grandma caring for my 93-year-old mom who lives with us, and I also care for my sister in assisted living. We have five adult children living near us. So, I am with my seven (almost nine) grandchildren frequently. I enjoy leading worship at church. And I have enjoyed Monday-Friday workouts at Orange Theory, which is interval training. I have been on five study programs to Israel which has super-charged studying the Bible! My favorite memory of Concordia is singing in the choir. The hymns' text along with Paul J.'s arrangements really inspired me. And I dearly love my roommates; I never have laughed so hard as I did in college!"

**Carrie Weyers:** "My husband Jay (class of '81) and I have a financial planning firm located in a western suburb of Chicago. We have lived in this area since 1994 and plan on sticking around. We have two adult children: Emily is a speech therapist and Sam is an attorney. They both live in the Chicago area and they each have a daughter. We enjoy taking trips to Mexico. I do volunteer work at our church and I love to cook. I went to culinary school when we moved to Chicago. I throw great dinner parties, but we don't eat like that on a regular basis. I remember a great Halloween party where Jon Dahl wore a diaper, "two-egg cheese" in the basement cafeteria of East complex, meeting Jay and his friends."

**Barb Hanson:** "My husband and I are retired (him from medical sales, me from Securian Financial in St. Paul, MN). In late 2019, we sold our home, put a few treasured belongings in a 10x10 storage unit, and have spent the last 2.5 years living nomadically, house and pet sitting around the US. We travel in our sedan not an RV, so "if it doesn't fit in the car, it doesn't come with us!" We pet sit via an international organization called Trusted House sitters. As the world opens up, we plan to do the same worldwide. We love it!"

**Mark Wanner:** Mark's wife, Sally, responded to my email informing me that Mark passed away on May 16, 2021. He died of a heart attack. I remember that when we were in college, Mark lived in Willmar so I asked Sally how they ever came to live in Montana. Here was her response: "When Mark was in high school, his uncle Elwood would bring him to Montana for backpacking trips. Mark fell in love with MT and decided to move here after graduating from Concordia in '82. He moved to Forsyth and for 36 years he taught K-8 PE, Freshman and Sophomore PE, as well in the last couple years. He coached football, wrestling, track, tennis, and baseball throughout his career. He taught Drivers Ed. for many years, as well. I was born and raised in Forsyth. Mark and I reconnected in 1997 and were married for 24 years. Mark has two sons from his first marriage. Chase (34) & Sean (31) who live in Minneapolis, MN. Chase works at a fuel processing plant and is also a realtor. Sean owns his own plumbing business. Mark retired in 2018. He loved to hunt, fish, hike, and spend time with family and friends. We have two dogs and he took the girls for rides every day. We live in a small community so he was involved in a lot of things. Mark was active with Ducks Unlimited and both the city and the rural firefighting. We were planning our 25th anniversary cruise through the Panama Canal, something that was on both our bucket lists. Mark loved vacations, and he especially loved visiting the Caribbean either by cruise ship or flying in and staying at a resort. We had his funeral in the Middle School gymnasium because there were so many people who attended. He was loved, that is for sure."

**Bob Vangerud** (now Victorin-Vangerud): “I live in Minneapolis. I teach philosophy in the MinnState system and sometimes in state prisons. I have two great sons, Aaron (30) and Will (24). My favorite destination is Western Australia, where we lived for six years while my boys were little. Hobbies are powerlifting, running, and reading. Favorite memories of Concordia are my professors, football, and all of you.”



**Brian Kirkhorn:** “I have been an insurance audit manager for 34 years. In October of this year, I will semi-retire and be a part-time advisor for my company. I have six children: five boys and one girl, ages 3 to 15. Lots of fun. I have taken trips when forced to for work. My favorite destination is back home to Montana. I volunteer at our church and do lots of volunteer work for my wife of 39 years. Long Honey Do lists. Hobbies I enjoy: I coach junior high football, and play drums in a band called Beerman and The Frosty Mugs. Follow us on Facebook. Lol! My favorite memories: The T, Mick’s, studying anywhere is not a favorite memory, playing football, IM hockey, and v-ball. Junior year roommates and the big parties we had, Mondamin activities. I guess if I had to sum it all up, sports and beer.”

**Brad Lindberg:** “I am a school teacher/coach at Breckenridge Public Schools. I will be retiring during next school year. I also am the owner/president of Lindberg's Shooter Shoppe, Inc. My wife, Tracey, and I have a home on Lake Lida by Pelican Rapids where she practices law. We have one granddaughter, Fiona, about to turn 11 (has Grandpa for a gym teacher!). I enjoy hunting, fishing, and relaxing at the lake. Homer, Alaska '2014' was the best trip.”

**Steve Knutson:** “I serve as the president/CEO of RAM Mutual Insurance. I am married to Kari (Larson) Knutson ('83) and we have three daughters: two are married and the third one is getting married December 17, 2022. Currently we have five grandchildren: three boys, two girls, and another one (unknown gender) is on the way! Last August, we took an all family trip to Alaska. I still referee high school football, basketball, and track. I have many fond memories from Concordia, including participating on the basketball team and winning the MIAC in 1982.”.

**Kris (Dalthorp) Myers:** “I recently retired from teaching elementary for 20 years. Raised three kids and now have three grandkids, one was just born. Still living in KODIAK but traveling a whole lot lately. Between Montana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Mazatlan, and Hawaii, we keep pretty busy on the road. Bought a travel trailer and already traveled about 10,000 miles in 2021. Fond memories of my roommates and the outdoor pursuits gang, ski trips to Montana for mid-sem., etc.”

**Karen (Sundahl) Poppe:** “I retired November 1, 2021, but I still help my husband at our business in West Fargo: West Fargo Auto Body & Glass.”

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**Leif Wallin:** "Last summer, I decided to attend the Concordia wrestling fundraiser/golf event in Albany MN. I reached out to several of my rasslin' teammates and reconnected with Tom Gruhlke '80 (he even mooched a ride from me). Tom is the head coach of the Eden Prairie Wrestling team. He told me about the challenges of finding good referees. I thought that even with a 39-year break, I remember the sport well enough so I signed up. I took a few refresher workshops and have been reffing matches throughout the season. It's been a fun retirement gig and it is reconnecting me with the sport which was such a part of my life back in "the olden/golden days".

PS, I attached a picture of me in action and Hey! If you still have hair at our age, might as well show it off!"

**Lynette Evanson:** "I'm retiring from a 40-year teaching career at the end of this academic year. I have used my English/SCTA majors as wonderful inspiration with my English classes and directing 16 musicals throughout the years. As of this year, I have spent the last 29 years of my career teaching in my old high school in my home town of Livingston, MT. I am lucky enough to keep in touch with roommates from our Concordia experience, and I still sing the school song when the spirit moves me. Soli Deo Gloria!"

**Naomi Paulsen:** "I've been a teacher in ISD 196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan), for 40 years as an elementary teacher (grades 2-5), gifted and talented teacher (five years), and a reading interventionist (three years). I am currently on a leave of absence (second year). Although I have made Cape Coral, FL, Palm Spring, CA and Denver, CO my annual traveling destinations, my favorite trip was to Rome to visit my daughter who was studying abroad through the University of St. Thomas. I rented a guest house near John Cabot University and Lauren knew her way around town, so I quickly learned how to navigate and experience la dolce vita. My daughters and their families (three grandbabies) live near me in Eagan, so I am grateful to be able to spend a lot of time with them. Health and wellness are a priority to me, so I am faithful about walking (Minneapolis lakes), yoga, and using my elliptical (a pandemic purchase). Weekends are spent at art museums and at the theatre; I am so thankful for all the cultural experiences that the Minneapolis-St. Paul area has to offer (and to Barbara Glasrud for the most life-changing art history class)!"

**Jeff Diiro:** Working still at Wells Fargo as an underwriter. 3 years left. No kids. Favorite place to go - ski resorts in the Rocky Mountains. Have had the good fortune of skiing the top 40 ski resorts in the western US. Hobbies - racquetball, mountain biking, skiing, golf and fishing. Favorite Cobber memory: the shopping cart pond jump over Prexies pond during freshman orientation. I really thought we had a chance that year!

**Mary-Anne Olmsted-Kohls:** “I live on a farm west of the Twin Cities. I never dreamed this would be my destiny when going to Concordia. I was a music major, concentrating on becoming an orchestra teacher, active in Concordia's Symphony and the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. My plans were to live in a city and enjoy all the perks of that life. Well, you know the Holy Spirit. He smiled at me and chose other paths that I followed. I have lived on this farm with my husband, a full-time cash-crop farmer for 39 years come June. We have two boys--Benjamin who lives in Nashville, TN with his wife Rachel and our grandson, Orson (2 1/2) and Marshall who lives in Eagle, Colorado and has a sweet girlfriend, Kirby. Our boys have given us places to go and we have visited them regularly since they moved. (Ben works in construction which is booming in Nashville and Marshall is a manager of a high end coffee shop in Eagle). I am semi-retired. At one time I had a private studio in Hutchinson, MN I developed from scratch teaching violin, piano, cello and viola with my peak student load of 60 in the early 2000's. I did have my orchestra ;), plus I co-oped with other string teachers who were in the area so that we had three youth orchestras. Sadly, the teachers moved or passed away and the youth symphony had its last performance in 2014. I have since closed my Hutchinson studio (2018--timely, right;) and now teach 11 violin and piano students from my home in the country or online. When they graduate, I'll be retired. I also am employed with a home care agency in Litchfield and care for 3 clients out in my neighborhood one day a week at each. It is very rewarding and fun to care for aging seniors. Last year, I became senior warden at my church--Trinity Episcopal in Litchfield where my husband and I were married in June of '83.. In Lutheran terms, this is like being the president of the church council. Because my church has been working with supply priests for the past 20 years, and we were losing membership, I contacted our diocese, convinced our vestry (church council) and pep talked the congregation into believing in starting over by hiring a part-time priest in charge. I am very happy to say that Trinity Episcopal Church in Litchfield hired the Rev. Kerri Meyer of Good Courage Farm of Hutchinson, MN an Episcopal Agrarian ministry to be its priest in charge! The diocese is also sending a part-time deacon to assist, also. I am so pleased with the energy and faith we are experiencing to preach the Gospels of love in our area. My husband and I are history buffs, so we have gone out to Montana to see Little Big Horn. We have discovered so many Civil War history places along our route and in the city of Nashville--the Carter House, Shy's Hill, Look Out Mountain, Fort Donalson to name a few. We still hope to get to Gettysburg and Germany one of these days. Besides still regularly playing my violin, viola and the piano, I love to read, write Letters to the Editor to my local newspapers, attend meetings with my music clubs, my church and my family, color for relaxation and I love to look through my photos & videos of my boys and grandson, helping me feel close to them even though we are miles apart. My favorite memory at Concordia was having all night talks in the hall at 6th floor Hoyum. I really enjoyed the girls that were on that floor my freshman year! I also remember dancing disco at the "T" as well as cheese and crackers there.”

**Alan Wasmoen:** “I am still working, teaching community college biological sciences in Omaha, Nebraska. It took a long time, but I received my doctorate in 2019, so we are officially a Dr. and Dr. Wasmoen household. Terri and I adopted two newborns in 1997, so Lara and Reid just turned 25 at the end of January. No grandchildren, but we’re in no hurry. Terri and I have taken a number of trips since we got married, but I’d have to say that my favorite took us to Sligo in western Ireland (final resting place of W.B. Yeats). It was a beautiful, quaint, historic, and mostly tourist-free locale – pretty much the perfect formula.

We volunteer in a number of ways. We are members of the board of trustees for the Nebraska Children’s Home Society, which specializes in adoptions and foster care, and we are active with the Lutheran Family Services adoption program as well. Terri mentors high school students (through Partnership 4 Kids) who are potential first-generation college attendees, and we are quite involved in fundraising activities for that organization. Every few weeks during the school year, we both volunteer with Food Bank for the Heartland, handing out food staples to hundreds of families in need. Annually, I grow a mustache to raise funds for Mustaches 4 Kids, an organization that donates its considerable proceeds (about \$800,000 last year) to worthy child-oriented nonprofits. Perhaps this year I’ll send a note to the Class of ’82, imploring them to contribute to the cause.

Teaching keeps me pretty busy, but I really enjoy the time I get to spend with my three Norwegian Elkhounds (they would look great in Cobber sweaters – I’ll have to look into that). The three love-puppies are named Angus, Anja, and Magnus, and they have all been rehomed with us in the last 5 years. My favorite memories of Concordia didn’t happen on the campus. I went on the War & Peace May Seminar with Pete Hovde and John Montag, as well as a slew of great Cobbers and lifelong friends. Unfortunately, two members of our group died young – Bill Leadem and Kent (K.O.) Olson.”

**Dave Rosengren:** “Based out of Seattle for 35 years, the Pacific Northwest is home. I have the best job in America working with great people, doing creative work, and trying to make a difference in people’s lives so I’m still doing it. (Editor’s note: Dave is President and CEO of Prevention Research Institute – [www.primeforlife.org](http://www.primeforlife.org)) The last child will fly the coop this fall and then life could get interesting. Last summer my eldest son and I took a road trip from Minneapolis to Seattle with no itinerary, just an arrival date. One of our delightful dalliances was to swing into Moorhead, take a stroll through campus, check out the fieldhouse, pick up some swag at the Cobber bookstore, and then head to Mick’s Office for a burger. My youngest son is digging the “Fear the Ear” t-shirt he received. Ron Rasmus ’83, Greg Richardson ’86, and I occasionally gather to tell old stories, appreciate the challenges of life, and to prize the company of friends from our youth.”

**Eric Johnson:** “As many classmates already know, I joined the Concordia staff in 2005 and I currently serve as the Director of Alumni Relations. I have three Cobber kids, Berit ’10, Noah ’19 and Signe ’20. I was married to Kirsten (Montgomery) Johnson ’87 who, after a journey of more than four years, died of pancreatic cancer in July 2021. We had a rich life together and lived every moment of every day over the years of her illness with much more joy than despair.”

**Scott Grossman:** Scott sent a thorough update, so I will highlight a few things for his response! If you want to read his entire message, reach out to me! “I spent 38 years as a professional choreographer/dance/actor and built a successful Hollywood career.

Hollywood was phenomenal and wonderful. I became a screen actors guild member and still to this day, I receive residuals from movies that I have worked on.

After leaving my career in Hollywood, I went to Pacific Lutheran theology seminar in Berkeley California, graduating from Claremont school theology Mona California. I went back to grad school at 50 years of age and picked up a masters in divinity and served as an ELCA pastor. I then bought a church built in 1929 in Little Falls, MN – I totally refurbished it and it is now called Grey Stone Chapel – a nondenominational community outreach. Grey Stone Ministries serves our local community as well as those dealing with domestic violence, offers LGBTQ support, and addiction and recovery support.

I take the winter months off (January – March) and enjoy the beach sands of Tobago, which is a country of Trinidad. When I moved back to MN 6 years ago, I did so to help care for my parents. This past year, both of my parents passed away – mom from COVID and my dad 6 months later at the Vet’s Home in Fergus Falls. I am married to Jeff and have a wonderful relationship. I was extremely heartbroken to learn that our classmate, Diane Nelson passed away in August. My love and support to her husband, family and friends. The day I heard she had passed, I actually had an epiphany that Diane came back to me as a hummingbird. For me that was just such a telling moment of the spirit of God giving us the safe sign that life is for the living and we will be together one day.”

**Rand Stolee:** “Greetings Cobber classmates! I have had a very busy couple years during Covid. I don’t take care of Covid directly but it still affected surgery indirectly. I’m not sure if everyone being home meant they decided to take care of their routine procedures or what happened. In October 2021 I mentored in my replacement and then semi-retired from my surgical practice. I still do about 1/3 practice at various hospitals but have more time for travel.

That meant hooking up a trailer and traveling across the central states for a month. We enjoyed visiting the Henry Ford in Detroit, American Quilt Museum in Paducah KY, a couple Presidential Libraries (Clinton, Bush), Central High in Little Rock, ATT stadium in Dallas, my Mom in Las Cruces and several sites in Kansas City (Museum of WWI, Union Station, bus tour). Now I am in my winter mode which means three ski trips (Vail, Alyeska Alaska, Sun Valley).

Becky and I have 7 grandkids with one on the way (ultimately 6 girls and 2 boys). We have 3 (+) in town, 2 in Alaska and 2 in Raleigh NC. That means lots of trips to see them. In retirement I have had the time to take up computer programming again as a hobby. Right now I am learning Java. I lead the Men’s Bible study at church and help organize the Men’s group. Becky and I still live in Perham when we are not traveling. My favorite memory of Concordia is Orv Haugsby’s A+ row.

p.s. if you don’t hear from them directly I know that Andrew Olson is a bishop in the ELCA. Rob Diehl is retired from his law practice. Kendra Diehl is still very active with her church work. Kevin Cease has been running the Cease Funeral Home empire.”

**Dave Zimmermann:** “After 25 years working as a High School Choir director, I was called to become a pastor. I am currently the senior pastor of River Valley Alliance Church in Watertown, Wisconsin. Some people, thinking I retired, have asked if I’m enjoying retirement to which I respond, “If this is retirement, I want a do-over!” I thoroughly love being a pastor and feel this is what God put me on this planet to do!

Nancy (Deitz '83) has been my faithful, patient wife for the last 38 years. After 34 years, she retired from teaching and being a district reading specialist. Currently, she is a pastor’s wife, has set up and works with a non-profit organization which provides housing for women in transition, and does childcare for our 2 (soon to be 3) grandchildren. Both of us loved every minute of our choir experiences at Concordia but wish we had enjoyed them even more. Those wonderful hours were a once in a lifetime experience and provided many wonderful memories.”

**Vicki (Schmitz) Baartman:** “I retired in the fall of 2019 and moved from SD to Florida...my husband, Bruce is still working, I care for my parents who live nearby. For my career, I have done a little of everything (HR, stay-at-home mom, teacher’s aid and home visitor in Early childhood, receptionist). We have two daughters, recent addition of one son-in-law and 2 step grandkids; one cocker spaniel. My favorite travel destinations...Mexico, Caribbean (and Florida, which is why we live here now!) I volunteer at our church (Early Childhood Center board, women in mission). I love to read, swim, walk, bike, gather with friends, and enjoy the beach. One Cobber memory-eating almost an entire bowl of chocolate chip cookie dough with my roommates, Lori (Loe) Petersen and Pam (Gray) Kranzler while we watched The Sound of Music.”

**Dan Schroeder:** “Hello from Dan Schroeder. My wife Sue and I have resided in my hometown of Perham, MN since 1993. We live in peaceful wooded area outside of Perham with plenty of property to enjoy. I just finished up with 15 years at the Perham Area Chamber as their Executive Director. I will continue working in sales with the Chamber, and in community relations and marketing with the Perham Pizza Ranch. Since 2018 we have become proud grandparents. Now we have two grandsons Griffin (3) and Archie (1). Our daughter Nicky and her husband Blaine live in the Brainerd area most of the year so we aren’t too far away. We also enjoy the company of our dogs. Our newest is a 6 month Great Dane named Nala. She is on her way to being a big and beautiful dog. She already weighs 85 pounds. 😊 Hello and best wishes to everyone.”

**DeAnn Adams:** “In 1994 I enrolled at Northwestern Chiropractic College in Bloomington, MN, graduated in 1998 w/ a Doctorate in Chiropractic and BS in Human Biology (Double majored w BA in Business Admin and Social Work from Concordia but use those daily in my private practice). In 2011 I enrolled at Options for Animals Chiropractic College in Wellsville, KS and graduated that same year w/ my Animal Chiropractic Certification and International Veterinary Chiropractic Association Certification.

I am the Founder & Owner of Paradox Chiropractic in Little Falls, MN. We are currently looking for an ambitious Associate Chiropractor licensed in MN for both Human and Animal chiropractic.”

**Brian Nelson:** “I am Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Dunwoody College of Technology, 4 years. Nearly 40 years of non-profit executive leadership and development experience. About a dozen years of executive leadership consultation-Nonprofit Executive Leadership Solutions (NELS) Also assist my wife, Sue, with her residential real estate business where she is WAY more successful than I am! Hopefully someday I will retire!

We have 3 Sons: Mack 28, Wealth Advisor, Boston. Getting married this spring. (University of St. Thomas) Jake 26, Sales Manager, Ewald Consulting, Twin Cities. (Carlson School, UofMN) and Gabe, 23, Sales, Titan Machinery, Fargo. (NDSU).

We have had the opportunity to travel to many places over the years. Our favorite destination is still our lake home in Alexandria. With 3 sons, I was a volunteer coach for 55 seasons of youth sports as the boys were growing up, including classmates' sons John (Mark) Streed and Noah (Eric) Johnson. I was also involved on Board of Directors for 360 Communities in Twin Cities and I volunteer at Theatre LeHomme Dieu in Alexandria. I enjoy fishing, hunting, reading, golf, woodworking, remodeling. (Start with 10, end with 10!) A great Concordia memory: Fantastic Feats for Fools champions. Kite Flying champion. Tons of stuff probably still not for public consumption.”

**Pam (Gray) Kranzler:** “I have been happily married to Les for the last 36 years. We raised two great children who are both adults now, Tim and Kristie. They both have great jobs in the Twin Cities. Kristie just got married last October so I am hoping to be blessed with grandchildren in the near future! Since graduating from Concordia, I have spent my working days in the banking industry. I am currently a loan administrator at CorTrust Bank in Mound, MN., and am planning to retire in less than three years (yes, the countdown is on ☺).

Les and I have taken two great trips together, one to Alaska and one to Hawaii (both before the Pandemic hit) and we currently have a Caribbean cruise planned for next February (if things continue to get better with the Covid situation). Kristie and I also had the opportunity to take a wonderful mother/daughter trip to New York and then a nice relaxing Caribbean cruise together. I am hoping to take my dream vacation to Australia and New Zealand with Les shortly after I retire. I have so many fantastic memories of Concordia. Even after all these years, I consider it one of the best decisions I have ever made to attend this great college!”

**Lynn (Butson) Schneider:** “I am retired after 30 years as the owner/manager of a small town funeral home. I have 2 boys, and no grandchildren. I have taken a number of trips in the past 40 years but my favorite had to be Europe with my younger son, Paris was by far my favorite but Rome was a close second.

I currently volunteer for a number of progressive candidates text/phone banking, mostly local candidates but some national as well. I also split my time between Wisconsin, Florida and New Mexico. My hobbies include Crossfit, walking my dogs and painting (acrylic not house).

My favorite memories of Concordia include the TNT dancing on Friday/ Saturday nights, Micks Office (I think that was the name of the burger place) for burgers and tequila shooters before Shakespeare class. Even dorm living has fond memories. I remember thinking how big the campus was, especially the walk to the fieldhouse but I was there 2 summers ago and it was so much smaller then I remember.”

**Debi Buchheit Fritz and Bruce Fritz:** “We got married in August of '82 and started married life in Chaska, MN (a suburb of Minneapolis). In '85 Bruce took a job as a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. We were happy and he felt he could move within the company when he was ready. 37 years later, he is still flying the skies (now with Delta after they merged) and we're happily planted in Watertown South Dakota (31 years) We have 3 acres and just bought a house on to the back acre that we will sell to our daughter and her husband along with their 4 boys. Our oldest son also has 4 kids. He runs the roasting department at Proud Mary in Portland OR. We are happy to be able to fly whenever we want to see him.

We have traveled the world but are seriously the happiest when we're at home. I run 2 eBay stores that Bruce helps with. Hopefully, this will continue into our retirement for fun and relaxation. We love hunting for treasures! We homeschooled our kids and spent many hours helping at church. Bruce plays drums and guitar on worship team and I helped in children's ministry! I was an AWANA commander and worked wherever needed.

We've had every animal you could think of out in the back yard. Horses, Cows, Pigs, Chickens, Ducks, Geese.... The list is endless. We are now down to a dog. (A quintuple bypass set me back a couple of years ago and makes it hard when Bruce is traveling and it's 20 below!!) We always thought Bruce would move around in the company, but found we were happiest when he got off the plane in MSP and left work there to come home.

He's flipped houses for us in his free time, first one by Grace church (Which wasn't there then) in Eden Prairie MN. The one we're living in is our 5th (and last) one.

We bought a camper to fix up and travel a bit (Haven't done much on the ground all these years!), but if nothing else, we love taking the grandkids camping right here in Watertown. We lost both of his parents last summer (Had 6 funerals last year, none due to covid!) and had a couple of hard months. Just reminds us to hug our kids that much more. Our lives, which began when we met at Concordia, have been full, and busy but most of all..... happy. Hope all you are enjoying your life and have a great 2022.“

**Kathy (Vitalis) Hoffman:** After being a pastor in Middletown, MD for over 12 years, I am now two years into a new call as the Lead Pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover, PA. Our pastoral team consists of three women! Who would have imagined this back in '82! My oldest daughter, Sarah, is living and working in MD and my youngest daughter, Amy, is in her last year of Medical School at Penn State. My husband, Mark, is Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg and Philadelphia. We have lived on the East Coast for 20 years but have managed to make many trips to the Fargo-Moorhead area and Battle Lake, MN where my mom, Lu Vitalis, Faculty Emeritus of the Nursing Department, sister, Susan, '83 and brother, Steve, '96 live. This past summer we traveled to Montana where we did a week's worth of day hikes including to the top of Grizzly Peak at Red Lodge Ski Resort. A highlight was catching up with my lifelong friend and freshman roommate, 7th floor of Hoyum Hall, Kris Dalthorp Myers, also an '82 cobbler. I've missed many reunions but am determined to make it back for our 40th.”

**Mark (Louie) Baumgartner:** “My husband, Paul and I moved to Palm Springs California 2 years ago. It had always been our dream to do so. We'd had a condo out here for 20 years and knew we wanted to retire in the desert. It happened a little sooner than we thought. Paul got a job out here so I retired from the University after 32 years and we moved. We love it. We bought a new house that needed a lot of work and did some renovation and are all settled in.

I started a new job last October as the director of advancement for the Palm Springs Art Museum. I've done fundraising my entire life. While I did love not working, it is nice to be back with people and doing something again.

I'm not overly connected with Concordia. When I was in Minneapolis I stayed in contact with Brian Nelson, Laura Elletson, Todd Olson, Randy Peterson and Chris Beulefiulle.

Ironic that Chris and Paul worked at the same church. She was the pastor and Paul the music director. Chris actually married us. No kids here. Had two cats but they passed and we haven't replaced them yet, but will.

We love to travel when we can. Hopefully, we get COVID under control so we can do that again. We are supposed to go to Bali and the Maldives in May but I think that might be a little questionable at this point as Bali is still locked down.”

**Dana Morris:** “In 2020 I was furloughed for over a year, and moved back to South Dakota from Los Angeles, CA. What could have been a bad year, turned out to be my best. I finished my 2 buildings there, and opened the "Goodwin Lodge & Music Hall" in a small town by where I grew up (my mom's home town) and opened a 250 seat event center and lodge. Then in August 2021, when I returned to CA, I was promoted to be the Vice President of the concert company I've worked for since 2017, and now oversee a staff of 200 and 8 concert venues that do celebrity concerts and speakers all over LA. We do concerts with Kenny Loggins, Pat Benatar, Frankie Valli, Air Supply, Styx, etc...and have speakers like President Bush, Carol Burnett, Jane Fonda, and many politicians and newscasters. It's been the best year of my life. Praise God for an amazing year!”

**Lois Anderson (Carlson):** “One of my most favorite places in the world is Lake Como, Italy. I figure if it's good enough for Branson and Clooney, who am I to differ. Last July we had the pleasure of being on the lake for 3 weeks with our daughter and granddaughter (age 6). We even had friends from Germany join us for a long weekend. Italy was then at it's COVID low point, so having some freedom with it as well was a welcome respite. The water, the ancient villages around the lake, the ferries, my granddaughter wakeboarding for the first time, the food, the hospitality, meeting new old and new friends...what a gift. Praise be to God the giver of ALL good things.”

**Eric McIntyre:** “My wife Kris ('84) and I live in Andover MN. After serving in worship ministry for thirty-five years, I graduated with an MDiv from The Master's Institute Seminary (St. Paul) and joined its staff in 2019 as Director of Spiritual and Character Formation. Our two sons live in the Washington DC area and our daughter is in the Twin Cities. Two of the three are Cobber alum. First grandchild on the way in July 2022. Kris and I have traveled to Israel twice in the past five years and hope to return when the world settles down. :) Favorite Cobber memory... doing life with high quality people that we consistently encounter to this day. “

**Jan Lerohl:** “After teaching elementary music in Hawley, MN for 33 years, I retired in 2015 and moved back to my home area. I now reside in Granite Falls, MN where I work part-time as the Senior Advocate for the Granite Falls area in Yellow Medicine County. I also have the privilege of directing the Building Bridges (Memory) Choir. The choir is one of four projects funded by a grant from the Act on Alzheimer's program focusing on making Granite Falls a "Dementia-Friendly" community. The Building Bridges Choir is made up of older adults (with varying degrees of memory issues), their caregivers, and volunteers. Rehearsals consist of socializing over coffee and treats before gathering to sing a variety of arrangements of familiar songs. The choir also gives public performances. Our focus is to lift the stigma of dementia and encourage socialization and creativity of expression through singing. According to research, the area of the brain, where music memories are stored, is the last to be affected by dementia. Therefore, the Building Bridges Choir provides a unique and therapeutic experience for the older adults in our community.”

**Debra (Weigand) Lake:** “I have been Registered Dietitian in a clinical setting for 25+ years; currently professional portrait photographer at Debra Lake Photography. I have been blessed with wonderful husband, 3 children and spouses, 4 grandchildren. Alaska and Hawaii are favorite destinations. I am a member of Kiwanis International volunteering through local Kiwanis organization. My favorite college memories of sporting events and intra-murals, Christmas concerts, great nights out for birthday celebrations and cheese and crackers, special roommates and friends, and a fantastic May seminar. Greetings to all!”

**Laura Elletson:** “I am a Chief People Officer for a consulting engineering firm. Best job yet! I have Twins who are now 25 years old and 3 step-grandchildren in Seattle. When asking about my favorite travel destination, that is a tough one - however my top four would include a road trip through the national parks to move my daughter to Seattle or a trip to Logotec, Yugoslavia with my parents to see our roots and meet long lost family. I also enjoyed a trip to Tahiti, and a wedding my kids were in, in Spain. I coach graduate students at the University of MN and sometimes at my church. I enjoy traveling, anything water-boating, swimming, paddle boarding, floating, sunsets over, walking along a beach, waterskiing when we had a boat and I could get up! and bicycling, cross-country skiing, reading, dining out or at someone's house, binge watching British crime shows since Covid! My favorite memory of Concordia was the homecoming variety show and dance with Chris Bellefeuille parents! And the “brother floors.” I also loved the T with their port wine cheese spread!”

**Kathy (Hed) and Jeff Iverson:** “Both Jeff and I are now retired teachers, we work part time, and we still live in the Staples-Motley area where we have been the last 33 years. We have four adult daughters—three married, and four grandsons.”



**John Hoven:** “Let’s see....in my 39th year of teaching, about 23 years in Woodbury the last dozen at Woodbury High School. I taught near Iowa City and also Walden, Colorado earlier in my career. Both having taught in other states (making the Minnesota retirement not near as lucrative), and losing every penny of my Iowa retirement money in the Trevor Cook Ponzi Scheme a decade or so ago, retirement is nowhere in sight..... Best three trips I have taken were in 1998 and 2000, bicycling cross the USA from Seattle to DC for the American Lung Association and from the Canadian Border to New Orleans in 2002 with friends. Amazing adventures....and coupled with climbing (hiking) 22 of Colorado and California’s 14ers, I, like I’m sure many of us, am enjoying two brand new knees....made by the good people at Johnson and Johnson. Wasn’t a Cobber hockey player...but took it up at age 40 and play often pickup hockey in the Twin Cities. Just got back from Utah skiing and will be headed towards Sun Valley, Idaho spring break. Having just gotten over mild Omicron, and being fully boosted....my first trip in two years with minimal, if any, covid worries...only concern, will my knees fall off?”

**Greg & Jerilyn (Dunnum) Kjelberg:** “Greg (81) and I split our time between New Ulm, MN and Two Inlets, MN. Greg is retired but I still work in the same dental office as the Accounts Payable representative. I keep busy with some volunteer work for Meals on Wheels, our local community theater, church choir, various civic organizations over the years, and some dallying in watercolors.

Both of our kids - Tye and Meia - sang in the Concordia Choir, and that provided us with our favorite pastime: following them around the world on various choir tours. We were the proverbial nerdy choir parents on tours to South Korea, Germany, and all over the US (I was the one crying through entire concerts. I made a fall visit each year while the kids were in choir to sit in on a rehearsal and, yes, cried through each of those too. Honestly, when did I get to be so emotional?) We're so thankful our children attended Concordia.“

**Beth (Olson) Yokum:** “Larry (Cobber class of '81) and I live in St. Paul, MN, both retired. I retired from Anoka-Hennepin Schools in June 2019 from my position as Early Learning Programs Manager, after 28 years of work in Parenting and Early Childhood Education. I loved my work and I love being retired from it!! We have two children and one new granddaughter, Alea, born in May 2021, who lives in Mt. Vernon, WA. We're trying to figure out how to be long-distance grandparents, so any suggestions are welcome!! We love to travel and enjoy spending time in the city as well as on MN's amazing North Shore. Concordia memories...singing in the annual Christmas concerts; "Grease" frosh sing-alongs with hairbrush mikes in Hoyum Hall; eating cookie dough out of a big bowl with my roommates (we each had our own spoon...); "Dallas" watch parties in the dorm lounge on Thursday nights...who shot JR?? Dancing at Old Broadway...we were seniors and old enough to go to Fargo for fun, FINALLY!! And, yes, crackers and cheese at The T&T!”

**Christine Bellefeuille and Ted (Theo) Olson:** “We are both still working. Ted is now an independent contractor doing philanthropy and business development. I am the lead pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Stillwater. We have three adult kids, one just married to Paul Dovre’s great-nibling, one getting married this year, one a Cobber alum! Ted is an inveterate backpacker and conquered 1300 miles of the Continental Divide Trail (2017) and a full through-hike of the Superior Hiking Trail - 300 miles – in 2021. We have enjoyed travel with two favorite trips the Concordia Bike trips to Ireland and France. Ted is on the board of our local food shelf and volunteers weekly. I finished a DMin in Biblical Preaching in 2018 – because my hobby is taking classes, apparently. Favorite memories. Ted: Religion classes with Don Luck. Me: epic Saturday-long roommate conversations and themed house parties with Laura Elletson, Becky Hanson Grese, and Beth Blom Files.”

**Cheryl Pederson:** “I am still working in Las Vegas, NV for the Clark County School District. I am teaching 3rd grade at Rundle Elementary School. I retired in 2016 for 6 weeks and due to the Teacher Shortage in Las Vegas was asked to return as a Critical Need Teacher. So this is my 36th year in the classroom. (I should be close to sainthood soon.) My passion is traveling! I have explored a lot of places all over the world; Most of Europe, Greece, Turkey, The Baltics, Russia, Caribbean, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska the rest of the states, but my favorite destinations are Israel and the Scandinavian Countries; Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark. I do some volunteering at church, and a lot at the school I teach at. I have a few hobbies I enjoy. I love gardening, and I have been restoring my Great, Great Grandfather & Grandmother’s Century Homestead in Lake Park, MN. They homesteaded 150 years ago and for the past 10 years I have been taking one big project a year. (Hence, this is the reason why I went back to work after retiring.) My favorite memories of Concordia are the fun times in the Home Economics Department (great classmates), the week in New York City with all the Home Ec. majors, the May Seminar to Europe and watching my wonderful cousin Andy Askegaard play on the men’s basketball team for Concordia, in the field house. Finally the Spring Break ski trip to Bozeman, MT for 7 days of skiing at Bridger Bowl, travel, lodging and ski tickets for \$150.00. (What a deal!) The world has changed SO greatly since we attended Concordia, but looking back the education, confidence and friendships I received at Concordia gave me a great start in my career. It has been a blessing, and it was an honor to attend Concordia College, and be in the Class of ‘82!”

**Rand and Renee (Halvorson) Anderson:** After years of living in Colorado, Switzerland and most recently, Maryland, we retired and moved to Arden Hills, MN, on lovely Lake Josephine. We were drawn by the beauty of the outdoors, being mid-way between our sons (one in Boston and one in Bremerton, WA) and being closer to our folks. We also knew we could escape during the cold months! (This year to Roatan, Honduras and to our mountain condo in Keystone CO) As the pandemic slows down, we are looking forward to reconnecting with classmates and friends in the area. 2022 is a milestone year as we celebrate our sons’ weddings--Max & Olivia in March and Evan & Danica in August.

**Jeff Johnson:** “Currently I am a Sr Quality Assurance Analyst for the State of MN supporting the Department of Human Services Agency. I have been in IT for over 25 years and definitely looking forward to retiring in 2023! My wife Kathy and I have been married 28 years and I have twin sons, Arik and Andrew, who are 23 yrs old. We have lived in Inver Grove Heights, MN since we were married. Our sons recently graduation from Concordia University - St Paul and are now pursuing their Masters Degrees at Concordia. Our empty nest is full again - I guess that is a common theme now!

We were fortunately to finally take a Caribbean cruise a few years ago - we would HIGHLY recommend it. Our next cruise will be to visit cities on the California coastline, hopefully in the fall of 2022. Our retirement cruise destination will be to visit each of the Hawaiian Islands.

I absolutely love working in my yard during the warm Minnesota months - gets me away from the keyboard and monitor! I have many fun memories from Concordia - Homecoming was always a blast and as we became Juniors/Seniors I recall some fun Friday afternoon Happy Hours at the T&T and of course the off campus 'house parties' were always a blast as well! Having had sons who have graduated from college you realize how fast those college years go - I will always cherish the great memories of being a Cobber Class of 82! “

**Kimberly Sue Mueller Sandman:** “I work at Middle Tennessee State University as an Administrative Senior Dispatch Coordinator at our Flight School. Been married going on 37 years this July. We have 2 sons whom have each given us beautiful daughter-in-laws and 4 wonderful grandchildren. They range from 7 yr to 2 yr old. Favorite trip would be the 7 day Caribbean Cruise onboard the New Amsterdam in Oct 2018. I co-lead women's Bible Study at church and mentor two women in their Christian walk who are very new, young Christians. Hobbies: I love fishing, but am a fair weather fisherman. I also enjoy knitting, sewing, crafty things. Memories: chapel services, communion services, concerts, good times with friends that have lasted through the years.“



Here is a picture of one of my crafts, a Cobber colored sweater.

**Britt Lindstrom:** “Career: Jack of all trades; master of none. Retired: 2011  
Notable Trips: Africa, Madagascar, New Zealand, Australia, Peru, Ecuador, Galápagos Islands, Peru. Most Amazing: Elephants can be completely invisible in a grove of trees.

Married since 1999 to Linda Tribble. We live near Bryson City in western NC. No children. I enjoy Whitewater Kayaking and Rowing, and Snow Skiing.  
Most recent notable accomplishments: 1. Guided Lonnie Bedwell on his first descent of the Pigeon River when he was learning to kayak. 2. Rowed an 18 ft raft down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon in 2021.

My Favorite Memory of Concordia: watching Scott Askerooth play Horse in Memorial Auditorium. He could make the most amazing shots!”

**Jerry Jacobs:** "I have been teaching Latin for most of these three decades. I will retire when I drop dead in the classroom. I only work nine months a year, though. I do not have any children, however, I do have 13 nieces and nephews. Except for my years locked away in the monastery, I've traveled almost every year out of the US. Since governments shut down the economy while I was in Holland, I've also traveled to Dubrovnik and Zagreb, Roma, Istanbul and south & west coasts, Scotland and Andorra. Enjoyed my week on Bozcaada, a Turkish island. Does not include my visits to family in Iowa and the Carolinas. My 60th birthday was spent on Gull Lake in Minn.

For hobbies I enjoy traveling, Victorian and Edwardian fiction, sci fi, movies, beekeeping, and pipe smoking.

One favorite memory of Concordia: Low price even a better deal against the quality of education. Fresh baked cinnamon rolls, coffee and orange juice in the morning.

Friendship with Twila and Andreas. Late night/early morning outings to Cher's kitchen. Almost all of my classes were a joy."

**Jane (Jensen) Armstrong:** "I am a Technical Services Clerk at the Great River Regional Library in Saint Cloud MN. We have one daughter who is 27. We typically go to Duluth every spring. I enjoy reading, coloring, paint by sticker, Pixel art on my phone, sewing purses, cross stitch, listening to music and singing, and attending a couple of close friend Bible studies each week.

I can't pick just one favorite memory of Concordia. I liked going to the plays and movies and concerts, and going to the bookstore and riding the bus to West Acres. I liked Shakespeare class with Dr. Lell and working at the Carl B Ylvisaker library. I liked reading and cutting out some parts of the Concordian and putting them in a scrapbook."

**Lori (Loe) Petersen:** "Upon graduating from Concordia, I have used my education degree to serve and educate others. I enjoyed being a Youth and Education Director at a church, a tour director that brought people to new one day and extended tour destinations, as well as a Sales and Marketing Director. For the past 6 years, I was a Memory Care Coordinator at CCM Health. I worked with families to find resources for their loved one that lived with memory challenges. Three years ago I was diagnosed with Triple Negative breast cancer. I received chemo, radiation, oral chemo, was on a clinical study, and underwent a double mastectomy. In August of 2021, the cancer had returned and I was diagnosed with metastatic cancer. Although just a guess, my oncologist has given me 3-5 years to live unless I am a miracle...which I hope to be!

My husband Alan has MS and has been wheelchair bound for many years. We have two adult children, Ross and Rebecca. Ross attended NDSU and Beci was a Cobber. We added three new grandsons in March of 2021 - identical twin boys to Beci and a son to Ross. The twins have an older sister, so a total of 4 grandchildren!

I retired in December to spend more time with family and friends. In 2020, just prior to the COVID shutdown, our entire family traveled to Hawaii to celebrate the completion of my cancer treatments. We had a wonderful time and I wouldn't mind going back someday! Some of my greatest memories of Concordia included singing with the choir and establishing lifetime friendships. Selfishly, I would love to see as many of you as possible for Homecoming in October. Truthfully, however, none of us know what our future will hold, so let's make the best of every day we are given!"



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