

Concordia College Class of 1969



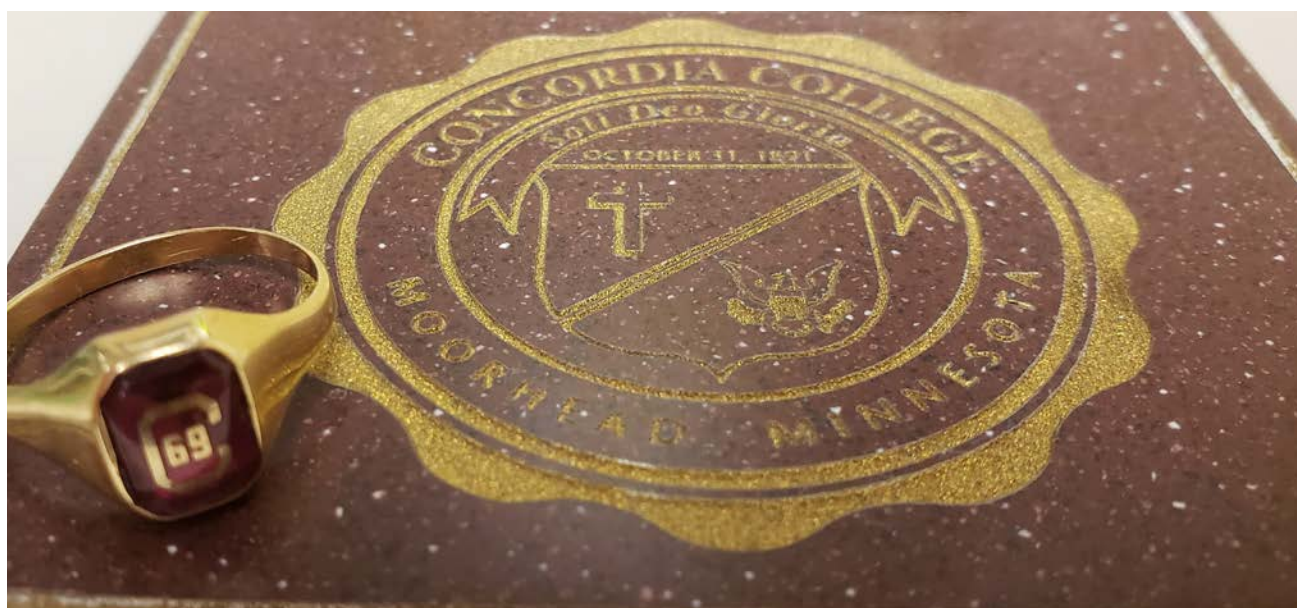
This book was created for you and made possible through generous donations from your classmates. We hope you find joy in reading updates on your classmates and hope you will join us at our 50th reunion.

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Greetings fellow classmates of 1969!

The Class of 1969—we were on the cusp of a new decade when we graduated, a time of tumult and change, a time of idealism and hope, a time of generational shift. As Dr. Paul Dovre says in this Memory Book, we were “a crucible generation,” living through dynamic challenges. Over the next fifty years, where have our paths taken us? The preparation of this Memory Book for our class has been a privilege and a journey. The poignant searching for obituaries for our classmates who have died, reaching out to faculty and realizing anew what impressive teachers we had, sketching the drama of the years 1965-1969, and most especially communicating with you, our classmates, and gathering your life stories and memories to share in this book.

From 1969-2019, the stories, memories and pictures are a gift to all of us, showing us the paths we have taken and what is important in our lives; we see reflections of Concordia’s mission throughout, its mission then and now “to influence the affairs of the world by sending into society thoughtful and informed men and women dedicated to the Christian life.”

As we anticipate our 50th college reunion during Concordia’s Homecoming on October 10-13, 2019, we invite you to dig into the pages of this Memory Book. The updates from our classmates and former faculty are truly memorable. Enjoy the book! Reach out to friends and classmates from our special four years at Concordia. Join our 50th reunion celebration!



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Memory Book Committee

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Memory Book Committee

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Greetings from The Office of Alumni Relations

You have marked a celebration of significant proportion. We hope that your weekend on campus provides ample opportunities to reconnect with your classmates and reminisce on your days as a student at Concordia College.

There is never enough time during Homecoming to catch up with all of your classmates. With generous donations from your classmates, the Office of Alumni Relations has produced a memory book for your class, in hopes that it will serve as a tangible connection to many friends and to the memories of your time in this special place.



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Karen (Natwick) Carlson '80
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Hymn to Concordia

On firm foundation grounded,
Concordia fair doth stand,
With love and hope surrounded
From God's almighty hand,
To sacred truth, Concordia,
May thou e'er faithful be, 'Till "Soli Deo Gloria"
We sing eternally!

In strength and faith forever
Lead us where those have trod,
Whose toil and chief endeavor
Have brought us close to God!
All hail to thee, our fathers;
Concordia honors thee,
As "Soli Deo Gloria" we sing eternally!



Stand Up and Cheer

Stand up and cheer.
Stand up and cheer for old Concordia,
For today we raise the maroon and gold above the rest,
Our team is fighting, and they are bound to win the fray.
We've got the team! We've got the steam! For this is old Concordia's Day!
C-O-N-C-O-R-D-I-A, Concordia! Concordia!
GOOOO COBBERS!!!

The purpose of Concordia College is to influence the affairs of the world by
sending into society thoughtful and informed men and women dedicated
to the Christian life.



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Students Defend Old Main Against Onslaught



Mary Feldman

Moving under the slogan, "Old Main Shall Remain," over 500 students gathered Sunday evening on the shores of Prexy's Pond to call for the maintenance of one of Concordia's finest traditions and to reedicate the pond as "Bogstad's Bog."

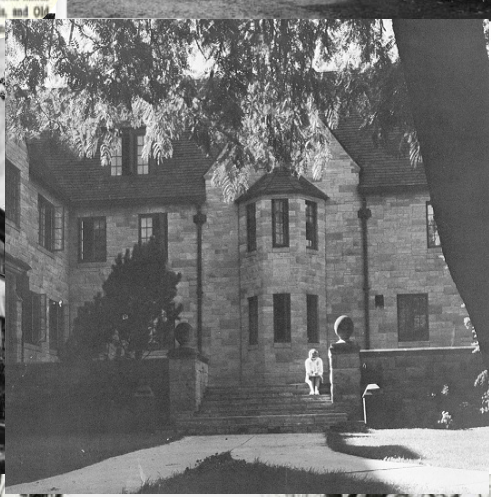
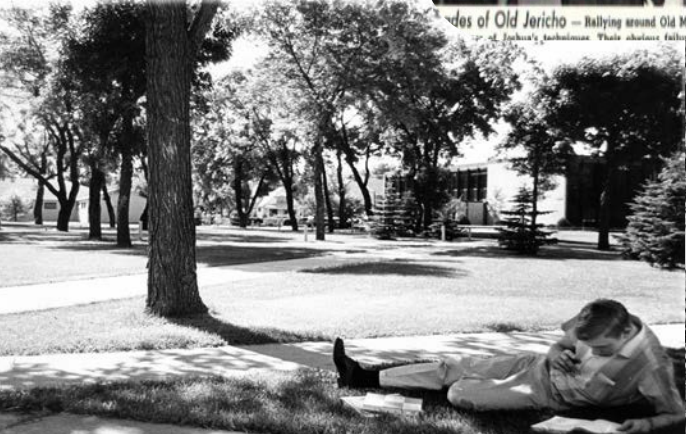
Dan Lee, Student Association president and one of the leaders of the rally, opened with the following proclamation.

"Special Proclamation concerning the nomenclature of certain locations on the campus of Concordia College.

"Acted upon and publicly proclaimed on this the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine-hundred and sixty-six.

"Be it herewith known that the particular geographical portion of campus known as 'Prexy's Pond' and several other euphemisms, shall be known as 'Bogstad's Bog,' from this day forth and forever more.

"And be it also publicly proclaimed that the building known as Old Main shall remain Old Main in the hearts, minds and affections of all assembled here. Old Main it is, and Old Main it shall remain. Here we stand. We cannot and shall not move."



Julianne Urdahl Aanenson

Hometown: Twin Valley

Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Business Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Walt Aanenson

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Grandchildren: Tryg, Thor, Chloe, Cora, Ciah, Charlie and Dane

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I have been retired since 2008. During my working life I was a teacher for 2 years, taught piano lessons and was a substitute teacher for 15 years. I finished my career as an Operations Officer at a community action agency.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The friendships I made.

Myron Albertson

Hometown: Mahanomen, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Sociology

Graduate Education: Masters of Divinity

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Dorothy (Deceased)

Children: Stephanie '95, Sarah, and Luke

Grandchildren: Saylor, Tagg, Lucy, Jude, Anna, Hadley and Everly

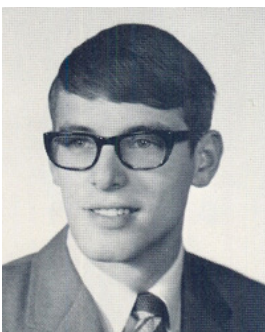
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After Concordia, I attended Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and graduated in 1973. I served four parishes over a period of 40 years and retired. I currently live near Des Moines, Iowa.



Louis Jones Alemayehu

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Years at Concordia: 1964-1969

Major; Minor: English & Theatre/Speech

Current Vocation: Educator/mentor, writer
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Aiyaana and Eden

Grandchildren: Dayna, Cylas, Aminah, Anaise,
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Louis Alemayehu is a writer, educator, activist, poet and mentor of younger artists and activists. His writing has appeared in national and international publications. Alemayehu is a founding member of the seminal, award winning poetry/jazz ensemble, Ancestor Energy, strongly influenced by Chicago's Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians.

In 2009 the Minnesota Spoken Word Association gave Alemayehu an Urban Griot award for 30 years of excellence as a pioneering spoken word artist. In 2012 the Process Work Institute in Portland, Oregon, certified Louis as a "World Work Elder" as he engages in art as a "spirit weaver" or community builder, connecting diverse populations. Much of his non-artistic work today is centered on food security, climate change, human rights, environmental justice and always performance.

Alemayehu has been Community Faculty or "Wisdom Carrier" for the Environmental Sustainability class at the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs. For him storytelling is an essential tool of community building.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I was born on the south side of Chicago during the most turbulent time since the Civil War. My mentor, Eleanor Haney, set the stage for the rest of my life. Freshman year coincided with Freedom Summer. Elly Haney made it possible for me to meet some of the major figures of the day: Andrew Young who was MLK's right hand man; Bernice Reagon, one of the Freedom Singers, who helped me understand the connection between art and activism; and Father Daniel Berrigan of the Peace Movement. I was blessed!

Alden Anderson

Hometown: Gary, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Public School Vocal Music and History

Graduate Education: 125 graduate credits from various Universities

Current Vocation: Retired, museum volunteer, church organist, member of Fargo-Moorhead Master Chorale, and genealogy buff

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Children: Maren '02

Grandchildren: August Andrew Marks

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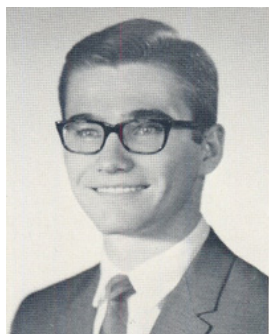
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Since graduating from Concordia on August 1, 1969, I have taught children vocal music in grades kindergarten through grade 12 in Barnesville, Gary, Norman County East, St. Cloud and Little Falls in Minnesota and retired from teaching in 2003.

Since 1975 to the present my time has been spent serving as a music adjudicator for the Minnesota State High School League, Gary City clerk, various positions on the local church council, church organist/choir director, singing Bass II in the Fargo-Moorhead Master Chorale which sang in Carnegie Hall.

Also I have enjoyed traveling in the United States, Norway, Sweden and Russia. Serving as Chairman of the Norman County Historical Society and volunteering for the Geneological group has been a fun diversion. Visiting my daughter Maren Elizabeth '02 and grandson August Andrew every month in the cities has been a great pleasure.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memory from Concordia days was singing Bass II in the Concordia College concert choir under the direction of Dr. Paul J. Christiansen and choir tours to the Southern and Eastern United States.

Curtis Anderson

Hometown: Farmington, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology; Chemistry

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Pamela Anderson

Children: Chris, Nora

Grandchildren: Oliver, Emma, Avalee, Trevor and Brady

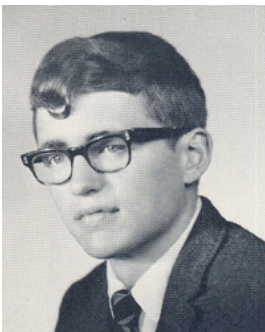
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I taught senior high school classes for 34 years at Tyler, Russell-Tyler, and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Schools. I also coached 7th and 8th grade football for 25 years and basketball for 10 years. I have been gardening, beekeeping, fishing, and hunting after retirement.



L Gary Anderson

Hometown: Sheyenne, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1970

Major; Minor: Sociology & Public School Music

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Paula (Klehfoth) Anderson '73

Children: Emily and Maggie

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At this moment, I am recovering from a surgery. Paula and I enjoy visiting our children and grandchildren. I have a small garden complete with some fruit trees that I enjoy tending to. Living close to three colleges, I attend many recitals and concerts.

Paula and I also get together with friends we made while at Concordia. Among other jobs I was a night janitor at a hospital in Fargo for 35 years. It is a joy, especially on Sunday evenings, to actually be able to sleep through the night. Retirement is good.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

I have many good memories. I met the girl I would marry at Concordia in 1970 in the dirty dish room at the cafeteria where we both worked. I asked her out the next weekend. We went out on dates the rest of the school year. I gave her flowers for Valentines Day. I remember walking over to Park Region to give them to her. I think she was pleased.

Paul Anderson

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Years at Concordia: 1965-1970

Major; Minor: PE & History

Graduate Education: Ph.D. University of Maryland,
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Current Vocation: Retirement, golf and drones

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Greetings to all!

After graduation, I taught one year in Beloit, WI, when Uncle Sam drafted me into the army for 20 months. Upon discharge, I married Jackie who also attended Concordia. We moved to Washington, DC area and I earned my Ph.D. in medicine from Maryland University.

Over 39 years, I taught anatomy, research, and statistics to some 3,300 doctoral Physical Therapists and Physician Assistants. This included the privilege and honor of dissecting 539 cadavers. During these years, I golfed and ran over 30 marathons.

Then Jackie and I retired to Corrales, New Mexico, where we continue to rescue abused dogs, play golf and support our church in mission work. If you have not seen the October NM Balloon Fiesta with 600 international balloons, we recommend you include it on your bucket list. I pray that all of you have valued your Concordia education as I have.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Jackie and I still laugh over our first date at Concordia. I took her to the flooding Red River where we helped fill sandbags. We met in Russian class where Mrs. Spier gave us Russian names. Mine was “pivo” (beer) and Jackie’s was “lyubov” (love).

Roger Anderson

Hometown: Buffalo Center, IA
Years at Concordia: 1967-1969
Major; Minor: Elementary Education
Graduate Education: Masters Degree - Education
Current Vocation: Retired
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My work life was a great run. If teachers got gold watches I would have been a candidate. I started in Cambridge, MN and ended a successful career in the same district.

Retirement has brought a new career. Involvement in Rotary, Anoka Ramsey Community College Foundation Board, community service committees and church have all contributed to a full schedule. We have a lake home and between Cambridge and Brainerd the time family can gather has created special memories.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

I was a transfer student from Waldorf Junior College and it was great to get involved in one of the societies on campus. The Saturday morning meetings of Delta Rho and its social events helped make the transition easy and enjoyable.

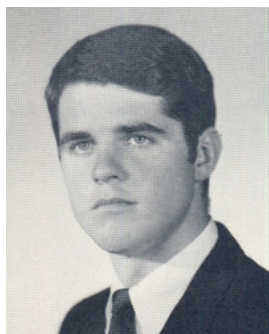
Raymond Arveson

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Years at Concordia: 1967-1969
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After graduation I attended Luther Theological Seminary. (1969-72.) I served three parishes: Hartford, SD (1974-77); Westbrook, MN (1977-82); Wells, MN (1982-99). Chaplain at St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, MN (1999-2013). Now retired in Nisswa, MN.

Betty and I have three children and nine grandchildren. Family is first! We also enjoy traveling, volunteering, and serving in our local church. We usually start the day with coffee on our deck at our lake home.



Donald Asp

Hometown: Duluth, MN

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Math

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Sharon Asp

Children: Sarah '00 and Alysa

Grandchildren: Makayla

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Currently helping take care of our granddaughter. Do some travel.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Going out to churches on Gospel Team and my student teaching experience in Spain.

Richard Asp

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Major; Minor: Chemistry

Current Vocation: Technical Trainer

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Children: Kristen and Jennifer

Grandchildren: Leanna, Julia, Michael, Micah, Emily, Rebecca and Caleb

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Since graduating from Concordia, I have lived in every corner of this great country. Currently, we live in Houston, TX where I work for a software development company called cPanel. I teach our partners around the globe on new features and updates to the product. Since I founded, ran, and sold a web hosting firm and since our partners are hosting providers, I understand their needs.

My greatest love, however, is my relationship with Jesus Christ, my savior. Nothing this life offers can compare with the overwhelming joy that comes from knowing that Jesus paid the price for my sins and made way for me to be with Him forever.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My best memories of Concordia has to be the faculty. Drs. Ostercamp, Dinga, and Werth in the Chemistry Department, made chemistry so enjoyable that I kept on signing up for more and more classes. I eventually graduated with a Major in Chemistry. Dr. Prausnitz, in English Lit, was always so entertaining and informative. I have fond memories of my life at Concordia and I wish I had more space to share them all.

Phyllis Hjermstad Beastrom

Hometown: Brady, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired/volunteer

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My husband John and I were married in July of 1969, so we are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. I started teaching First grade in the Ellsworth School District in March of 1969, taught for three years, then stayed home with my children, gardened and helped with the farm.

In 1985, I became the office manager for a local car dealership and in 1989 I became the Pierce County Property Lister. As property lister, I made sure legal descriptions were correct, mapped parcels, and that real and personal property were assessed and received tax bills in December. In 2008 I became the Pierce County Treasurer and retired in December of 2018. I worked for Pierce County for nearly 30 years and loved going to work each day! I've also been Town Clerk for 40 years so local and county government has been a major part of my life.

I'm very involved with the ELCA in all expressions of the church - local, conference, and synod. I've been pianist/organist at my congregation for nearly 50 years and at our sister congregation for 35 years as well as currently serving as our parish secretary-office manager. I served as vice president of our synod for 9 years, still serve on committees, and currently am the NW Synod of WI SWO Treasurer. In our community I'm the American Legion Auxiliary president and a board member with the Senior Citizens. I enjoy keeping busy and volunteering in these capacities.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I worked in the library for most of my college career and enjoyed meeting and working with the students in that capacity. In the spring of 1968, I went on a study tour to Washington DC and New York City. We were in Washington DC shortly after the death of Martin Luther King so that was a very anxious and troubling visit with lots of military personnel and curfews in the city. I don't remember much about the visit to New York City but the time spent in Washington DC certainly impacted my life.

Judith Madson Becker

Hometown: Northfield, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology

Graduate Education: MSW Washington University,
St. Louis

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Rev. Mark Becker

Children: Amy '99, Katy and Dan

Grandchildren: Gabriel, David and Alejandro

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After graduating from Concordia, I completed a two-year MSW program at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. I sought employment as a school social worker in the Chicago area and worked in the Mannheim School District west of the city. About half way through the first school year I met my husband Mark. (I visited the church where he was interning and signed the guest book.) We were married in the summer of 1973 and started out in Minnesota where we have stayed.

Mark is an ELCA pastor who has served congregations in Coon Rapids, Maplewood, and Stillwater. Over the years I have enjoyed participating with church choirs in those congregations. I worked several years at Anoka County Social Services but then took what I call my 16-year maternity leave with our three children.

When I returned, I was a school social worker in South Washington County Schools and Roseville Area Schools retiring in 2007. Retirement brings opportunities. Last November we were part of a Civil Rights Tour during which we visited sites in Alabama, Mississippi, and Memphis where events of the civil rights movement occurred. Especially moving was visiting with foot soldiers of the movement. Some of the events occurred while we were students at Concordia. Retirement also allows us more opportunity to spend time with family, including two grandsons in Illinois and one grandson in Minneapolis.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My Concordia memories include a variety of experiences: building floats for Homecoming parades, studying art history with Barbara Glasrud, the Sound of Music, protesting that “Old Main Shall Remain”, ear training class, TV in Fjelstad lounge showing news of Martin Luther King’s assassination, New York Seminar with Dr. Hofrenning, the flooding Red River and more. As we shared studying, worshipping, and playing, I remember the sense of community that I felt supporting us.

Dianne Martinson Beihoffer

Hometown: Norcross, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music

Current Vocation: Retired

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I taught Elementary Music and Roger taught Science in Danube, MN. We retired early and have enjoyed traveling.



Susan Olds Bosch

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Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Mathematics

Current Vocation: Retired

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Children: Carie and Chad

Grandchildren: Alysén, Devon, Jayna and Madison

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Enjoying life and family!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Wonderful people I met there. I think of them often.

Linda Jamison Braaten

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Home Economics

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Timothy Braaten '68

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Grandchildren: Cade, Kenslea, Anna and George

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After graduation from Concordia, Tim Braaten and I were married and within two weeks moved to Detroit, Michigan. Tim began work as a police officer and I started looking for a job. I found my first teaching experience at Dearborn Heights, MI teaching at the middle school. After 5 years and our first baby, we moved to Saginaw, MI for an opportunity to bump up Tim's career. I became a stay at home mom through two more children and two more moves...Grand Haven, MI and Mequon, WI.

At this point, it was time for me to get back in shape and back to work. I joined the fitness team at the local YMCA and became a certified Instructor and Fitness Specialist. In 1985, we moved to Oak Ridge, TN. Since there was no YMCA there, I became the manager of a private fitness center, and the Executive Director of the Arts Association of Oak Ridge. When our children had finished high school, a position for Tim became available in Victoria, TX, which was only about one and a half hours away from Seguin, TX where my parents had retired. Here I was able to rejoin the YMCA family, this time as the Associate Executive Director, but, after three years, I joined the staff at Citizens Medical Center in Victoria as their Director of Education. I remained in this job until we both retired 8 years ago. We moved to a beautiful spot on Lake Brownwood, TX.

In retirement I enjoy gardening, painting, traveling the world, and, of course, our grandchildren. We are very proud of our children. Dr. Melissa Braaten is a research professor of science education at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Dr. Sarah Ferguson is an internist at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene, TX, and Christopher is a bank vice president in Kerrville, TX.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My best memories of Concordia include cheerleading, AKX-Mondamin activities, my great roommates and friends, and most of all my meeting, dating and marrying Tim Braaten!

Victoria Everson Brunsvold

Hometown: Greenbush, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired at Cormorant Lake

Spouse: Dr. Robert Brunsvold '66

Children: Matt '96, Meredith, Megan and Molly

Grandchildren: Trygve, Clara, August, Maren Lena, Karis and Alexander

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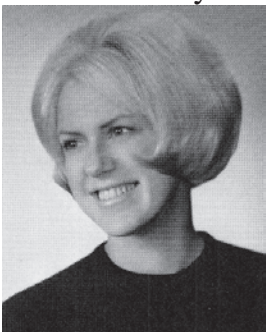


I married Bob in June 1969. We moved to Grand Forks, ND where he was in graduate school and I taught 3rd grade in EGF. Our son Matt was born in 1972 and a year later, we moved to Colorado where Bob went to Medical School and I taught science to 3rd and 4th graders.

Bob was excited to start his residency at Fitzsimmons Army Medical School, where he completed a surgery residency. Meredith was born in 1976 and Megan in 1978, and in 1980, we moved to De Ridder, Louisiana and six months later Bob started an Anesthesia Residency at Walter Reed in Washington, DC. Our daughter, Molly, was born in 1983 and two years later, we moved to Fargo, ND where Bob practiced at MeritCare, now Sanford, until his retirement.

I felt fortunate to be involved in a number of activities while we lived in Fargo. Church, Medical Auxiliary, school activities, PEO and mission work. We formed a non-profit organization SALTS (Save A Life through Service) and have been working with a variety of mission organizations in Ecuador. Bob and I have been blessed to lead multiple mission teams, consisting mostly of Concordia students.

It has been an incredible opportunity to provide help to the people of Ecuador in need. Bob also counsels students and writes letters of recommendation to medical, nursing, dental, occupational therapy and physical therapy institutions for these wonderful students. Spending time with our children and seven grandchildren is our passion and we look forward to making memories at the lake. We are blessed...our 50th Anniversary this June.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Concordia holds a special place in my heart because of the many special friends that formed a bond during that time and still continue to see each other throughout the years.

Steven Buchholz

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

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Current Vocation: President of Emergence

Spouse: Deborah (Root) Buchholz '71

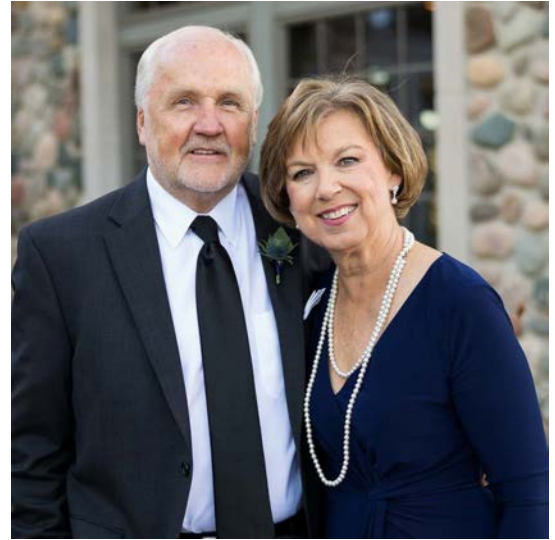
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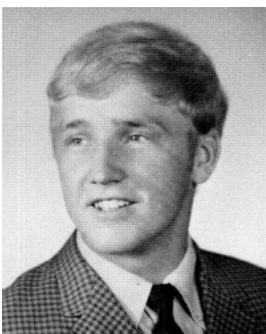
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After receiving my doctorate, I joined Wilson Learning, a training and development company in Edina. Married Deb Root in 1974. Co-founded The Inventure Group, an Executive Coaching organization working with corporate leaders and leadership teams. Wrote two business books: *Creating High Performance Teams* and *Aftershock: Helping People Through Corporate Change*. Started my own company in 2001, Emergence, which focuses on transitioning high potential leaders to the next level of corporate responsibility. I continue this practice today.

We have had the opportunity to travel the world as a family and as a couple. Both kids graduated from St. Olaf (couldn't get them to CC). Peter is a teacher in the Chaska School District and appeared (and won) on Jeopardy. Molly has a degree in interior design and stages houses in the Twin Cities. One grandchild Jamie who is a real blessing to us. For years we have summered at Lake Vermilion but recently sold our retirement home there because as we aged we realized how remote we were.

Deb and I have taken four CC alumni tours all with Dr. Roy Hammerling in the last few years, active in our church, and enjoy big city life. I am about to publish a new book that in a way is my learning legacy having worked with corporations my entire adult life. The title is *Unplugged: How Organizations Lose Their Energy and How to Get it Back*. Deb, having been on Concordia's national alumni board, has kept us well connected to the college.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I am so thankful for the four years spent at Concordia primarily because of the many friendships made there. I have fond memories of helping found a society, the close relationships that developed as a result, the many events we all shared together. I am grateful for some of the professors who seemed placed in my path and opened doors for me especially my advisor Dr. Paul Dovre. I so enjoyed singing as part of a folk rock group and participating in school musicals.

Sharon Berg Budge

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Years at Concordia: 1964-1966, 1968-1969

Major; Minor: History/Political Science

Graduate Education: Masters in Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Tom Budge

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Grandchildren: Logan, Audrey, Lainey, Devon, Ciera, Eian and Lawson

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I began my career in education immediately following graduation. I had teaching positions in North Dakota, Washington and Minnesota (30 years in East Grand Forks). I added library science to my credentials during that time and got to work in the media center, not only with books, but also with technology, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Tom, who was a teacher and administrator, and I both retired in 2008.

Family, of course, has been important in our lives. We have been fortunate to see our children become good, productive people and family members. Volunteering and traveling (whether it's to see family or sights it doesn't matter!) have been the highlights of my retirement.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Playing in the Concordia Band and interacting with fellow band members is such a positive memory. Because of the experience with the Concordia Band, I now play in the Grand Forks City Band.

Suzanne Cutler Bunker

Hometown: Anaheim, CA

Years at Concordia: 1965-1967

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Current Vocation: Retired

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Children: Nathan and Laurel

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I graduated in 1969 with a BA in Microbiology from the University of New Hampshire. I married a geologist/mountain climber and we traveled the lower 48. I worked in laboratories from Walpole, NH to Tacoma, WA and libraries from Charlottesville, VA to Pocatello, ID.

I have at last retired and taken up residence as a member of a 55+ community in Loveland, CO, with all the amenities that that includes. My “new” husband Paul and I have been known to stamp cards from Loveland on Valentine’s Day! I keep busy with the needle arts, scrapbooking and card making. Paul is an avid fly fisherman. I even pick up a rod now and then! Together we have 3 children, 1 grandson and 5 granddaughters. Of course, the grandchildren are the joys of our lives!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Writing headlines for the Concordian, sometimes until the wee hours of the morning. Stuffing green napkins into the chicken wire hedge for the “Sound of Music.” Being part of the dance company for “Camelot.”

Mary Jo Holton Burkemper

Hometown: Albert Lea, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: History, Political Science Education

Graduate Education: Masters in Reading/Language Arts

Current Vocation: Retired Teacher

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Children: David, John, and Mark

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After graduation I attended University of Minnesota to add English to my teaching degree. My first teaching job was at Sanford Junior High in Minneapolis. In 1973 I married Jim Burkemper and moved to Milwaukee, WI as my husband had started a business there.

For the next few years I subbed and taught middle school in Brookfield, WI. Next I taught Adult Basic Ed for many years while raising our three sons: David, John, & Mark. In 1977, we built a home in Richfield, WI. My boys were very involved in sports, especially basketball. My oldest son played for the University of Wisconsin. We did a lot of traveling watching him play. Also we enjoyed travel to Europe, Asia, and the U.S. I taught middle school in Menomonee Falls, WI – retired in 2002.

My husband Jim passed away in 2016 after a battle with cancer. We have been blessed with 11 grandchildren. The many friendships I made at Concordia are still a large part of my life today.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

People I met and became lifelong friends. Professors – especially my history professor, Dr. Drache. (He wrote books.) I loved the many opportunities of music on campus. I took piano lessons there. I liked Fargo-Moorhead area (not the cold wind). I liked the feeling of a small school. I had six roommates senior year – we still get together – great friends. Societies Nu Sig – Delta Rho.

Beverly Schultz Cagle

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I taught for 25 years teaching elementary music in Leavenworth WA. I have one son and daughter.



Paulette Cary Callen

Hometown: Webster, SD

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

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Spent 38 years in New York City working mainly to support my theatre and writing habits. Published four novels and one collection of essays, stories and poems. Most proud of my 3+ years as a volunteer staff member for POWARS (Pet Owners with Aids Resource Services) in NYC during the apex of the AIDS crisis.

Enjoying my retirement! Involved again with an extraordinary community theatre here in Aberdeen and continuing my editing work with the firm I worked for during my last 10 years in NYC. Not to mention my dear companion Bodhi (a rescue pup I found at the local animal shelter).



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The play, "Andorra," in which I was able to act with Ron Duda...a marvelous actor and special human being.

Katherine Prior Campbell

Hometown: Sisseton, SD

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Robert (Bob) Campbell '69

Children: Andrea and Jason

Grandchildren: Isaac, Amara and Flora

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I married classmate, Bob Campbell, the June following graduation. After living in Sioux Falls, SD, Jamestown ND, and Bismarck, ND, in our first 5 years we moved to Thief River Falls, MN, in 1974 expecting it to also be temporary. In 2005 we completed a move to SD making our “short” time in NW Minnesota nearly 30 years! It was there we raised our daughter and son and I enjoyed teaching elementary school.

Retirement has been a blessing beyond expectations as we enjoy time with our children and four grandchildren and have the freedom to travel and work on neglected projects. Life is good and I am so thankful to have the health to enjoy it.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

There are too many to isolate just one, but life in the dorms is the center of many of them!

Mary Jane Wenberg Carlson

Hometown: International Falls, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Business Ed

Current Vocation: Bus Ed teacher, Rocori High School, Cold Spring, MN, 1969-2003. Worked part time at Dayton's for therapy!

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Susan Smith Clambey

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Music Education

Graduate Education: Course work in Musical Composition, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Current Vocation: Church Pipe Organist, independent piano teacher

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Children: Eric and Bryce

Grandchildren: Four, ages 12, 10, 4 & 1

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Throughout the years, I have taught music in several states including Georgia, Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota. It has been a joy to continue to use my musical skills, teaching private students from ages 5 to 85! In addition, I am grateful to have played on more than 65 different pipe organs.

In 2017, I held the privilege of being the Commissioned Composer for the North Dakota Music Teachers Association. “Suite Trio” included “Hope”, “Joy” and “Trust”, for flute, cello and piano. In August 2018, it was possible to give my fourth benefit concert, singing several original vocal pieces, playing my organ hymn arrangements encircling the liturgical year. Contributions went again to the local homeless shelter, with previous benefits also for Habitat for Humanity, and Lutheran World Relief. In May 2019, the Lake Agassiz Concert Band will perform my composition “Moods on the Wind” for a Wind Ensemble featuring 70 instruments!

My husband, Gary, is semi-retired Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences at North Dakota State University. Our grown sons each have two children, granting us grandchildren in Denver, Colorado and Portland, Oregon. This summer to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary we adventure to Norway, and Sweden where our ancestors came from. Greetings to all!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories include singing in the Concordia Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Paul J. Christiansen. Working for excellence, as close to perfection as we could be. I sang second soprano, junior and senior years, and participated in choir tours to the South - Southeast, then to the Northeast. Even sang with the choir in Carnegie Hall! Extremely special.

Marilyn Rollins Colby

Hometown: Roseville, Mn

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English, Psychology

Graduate Education: Masters in Counseling

Current Vocation: Retired

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Grandchildren: 9 grandkids, 2 great-grandkids

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I taught English in two school systems before counseling at Detroit Lakes high school for 20 years. I retired at age 47 as Ev was 15 years my senior. We had 34 1/2 great years before brain cancer took him in 2010. We spent 10 winters in AZ and I have been coming alone in my rv the past 9 years to regal Mesa, AZ.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

I actually loved studying and working in the cafeteria

Marlene Sather Colvin

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969
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Graduate Education: Graduate Classes in Education
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In the spring of 1969, I graduated from Concordia. In the fall of 1969, I began a 35-year career in the field of Education in the Anoka-Hennepin School District, Anoka, MN. I started as an elementary classroom teacher and later held positions at the district level with staff development K-12, gifted education, curriculum writing, and was a Teaching and Learning Specialist for Language Arts K-12 and a member of the Governor's Minnesota Literacy Partnership Committee prior to retirement. After I retired, I was hired by the district as a Consultant and conducted literacy workshops for teachers and volunteers. In 1977, I married Dennis Colvin (Augustana graduate and History teacher at Anoka High) and in 1980 we were blessed to have a son, Greyson Sather Colvin. In 2017, we were doubly blessed when Greyson and his wife Christy had twin boys, Palmer Haakon and Hudson Theodore. Dennis and I have lived in our home on the banks of the Mississippi River in Anoka since 1985. Even though we love our river environment, we enjoy traveling.

We traveled to Europe several times, both land trips and cruises. Since our son and wife and the twins live in New York City, we spend as much time as possible in Manhattan. We had always enjoyed visiting New York, and now the visits take on a whole new dimension. In retirement, we still support and attend sporting events, concerts and theater events of our schools and our community. Philanthropic endeavors are important to me. I am a member and do volunteer work for the Anoka Philolectian Club, the Anoka Area Kiwanis Club, P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization that supports and provides opportunities for education for women), the Board of the Anoka Hennepin Educational Foundation, the Board of the Harlan Thurston Student Loan and Scholarship Foundation, the Board of Zion Pre-K School, and Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka. These opportunities all provide a special and valued dimension to my life. I also enjoy golfing, reading, hosting themed dinners, participating in book clubs, attending concerts, shopping and spoiling Prince Harry, our beloved Corgi.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Favorite college memory? I'll forever remember, treasure and be thankful for the many wonderful friends I made during my years at Concordia.

Michelle Menne Crary

Hometown: Mooreton

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Art

Current Vocation: Retired

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After graduating from Concordia with a degree in art, I was offered a teaching position in East Grand Forks senior high school, which was fortuitous as I married Peter Crary, who was in law school in Grand Forks. After his graduation, we travelled with Army JAG for three years and finally settled in Fargo.

There we raised our family- 6 daughters and one son (4 attended Concordia, two graduates). I stayed at home with the children and when Alexandra (our youngest) started school, I began my employment with Dayton's. Dayton's became Marshall Fields and finally Macy's. I had many different positions and retired in 2017 as the Bridal Manager. I loved my 17 years in retail and I miss all of my associate friends and the guest connections I made daily.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I love to travel at every opportunity (thank you Mrs. Glasrud). Ireland has by far been one of my favorite destinations. I cannot believe 50 years have passed since graduation. I am so thankful for those four years at Concordia. There have been so many people and events that have influenced my life more than I had ever thought possible. A special shout out to my freshman roommate Carolyn (Dahlberg) Nilles who is still my best friend!

Roxann Anderson Daggett

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1967

Major; Minor: Communication & Education

Graduate Education: Bachelor of Science degree from University of North Dakota

Current Vocation: Retired

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1969 - 1971, I lived in Nurnberg, Germany while my husband served in the US Army. 1971 -2008, I lived in Frazee, MN. My husband was part of the family owned Daggett Truck Line, based in Frazee.

1978-79, I served as State President of the Jaycee Women/Women of Today. 1980 - 1995, I produced seminars on time management of spiritual, physical and mental goals: "If You Don't Plan Your Time, Someone Else Will." 1995 -2002, I served as State Representative of the MN Legislature.

2009, after my husband's retirement, we spend time in Naples, Florida. I'm active with Marco Lutheran Church and the Guadalupe Program.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Friendships with dorm classmates in Park Region Dorm that have lasted til the present, since we get together every August.

Luther Dale

Hometown: St. Louis Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology & Philosophy; English

Graduate Education: Doctor of Religion, Claremont School of Theology (CA)

Current Vocation: Retired

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Roberta and I married in 1970. After graduating from Claremont School of Theology (Doctor of Religion), and not ready for ordination, we moved to St. Cloud, MN to co-own a Christian bookstore for 4 years. I spent 23 years in publishing with Concordia Publishing House, The Liturgical Press (St. John's Abbey), American Guidance Service (special education tests and materials), and Augsburg Fortress (ELCA) in various product management and executive positions.

Ordained in 1988, I served 16 years at Incarnation Lutheran Church as the Teaching and Pastoral Care Pastor (my best job!). Over the years, I've been on a number of boards. I have spent the last 14 plus years as a Sierra Club volunteer environmental leader and presenter because climate change and the degrading of our earth's systems is the greatest threat to future generations. In 2015, I was awarded the Sierra Club's William E. Colby Award ("National Volunteer of the Year").

Berta and I enjoy time at the cabin and in Idaho with our kids, spouses (3 of 4 work at Gustavus), and grandkids who all live in St. Peter, MN. I enjoy reading (good mystery writers), biking, camping and political activism.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed singing in the Christmas Concert and have been inspired by concerts ever since at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

Sharon Hilde Dibbern

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1966

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I have lived in ND, MN, Germany, CA, AZ, MD & DC. I was a software developer at The Washington Post for 22 years prior to retiring.



Penelope Albers Dickhudt

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Major; Minor: Business; Political Science

Graduate Education: Doctorate in Educational Administration, Policy, and Leadership from U of M

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Dr. Thomas M. Dickhudt

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I began my career teaching in the hometown of Sinclair Lewis. Prior to marrying the next summer, my husband, an educator, got his military draft notice. He opted to enter the US Navy for four years. I taught for a second year and then joined my husband in Pensacola, FL just before he was assigned to a base at Bremerhaven, Germany. Joining him later, I found work with the DoD at the base education department working with the director and the career counselor and teaching military dependents in the evening. With three days' notice, my husband was transferred to a base in Scotland, GB, UK. I followed three months later. That spring, our

twin daughters were born in Dundee, Scotland, on the date of the Queen's birthday. After three years in Europe, we returned to Sauk Centre. I did substitute teaching work, and found editing, writing, and marketing work with a national career education publication. I also earned a third class radio license so I could work an evening shift for the local radio station. My husband worked on his master and specialist degrees at this time and then began his administrative work in a small community in southwest Minnesota. I joined him a year later. Moving to southwest Minnesota, I found a job working with the ECSU serving K12 districts in an 18-county area. This position involved organizing programs for school administrators, serving as one of eight state-sanctioned career education coordinators, doing grant writing, and carrying out research and planning activities. My research work involved exploring the use of interactive video/audio networking (ITV) for use in education. This pioneering assignment resulted in a major career change for me thereafter. Working in leadership positions with the ECSU and K12 districts and then with higher education (MnSCU)/government, I was responsible for managing the planning, organizing, informing, training, and development of interactive networks across the State of Minnesota. I collaborated with K12 and higher education teams, administrators, library personnel, engineers/technical experts, vendors, faculty, business/industry, and state/federal government agencies/people. I was also charged with developing, from scratch, and managing a satellite broadcast and production facility. This facility was used to reach state, nation, and international sites and also combine with other broadcast mediums. Utilizing all these technologies, I had to continuously be knowledgeable of current and emerging microwave, cable, satellite, and fiber optic digital/analog transmission and classroom technologies at all times. We disseminated education, training, and information through these networks to state, national, and international sites, often combining various technologies for extended outreach. Toward the latter years of my career with MnSCU, I also managed the online learning network and worked on developing a video/audio-to-computer distribution network in collaboration with the U of M. During this time, I completed all classroom work for a master's degree, and then jumped into pursuing my doctorate degree at the University of Minnesota. My husband also earned his doctorate and moved into superintendent roles, which meant that we would move to new communities a few more times and my commutes to work would vary accordingly. Needless to say, due to the various places I lived, my educational pursuits, and my work, I put miles and miles into traveling around the state and beyond. Currently retired, I occasionally take courses online or via DVD, support my husband's native plant business, edit, write, read, and enjoy my grandchildren and the peacefulness apart from a very public career plus

the end of my endless driving requirements! I treasure my liberal arts degree and broad learning experience as it proved essential in preparing me to address so many different work responsibilities throughout a most fantastic, challenging, and exciting career.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Faculty/Others including Dr. Larson, Dr. Noblitt, Dr. Hanson, Intern Walz, Dr. Prausnitz (loved that English class and lectures) and the "gobbit" man. Kappa Gamma Phi/Kappa Theta Phi--Great people! Remember a certain "tip-picanoe" experience by D. Westgaard. I've recovered. The flood that gave me more time to do my paper. Living off-campus and especially "lovin the learnin" the last two years of college--did not want to graduate!



Barbara Lee Dogger

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English, History & Religion

Graduate Education: Ph.D. Higher Education--Minor: Linguistics/Literacy; MA. English Secondary Education

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Allen Dogger and I were married on May 3, 1969--one day after members of the Class of '69 graduated. Soon after, we headed to graduate school at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. We spent two years there and received our Masters degrees. This was followed by two years of military service at Fort Hood, Texas, for Allen.

While there, I taught GED English to the servicemen and then also started teaching ESOL (English as a Second Language) to servicemen from around the world. Because we appreciate warmer weather, and we really enjoyed Dallas--a city for young people--, we settled there after military service. Allen was registered for the NYSE in May, 1974. He has worked in the securities industry ever since. While his company has gone through two mergers over the years, he has remained at his "original desk" now for 45 years. I went back to graduate school at the University of North Texas once we settled in Dallas and received a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics and Literacy in 1979.

This year marks my 36th year at Richland College. I continue to serve as Lead Faculty for ESOL Writing and Grammar. (It feels like it was yesterday that I first walked on campus!) We had our daughter, Allison Noelle, on December 25, 1986. The last 32 years have flown by! She graduated from Baylor University in 2009, got married, and now has a precious little girl--Charlotte.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Special memories include serving on SFARB, the Religion Commission, and the International Student Commission. Also, being a member of the Phi's Society--both gals and guys--was so fun!! Thank you, Concordia, for providing such a solid liberal arts foundation and for sending us all into the world to make a positive difference. Soli Deo Gloria!!

Beatrice Anderson Droke

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After Concordia, I graduated from UND, moved to Washington, D.C. and rejoined the Federal Government (Civil Service Commission, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Food and Drug Administration). Had previously worked as a civilian with U.S. Air Force and NASA (Houston, Tex).

I continued my education throughout my career (Johns Hopkins University, Executive Development Centers, professional associations). My last and longest position was with FDA/Office of the Commissioner where I headed up the Technology Development Program.

After 40 plus years, I retired and worked with my husband for several years until he fully retired from a second career. We have enjoyed extensive travel throughout all parts of the world, good friends, good health, an excellent place to live (Maryland) and much to be grateful for, including a wonderful undergraduate program at Concordia College.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The 1969 trip headed by the Religion Department.

Linda Nyvall Dunn

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Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

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After graduation, I taught for four years at Granite Falls, MN. Then I applied and was accepted as one of the first female FBI agents in 1973. While attending and studying Arabic at the Defense Language Institute, I met and married my husband, an active duty Army officer.

I retired in 1976 from the FBI. Among our many stateside and overseas tours, we lived in Taiwan, Korea and Hawaii. In retirement from part time teaching, I am co-director of a food pantry and active Master Gardener volunteer.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite college memory revolves around the friendships I made during those years.

Mary Knutson Dunsworth

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Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Medical Technology & Chemistry

Current Vocation: Retired

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Grandchildren: Tony

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After graduation, I moved to the Twin Cities and worked at the University of Minnesota Hospitals for a year before moving to California where I worked for four years. In 1974, Dan Dunsworth and I married and lived in Chicago. He graduated from Rush Medical College in 1978 and our daughter Emily was born that November. We relocated in Roseville, MN in June of 1978 and have lived in the Twin Cities since then.

In 1981, I returned to work, first running my husband's primary care office and then as the laboratory supervisor for a physician's group for almost 30 years. Our daughter Emily and her partner Anthony have a 7 year old son, Tony. We are so fortunate to have him overnight every Friday. My husband and I enjoy retirement, traveling, time at our cabin and most recently, we spent the month of February in Florida.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Winter Carnival, Homecoming, friendships, dorm life, art history class and studying in the library.

Connie Lein During

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Major; Minor: Medical Technology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Kent During

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Almost immediately after graduation, I moved to Santa Barbara, CA. I had been fortunate to have had a telephone interview and was hired to work in the laboratory in Cottage Hospital, sight unseen. It was there that I met my late husband, Richard Chiri. He was finishing his training as a hospital administrator, and I invited him to the halloween party that my roommate and I were giving. The rest was history... for a few years. After moving from southern California to Davis, we had two sons, Jon and Ben and continued our careers. Rich switched to computer programming, but I stayed in the lab, working a few places before completing my career of 32 years at the University of California Medical Center.

Rich was unfortunately killed in a car accident, and after being a single mom for five years, I met Kent, an Army National Guard helicopter pilot. We married and moved to Lodi. We have had a great marriage and are now both retired. We travel a lot, much of it on a motorcycle which we are just recently giving up - the motorcycle, not traveling. Jon lives in France with his wife and daughter, and Ben is in Minnesota with his family. My mom is still alive at 103; she and my siblings still live in North Dakota. So you can see the need for traveling. We love being grandparents and see the kids as much as we can. I am active in our local AAUW branch, The Friends of the Library, and also in tap dancing. It's a fun life.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I know, I know, I know ... it should be all the wonderful information that I got from my teachers. But, it's all the fun that I had with the Phi Kappa Chi society, with my roommates, and all the other terrific students whom I met those four years. I really did like most of my classes, and a few, I loved, but I really liked my year of Medical Tech internship at St. Luke's in Fargo. What a great way to start my career, Intern to Transfusion Service Supervisor.

Mary Skare Dyrstad

Hometown: Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English & Spanish

Current Vocation: Happily retired since 2008 and operating two summer resorts with my hubby!

Spouse: William Dyrstad '70

Children: Christopher and Bradley

Grandchildren: Charlton, Taylor, Maximillian and Nellie Anne

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After graduating from Concordia with a double major in English and Spanish, I embarked upon a teaching career that would span several states and cities in the U.S.A. My hubby, William '70, was in the United States Air Force and then later joined American Airlines.

I taught in Fargo, ND; Statenville, Georgia; San Antonio, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Selma, Alabama; Argusville, ND; Elgin, Illinois and Burlington, Illinois. During those years I traveled in the summer to Europe visiting England, France, Spain, Portugal and Italy with my high school students on six different trips beginning in 1988 with the last trip in 2003.

We currently reside at Casa de Aero, an airport community, in Illinois flying frequently to northern Minnesota where we own and operate two resorts. Our travels take us to California and Texas to visit our two sons and four grandchildren as well as traveling to Alaska to cruise the Inside Passage and a Viking River Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. The last fifty years have been busy and fun to say the least!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

As I reflect upon a favorite memory at Concordia it would be the famous computer dating events that Student Productions hosted each year to promote socialization on campus and it was at one of those events in 1967 that I met my hubby of nearly 52 years!

John Ellingboe

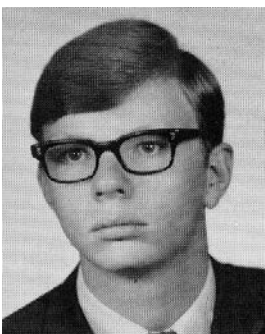
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Current Vocation: Retired
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Grandchildren: Torin, Kyra and Magnus
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I have been retired for 10 years after working for Piper Jaffray and UBS Financial Services for 30 years. Linda and I have been married for 47 years! We enjoy traveling to Hawaii, California, Minnesota and other places. I enjoy walking, golfing, cooking, and reading.

Volunteering has always been part of my life. I continue to volunteer in our church visiting shut-ins. I participate in various Norwegian organizations including The Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle.

I have stayed involved with Concordia College. I have served as a Concordia Area Representative and a member of the Alumni Board. For many years I have helped to recruit student athletes for Concordia. When Concordia musical groups come to the Seattle area, I help to coordinate the event.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Dr. Walter G. Prausnitz commenting on a paper that "I was the world's most proliferate speller", but he still gave me an A on the paper.

Dorene Schelberg Elmquist

Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1967

Major; Minor: Education

Graduate Education: 1968-1969 Moorhead State University

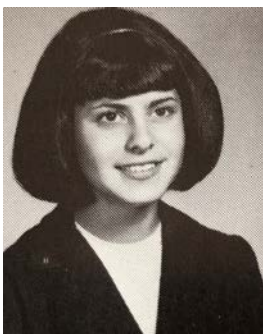
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Douglas Engen

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Economics/Psychology

Current Vocation: Corporate Controllershship and financial reporting

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Grandchildren: Violet, Zeus, Ariel and Aquila

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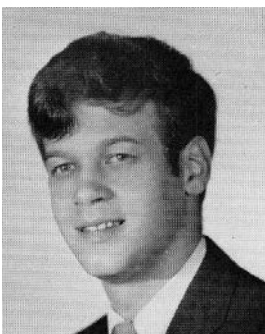
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Currently working as 'on call finance' for the American Refugee Committee, (with other Concordia grads) - working in refugee camps in 12 countries. My career was in Public Accounting and Corporate Controllershship.

I joined the Peace Corps in Brazil following Concordia and spent 20 years working there and later in other Latin American and European locations. I enjoy travel, part time work, visiting children, and many non-profits.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Bishop Whipple

Rolf Erikson

Hometown: Beltrami, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Art

Graduate Education: M.S. University of Wisconsin, Stout

Current Vocation: Retired

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My 50 years following graduation from Concordia; The first 20: Taught art and German in Taylors Falls, Minnesota. Attended the University of Wisconsin —Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin, and earned a master's degree in instructional technology. Moved to St. Paul and worked for the North Branch, Minnesota public schools as a middle school librarian. Accepted a position as director of libraries at the Frankfurt International School in Oberursel, Germany. Took advantage of the many travel opportunities afforded by living in the center of Europe. Deeply appreciated the experience of living abroad and working with students and teachers from more than forty different countries. The next 15: Moved to Massachusetts where I continue to live. Worked as a high school librarian in Lexington, Massachusetts. Began a twenty-five-year career as a library facility design consultant both in the U.S. and internationally. Authored a book on designing school library facilities. Made numerous presentations for state, regional, and national library organizations. Served as president of the Massachusetts School Library Association. In my spare time, I was active in the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power advocacy group, and I did library volunteer work at the AIDS Action Committee in Boston. The next 10: Retired from my school library job to do full-time consulting. Wrote a second edition of my book on school library design. Curated an AIDS art exhibition at University Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Met my husband, Chuck Krumroy, who works for a small, specialized Boston-based consulting firm that offers advice to the financial industry. We live in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a city we have grown to love. Today: Retired. Addicted reader. Enthusiastic cook. Actively making art. Enjoying the extra free time for travel. The travel bucket list grows rather than shrinks. As I'm sure is true for all of us, my life has had its ups and downs, but I'm grateful still to be here in this world.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Highlights of my time at Concordia include playing trombone in the concert band, helping to paint the murals for the Christmas concerts, participating in the "Old Main Shall Remain" campaign (it's still there!), studying under Cyrus Running and Barbara Glasrud, and being on the New York Seminar with Dr. James Hofrenning. One memory that is rather odd is having to see "The Sound of Music" more times than I can count because it was the only show in town for a very long time!

Mary Hansen Farrell

Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music Education

Graduate Education: Music Therapy,
Masters in Music Education

Current Vocation: Retired teacher - avid traveler

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Grandchildren: Kinley

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For many years, I was a music teacher or a music therapist in various states. In 1988, I moved to Vienna, Austria to be an elementary music teacher in an international school, and Vienna is still my city of residence.

I retired 8 years ago, and now I make a quarterly trip to/from Vienna to MN - basically spending summer and winter in MN and spring and fall in Vienna. When in MN I enjoy time with my family and at our cabin near Brainerd. When in Austria I spend time with friends, substitute at the school, give workshops on teaching English through music to Austrian teachers and travel. Life is Good!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

There are so many . . . working in the music office, spending time in the music hall and Mr. Stahl, wonderful roommates, friends and lots of antics, being a nun in “The Sound of Music”

Thomas Flath

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Chemistry & Biology

Graduate Education: MD

Current Vocation: Retired physician & motorcycle safety instructor.

Spouse: Rachel (Jerstad) Flath '68

Children: Thomas, Megan, Laura and Kathryn

Grandchildren: Thomas, Ronin, Kinley, Gram, Lucy, Kara and Abby

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After graduating from Concordia, I graduated from U of Iowa College of Medicine. I then went out to Oregon for my internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Oregon Health Sciences University. I was in private practice in Portland, Oregon for 35 years.

I was on the teaching faculty at OHSU, president of medical staff at two Portland area hospitals, consultant to Oregon Board of Medical Examiners. Rachel and I have four children, Thomas J. (dentist), Megan M (banker and financial analyst), Laura A (physician) and Kathryn E.(labor and delivery nurse). Since retirement, I have stayed busy as a motorcycle safety instructor for Team Oregon.



Roberta Hayes Franzen

Hometown: Bridgeview, IL

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Ed & Religion

Graduate Education: Masters in Ed,
National Louis University, IL

Current Vocation: Retired from teachnig -
God plugs me in where he needs me

Spouse: Timothy

Children: Jenny and Christopher

Grandchildren: Jacob, Madlyn and Timmy

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After graduation, I taught 4th grade in the suburbs while commuting from Chicago's North Side. Two years later, we relocated to Brideview where we've lived 40+ years. I had two children and continued to teach. After leaves, I found myself in 1st grade and that's where I finished my career. What a joy!

After retirement I continued to substitute teach and finally just said no this year. Hard to leave the little cuties, but I have grandchildren to transport, love and teach. I also am very involved in my church. Nursery, Kids Club, gardening, whatever I can physically do. "Soli Deo Gloria!"

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Chapel was always an oasis in the day. Having Pastor Lee convince me others were coming to school when I arrived early at the airport took a cab and no one seemed to be on campus. Having great roommates! Singing "Home, Home on the Range" to Dr. Prautniz when passing him on the sidewalk. Having Dr. P. tell you on your papers "either you can't spell or you can't type." Watching Dr. Hofferning put the board chalk into his shirt coat jacket because he was so engaged in his teaching. Amen! Ice skating at midnight for a very short period of time. Taking our roommate's stuffed bear to her at the art barn when she pulled an "all nighter." Burning out a transmission. Hearing put a football in your toilet.



Richard Furber

Hometown: South San Francisco, CA

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology; History and PE

Current Vocation: Retired Montana State Game Warden

Spouse: Holly (Kamp) Furber '68

Children: Matthew '94, Rose and Luke

Grandchildren: Meritt, Piper, Betty, Lucy, Olive,
Wyatt and Eva

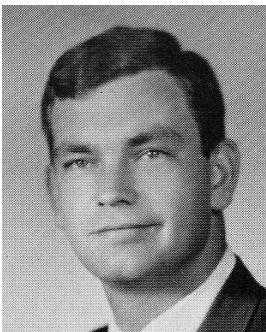
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1969-1972, I moved to Great Falls, MT to teach Jr. High Science. 1972-2000, I took a job as Montana State Game Warden and lived and worked in Helena, Miles City, and Glasgow. 2000-2003, I managed Chief Plenty Coups State Park and museum. From 2003 to now, I am retired and live in Red Lodge, MT.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

That would be making life long friends with several classmates

Fredricka Chase Gilje

Hometown: Fairview, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1966

Major; Minor: Pre-nursing

Graduate Education: PhD

Current Vocation: Retired nurse educator & volunteer for suicide prevention education

Spouse: Charles Gilje '64

Children: Eric '03

Grandchildren: Soren and Lucas

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After graduation, I worked as a nurse in various settings, earned a masters degree and a Ph.D. degree in nursing, married and taught in academic institutions in North Dakota, Washington and Alaska. In 1994-1995, I was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship in Norway where I earned a post-doctorate in Nursing.

From 1995-2015, I collaborated in nursing research with Umeaa University, Umeaa, Sweden. In 2016, I received an honorary doctorate degree from Umeaa, University. I enjoy cycling, skiing, traveling and time with family and friends.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed everything about Concordia, including attending chapel and living in Park Region

Susan Hedman Gronberg

Hometown: Climax, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: M.A., English, UND

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Douglas Gronberg

Children: Erik '97 and Kirsten

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I began teaching high school English at Hale High School, Tulsa, in 1969. In 1973, I became part of the team recruited to desegregate Tulsa's Booker T. Washington H.S. by making it a magnet school to attract 500 white volunteers to attend BTW rather than their home schools. Our English curriculum was an important part of the magnet.

In 1975, Doug and I had our son, Erik, and went to UND for more grad studies. I returned to BTW upon our return to Tulsa in 1978 and taught there until retirement in 2003. (Both Erik and Kirsten graduated from Booker T.) Then I helped begin an upper school at Riverfield Country Day School, where I taught until 2013, when I truly retired. We've long been active Episcopalians and find our time filled with volunteering, friends, and family. Life is good.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I loved being the only female and non-seminarian in Marcus Borg's Synoptic Gospels class, the most challenging course I've ever taken. I spoke to him after he gave an address in Tulsa several years before he died and reminded him of that class and one other I took from him, both very important to my spiritual development. He responded in classic Norwegian-American fashion, "Oh I didn't know anything in those days!" I disagreed, and am thankful for the privilege of having studied with him.

Robert Grundstad

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music

Current Vocation: Retired

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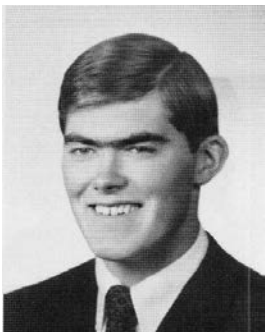
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After graduation, I served in the military (Vietnam) and then technical writing/editing for legislative, consulting and professional associations/organizations in Denver, Portland, OR and Washington, DC.

In retirement, I enjoy volunteering, study, travel and taking advantage of Chicago musical and cultural opportunities.



Donald Gudmundson

Hometown: Peterson, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology/Physical Education

Current Vocation: Retired

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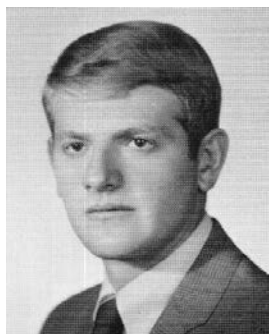


I graduated from the Detroit Police Academy and worked as a uniform police officer in the inner city of Detroit. In Detroit, I joined Tim Braaten '68 on the police department, his wife, Linda (Jamison) Braaten '69 and my roommate Rick Ghere '68. I spent a brief period of time in the crime lab and was transferred to the Homicide Section. Our squad of 12 detectives investigated robbery, rape and burglary murders. During this time (the 1970's), the City of Detroit experienced over 800 murders per year and our squad typically investigated about 125 killings each year. I left Detroit to join the Illinois Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, and was assigned to Homicide Division and later to a task force that investigated mafia assassinations in Chicago and Cook County. I returned to Minnesota in 1978 and was elected sheriff of my home county, Fillmore, in the heart of Amish country.

In 1989, I was appointed police chief of Lakeville, a fast growing suburb in the Twin Cities. In 1994, I was elected sheriff of Dakota County, which are all suburbs south of the Minneapolis airport and the Mall of America and has a population of more than 400,000. I was elected and re-elected four times to four year terms. In 2010, I retired and two months later was appointed sheriff of Steele County (Owatonna). I retired in 2011 and in 2012 was appointed interim police chief for the city of Faribault. I retired in 2013, but in May 2017, I was appointed sheriff of Stearns County (St. Cloud) and served until 2019.

During my time in Stearns, I had to release and critique the case file of the 1989 kidnapping and murder of Jacob Wetterling, perhaps Minnesota's most famous murder case. I am the only sheriff in the U.S. who has been sheriff of four counties. I enjoy fly fishing for trout in MN, WI, Northern Iowa and Merry's family lives in the West, so I fish there as well. I still speak for law enforcement conferences, colleges and universities throughout the Country. I was an adjunct professor for seven years at Winona State

University teaching criminal justice and also served as a medic in the U.S. Army National Guard.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed and continue to enjoy the life-long friendships I made at Concordia. My life would be dramatically different if I would not have attended Concordia. I remain grateful for the first-rate education and high standards of Concordia then and now.

Claudia Wallin Hagen

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Business Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Dennis Hagen

Children: Scot, Mark and Kirsten '00

Grandchildren: Audrey, Neko, Evan, Mari, Cora, Stella and Christian

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I was married prior to my senior year at Concordia and have lived in Moorhead ever since. After graduation, I worked at Minnesota State University Moorhead for four years in the Psychology Dept. I left to be a stay-at-home mom to Scot, Mark, and Kirsten '00. During those years, I was involved with Parent Teacher Advisory Committees in the Moorhead public schools serving as Secretary or President.

I was also involved in Good Shepherd's Sunday school and Bible School programs for 15 years. In 1987, I returned to work at Concordia College in the Biology Dept. as the Administrative Assistant retiring in 2015.

In retirement, Denny and I spend our summers at our cabin at Lake Lida, winters in Mesa, AZ, and in between in Moorhead. Denny and I recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August 10th. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, crocheting and bowling but most of all spending as much time as I can with my seven grandchildren.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

One of my favorite memories was working at the Normandy where I would open it on Sundays for Hilda (Brynjulson). I met many students who I now call friends.

Frederick Hagen

Hometown: Rugby, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Chemistry

Graduate Education: Ph.D. Biochemistry, 1976,
University of Washington

Current Vocation: CEO of Stemgenics,
CEO & President IcoGenex

Spouse: Gale Rae Hoekstra

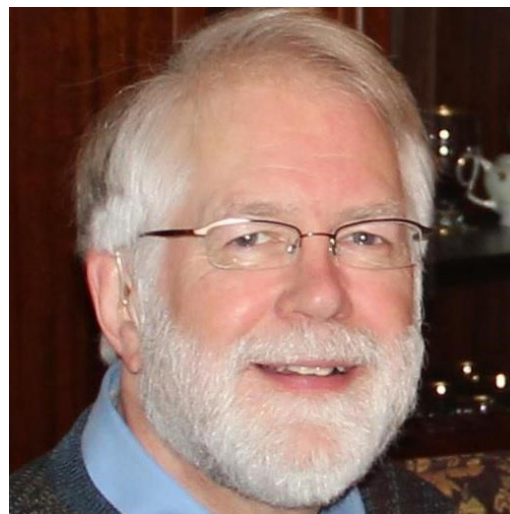
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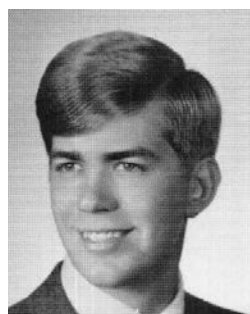


years of post-doctoral training at Harvard Medical School and 3 years on staff, I returned to Seattle in 1982 as the first scientist hired to a Seattle startup biotech company, ZymoGenetics. My most notable accomplishment at ZG was cloning and expressing the blood coagulation protein, Factor VII, that became NovoSevenR after NovoNordisk acquired ZG in 1988, with lifetime sales of over \$20 billion. During the development of NovoSevenR, I spent a year 1993-4 at NovoNordisk in Copenhagen, Denmark, with my whole family. We had many interesting experiences in Denmark and the 5 weeks touring Europe thereafter.

I married Gale Rae Hoekstra in 1983, a farm girl and graduate of Western Theological Seminar from Kankakee, IL. We had three sons; Nathaniel Frederick, 1985, Aaron Christopher, 1987, and Frederick Stamner "Eric" Hagen II, 1990. All three graduated from college, except Nate who after his college junior year died in a Canadian hiking accident in 2007. Aaron went on to graduate from Fuller Seminary and Eric majored in accounting at Washington State University. Aaron married Candace Nashman, also a graduate of Fuller Seminary, on July 9, 2016. Aaron and Candace have one son, Jack William Hagen, born July 15, 2018. Unfortunately, my wife Gale died of pancreatic cancer September 8, 2017, so experienced the joy of Aaron and Candace's wedding, but regrettably never saw her grandson.

Gale worked in churches before Denmark, but after we returned to Seattle, I started a biotech company IcoGen/IcoGenex and Gale got involved with accounting. In 2002, we founded IcoGenex Bioincubator and Gale's job grew to being Director of Operations. Since 2002, we have incubated over 76 biotech startup companies, with 6 of them going public for an aggregate IPO capitalization of \$4.4 billion.

I have been CEO of Stemgenics since December 2013, a company in the incubator. The founder of Stemgenics developed a functionalized nanoparticle technology that reprograms mature cells (like skin cells) into stem cells, liver cells, or heart cells. Stemgenics is currently focused on clinical trials on liver and heart regeneration and raising equity funds to support these clinical trials.



With Gale's stage IV pancreatic cancer diagnosis on December 27, 2016, Aaron and Eric decided to work with Gale, learn the incubator business, and take over as Gale's health declined. Eric does the accounting/finance part of the incubator and Aaron does the rest.

I connected with a wonderful Seattle woman, Gale Walker Lewis, and we have been together since July 2018. My life has been blessed and enchanted, except for the loss of my son and my wife.

Chris Hallanger

Hometown: Tananarive, Madagascar

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English/ Greek

Graduate Education: Mdiv Luther Seminary,
St. Paul, MN

Current Vocation: Retired pastor of the ELCA

Spouse: Janice (Aarthun) Hallanger '69

Children: Julie, Nathan and Matthew

Grandchildren: Anna, Elizabeth, Kate, Owen, Will,
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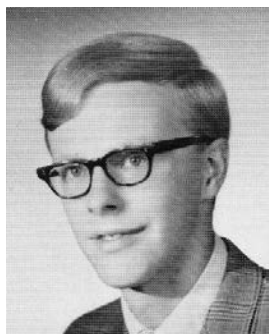
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Since graduating from Luther Seminary, I have served six parishes in eastern North Dakota: Maddock, Abercrombie, West Fargo, Northwood, Grafton, and Hatton.

I retired after 36 years and helped the Synod by being an interim pastor for about eight years. Now I fill in for vacationing pastors. Jan and I live in a large farmhouse on 16 acres on the Goose River south of Northwood.

We have been working on the house for the 25 years we have owned it. We garden, have large flower beds and continue with tree work in our old tree windbreaks. I enjoy projects in my woodshop. We travel between our home and where our children and grandchildren live: Bemidji and St. Paul, Minnesota, and Tampa, Florida.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Singing in the Chapel and Concert Choirs and going on choir tours. Dating Jan Aarthun.

Janice Arthun Hallanger

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: Elem. Ed; PolSci-Hist.

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Harold "Chris" Hallanger

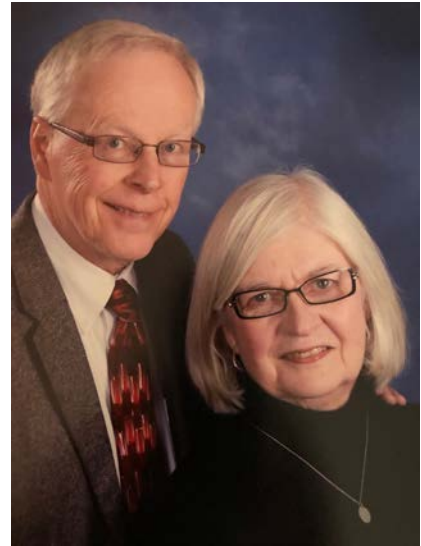
Children: Julie, Nathan and Matthew

Grandchildren: Anna, Elizabeth, Kate, Owen, Will, Emily, Alex, Soren and Solveig

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I taught school in Fridley, MN., and Stoughton, Wisc. Chris accepted a call to be a pastor in Maddock, ND, where I also taught. I took time off when our children were small. After teaching piano lessons in Abercrombie and West Fargo, I returned to teaching in the Northwood Public School.

I retired one year after the Northwood tornado destroyed the school. My temporary classroom was a youth room in St. John Luthern Church in Hatton, where Chris was serving as pastor.

After retiring, we have been fixing up a big farm house on the Goose River in ND. I garden, read, sew, and enjoy grandchildren. We spend some winter months in Tampa, FL where our daughter's family lives.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Meeting Chris! Concert band and band trips.

Ardith Wigdahl Halvorson

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Years at Concordia: 1960-1969

Major; Minor: Speech & Drama

Graduate Education: Four graduate English language learning classes, Hamline University

Current Vocation: Traveling grandma

Spouse: David Halvorson '67

Children: Seth and Leah

Grandchildren: Bram, Imogen and Sidney,
plus a boy expected July '19

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We had two married weeks together. And as so many of this generation, we said goodbye in hopes that I would join him in June, after I graduated. After graduation, I flew from Fargo to San Francisco, to Alaska, to Tokyo then to Okinawa. What an unforgettable trip and year! We lived in an Okinawa neighborhood, traveled Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii. In between our travels, I taught for most of that year, General Education Development (GED) and General Training (GT) classes to soldiers studying for their HS equivalences and next grade promotions. I returned alone to MN in the summer of 1971 to find a home and job. After David returned, we settled in St. Paul, near Luther Seminary. No teaching jobs were available so I spent the next 33+ years in corporate America (Northwestern Bell & Lutheran Brotherhood (Thrivent)) as a Customer/Employee trainer and Course Designer. I tried to retire a couple times but ended up going back to school at Hamline University. After my coursework, I was hired almost immediately and worked in the Roseville School District for about 7 years. I was privileged to teach English to adult immigrant students, many of whom came from war-torn countries. David and I were blessed with two children and three (soon to be four) grandchildren. Seth, our son, is married and lives in New Jersey. He has his doctorate from Columbia in Philosophy of Education and teaches at Bard Early College. Heather, our daughter-in-law, is a Psychoanalyst who practices in New York and New Jersey. They have a fun-loving 2-year-old daughter and another baby on the way. Leah, our daughter, is also married and lives in California. She has her doctorate in Political Science from UCLA and teaches at Immaculate Heart High School in Los Angeles. Eric, our son-in-law, is a TV Film Editor. They have an adventurous 5 year-old-son, Bram and an inquisitive 3 year-old-daughter, Immy. Since 1973, we have resided in Apple Valley, in the same house and neighborhood. 30 years ago we were one of 12 families that started Shephard of the Valley Lutheran Church. Today, it continues to serve our southern communities with many resources and programs. My Concordia story wouldn't be complete without introducing you to the JET SET. Five freshmen girls, two from the Twin Cities, one from Montana and two from Moorhead met at Concordia. Thank you all for 50 years of memories and friendship. Let's plan for 50 more!



On Nov. 30th, 1969, I married David Halvorson, a 1967 graduate of Concordia. The Vietnam war was in full force. We planned our wedding based on David's Army orders that required him to report to Okinawa, Japan, in less than a month.

Favorite Memory from Concordia



I am 71 years old and can remember this as if it were yesterday. I was in 11th grade English class when our teacher came into our room and said "the President has been shot!" We were all in disbelief. School was dismissed early and I went home to my Park Region apartment to watch the TV coverage. That night there was a special service for the entire campus in the auditorium. I remember how all of us were in shock and appreciated this gathering of the Concordia family. In my freshman year, I met my future husband at a hootenanny (a folk song sing-along) at Park Region. Afterwards, we walked to the Normandy for ice cream. We have been happily married for 50 years and still enjoy ice cream. I have fond memories of all the lifelong friends I made.

Hjordis Dommer Halvorson

Hometown: Anaheim, CA

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: MAT, Wesleyan University, MA
in Library Science, University of CA Berkeley

Current Vocation: Retired

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After graduation, a friend and I did a 10-week tour of Europe, setting up my lifelong love of traveling. I went east for grad school, earning an MAT in English at Wesleyan University in CT. This led to high school teaching jobs in Westport, CT and Hastings, MN.

I married John Halvorson ('68) in 1971. We spent 10 years in Oakland, CA where John was a pastor and our daughter Krista was born. While living in the Bay Area, I found my calling in librarianship. I received an MA in Library Science from the University of California Berkeley. In 1983 we moved to the Twin Cities, and I worked as a librarian at the University of St. Thomas.

In 1986-1987 our family experienced a transformational year living in East Africa, based in Tanzania, as John worked for the Lutheran World Federation. In 1988 we moved to the Chicago area as John began work for the ELCA. Throughout our years in Chicago, I worked at the Newberry Library, a research library in the humanities, with a rich collection of books, manuscripts, and maps.

The capstone of my career was serving as Vice President for Library Services at the Newberry. I also taught graduate classes at Dominican University and was active in the national professional organization for librarians working with rare books and manuscripts. I retired in 2015.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I am grateful to Concordia for ways it enriched my life—intellectually, spiritually, in friendship, and in social/civic responsibility. A few of my vivid memories include the awe I felt at the first Christmas Concert and the profound influence of the New York Urban Seminar. I will always be thankful for friendships I formed, inspiration of Pastor Carl Lee, and grounding in the liberal arts I received from challenging, supportive teachers like Drs. Sponheim, Hofrenning, Buckley, and Graebner.

Victoria Lutness Halvorson

Hometown: Bismarck, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Sociology; Psychology, Social Work

Graduate Education: BA, Concordia College

Current Vocation: Enjoying retirement with time to study and learn continually

Spouse: Paul Halvorson

Children: Joel (Kelly) and Aaron (Monica)

Grandchildren: Haley(18), Zachary(14), Chase(14):
Landon(12), Averie(10) and Daxton(2)

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I attended Concordia as did my parents and grandparents. Loved the college life. Married my high school sweetheart--God matched us well. Worked as hospital social worker, auxiliary coordinator, YWCA teacher, in retail, as an Inn Sitter for Bed and Breakfast Inns, and had fun volunteer jobs.

We have two sons: one in Ham Lake, Minnesota: one in Panama City, Florida. My favorite “job” has been the privilege of caring for grandchildren. We’re active in our Lutheran Church (LCMC synod). God has blessed me with family and friends. This past summer I had a “mini-reunion” with some college roommates. I had no idea how much I’d missed them, and we had a great time catching up.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

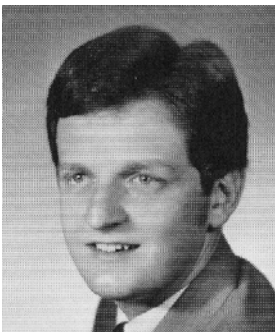
Just before going home for Christmas my freshman year, one of the house keepers asked me how I liked Concordia. I said it was “nice but not very homey.” When I returned from Christmas break, there was a lovely philodendron in my room. The houskeeper gave me love with that plant. I still have it! I’m grateful for Concordia--it has given me a firm foundation.

Jerrett Hansen

Hometown: Berlin, New Hampshire
Years at Concordia: 1966-1969
Major; Minor: Social Work
Graduate Education: M. Div. 1973 Columbus, OH PhD. 1986 Princeton
Current Vocation: Retired after 43 years of ministry
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I was a pastor at Fordham Lutheran in the Bronx from 1974-1983. I moved on to be a pasator at Bethany Lutheran, Suitland, MD. From 1983-90, I was Mission Director for the Mid Atlantic and was with the ELCA from 1990-2002. I was the Lead Pastor at Gloria Dei Church, Huntington Valley, PA. From 2002 to 2012, I was the new church developer. Lastly, I was with Journey of Faith Church, Baltimore from 2012 to 2015.



Claudine Guttromson Hanson

Hometown: Hawley, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Mathematics

Graduate Education: Additional education at Kent State, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Current Vocation: I am retired from a career of more than 30 years in finance and still serving as a church musician

Spouse: Lynn Hanson '68

Children: David and Daniel

Grandchildren: Torin, Margaret Ruth and Jack

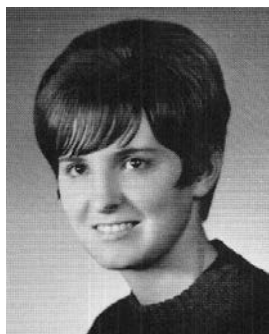
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I married Lynn Hanson '68 after graduation from Concordia. We have spent our life with interesting people, places, and professions. Because of Lynn's profession we relocated several times. I taught mathematics in South Dakota, Alabama, and Maryland, then changed focus to work in banking/customer coordination for an Amish/Mennonite construction company in Ohio, followed by more than 30 years in finance with a large agricultural company in Wisconsin.

After grad school, Lynn served as a military officer in Alabama and Maryland, then went into wildlife management in Ohio and Wisconsin. In all these communities I have also enjoyed serving as a church musician. We have found welcoming people and communities wherever we have lived as we fill our lives with church and community service, education and family life. Our sons, David and Daniel, are both engineering graduates of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. They and their families live in Wisconsin.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Chapel, the Field House, friends and roommates, working for Hilda in the Normandy, for Mrs. Rendahl in the Admissions office and as a dorm counselor – all great memories. The Concordia family provided experiences, friendships and relationships that have enriched my life.

Kristina Mebust Hanson

Hometown: Malta, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Bachelor of Music

Graduate Education: Master of Music, University of Texas at Austin; Bachelor of English, University of New Orleans

Current Vocation: Retired teacher

Children: Erika Hanson married to Ryan Aberle

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I taught elementary and junior high music, high school band and choir, as well as English until my retirement in 2013. These jobs carried me to Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, and back to Montana again. I also coached speech and drama and was the Key Club adviser at Malta High School. In addition to playing organ in various church denominations, I have always maintained a piano studio.

I moved to Lincoln, NE to be near my daughter and son-in-law. Here I have found a new church home at First Lutheran, playing piano and organ part-time and singing in the choir. I also have been involved with the alumni chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, which I had joined at Concordia.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Whenever people complain about the cold weather, I say that they haven't lived until they've practiced piano in Hvidsten Hall in the Minnesota winters. I wore gloves...to practice. However, the best memories were the sharing and support in the practice halls and recitals.

Susan Marmesh Hanson

Hometown: Austin, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physical Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Terry Hanson

Children: Kirsten, Kevin, Ryan and Bo

Grandchildren: Vivian, Ben, Ella, Cole, Dylan, Sebastian, Alejandro, Kayla, Nathan and Kathryn

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My senior year I lived in a Skaff apartment with six roommates, Ginger, Vicky, Cherry, Linda, Mary & Mary Jo. After graduating in May, four of us were married that summer and have all been married since, celebrating 50 years of marriage this year.

I married Terry Hanson, a graduate of NDSU, and we moved to the Chicagoland area in September of 1969. We had four children who were all raised in Naperville, Illinois. They gave us 10 wonderful grandchildren. Their families live in Naperville, Las Vegas, San Diego and Hong Kong, which provides us many opportunities to travel and spend time with them. We are very proud of each one of them and their spouses Kirsten (Dan), Kevin (Lisa), Ryan (Jenine) and Bo (Cristina). Our ten grandchildren give us much joy and happiness! Our annual family ski trips in Breckenridge, CO and summer gatherings at Sybil Lake are always memorable highlights.

While raising our children, I was very involved in many school volunteer activities, boards, and teaching. After my children graduated, I worked as fashion consultant in retail for 10 years.

Now we spend our winters in Fountain Hills, AZ (where we've connected with ND, MN and Concordia friends), our summers at Lake Sybil, MN and some time in Naperville.

We enjoy cruising, traveling, skiing, and spending time with family and friends at the lake.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Some of my favorite memories include being a member of LDS, making friends, and having fun together. I enjoyed my experience on the pom pom squad. The many hours spent practicing and attending games brings back fond memories. Another special memory is being a member of the Homecoming Court in 1968. I was also honored to be Miss Freshman and Miss Sophomore Class. My Concordia experience was a wonderful time in my life and I'm grateful for the many relationships and lifelong friends I made there.

Vernae Thostenson Hasbargen

Hometown: Breckenridge, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Political Science/ History

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Mike Hasbargen

Children: Marc, Michelle '91 and Matt '93

Grandchildren: Xander, Nick, Gus, Gib,
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Vernae Hasbargen currently serves on the nonprofit boards of MinnPost and Growth & Justice. Hasbargen has also been a board member of the ClearWay MN, the MN Council of Nonprofits, the Blandin Foundation, the Perpich Center for Arts Education, MinnCAN; and an advisor to the Freeman Forum at the Humphrey Institute in the University of Minnesota.

Hasbargen received a BA degree in Political Science from Concordia College in Moorhead and was Executive and Legislative Director of the Minnesota Rural Education Association for 17 years. Prior to joining MREA, she was a teacher and school board member in Breckenridge, Minnesota.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Living in Academy Hall with all freshmen girls in the super big class of students born in 1947, the first year of the post-war baby boom. We shared a bathroom and one telephone with an entire floor of girls (probably about 60 or so).

John Haugen

Hometown: Manvel, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Chemistry

Graduate Education: M.S. Accounting,
University of North Dakota

Spouse: Marsha Haugen

Current Vocation: Retired

Children: Blake and Mark

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I recently retired after teaching accounting for 36 years at Wartburg College. My wife Marsha and I have two sons, Blake and Mark. Our favorite times are visiting Blake, his wife and our grandson in the Chicago area. Our son, Mark, lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories are of times spent with roommates and friends in the dormitories. Some of them have remained lifelong friends. I remember many professors who cared so deeply about their students.

Marlin Haugrud

Hometown: Pelican Rapids, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English & Religion/Psychology

Graduate Education: Div- Luther Theological Seminary

Current Vocation: Retired Pastor

Spouse: Ellen (Nygaard) Haugrud '70

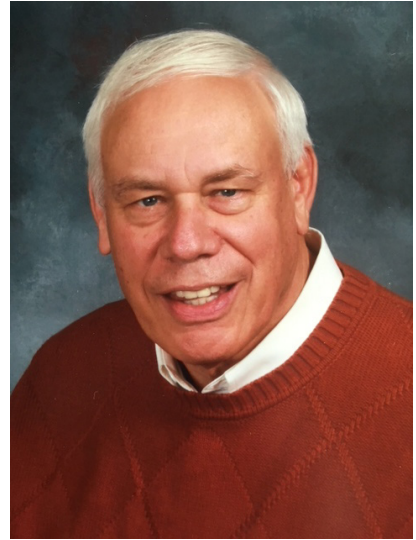
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Grandchildren: Caleb, Ava, Ruby, Rose, Kacie, Carter, Anna, Laiken, Hadley, Aftyn, Ezra and Isaac

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I have served parishes in South Dakota, retiring in June of 2018.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The friends that I made.

JoAnne Tonneson Helland

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Major; Minor: Spanish & English
Current Vocation: Retired
Spouse: Keith Helland '69
Children: Joy and Janelle
Grandchildren: Josie and Joa
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After graduation, I taught Spanish for 5 years in Forest City, Iowa. We moved to Eldridge, Iowa, where Keith worked for an insurance company and I worked at a community college in admissions and then taught at North Scott Community Schools. We returned to Lake Mills, Iowa, where we have lived since 1976.

We have two daughters, Joy and Janelle. I stayed home with the girls until Janelle was 3 and taught for 5 years in Ventura, Iowa, and then in Lake Mills, where I started their Spanish program and taught for 20 years. I took students on trips to Spain, Mexico and France and went on a mission trip to Guatemala.

I retired in 2009. In the summer we garden, camp, and spend time with family. We winter in AZ and enjoy being out of the snow and cold.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories of Concordia are the times I spent in the Spanish Department, both taking classes from excellent professors as well as working in the Spanish Department office. Our classes were small and we were encouraged and supported by dedicated teachers.

Keith Helland

Hometown: Argusville, ND

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Biology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: JoAnne (Tonneson) Helland '69

Children: Joy and Janelle

Grandchildren: Josie and Joa

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After Concordia, we moved to Iowa where I taught biology for 5 years at Lake Mills Community School. We then moved to Davenport, Iowa, where I worked for Fireman's Fund Insurance company for 3 years.

In 1976, we returned to Lake Mills, Iowa, where I bought in as a partner of an insurance agency. I have remained in the insurance business in Lake Mills for the past 43 years. We are fully retired now and spend our winters in Arizona. During the many years in Lake Mills, I have served on many boards including mayor.

The past 35 years I have been a volunteer for Ducks Unlimited on a local level as well as serving the last several year on the National Ducks Unlimited Board of Directors. Most of all, we enjoy our time we spend with our precious family. Grandkids are the best.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I spent hours in the biology department. The best professors ever. Probably the highlight was doing special studies for Mr. Powers. He taught entomology. We studied tiger beetles. He ultimately found a new species of the tiger beetle, which I always felt I made a small contribution to make that happen. He had the biggest impact on my teaching abilities. I have always been so proud to be an alumnus of Concordia. Like many alumni, I still wear my Concordia ring after 50 years.

Carl Heltne

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Professional Zoology

Graduate Education: MA Anatomy, M.D.

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Brenda (Gryting) Heltne '70

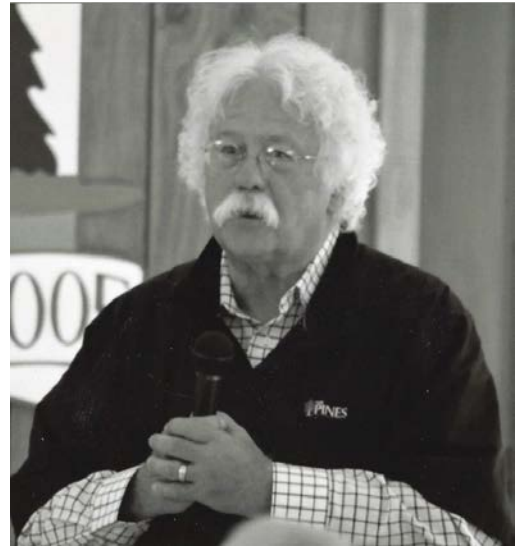
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Grandchildren: Tyler, Maija, Isabella, Aubrey, Cora and Reier

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At Concordia, I was fortunate to have been taught and mentored by many; R. Fuglestad, E. Torstviet, Dr. Ostercamp to name just a few. I was exposed to art by C. Glasrud. The most formative experience, was that of Dr. Prausnitz constantly asking “What is the inner hidden, deeper, secret meaning”. I am most thankful for taking a course in Psychology. There, sitting in front of me, was the most beautiful, engaging, and I learned over time, fun and caring person I have ever met. That person was Brenda Gryting.

She has now been for 50 years, my best friend, wife and mother of our children. When I consider all experiences that were afforded to me by attending Concordia, this tops them all. Brenda and I have three daughters, Tiffany, Carisa and Briony. They have given us six grandchildren, Tyler, Maija, Isabella, Aubrey, Cora and Reier. They spend time at the cabin; also skiing and traveling with us. Brenda cares for grandchildren, reads, knits and quilts. I also enjoy reading, bicycle riding and fly-fishing. Over the last six years, I was a lead faculty for the “Physician Leadership College” at University of St. Thomas and served on local boards.

We travel each year; in 2018 visited our 7th continent, Antarctica. After graduating I completed a M.A. in Anatomy from UND, my M.D. from Texas Tech. My internship was at the Fargo Clinic, Medicine Residency at University of West Virginia and Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. In 1979, I began my cardiology practice at the Duluth Clinic retiring in 2012. Practice was exciting as it was the early years of Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty. We built a Congestive Heart Failure Program which serves over 3000 patients across Essentia. I was honored by the establishment of an endowment



in my name to support this program. I have been involved in research, written a few papers and contributed chapters to a recent book for the American College of Surgeons. I served on the boards of the Duluth Clinic, SMDC Health System, and Essentia. I served as president of the Duluth Clinic and retired as the CMO of Essentia Health.

Frank Hensch

Hometown: Brooten, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Phy.Ed/Health

Graduate Education: St. Cloud State University

Current Vocation: Retired

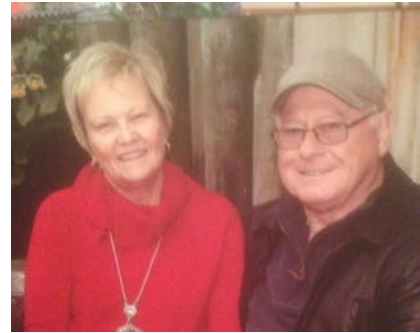
Children: Rob '92, Travis and Amanda

Grandchildren: Bryce, Adam, Kayla, Brandy, Breck, Larissa, Emma, Lizzie, Amber, Caiah, Camari, Cameron and Kalia

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I began my teaching career in Climax, Mn. The Vietnam War was going on and I was drafted into the Army. Luckily I was allowed to finish the school year. I spent all my time at Fort Sill, OK, after basic training. Getting out of the service with an "6 month early out", I started grad school at St. Cloud State

in Jan, 1972. While there I also served as a grad assistant for their football team.

In March of 1973, I got married to Pat Peterson, also from Brooten. I adopted Pat's son, Rob, and then we had two more children, Travis and Amanda. I started teaching again in 1973, after the military and grad school, in Hawley, MN. I also was coaching there in football, wrestling and track. Five years later we moved on to Rockford, MN teaching and coaching there also. Due to budget cuts I lost my job in Rockford. The summer of 1984 we went to Alaska on a combination job hunt/vacation. We returned home back in Minnesota with only one job prospect back in Alaska. August arrived and I ended up getting a telephone interview for that job in Alaska. I had 8 days notice to get back up there to start the school year.

After a massive moving sale, storage of furniture items, mailing 60 boxes and trying to sell 2 pieces of property, I headed for extreme western Alaska to Bethel, with our 3 kids. I had to get them enrolled in school and my wife had to give a 2 week notice from her job. What an incredible experience living among the Yupik Eskimos of western Alaska. My school of 535 elementary students did not have its own gym for Phy. Ed. classes, but luckily our school was attached to the AK Nat'l Guard Armory. That was my classroom. National Guard soldiers from the numerous Yupik villages in the area were constantly being brought into Bethel for training, so it was not unusual for me to be conducting my Phy. Ed classes while the Guardsmen sat around the edges of the gym cleaning their M-16 rifles and M-60 machine guns. That would never be okay in the lower 48 states.

There were no roads to or from Bethel so everything came in by plane or barges from Anchorage or Seattle. Our 3 kids never rode a school bus to an athletic event. They flew everywhere in Alaska for all their games. 20 yrs have passed now in Alaska and we retired and returned to Minnesota to our lake home near Park Rapids. Pat and I are no longer together, so my days are spent attending the many events of our grandchildren, most of whom live in MN. I also keep busy doing remodeling projects, deer and turkey hunting. Each day is a blessing.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories at Concordia were the day to day interactions with "kids" from all over the USA attending Concordia. Especially the 4 years playing on the Cobber football team. I can proudly say, "I played for Jake".



Thomas Herron

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Business (Accounting)/Political Science

Graduate Education: CMA - Certified Management Accountant

Current Vocation: Retired from Ameriprise in 2006, current owner of Treasure Hunt Coins & Currency, LLC

Spouse: JacLynn (Johnson) Herron '70

Children: Krista '00 and Angela

Grandchildren: MaKena and Charlie

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After graduation in the spring of 1969, I began work at IDS Financial Advisors in Minneapolis in the Accounting/Auditing training program. I worked in Internal Audit and at many different accounting positions for ten years before transitioning to Systems Development. The remaining 26 years of my career were spent in the development and support of investment systems as a business analyst, project manager, and director of investment systems.

In December of 1970, Jackie (JacLynn Johnson – Concordia class of 1970) and I were married. We have lived in the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities for the past 49 years and currently reside in our home of 30+ years in New Brighton. We adopted our first daughter, Krista, in 1979, and our second daughter, Angela, in 1981. Both were infants from Korea.

“Retirement” has given me the opportunity to pick up an old hobby (collecting coins) and to start a small business, Treasure Hunt Coins and Currency, where I evaluate, buy, and sell coin collections. I also sell coins in an antique shop in Lake City, Minnesota. I enjoy the treasure hunt of searching a collection for a rare coin or bill. Jackie and I are involved with eldercare advocacy groups that are working to improve long-term care for vulnerable adults. This stems from our family’s experience with Jackie’s mother, which inspired her to write a memoir in 2011 entitled, “Singing Solo: In Search of a Voice for Mom.” Our two grandchildren, Makena and Charlie, are a huge source of entertainment and love, and we are so fortunate to have them live close by in St. Paul.



We also enjoy traveling and consider Maui our second home. The 4 years I spent at Concordia have been the source of lifelong friendships and a lifelong partner (Jackie) in addition to preparing me for a career. It was a time when we were challenged to think for ourselves and to re-evaluate many of our beliefs and biases. It will be good to reconnect with some of the classmates who shared that journey.

Sandra Busche Hoffmann

Hometown: Bellmore, NY

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: German

Current Vocation: Volunteer work

Spouse: Paul Hoffmann

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After graduation I drove from NY to Racine, WI to my first position teaching German classes in the morning at Mitchell Jr. HS and Spanish classes in the afternoon at Washington Park HS for the year.

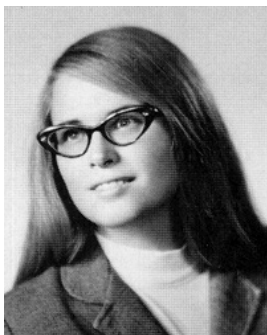
In 1970 I married Paul Hoffmann, a graduate of RIT, assigned to Westover AFB in Chicopee, MA, from 1971-73, where I taught Spanish at West Springfield HS. Our first son, Peter, was born in 1971. We moved to Lancaster, NH, the fall of 1973, built a house and still live there now, forty-six years later.

Paul worked as a book printer and designer at Stinehour Press, Lunenburg, VT. Our second son Joel was born in 1977. I taught in Lancaster as a Chapter One Teacher from 1979 to 1985, after which I once again taught world languages at Stratford Public School for the next twenty-one years until retirement in 2007.

I have been fortunate to sing in church choirs, community choruses, a madrigal group and a women's group. We now travel, cycle, kayak and walk when not volunteering in church or community activities.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Concordia College provided a safe christian campus community, a solid education, life-long friendships, and many wonderful memories.



Bernie Hovden

Hometown: Golden Valley, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physics & Math

Current Vocation: Happily retired, playing lots of music

Spouse: Alicia Sanchez

Children: Salvador and Joshua

Grandchildren: Vida

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After graduation I joined VISTA and was assigned to an “own recognizance” bail project in San Francisco. It was an eye opening experience seeing the criminal justice system from a close perspective. It turns out that 1969 was an exciting time to be in San Francisco, so I stayed.

The last 40 yrs I have lived in Sonoma County, in the wine country. I worked for 30 yrs at Hewlett Packard/ Agilent Technologies manufacturing and supporting microwave and lightwave test equipment. I got to travel a little bit with work and on my own. After moving to Sonoma County, I started playing bass clarinet again.

After retiring, I play in seven community bands that rehearse every week and a few that rehearse less often. I play 5 voices of clarinet and two saxophones. The groups run the gamut from clarinet quartet, to swing band, to Dixieland, to symphonic band to street band. The one thing they have in common is they are all volunteer, but I’m having fun and sometimes get free food or beer. One recent highlight was participating with one street band, the Musician’s Action Group, in a kind of street band convention for activist street bands in Paris, France, May Day in 2016. I also manage and maintain our small mutual water company, and am a volunteer engineer at the first bilingual public radio station in the US, KBBF. In the last 5 months, I’ve added grandpa duty a couple of times a week to the list. I don’t know how I had time to work!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories are of friendships, many formed around the social activities with the Phi’s. Playing in the band was another highlight of my time at Concordia. Rehearsal at the end of the day was a great way to release tensions and prepare for studying. I remember one band trip to North Dakota and Montana in February. We were two days behind a blizzard, and it was -40 most of the trip. Fortunately, my tongue did not stick to the contra-bass clarinet after it spent the night under the bus.

Gordon Isachsen

Hometown: Brooklyn Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: Psychology

Current Vocation: Aviation Management

Spouse: Margaret Isachsen

Children: Andra and Erik

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Roland James

Hometown: Alexander, ND

Years at Concordia: 1963-1965, 1969

Major; Minor: Mathematics

Graduate Education: Arizona State University Law School

Current Vocation: Social justice and climate change activist

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Growing up as Republican and a creed-repeating, “am I saved” Lutheran, I changed during military service 1965-68 to be more concerned with justice action and mercy. I’ve worked in energy, environment, utility regulation.

I’ve found, like Rick in Casablanca, that my individual problems don’t amount to a “hill of beans” in this crazy world. Half of all of the carbon emissions have come in the last 25 years, which means that we’ve now done more damage to the climate than in all the millennia before. The UN IPPC says ~4.3C degrees warming in 2100 if we don’t change course; 4.3C would mean \$600 trillion in climate damages, double the existing wealth today; agriculture would probably be half as productive. The world would be dealing with simultaneous disasters and ~200 million climate refugees by 2050.

Climate change will deform life and possibly lead to extinction. I was only partly kidding myself when I questioned why I was even writing this. “Dear future generations (if you are there), Please accept our apologies but we were rolling drunk on petrol and air conditioned comfort.” In the world where we could create climate justice, we create a world of wildfire, drought, flood, rising seas, extinction. We could cultivate hope, love, justice and the Earth garden, letting go of excessive materialism, fear, and selfishness. “We are playing Russian Roulette with the entire human race with two bullets already loaded.”

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Meeting, listening to, and talking with Daniel Berrigan. I met him at the Fargo airport and took him to Concordia to talk to Mark Borg’s classes--which was opposed by Concordia President Joseph Knutson.

Susan Rovelstad James

Hometown: Grand Forks, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Public School Music K-12, English

Graduate Education: Master of Education in Instruction & Curriculum

Current Vocation: Retired

Children: Darren and Phillip

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In 1998, I received my Master's in Education for Instruction & Curriculum from University of St Thomas, St. Paul, MN. I retired from teaching Elementary Vocal Music in the Grand Forks Public Schools in 2004.

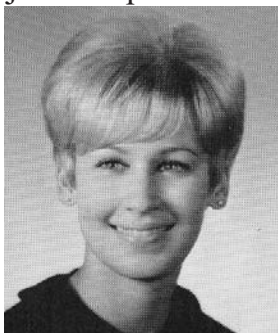
I've been very much a part of my parents care in their later years. Dad died Oct. 29, 2018. My mom turned 96 in March; she has Alzheimer's and is living in Mesa, AZ with her caregiver at her home. She is quite healthy other than that.

I have two children married to exceptional women. Darren married Christina from Spain. They are living in Cartagena, Spain. Phillip married Phoebe, originally from Zambia, Africa. They live in Kirkland, WA.

I travel back & forth to Mesa to be with Mom. This spring I have been there for 7 weeks. Next year maybe longer. I have a condo in Bellevue, WA so I can visit Phillip & Phoebe without intruding! Most of the year I have a home in my hometown of Grand Forks, ND.

I plan to try some new hobbies on my next long term visit to my house in Mesa, of learning to golf, do ceramics, woodworking, and acrylic painting. Currently I enjoy learning to knit using patterns & color work. I like to cook, but for one person it leaves something to be desired. Reading is a longtime hobby of mine. I have some type of book I am reading each & every day, most likely Mysteries & Suspense.

I just completed a fabulous 40-day class at Victory Lutheran in Mesa. We studied Rick Warren's "What On Earth Am I Here For?." What a fabulous class for me to reframe my thinking about my faith in Jesus Christ.



I look forward to visiting with friends from my 1969 Concordia class.

Jim Jaranson

Hometown: Thief River Falls, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: MD and MA (U of M), MPH (Harvard)

Current Vocation: Retired Physician

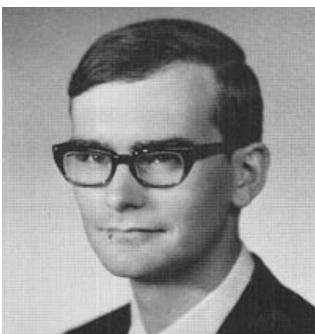
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I specialized in rehabilitation of traumatized refugees and survivors of politically motivated torture. I retired from clinical psychiatric work in 2003 but remained active in other related professional activities. I received the Concordia Alumni Achievement Award in 2009.



Charles Jensvold

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Mathematics & Physics

Graduate Education: MA in Mathematics,
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Current Vocation: Retired

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After graduating from Concordia, I went to the University of Nebraska, receiving an M.A. in Mathematics while watching the Cornhuskers win two football national championships. I then returned home and took over the family farm in southeastern North Dakota.

In 1982, the latent viking in me emerged and I joined the Peace Corps, sending me to Botswana where I worked 2 years for the National Development Bank, assessing small agricultural and business loans. More important, however, I met my wife to be, Gothe.

In 1985 we were married at my home church in Veblen, SD and then returned to Botswana where I taught mathematics at secondary schools for the next 20 years. One year was interrupted by our going to school in Leeds, England, where I earned my teaching certificate. It was very exciting being in Botswana during the years when apartheid strengthened and then ended in South Africa.

We returned to the United States in 2005 and have since lived in Detroit Lakes. I taught mathematics in Waubun, MN from 2005 to 2012. The two of us have been very busy with church activities both at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes and with the ELCA Northwestern Minnesota Synod.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Watching the original TV series of Star Trek and Batman in the crowded, standing-room only lounges of Livedalen and Brown (POW!, BANG!) The immense joy my Freshman year when the wringer washing machines were replaced by automatic washers. The great joys of camaraderie of playing with the Concert Band, (the envy of returning from a January band tour, walking the streets of Cut Bank, Montana where it was 40 below zero and then returning to Concordia, meeting sun-tanned classmates from the Choir).

Linda Helstrom Jeppson

Hometown: New Brighton, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education & Sociology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Neal Jeppson '68

Children: Holly '97, Matthew and Rob

Grandchildren: Marcus, Leah, Lilly, Stella
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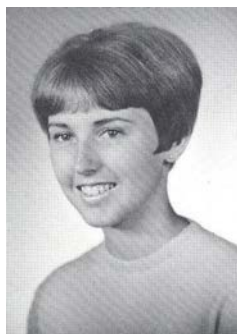
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Right after graduation I married Neal Jeppson '68, and we lived in Brooten, MN where we both taught. The summer of '70 we traveled to Norway, England and many European countries with Olsons and Sonjus (all Cobbers) for a month and had a blast. We then went to Brookings, SD where Neal got his Masters and I taught in Lake Benton, MN, then Anoka for two years where I taught in the Elk River system, and on to Burnsville, MN for 38 years, where we raised our three children.

Holly was born in '75, Matt in '78 and Rob in '80. I was a stay-at-home mom for many years. Rob was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 4 1/2, which was a challenge, but taught us the right way to eat. I returned to education and taught Chapter 1 for a number of years before working at Hamline University in the Graduate and Law Schools. I received my nutritional consultant certification in 2011, and that has been, and is, my passion to this day.

We visit our out-of-state grandkids (CT and CO) as often as we can, and have spent four years in the Phoenix area, avoiding some of the MN winters! Sports has been a big part of my life. Neal coached for 40 years, and our three kids all were athletes. I wouldn't trade those times for anything. Neal and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary June 28, and he is still the love of my life! Faith is the foundation of our lives, and we have been truly blessed.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Wearing dresses to class (did we really have to?), time spent with roommates/friends, goofy times in the dorms, buying red licorice at the Korn Krib from Zola Tweeton, hanging out in the Normandy, jiggers (ice cream with peanuts), society teas for women & smokers for men (archaic). We didn't have to wear beanies. I wasn't the greatest student, but I received a wonderful education, & have so many great memories. My roommates and I get together a few times each year, and have fun reminiscing.

Dennis Johnson

Hometown: Lake Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: History & Political Science

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Carma (Sonsteng) Johnson '68

Children: Kirsten and Megan '99

Grandchildren: Matea, Alex and Eli

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Graduation opened the door to a winding road. Year one included teaching in Cannon Falls, MN and marrying Carma Sonsteng. Year two began with a request from POTUS to spend a couple of years in the U.S. Army with the longest stop being in South Korea during 1971. Then back to Moorhead for 3 years. Teaching at North Junior High and welcoming Kirsten to the family in 1974.

In 1975 we headed west to the boom town of Green River, WY. In 1977 Megan joined us. We didn't plan to stay too long but it turned into 31 years at Green River HS teaching history, economics and political science. I also was their tennis coach for 27 years.

2006 brought retirement and a move to Olympia, WA and the Pacific Northwest. Going from the high desert of Wyoming to a rain forest at sea level was a good change, but the best part was being with our two very young grandchildren. Unfortunately their father's job took them to Edmonton, Canada, after two years. We have stayed in Olympia enjoying the weather and life here along with the time and opportunity to travel the U.S., Canada and Europe.



Judith Torness Johnson

Hometown: Sisseton, SD

Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired teacher in 2004

Spouse: Donald C. Johnson '67

Children: Amy and Aaron

Grandchildren: Clara, Emma, Abby and Wesley

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I went through Concordia in 3 years so actually graduated summer of 1968. We got married in June as Don got orders for Germany. I joined him after I graduated in August. We lived near Heidelberg for 2 1/2 years. I was lucky enough to get a job teaching with the Department of Defense. We traveled all over Germany and Europe.

We came back to the States in 1971. I taught elementary in Alexandria until retirement in 2004. It was a wonderful job. My husband, Don, was a CPA and retired from his practice in 2010. Both of our children were born and raised in Alexandria.

We have always loved to travel and have made many trips back to Europe. In 2011, we took our first tour to Turkey. Other tours include Africa, Panama, Morocco, Australia/New Zealand, Vietnam/Cambodia, Egypt/Jordan, Croatia/Slovenia, Romania. We also take our children and grandchildren on European trips. We love spending time with our grandchildren, both in Elk River, MN and Spring, TX.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

We still keep in touch with friends from Concordia. They are mostly from my husband's class of 1967 and have been back for reunions. Concordia was a wonderful college. We have been blessed in our lives. It started ours by meeting at Concordia!!

Mark Johnson

Hometown: Dawson, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elem Ed

Graduate Education: MS, Mankato State,
Instructional Media

Current Vocation: Retired MN teacher,
retired Air Force Reserve

Spouse: Jo Johnson

Children: Kristoffer and Britt

Grandchildren: Grace, Charlotte, Sam, Logan, Siiri,
Maia and Apple

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I was a teacher for 34 years in Albert Lea, MN. I was also a Major in the Air Force Reserve for 28 years. I now spend the winter in North Port, FL.



Maurice Johnson

Hometown: Big Sandy, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Chemistry/Physics

Graduate Education: DDS, University of Minnesota

Current Vocation: Retired Dentist, now farm and ranch

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In August 1969, Margaret Skoglund (also a 1969 CC Grad) and I married and moved to Great Falls, MT and both taught middle school for 2 years. We returned to MN where I earned a degree in Dentistry from the U of MN while Meg taught Home Ec in Roseville.

We had many adventures while living and working for our keep in the Carlson Funeral Home in St Paul. Upon graduation from dental school in 1976, I taught at the U of MN School of Dentistry for a year. We then moved to Billings, MT where I built our house and went into private practice until 2016. I also helped Margaret with her sweatshirt business for 10 years.

Buying farmland in Joliet in 1988 added an additional job and a commute when we moved to Joliet permanently in 1993. I still love basketball and have played 3 times a week forever! I have restored collector cars. I had a wonderful Arabian horse. My dog "Foxy Lady" adores me because I rescued her.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Enjoyed my wild and crazy roommates!

Nancy Johnson

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English and History

Graduate Education: M.A. Public Affairs,
Humphrey Institute, U of M

Current Vocation: Retired

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After the stability of family and Concordia, in 1969 I jumped into a new “non-linear” life of change and moves – to Seattle, then California, Minnesota (again), Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Indonesia (again), Minnesota (again) and California (again). Professional life has also been diverse: I taught high school English in California for 7 years after graduation, and later undergrad and graduate courses in theological English and gender in development at Satya Wacana Christian University on Java (Indonesia) for 6 years. French got rustier, so I moved on to a little Swedish, then Indonesian for teaching and daily life. I’ve enjoyed a broad variety of work in corporate/academic/non-profit settings. Specialized in large grant writing and editing in non-profit/academic/biomedical areas. Edited two award-winning academic books with favorite grad school profs. English and history degrees have helped me learn many ways to tell a compelling story. Meanwhile met Steven Haggmark on a blind date in San Francisco and married in 1974. (Thank you again, Sharon!) Took turns working and going to grad school.

Steve completed an M.Div. and Ph.D.; I earned an M.A. from the Humphrey Institute, U of MN and became assistant director of its new Center on Women and Public Policy. As my dad observed fondly, the more degrees we earned the less money we made. In 1989 I shared a Rockefeller Fellowship at the Bellagio Center in Italy, where our team worked on an edited book and Steve came along to work on his dissertation. While there we visited Florence and traveled to Rome for the Christmas Eve Papal Mass at the Vatican. We’ve also enjoyed visits to London, Ireland, Norway and especially Sweden, where Steve has many relatives. Our years in South and Southeast Asia (1994-2001) were life changing. The 1997 Asian economic crisis hit hard, then violence the next year surrounding the end of the Suharto regime in Indonesia was nearby and horrifying. Studying regime change in a political science class was one thing; experiencing it from within was quite another. Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian and indigenous traditions of welcoming strangers and outsiders surprised and taught us. We made lifelong friends who have enriched our lives with their generosity, guidance and compassion.

To my great surprise I recently discovered that my maternal English ancestors came to North America at the time of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Genealogy research is one of my major interests now, along with yoga and singing in the Fresno Master Chorale. Retirement found me, rather than me choosing it. In 2015 I was successfully treated for a rare cancer that required some recuperation time off work. Then Steve’s health declined and both of us found ourselves “retired” by circumstances. While we envy friends able to continue working in jobs they enjoy, we share with many other friends the need to adjust to unexpected changes. Our travel is now very modest, but the beautiful California coast and Sierra Nevada are nearby. While 1969 seems so long ago, it can come back to me in a moment with a song, a book, leaves falling in autumn or a dear friend’s voice on the phone. I treasure the deep friendship of the Jet Set (Ardie, Shirley and Sharon). And I finally realize that BLEAK HOUSE is indeed a masterpiece.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Student teaching in London, England, in 1969 was a deep dive into a vast historic place and a chance to sharpen my classroom skills. London in that year was tons of fun! I am also deeply grateful to professors Barbara Glasrud, Alan Graebner and Albert Anderson for their high expectations, wit and academic rigor. They made me a more serious and appreciative student.

Shirley Nelson Johnson

Hometown: St. Louis Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: Speech & English

Current Vocation: Retired

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Children: Peter

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I graduated in December of 1968 and married my 1965 Concordia computer date soon after. Bruce was in the US Army, including a tour in Vietnam, until 1971. During that time I was a substitute teacher in Texas and an English and speech teacher in Norwood-Young America west of Minneapolis. We moved to Grand Forks, ND so Bruce could finish his final two years of law school.

I worked in the Business Office at UND while he earned his JD degree. He accepted employment in a Fargo law firm in 1973. Our son Peter was born in December of that year. I was hired by the Fargo Superintendent of Schools in 1974. I spent 37 years as the executive assistant to the superintendent and secretary to the 9-member elected Fargo Board of Education.

I retired in 2011 and Bruce and I built a winter home in Green Valley, AZ south of Tucson. We return to Fargo for May - October. We have enjoyed extensive international travel. Our favorites are wine and cooking tours of Italy, France, Portugal, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Chile and most recently, South Africa and Zambia.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

One memory is my freshman English class with Dr. Joan Buckley. She was the first to call on me as "Miss Nelson" rather than by my first name. I was seventeen and knew I was then officially an adult. She was an excellent teacher and no doubt contributed to my choice of an English/speech major.



Shirley Hill Johnson

Hometown: Buhl, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology/Zoology

Graduate Education: MA clinical psychology

Current Vocation: Retired Psychologist

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Grandchildren: Savannah

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I lived in New Mexico for 4 years, moved back to MN and met a great man plus raised a german shepherd.

I retired from working in a hospital system as the coordinator of the employee assistance program. I did lots of training, counseling. I am now enjoying life and doing some writing and traveling.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Having good friends and roommates.

Barbara Bjornson Jordan

Hometown: Nisswa, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965

Major; Minor: Education

Current Vocation: Artist

Spouse: John Jordan

Children: 3

Grandchildren: 3

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I transferred after one semester and then completed two years. I followed my husband for four years while he was in the military. I went back to college in my forties and earned a degree in fine art. I make mixed media art with an emphasis on collage.



Paul Kaldor

Hometown: Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology & Chemistry

Graduate Education: M.D., U of MN, Medical School

Spouse: Deanne Kaldor

Children: Michelle and Christopher

Grandchildren: Luke and Brielle

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After graduation, I finished medical school at the U of MN in 1973 and family medicine residency in 1976. I married my wife, Deanne, and started a clinic in Eden Prairie. I am still involved part-time in the medical practice.

I am fortunate to have had my favorite Concordia professor as my patient. We enjoy travel, outdoor activities (gardening and photography), our lake home and grandchildren. Our grandson Luke is a goalie for Maple Grove at the Bantam level. We attend the Concordia Christmas Concert at Orchestra Hall yearly.



Linda Marsden Kelley

Hometown: Campbell, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: French/ English

Graduate Education: MA French/English, Linguistics

Current Vocation: Retired French and ESL (Adult) teacher

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I spent my last semester at Concordia as an exchange student to Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. I spent the summer working in the Newark, NJ inner city with children right after the riots in 1967. I was a teaching assistant in French at the University of Minnesota where I got my MA in French. I taught French at Breck and Columbia Heights, then I went to France several times. I taught English as a 2nd language in Marseille, France, and worked with missionaries there.

In 1972, I returned home to Mpls. I married Doug Kelley in 1973. We adopted Amber in 1978 and Alex in 1980. While waiting for our 3rd adopted child - I became pregnant with my daughter, Eve, who was born in 1984.

I taught English as a 2nd Language for Minneapolis and St. Paul schools for 29 years working with adult refugees from all over the world. I retired in 2009 and began taking care of my granddaughter Eden and my husband who developed frontal temporal dementia. I lost him in July of 2017.

After retirement, I have attended Luther Seminary classes and St. Thomas adult classes. I'm a member of Park Avenue Methodist Church. I live in South Minneapolis. I have 6 wonderful grandchildren and am so thankful for my family and friends. God has greatly blessed me.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

May Seminar Abroad, Virginia Union Exchange and some great friends

Stephen Kidder

Hometown: Crystal, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physics & Math

Graduate Education: Master of Divinity from
Luther Theological Seminary in St Paul, MN

Current Vocation: Retired Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America (ELCA) Pastor

Spouse: Lynne Kidder

Children: Anne, Amber, Benjamin and Isaac

Grandchildren: Henry, Edward, Sebastian, Jack, Max
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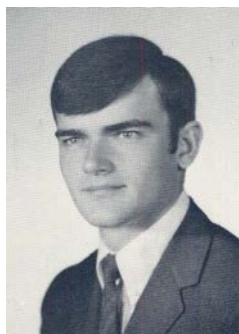
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I served 5 parishes over 39 years emphasizing God's grace and desire for justice and peace. I loved working with youth at Bible camps, leading adventure and mission trips, leading youth worship bands and introducing kids to Lakota people and culture on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

In retirement, I enjoy more time with Lynn & family, playing guitar, woodworking, biking and other sports. I lead youth worship bands, volunteer to help students in science classes, and look for ways to make a difference regarding issues of environment, justice and peace. 2018 highlight: Gustavus Adolphus College Holy Land Study Tour.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Being clobbered by an all-American the first day of football practice; practicing with the gymnastic team; rehearsing in Old Main with my folk group; trying to figure out differential equations. But I have a particular regret: I was elected president of the class and I did not take advantage of the opportunity to inspire our class to take up some cause for justice and peace.

Janet Ekeland Kilde

Hometown: Allendale, NJ

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physical Education

Graduate Education: Student Personnel Services,
Montclair State University, NJ

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: John Kilde

Children: Rebekah, Kristin, Deborah and John

Grandchildren: Andrew, Solveigh, Solen and Willow

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I've had the privilege of teaching physical education both in Minnesota and New Jersey. My real love was school counseling which I completed in 1972 from Montclair State University in New Jersey.

I met my husband in NJ while he was a Pastor in NY. We were married in 1972. In 1973 we moved to Fergus Falls, MN where he taught New Testament (N.T.), Greek and Homiletics until 2010 at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary. From 1976-1980 we were parents of our 4 children. Fun times.

I resumed working as a school counselor at both Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls and later Battle Lake Public Schools, MN. Best job ever! I also enjoyed being a pastor's wife when John pastored Bethel Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls and 2010-2018 in Jamestown, ND.

Our children have had some hiccups in their adult years. but God has been faithful and used those hard times to help others. I enjoy reading, playing Words with Friends and am a beginning golfer. Concordia provided a good education and great friends. About 4 or 5 of us try to get together yearly.



Louise Hovey Kleiboer

Hometown: Burr Oak, IA

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Sociology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Donald Kleiboer

Children: Michael and Ernest

Grandchildren: Katelyn and Dawson

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I began my career as a social worker at Winona County Social Services in September shortly before Don and I were married on November 29, 1969. Don and I lived and worked in the Winona area until 1976 when we moved to Mabel, Minnesota, and I transferred to Fillmore County Social Services. I worked there until my retirement on July 31, 2014.

Since retiring, I have increased my involvement with our church and various community organizations including the food shelf and American Legion Auxiliary and have enjoyed watching the extracurricular activities of our grandchildren, Katelyn (16) and Dawson (14). Our sons, Michael and Ernest, and daughter-in-law, Heather, complete our immediate family. We continue to live in Mabel, and spend some time in Mission, Texas, during the winter months.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The Concordia Christmas concerts were always special. Personal memories include Mrs. Hassenstab regularly giving the off-campus cafeteria workers meal tokens near the end of our shift while saying she wouldn't do this all the time. One evening, she arranged a special evening meal of steak and French fries but didn't anticipate the heat from the grills and deep fryers would set off the sprinkler system directly above them. We spent a few hours cleaning up grease in the kitchen that night!

Ginger Brecht Knutson

Hometown: Robbinsdale, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Ed and Sociology

Current Vocation: Retired elementary teacher

Spouse: Gary Knutson

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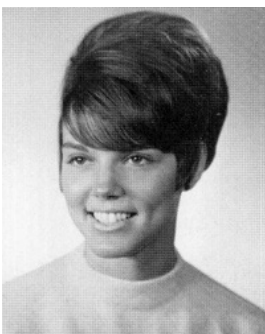
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I married Gary (NDSU grad) in June of 1969 and we have lived in the Fargo - Moorhead area since graduation. I taught the lower elementary grades for 35 years in the Fargo Public School district. Our sons played hockey for Moorhead, so traveled the state of MN attending all their games, including 4 MN State Tournaments.

Our son, BJ, attended Concordia and we fed the entire Concordia hockey team before each home game from 1996 to 2000. Since retirement we spend summers at the lake cottage on Pelican Lake, winters in the Palm Desert area in CA and as much time as we can with our 6 amazing grandchildren. Gary & I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this June.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My wonderful roommates & all the fun times we had together. (We all stay in touch & have gotten together many times in the last 50 years) AES-LDS get togethers & my wonderful LDS sisters. Pastor Lee & the impact he had on so many students, the homecoming festivities each year, homecoming show & football games. Most important, the lifelong friendships from the 4 years I spent there and the strengthening of my Christian values which have gotten me through the tough times these past 50 years.

Karelyn Kark Lacher

Hometown: Blue Earth, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education/Sociology

Current Vocation: Retired

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Grandchildren: Riley, Eli and Isaiah

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After my college graduation in 1969, I was married and moved to Omaha, Nebraska, for 12 years. During that time, I taught 4th Grade Language Arts in the Bellevue School System and later taught 2nd grade in the Millard School District. My daughters, Rachel and Kara, were born in Omaha.

In 1981, our family moved back to my home town, Blue Earth, MN. My girls attended the same school I did with several of the same teachers I had. It brought back many good memories from my high school days in Blue Earth. My daughter, Rachel, attended Gustavus Adolphus College (1991-1994) and Kara went to Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (1994-1998).

Teaching positions in the Blue Earth area were very scarce at the time I returned to my home town. I substitute taught several different grade levels for two years, and decided it was time to find something different. I worked for 15 years at a residential/farm appraisal firm and learned very practical information about bank loans, house construction, real estate values and farm land.

I retired early to enjoy my three grandsons and became more involved with volunteer work at my church. I also helped with the Art Masterpiece Program at our elementary school for six years. In the summer I like to golf and bicycle with my fiends and travel to warmer climates in the winter months. I still keep in touch with my very special concordia College roommates. We have lunches together in the Minneapolis area and meet in northern Minnesota "at the lake" to make many more good memories.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed spending time in the Normandy after studying in the library. My favorite food was a "ham and cheese in the radar"!

Joseph Langemo

Hometown: Glyndon, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physical Education

Graduate Education: Courses within the field of PE

Current Vocation: Retired teacher and coach

Spouse: Loraine Langemo

Children: Tim '95, Tory '97 and Trent '01

Grandchildren: Macy, Freddie, Camille, Kaia, Cael and Kara

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Loraine and I were married shortly after graduation in 1969 and started our careers in Litchfield that fall. I began teaching elementary PE for 14 years and then moved to the middle school for the remaining years. In addition, I coached football (head and asst.) for 34 years, assisted in baseball before becoming the head golf coach, and also coached some middle school basketball.

We have enjoyed living in Litchfield and raising our sons here. We have been fairly active in the community, especially at Zion Lutheran Church where we have served on a number of boards, sung in the choir, and as president and assisting minister.

We enjoyed staying connected to Concordia while our three sons attended during the 1990's. We are both retired now (Loraine from a career in the nursing field) so life includes a little traveling, some volunteer work, and getting across the street to the golf course on a daily basis when in season. Following our grandchildren in their various activities gives us a lot of joy these days as well. God has been good!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Many of my memories revolve around football and team camaraderie. One memory that stands out is being promoted to the varsity in early September as a freshman and riding to the twin cities to play Augsburg with Jim Rosenkranz in the "rumble seat" of a station wagon, facing backwards all the way with the sun pounding in the back window. We were required to wear a coat and tie on road trips and it had to have been 100 degrees back there! Part of the dues paying process!

Vickie Erickson Lantz

Hometown: Nevis, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired elementary teacher

Spouse: W. Charles Lantz

Children: Charles and Andrew

Grandchildren: William, Grace, CJ and Carson

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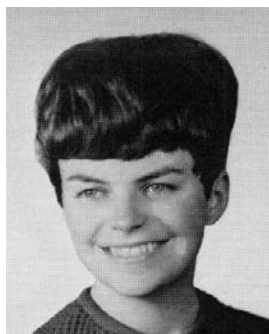
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I taught 4th grade in Burnsville, MN until 1972 when I married Chuck Lantz and moved to Boston, MA, where I taught 4th and 5th grades in Hingham, MA. Chuck served as a Navy JAG officer until mid-1975. We then moved to Minneapolis where Chuck joined the Dorsey law firm.

We had our first child, Charles, in 1976. At the end of 1977 we moved to Rochester, MN, to join the Dorsey office there. We had our second child, Andrew, in 1979. While the boys were in school I volunteered in the Rochester school system as a volunteer coordinator for their elementary school and on a district level and taught high potential classes.

I participated in music in our church and was active on community boards. As a family we traveled around the country and also attended YMCA Camp Olson for family camp for many years. Now we enjoy spending time with our children and grandchildren, visiting and traveling with them.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My fondest memories are of my participation in choirs and my voice lessons with Mrs. Kise.

Paul Larsen

Hometown: Kenmare, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology

Graduate Education: Masters in Divinity

Current Vocation: Retired Lutheran Pastor

Spouse: Esther Larsen

Children: Jeff

Grandchildren: Trey

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I enrolled at Luther Seminary in St. Paul after graduating from Concordia. I interned in California at a church in Lakewood and as campus pastor at Cal State Long Beach. While in California I met and married my wife, Esther. She was working at EXPS radio in LA with Wolfman Jack. When we moved to MN for my senior year at Luther Sem, she worked as an assistant program director for KSTP TV.

I was ordained in 1973 and served four Twin Cities area churches: All Saints in Cottage Grove, Hope in Jordan, St. Timothy in St. Paul and Christ the King in New Brighton. Our son Jeff was born in 1977. I tried to get him to go to Concordia, but he chose Luther College in Decorah, Iowa instead.

Esther switched careers and ended up as a marketing director for a law firm. She retired in December of 2012 and I retired in January of 2013. We have traveled extensively to Europe, Tanzania, the Holy Land, Costa Rica and the Caribbean. We have spent several weeks each winter in warmer climates. We just built a single-level living home in Lakeville, just 1/2 mile from our son, daughter-in-law, and grandson, Trey.

We get to see Trey most days, which is lots of fun. I play a lot of golf and do an annual ski trip to Colorado. We have some great friends that we enjoy going to dinner with. Our health is good and we feel wonderfully blessed. We have had and continue to have a wonderful life.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My senior year living off campus with Ray Arveson, Tom Herron, and John Lovas. We had lots of fun and still get together for a “roommate reunion” most years.

Mark Larson

Hometown: Alexandria, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Latin

Current Vocation: Retired latin & special education teacher

Spouse: Linda (Leckner) Larson '71

Children: Tim and Ann

Grandchildren: Benjamin, Lucas, Hannah, Logan, Carter and Landon

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Upon retiring from teaching my wife and I moved to Blue Lake in Park Rapids, MN. Here, I enjoyed golfing with my children and grandchildren. We have spent many sun filled days swimming and boating. The winters have been spent snowmobiling and even creating a winter golf course on the snowy lake.

Alzheimers then began to slowly take away my life. I am now living in a memory care unit in Detroit Lakes, MN.

(All the information about Mark has been written by his wife Linda.)



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The great times and great friendships with my college roommates is my best college memory.

James Lee

Hometown: Brooklyn Center, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Bettie Lee

Children: Kristen and Ryan

Grandchildren: Frances

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After graduation I took a job as an insurance adjuster in Grand Forks, but I was drafted into the Army in December, 1969. In Vietnam, I was part of a small unit in the 1st Cavalry Division patrolling near the Cambodian border north of Saigon for 6 months. I spent the rest of my military obligation as a clerk.

I worked for the Minnesota Department of Employee Relations from 1972 to 2000, when I resigned as the compensation manager for the Executive Branch. Then I joined the State System of Colleges and Universities until my first retirement in 2010. I retired for good in 2015 after returning to project employment in the Department of Management & Budget a few times.

Bettie and I met at work and married in 1979. Bettie worked in Human Resources in various state government agencies and retired in 2009. We have two children and a granddaughter. Bettie has made a long practice of adopting a series of rescue cats and dogs. My hobbies include bike riding and fly fishing.



Gloria Thorkelson Lien

Hometown: Maynard, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Public School Music Education

Current Vocation: Minister of Music at Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Spouse: David Lien '71

Children: Jonathan '98, Christina '03 and Daniel

Grandchildren: Emily, Bjorn and Luke

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After graduating in 1969, I traveled with the Earthrise, a music group under the American Lutheran Church, throughout the US, Canada, and the Bahamas. It was

an incredible, life-changing experience. After one year, I started teaching music at Hendrum, Halstad and Perley, Minnesota. During this year, I married my college sweetheart, Dave Lien.

After a year of teaching, I still had wunderlust in me (us), and we went on the road for several years, this time with a group called New Kingsmen. In 1974-75, we went to the West Coast and started another music group called "Family", under the Lutheran Bible Institute. Finally, we were ready to put down roots, so we settled in Willmar, MN, bought a home and started a family. I taught private piano and voice lessons for years, as well as was organist at Calvary Lutheran Church. At this time, Dave started working with Youth for Christ and their music program. Eventually our groups, Carpenter's Tools International, or CTI, travelled in 50+ countries. It was a mind-boggling experience.

At age 40, I was ready for the challenge of teaching band, as well as general music, in several central MN towns: Bird Island, Belview, Sacred Heart, Danube and Renville. In 2002, we moved to Sun City West, AZ, where I was hired as a choir director. I did that for about 6 years and then asked to be organist instead. In 2013, a beautiful Glotter Gotz pipe organ was installed. Then the 47 rank instrument was dedicated in January 2014. In 2011, Dave became the choir director, so, once again, we could work together.

We are incredibly blessed to have our two sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren living close to us. Our married daughter lives in Des Moines, Iowa. I have also been active in the National Federation of

Music Clubs as president in both Minnesota and Arizona, as well as being on the national board. I am hoping to make it to our 50th anniversary party. Blessings to each of you!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

One weekend, our outreach team went to Duluth from Moorhead. We so laughed when one of the Cobbers from Alabama said he had never experienced his toothpaste freezing so hard that he couldn't get it out of the tube.

Paul Lovestrand

Hometown: Baldwin, WI
Years at Concordia: 1965-1969
Major; Minor: Business Education
Graduate Education: Wartburg Seminary 1969-1973
Current Vocation: Retired
Spouse: Victoria Lovestrand
Children: Eric and Troy
Grandchildren: Lucy, Max and Ellie
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I retired from ministry 7 years ago after 40+ years. In retirement, I am helping out in area churches and doing a lot of traveling. Of course, we are enjoying living close to family and grandchildren.



Daniel Lysne

Hometown: Rugby, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology/Chemistry

Graduate Education: DDS - U Minn;

Surg Residency - U Neb

Current Vocation: Semi (mostly!) retired

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Children: 3

Grandchildren: 4

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In-and-out of prison several timesNOT! Dental School / US Navy (San Diego) / Private GP / Graduate Residency / Raised 3 kids. Enjoying experiences and times with kids and grandkids. Enjoy travel, hunting, fishing, sailing, dining. We are loving warm winters in San Diego (Coronado) and loving fab summers in lake country (Pelican Lake).



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Lazing, meeting new friends at the Normandy! Interaction with Concordia professors and Chapel Choir.

James Mack

Hometown: Willmar, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology & Sociology

Current Vocation: Volunteer maintenance mechanic at
Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway

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I began my 42 year career with the State of Minnesota in Rochester where I met Robin ,who was working as a medical secretary. She took a position at the Mayo Clinic soon after our marriage in 1976.

The first half of my career was with vocational rehabilitation programs in Rochester and Minneapolis. I commuted between the two cities for a couple of years before we settled on jobs in St. Paul. Once we decided to move to the Metro area, we found a three-acre lot near the third Forest Lake (35 miles north of our offices) and built a dome home in the woods.

Robin retired from Ecolab after 26 years, and I retired from my position as Records Manager for the Department of Health four days later. Avocations, in addition to home building, have included advanced amateur photography, Italian sports cars, and all levels of camping: back-packer tent, large tent, small travel trailer, used Winnebago, and finally fifth-wheel campers.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I am still kicking myself for not being involved in the choral music when at Concordia; especially when I see familiar names on the masthead of our sheet music in church choir (Methodist, Roseville). I get jolts of the way it could have been when attending National Lutheran Choir “Tune Up” sessions or the Concordia Christmas Concerts. At least those crazy Methodists allow me to croak my way through the anthems on Sundays; sometimes I can actually hit that elusive low “F.”

Enid Bell MacLowry

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education, English

Current Vocation: Retired teacher

Spouse: Donald MacLowry

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I taught elementary school for 36 years, plus 4 more years as a job share teacher. I taught all grades, K-5. I retired in 2005.

My husband and I married in 1983, and we have spent many of our summers and our retirement years traveling the country in our various RVs. We have had no children but through the years 6 cats and 2 dogs have shared our home. Life is good!



Randolph Martel

Hometown: Medina, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: German and Psychology

Graduate Education: Masters of Counseling Psychology

Current Vocation: Trauma Psychologist

Spouse: Sam Martel

Children: Eleisha, Rachel and McLean

Grandchildren: Aubrey, Brooklyn, Charlotte and Atticus

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I attended the Goethe-Institut in Passau, Germany, and then studied at USAINTS in Baltimore, MD which was followed by working undercover as an intelligence operative in Europe, primarily in Germany, for a US intelligence agency. Following repatriation to the US, I did graduate work in Eastern European Political Psychology at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. I then returned to Europe for an additional seven years in the financial brokerage business.

In 1990, we relocated to Canada as I entered the mergers and acquisitions arena, frequently returning to Europe and the UK, before returning to the US to complete a graduate degree from Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID in trauma psychology.

Presently, I maintain a clinical practice specializing in treating traumatized individuals and families in crisis. In addition to finding my greatest joys in life with my wife, Sam, our three children and their spouses, and our four grandchildren, personal passions include having run thousands of miles in many countries, playing cowboy pushing cattle on horseback, snow skiing, and “bike packing” in the wild.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Being awarded an opportunity to study in Germany, then receiving a teaching assistantship at Concordia.

Sharon Strand McGeehan

Hometown: Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Speech/English Education

Graduate Education: Masters in Education

Current Vocation: Retired HS language arts instructor

Spouse: Thomas McGeehan (deceased)

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Grandchildren: Hazel and stepgrandchildren

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After graduating from Concordia, I lived in Minnesota and California. I eventually came full circle and returned to live in Fargo, ND. Most of my working career was spent as a high school Language Arts teacher.

My first teaching position was at a high school in Circle Pines, MN. In Fargo I taught at an alternative high school (Woodrow Wilson), a distance learning high school (Division of Independent Study at NDSU), and several years at Fargo South High School.

Through the years, good fortune allowed for a few wonderful European travel experiences; however, retirement hasn't seemed to lure me to a warmer climate...yet!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My overall favorite memory is the meeting of wonderful individuals who remain friends to this day!

Tim Megorden

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Sociology & Philosophy

Graduate Education: M. Div. Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN and MS Marriage and Family Therapy U-W Stout Menomonie WI

Current Vocation: Lutheran Campus Pastor - Bemidji State University

Spouse: Judith (Pennings) Megorden '70

Children: Joshua

Grandchildren: Layla

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A dark and stormy night led me from Concordia College to Luther Seminary in the fall of 1969. A considerably younger Judy Pennings, who had become light for my life, remained at Cobberville to finish

her music making and undergraduate degree. She will celebrate 50 years of teaching next fall. We went public with our love in the summer of 1970. Judy began her vocation in elementary music while I finished seminary. Four years of parish ministry marked our first call at Peace Lutheran Church in Platteville, WI. Then off to the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie for 12 years in Lutheran campus ministry, hanging out with Catholic and Presbyterian colleagues during the great years of ecumenical ministry in higher education. Son Josh was welcomed into our lives in 1983 and taught his aging parents how to dance with diapers and day care. The time at UW-Stout offered an opportunity to explore a second master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and the blessings of seeing life from a "systems" perspective. In 1990 we trekked to Grand Forks; Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center at the University of North Dakota. We were unaware that the flood waters of the Red River that we sandbagged against in the F-M community had historically inundated towns to the north on its way to Canada. We were personally fortunate to "stay dry" even during the "Big Flood of 1997". In 2007, President Pam Jolicoeur and Concordia College invited me to be one of the Campus Pastors. Anticipating a four-year journey to retirement, I was privileged to serve in the office of ministry for the next eight years. I retired from Concordia in 2015 and Judy and I moved to a magical place on the east shore of Lake Andrusia, part of the Mississippi chain of lakes east of Bemidji, MN. After a year in the woods and briefly hiking in Mesa, AZ, Judy and I are both back at work part-time. She is substitute teaching and I am serving as Lutheran Campus Pastor at Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College. The winter in the woods is wonderful - very few dark and stormy nights and the most beautiful sunsets imaginable. Youth and young adults keep us wondering, caring

for creation, planning "from the future", and working for peace and understanding for all God's people. Blessings abound and we welcome each day....grateful.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Memorable Cobber storylines center in the Concordia Band and Mondamin friendships. Winter bus tours brought music to rural America and students to Concordia. As Mondamins we claimed that "in wine there is truth". So we raise our glasses, hopeful that truth might return home!

Carrol Pottthoff Meyers-Dobler

Hometown: St. Cloud, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Graduate Education: Masters in Management from University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

Current Vocation: Blissfully retired!

Children: Fred, Rylan (deceased) and Lacey

Grandchildren: Levi, Tre, Elijah, Lexi, Madison, McKenzie, Tyler, Aberlee, Alexis and Tyler

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With a major in elementary education, my career started in the classrooms of the Moorhead school system. There is nothing better than watching a classroom of fifth graders light up when they finally see how easy a particular math problem actually is!

A short break from teaching (in order to be “mom” to our newborn) ended my teaching career but led me to 30 years of non-profit administration and fund development, all within the state of North Dakota! Who would have thought? I loved it!

My non-profit journey fostered great joy found through serving those experiencing a temporary housing crisis, uplifting teens struggling to find their life path, educating the poorest of the poor via mission work in Guatemala, and, ultimately, building financial support through hospital foundation work where patient’s lives were literally transformed through our work.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I loved Concordia. My fondest memories include Mrs. Anderson who taught children’s literature and could, at anytime, recite poems or sections of favored books. Oh, I so loved that lady! She was such an inspiration! A second favored memory is PHYSICS class---the “easy” class for elementary majors! Good grief! I cried my way through that class. The kindly professor spent hours with me but to no avail. I was a hopeless student. As I recall, he gave me a “B” but I surely did not earn it.

Diane Nelson-Levin Midthune

Hometown: Lake Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Major: English Minor: German

Graduate Education: Masters in Speech from NDSU

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Steve Midthune '69

Children: 6 children

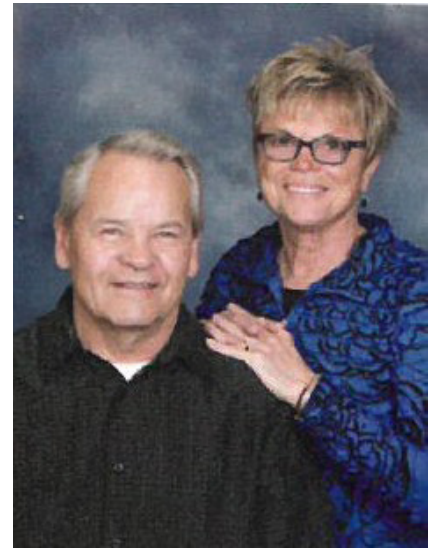
Grandchildren: 17 grandchildren

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Steve spent his entire career in the mental health field. Before his retirement, he was the director of behavioral health programs in Winona, MN for the Mayo Health Systems.

I taught English in Barnesville, Lake Park, and Lake Park/Audubon. We both feel that Concordia gave us a solid foundation for our life's work.

Also, we were both particularly influenced by one Concordia religion professor, Dr. Marcus Borg. His classes, and, later his books have helped us on our journey as progressive Christians.



Steve Midthune

Hometown: Lake Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Double major in History and Political Science

Graduate Education: Masters in Social Work from University of Wisconsin-Madison

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Diane (Levin) Midthune '69

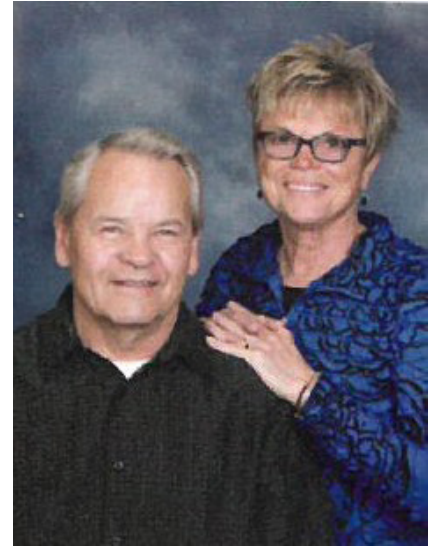
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Linda Larson Mlynek

Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Graduate Education: St. Thomas University

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Ron Mlynek

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Grandchildren: Gavin, Kennadi, Easton and Clara

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I enjoy travel, our cabin on the North Shore of Lake Superior, of course, enjoying grandchildren, and developing new interests (i. e. quilting, scrapbooking, snowshoeing).



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Meeting new people, attending classes and sporting/music events, living on and off campus, student teaching and the weather.

Barbara Tarvestad Moland

Hometown: Ada, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1966, 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Graduate Education: City University,
Masters in Education - Early Childhood

Current Vocation: Retired - July 2018

Spouse: Ken Moland '69

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Joseph and Rachel

Grandchildren: Anika, Max and Sebastian

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In September of 1969, I married Ken Moland '69, who was beginning his first year at The Association Free Lutheran Seminary in Plymouth MN.

My first teaching position was first grade at Crest View Elementary in Osseo, Minnesota.

Our eldest, Lydia, was born in 1972. We settled in Kenyon, MN, and later in north Minneapolis and Plymouth, MN for ten years when Ken became academic dean at the AFLC Bible School. I took leadership in church music and education opportunities, teaching and organizing choirs. I was hired as head teacher in beginning a private Christian school. During these years our next four children were born and I chose to be a stay-at-home mom, enjoying a rich environment of creative endeavors.

In 1984, we moved to Kirkland, Washington, a suburb of Seattle, to serve Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Again, I served in many aspects of music and education, including directing bell choir and chime choir. Our youngest, Rachel, was born. When she started kindergarten, I began teaching preK at Our Redeemer Christian School, continuing for sixteen years. In 1995, I finished my Masters in Education, focusing on early childhood education and brain development. In addition, I started teaching private piano and eventually grew a full time, sixty student business.

We continue to enjoy hiking - alpine lakes and west coast beaches being favorite places. International travels, often going places our children live and work, have brought us to Spain, Germany, Italy, Norway, Ghana and more. On retirement, I am decorating our new home and growing with our grandchildren here in North Carolina.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My last year '68-69' at Concordia brought together a rich environment of concert choir, engagement to a CC football player, and beautifully supportive roommates. I treasure the memories of hard work, full schedules, challenging classes, and dear friends.

Kenneth Moland

Hometown: Fertile, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology

Graduate Education: Master of Divinity; Free Lutheran Theological Seminary

Current Vocation: Retired Pastor

Spouse: Barbara (Tarvestad) Moland '69

Children: Lydia, Luke, Naomi, Hannah, Joseph and Rachel

Grandchildren: Anika, Max and Sebastian

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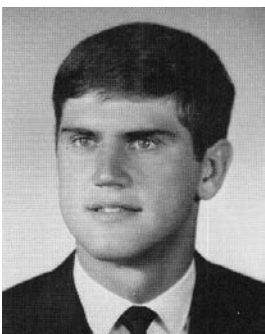


Following graduation, I enrolled in seminary in preparation for parish ministry. In September of 1969, I married Barbara Tarvestad from the class of '69, and we have been blessed with six children

I graduated from Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1972 and was ordained that summer, as I began my parish ministry in Kenyon, Minnesota. I enjoyed parish ministry there until 1975 when I was called to serve our AFLC's Bible School in Plymouth, MN, first as faculty and then, for eight years, in administration.

In 1984, I was called to serve Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kirkland, Washington. My love for parish ministry kept us there for thirty-four years, leading to my retirement in 2018. Barbara and I enjoyed being very active in the community while raising our family and growing to love the Pacific Northwest with all its natural beauty.

Following my retirement, we decided to move to North Carolina, where we are settling in nearer to our adult children and grandchildren.



My time at Concordia enriched my life in many ways, perhaps especially in giving me a better understanding and appreciation for beautiful sacred music. Our closest connection with Concordia over the years has been the occasional opportunity to hear the Concert Choir on tour. Our lives and our ministry have been enriched by the exposure to great choral music.

David Monson

Years at Concordia: 1965-1970

Major; Minor: Physics

Current Vocation: Retired

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After 10 years of teaching and playing music part-time, I went full time as a traveling professional rock musician covering the upper Midwest based primarily out of Minneapolis.

I then formed a corporation providing technical training for cable television installers and technicians for most of the cable companies serving southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Within several years, most of the towns, both large and small, had been “wired for cable” and the new technology turned to satellite T.V.

I then relocated back to the Fargo-Moorhead area and started a new company providing DirectTV service to homes. Eventually it expanded into sports bars and restaurants and finally to apartment buildings and condominiums. Just when we had covered most of the new construction boom in Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo, the oil boom in western North Dakota took place, and we spent the next several years wiring homes and apartments and, yes, even “man camps” in Williston, Dickinson, Watford City and points west. It was then I decided it was time to retire, so I turned the reins over to one of my long time employees and hung up my ladder!

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Traveling to the Concordia-St. Johns football game in a U-Haul truck. I rented it in downtown Moorhead on game day and brought it over to the fieldhouse where Finn Grinaker provided us with wrestling mats for padded seating in the back of the truck!

Karen Erickson Mullen

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: German

Graduate Education: German-Tufts University

Current Vocation: Retired/scandinavian vendor
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Spouse: Paul Mullen

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I taught at Westside Community Schools of Omaha in both middle school/junior high and high school during 1971-1982 and 1986-2007. I was then part-time as Adjunct Professor of German at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, from 2007-2013.

I married Paul Mullen in 1974; Paul was a civil engineer, working with MAPA (Metro-Area Planning Agency) in Omaha. We had 4 children - 3 girls and 1 boy. They are all married and we have 6 grandchildren thus far.

I pursued voice instruction in Omaha, and became a member of Opera Omaha's Chorus. I performed in about 50 operas over time. I loved that part of my life as well as teaching! We also hosted about 19 full time exchange students while our kids were in high school. We maintain contact with at least half of them. Travel has become our main pursuit, often visiting Germany, and more recently, I have worked on my Norwegian genealogy and visited there a few times.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Singing in the Concordia Choir was awesome! I loved it all: singing, touring & the friends. However, it was also restrictive so by my junior year, I did not return. I wanted to do other things, like German club and sing in the spring musical. Sophomore year in Fjelstad with 3 roommates: Jan Ulrickson, Marlene Sather and Janet Ekland. We hung Janet's flannel nightie out the window in the winter. It was totally frozen! Junior year, rooming with Mary Nestoss! Being Winter Carnival Queen was exciting.

Donald Nelson

Hometown: Ulen, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physics and Mathematics

Graduate Education: M.S. Colorado State University
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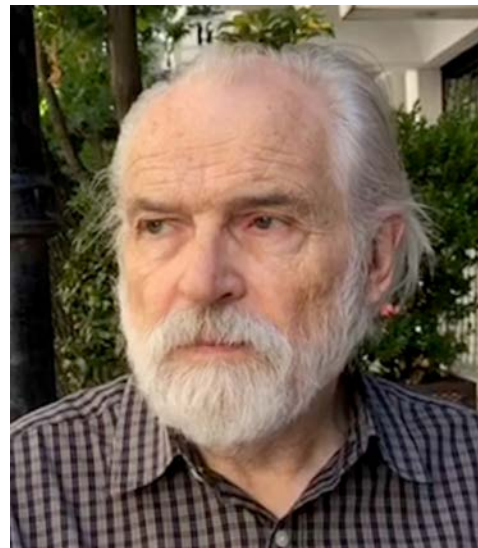
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In 1973, I began working for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Global Monitoring Division, located in Boulder, Colorado. From, 1973 to 1985 I spent time at NOAA climate monitoring stations located at Amundsen–Scott South Pole Station (1973-1974) and American Samoa (1975-1985).

I moved to Boulder in 1985 and worked in climate research involving long-term series measurements and calibrations as well as collaborative projects with the World Meteorological Organization in countries around the world.

In 1994, I met my future wife (an atmospheric chemist in the Argentine MET servie) while working on a project in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Victoria and I married in 1996 and we reside in Colorado.

I retired from NOAA in 2014, and my wife and I are enjoying spending time in Buenos Aires and Colorado.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

All the music.

Roger Neugebauer

Hometown: Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: History - Urban Affairs

Graduate Education: Masters of Early Childhood Administration

Current Vocation: International Early Childhood Education

Spouse: Bonnie Louise Schon Neugebauer '69

Children: Amy, Aaron, Alison and Adam

Grandchildren: Johan, Schon, Zachary and Caroline

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After Bonnie and I graduated and got married in 1969, we moved to New York City and worked for three years. Then we took a year off traveling through 20 countries in Europe on just over \$5 a day. We returned penniless, pregnant, homeless and jobless, but somehow survived.

In Europe, we decided to realize our wedding vow of working together by starting a child care center. Bonnie started "Beginnings" in our Belmont, Massachusetts apartment, and I went back to school and got a job with Uncle Sam.

Finding a lack of resources on managing centers, I did extensive surveying of top-notch center directors in all 50 states, which eventually led to our launching Exchange Magazine for early childhood leaders. 20 years into publishing Exchange, we decided to take our work global by founding a non-profit to connect early childhood professionals globally. In the 20 years that followed, we organized 50 forums in 34 countries, attended by over 12,000 early childhood professionals from 151 countries.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Throwing the winning touchdown in grudge match vs St Johns. Would you believe, playing Hamlet in a Concordia drama presentation? Or would you believe looking out our dorm window and watching students slip and fall on the ice outside of Normandy? Actually, although I really cherish my friendships with my roomies, I must say the most important thing that happened to me at Concordia was meeting my wife-to-be, Bonnie. Fifty years later she continues to be my best friend and source of happiness.

Kay Carlson Newstrom

Hometown: Starbuck, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education; History

Graduate Education: Masters of Education,
University of MN, 1980

Current Vocation: Retired teacher

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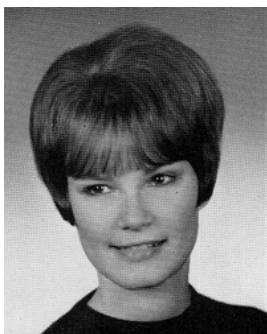
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After graduation, I began teaching elementary education (first grade, mainly, and Kindergarten) at Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary in Fridley, MN Independent School District #14. I continued teaching there for 34 years until my retirement in June of 2003.

Along the way, I received a Masters of Education degree from the University of MN, Mpls, MN in 1980. I married Herbert Newstrom, who taught social studies in the Robbinsdale School District for 34 years, as well as being a driver's education coordinator and instructor.

During the summers, we were able to travel to Europe, Scandinavia, and throughout the continental U.S. and Hawaii. Since retirement, we have remained active in our community and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park, as well as spending quality time with our family and friends.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Looking back, I have many special memories from my years at Concordia, especially the many friendships made there that have lasted 50 years! The meaning of Concordia, "with one heart," is definitely true, and made it the perfect place for many educational opportunities, as well as lifelong friendships.

Carolyn Dalberg Nilles

Hometown: Spring Lake Park, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Mathematics

Current Vocation: Retired CPA

Spouse: Ralph Nilles

Children: Rachel, Joel, Nadine and Jared (deceased)

Grandchildren: Isaac, Darian, Noah, Jericho, Jadon, Nathan, Joshua, Brooke and Robin

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Following graduation, I worked in Fargo, ND a few years and then went to Moorhead State University and got an accounting degree. After receiving a CPA certificate, I worked at Lutheran Health Systems for approximately 20 years. Then I worked at SpaceAge Synthetics in Fargo for approximately 10 years.

I married my husband, Ralph, in 1970, and we had 4 children. We have always lived in Fargo, close to Concordia. I retired in 2013 and am currently enjoying the slower pace.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memory was going to Europe after graduation on the Art History seminar. The group was fun, and we saw many art masterpieces.

Bonnie Johnson Nordstrom

Hometown: Detroit Lakes, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Home Economics

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: John Nordstrom '67

Children: Matt and Sally

Grandchildren: Chelsey, Jaden, Katelyn,
Alexis and Tyden

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One week after graduation, on December 29, 1968, I married John Nordstrom (Class of 67). John was teaching in Grand Forks, so I became a para to finish the school year.

In 1969, when John was drafted, I began teaching Home Economics in Perham, MN. Both of us got teaching positions in Pelican Rapids in 1971 where we spent the next 34 years. We adopted two children, Matt (1977) and Sally (1980).

Our summers were spent enjoying the lakes of Minnesota, going camping and traveling to many different places in the United States. In 1982, we bought property on Lake 7 and when we retired in 2005, we moved from Pelican Rapids to Lake 7.

My free time is spent quilting and scrapbooking for our four grandchildren. We have been active members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids for the past 48 years. After retirement, we became involved with the Friends of Maplewood State Park.

Today we enjoy good health, travel, and being with family and friends. Summer finds most of our relatives finding their way to Lake 7 to make lots of fun memories. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on the Island of Curacao with all our family. I feel fortunate and thankful to have attended Concordia.



James Nye

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Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

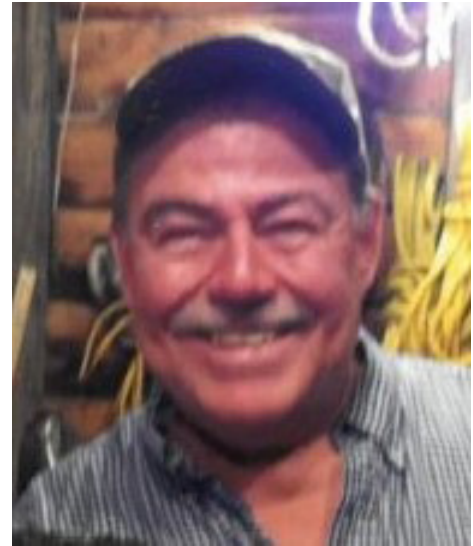
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Current Vocation: Retired

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I worked in banking (N.W. Bank Corp) for one year after graduation. I played flute and piccolo in the Army Band. I was a gallery art coordinator for Myer Gallery in Houston, Texas, from 1975-1985. I worked for Deck the Walls from 1985-1994 as the director of framing services.

I retired in 1994 (lived on a shoestring). I split my time between MN and CA. I'm a well-adjusted (I think) gay guy.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Urban Church seminar in N.Y. City led by Dr. Hoffrenning. Greetings to all!

Bruce Obenland

Hometown: Nevis, Minnesota

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English, Psychology

Graduate Education: Juris Doctor, Cornell University

Current Vocation: Lawyer

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Grandchildren: Iris and Eli

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After graduating from Cornell Law School in 1972, Vicki and I returned to Minnesota and have lived in Glenwood ever since, where I continue my law practice. Overtime our interests center on family and travel.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Walther Prausnitz and Roy Larson of the Concordia English Department

Vicki Jacobson Obenland

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

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Grandchildren: Iris and Eli

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After graduating from Concordia, I taught at the Senior High School in Fridley, MN. In 1970, Bruce and I married, and I began teaching in Lansing, New York, while he was at the Cornell Law School.

Two years later, we moved to Glenwood, MN. I taught for 5 years at the Senior High School in Morris, MN and then spent 10 years at the U of M in Morris, MN in the Division of Education supervising student teachers.

In 1977 we had a daughter, Christine, who graduated from Concordia in 2000 and married Darren McKigney, also a Concordia 2000 graduate. We have 2 grand children, Iris (9) and Eli (7), who attend a German Immersion school in Minneapolis. We also hope they will be Cobbers one day!.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I was part of a group from Concordia that took part in the first program of Student Teachers Abroad. Three of us were chosen to go to London, England. It was a very inspiring, cultural, and educational program. Thank you for this wonderful experience!

Mark Ohnstad

Hometown: West Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Political Science

Graduate Education: Harvard Law School 1969-1972

Current Vocation: Attorney

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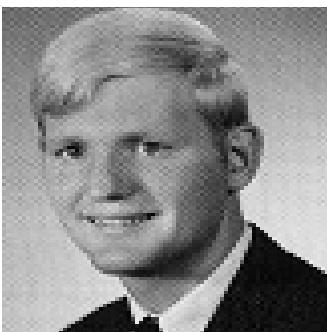
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After graduating from Concordia, I went to Harvard Law School from 1969 – 1972. Upon graduation, I moved to Minneapolis where I have practiced law ever since. My main area of practice is civil litigation.

I have found my debate experience at Concordia under Dr. Paul Dovre to be very helpful. I have handled cases from conciliation court to the U.S. Supreme Court. The cases have involved clients from all walks of life involving a wide variety of interesting matters.

I am currently a partner in a large firm in downtown Minneapolis which also has offices in WI. My daughter is an attorney as were my father and uncle. I am married and enjoying life. I still play basketball, golf and piano. I would be happy to see my fellow classmates any time they are in the Twin Cities, and I am looking forward to the reunion.



David Olin

Hometown: Ada, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Political Science & History

Graduate Education: University of Minnesota Law School-Juris Doctorate 1972

Current Vocation: Retired

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Children: Jennifer and Andrea

Grandchildren: Nolan, Brayden and Jude

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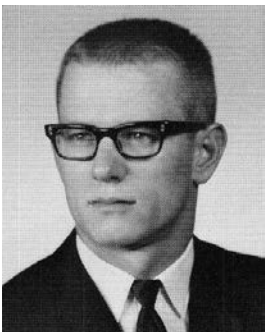


After graduation from Concordia, I went to the University of Minnesota Law School. Following law school graduation

in 1972, I moved to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, to start my own law practice. The following year, I was elected as the Pennington County Attorney. I served the citizens of Pennington County as a prosecutor for 32 years.

In 2006, I retired from serving as Pennington County Attorney. I was elected State Representative for District 1A for the Minnesota House of Representatives. I had the honor of serving in the House for four years. As an avid sports advocate, I served as a board member for the Thief River Falls Sports Boosters for 42 years as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. I was a charter member of the Northland Community College Foundation and served on the board for six years. I also had the honor of teaching Law Enforcement and Business Law courses at Northland College. I have also devoted my time to the Minnesota Jaycees (where I was awarded the Jaycee International Senator award), president of the Lions Club, president of the Zion Lutheran Church council for six years, and I served for 12 years on the Minnesota County Attorney Association Board of Directors.

I married Muriel Odegard in 1974. We have been married for 45 years. My wife recently retired as a licensed dental assistant after 46 years. We have two daughters, Jennifer and Andrea. Jennifer has a Master's in Education from the University of North Dakota. She teaches and lives in Minot, ND with her husband and two sons, Nolan (12) and Brayden (7). Our daughter, Andrea, graduated from the University of Miami, and she received her Master's degree from the University of Minnesota in Speech-Language Pathology. She owns a pediatric private practice in Grand Forks, ND, and lives in East Grand Forks with her husband and son, Jude (7).



As my wife and I are newly retired, we look forward to adventures with our grandchildren and traveling. I feel blessed to be a Concordia graduate and a member of C400, and I am looking forward to celebrating our 50th Class Reunion.

John C. Olson

Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Physics

Graduate Education: Science Education

Current Vocation: Science Specialist, Minnesota
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Grandchildren: Malena, Xavi, Isabella, Ben,
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I taught at a teacher training school in Liberia for four years with the Peace Corps. I served as director of Camp Amnicon on Lake Superior, which specializes in canoe trips, for seven years. I taught middle and high school science in Litchfield and St. Paul for a total of 20 years and had science leadership roles in St. Paul schools for six years. I have been teaching science methods classes at Metro State University for about 15 years. I now coordinate science education for the Minnesota Department of Education.

A couple of years ago I returned to Liberia with the Peace Corps to teach in the same school where I served after college and had an outstanding experience. I continue my interest in choral music, stage lighting, and social justice begun at Concordia.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Going on tour with the choir. The development of community, exploration of the country, and attention to perfection became lifelong values for me.

John M. Olson

Hometown: Hensel, ND

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Political Science & History

Graduate Education: JD UND School of Law

Current Vocation: Lawyer/Lobbyist

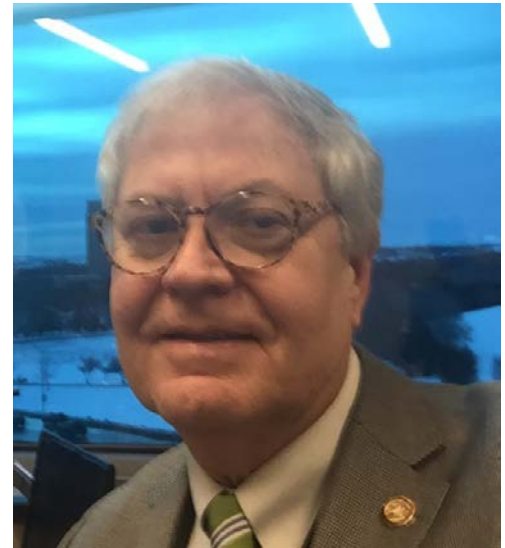
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After graduation from Concordia, I received a JD degree from UND Law School and went to work in 1972 for the ND Attorney General in Bismarck. I was elected Burleigh County State's Attorney and served two terms from 1974-1982. I then entered private practice and served two terms in the ND Senate from 1982-1990, while serving as republican leader in my second term.

Since then, I have specialized in litigation, administrative law and government relations, with major emphasis on legislative lobbying activities for various clients before the ND Legislature. Some of my legal work included over 20 years representing the ND Board of Medicine, and 5 years as general counsel for Medcenter One/Sanford West.

During my career, I had the opportunity to serve in various volunteer positions, such as past president of the ND Mental Health Association, Chairman of the ND Parole Board, Chair of the ND Lawyers Assistance Program, and several church councils. Currently, I serve on the ND Utility Shareholders Board, and Ministry on the Margins Advisory Board.

In addition to my solo law practice, I am a partner in Olson Effertz Lobbying and Consulting, LLC. I was so fortunate to raise two wonderful daughters, who now reside in Colorado with their families. I also have a residence close to them and enjoy spending time with my 6 grandchildren.



Kathleen Giese Ortloff

Hometown: Bismarck, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: German

Current Vocation: Retired/volunteer

Spouse: Larry Ortloff

Children: Jennifer '97, Paul '99 and Emily '02

Grandchildren: Thomas, Elisabeth, Alexander and Leah

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I taught German in Alexandria and met my husband here (math teacher). We moved to Fergus Falls when he went to work for Lutheran Brotherhood. I became his bookkeeper.

We returned to Alexandria, and I have been involved with volunteering - mostly at our church. I spend most of my free time quilting - some for auctions at our Bible camp, but mostly for missions. We have been fortunate to be able to travel, several times to Europe.

I wrote a book intended for 12 year olds titled "*Words from Grandma: How to Grow up to be a Grown-up and not just a Tall Kid.*" Happily, all three of our kids went to Concordia and now all live in MN, so we can spend time with them and the grandkids.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I was in the Phi society and enjoyed making floats for the Homecoming parades, snowman challenges, and many other activities. Dorm life was also fun, even though it was much stricter than it is now. My freshman year I signed up for the computer "date" dance, but there were many more girls than boys, so I didn't get a match. One of the girls on my floor chickened out, so I took her match.

Kitty (Kathlyn) Rajala Overbo

Hometown: Grand Rapids, MN
Years at Concordia: 1965-1969
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Current Vocation: Retired from full-time teaching Spanish, but still teaching piano lessons.
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After graduation, I was fortunate to travel with the French Seminar from Paris, to Mont Blanc, and Karen Erickson '69 and I traveled together in Spain. I began teaching Spanish and English at Little Falls High School, which offered stimulating short courses like Modern European Novels and Science Fiction.

In 1971, I married Curtis Overbo, an “Ole,” and we lived in Devils Lake, ND and had three children, Anna Karina, Michael Frederick, and Alycia Karoline, all now in the Twin Cities with my two sweet grandchildren, Bergen and Renata. I continued teaching English and Spanish at Lake Region State College, Little Hoop Community College in Fort Totten, Devils Lake HS, Rush City HS, Cambridge CC, and DL Central Middle School (for the last 19 years). My teaching career spanned 42 years, plus a few years at home with my children. Although I always loved teaching college students, I enjoyed teaching Spanish to 7th and 8th graders even more. It was the most challenging, but rewarding, creative, and entertaining part of my career!

I retired in June of 2017, but I’m planning to teach piano lessons forever. Curtis was at the forefront of the organic farming movement in the 1970’s, and pursued boat manufacturing, building and selling computers, and other ventures; (He passed away in 2008). I was editor-writer-photographer of Sioux Manufacturing’s newsletter, and later Traffic Safety Coordinator. I began teaching piano lessons in 1986 and play piano in the Devils Lake Community Orchestra. I’ve always sung in my church choir, “Messiah” performances, and various musical groups, deeply grateful for the incomparable privilege of singing in the Concordia Choir with Paul J. Christiansen, (and studying voice with Agnes Kise). I recently toured the Nordic Countries, I often attend cultural events in the Twin Cities, and am active in Sons of Norway, Devils Lake Music Club, Tai Chi, and endeavoring to live in harmony.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Singing in the Concert Choir with Paul J. was a mountaintop experience for me, coming from Bigfork, Minnesota, where I was the church organist from 8th grade on. I’ve never forgotten the thrill of being surrounded by that chorus of ethereal voices in rehearsals, Christmas concerts and tour performances at Carnegie Hall and Muellenberg Chapel, among the many memorable places. I also felt an incredible connection to the audience, singing my heart out at the Winter Carnival Talent Show, or playing my guitar and singing in the intimate atmosphere of “Bleak House” Coffee Shop. I never dreamt that I would be in the Homecoming Court! Truly every person, professor and experience imprinted a deep and nurtured feeling every day of my life at Concordia. I am forever grateful.



Michael Parta

Hometown: New York Mills, MN

Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Political Science

Current Vocation: Retired

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Mike Parta has been involved in the newspaper industry all his life. He started as a report/adv. sales person in the 60's. He is now the retired Publisher of the New York Mills Herald and Perham Enterprise Bulletin, former Publisher of the Wadena Pioneer Journal, a partner in the Staples World and Watco (a central printing plant).

Parta has served as President of the Minnesota Newspaper Association, National Newspaper Association, National Newspaper Association Foundation and a director of the Newspaper Association of America. Mike and others also started several regional publications, and developed Anytime News, a newspaper internet solution used by over 150 newspapers nationally. He is also experienced in the commercial printing business. In addition, Mike has served on the New York Mills City Council for 30 years as well as being active in many other civic and social organizations. Upon retiring from the newspaper business, Parta and others created Hoot's Sports in Perham, MN, one of Lund Boats largest boat dealerships. In 2016 the dealership was sold to Rae's Sport and Marine, and Parta retired again.

Jan Parta, Mike's wife and partner, was formerly a school teacher and later advertising director of the New York Mills Herald. She also served as co-publishers of their newspapers. Jan has participated on state and national committees for the newspaper associations and has been on the New York Mills school board for the past 20 years. She is a member of the EOT Child Protection Team, Impact Team, Hospital Coalition board and a director for Northwest Technical College, as well as being active in other civic and social organizations.



With a passion for education, Parta has worked with school bond issues and levy referendums for the past 30 years. He has actively participated/organized successful election campaigns in New York Mills, Perham, and Henning. Mike has also participated as a campaign manager for several successful political campaigns.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Gathering in the Normandy and playing bridge! One of many great memories.

Cheryl Pettersen

Hometown: Hawley, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: French

Graduate Education: Université de Paris-Sorbonne,
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Current Vocation: Retired 2010 from Duluth Public
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I taught French for 30 + years. Fulbright Exchange to Romania 1976-1978 to study Romanian Language & Lit.; 1978-1980 I worked as an English - Romanian Interpreter for US Wheat Associates. 1980-2010, I taught French in Duluth, MN, 1985-86 Fulbright Teacher Exchange to Lille, France.

I love to travel the world whenever & wherever possible - Eastern & Western Europe, China, Japan, Argentina etc. In 2012, I took a one year “retirement job” as a French and Romanian interpreter/fraud and scam detection for Moneygram Intl. I continue to travel, mainly to France and Romania to visit friends and enjoy the food, wine & culture. La vie est belle!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The 1968 May Seminar to France with Dr. Bjerkness and CC French classmates, and, being awarded the CC French Teaching Assistantship to study in Paris-Sorbonne, then 1 year as French teaching assistant at CC, teaching alongside Dr. David Green & Dr. Odell Bjerkness. I visited Paris in March 2019 and celebrated 50 years of friendship with my Parisian roommate from the Sorbonne.

Julene Nelson Pettis

Hometown: St. Cloud, MN

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Speech, English Education

Graduate Education: U of Wisconsin

Current Vocation: Retired teacher

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I spent 41 years teaching English in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Guam, and Slovakia. Presently I am volunteering at the Roseville Adult Basic Education Center teaching ESL to immigrant students. I spent three years teaching English at a high school in Slovakia through the ELCA Global Missions.



Georgia Jacobson Pris

Hometown: Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education/ Library Science

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Wayne Pris '68

Children: Andrew '98, Anne '98 and Jeremy '03

Grandchildren: Tom , Lexi, Elle, Will, Wyatt, Riley and Josie

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After graduation, I worked in Fridley, MN teaching second grade for four years. In 1972, I married Wayne Pris '68, a graduate of Luther Seminary. We moved in 1973 to Rudyard, MT where Wayne served a 2-point parish.

I worked in the Rudyard School District as tutor, kindergarten teacher, and elementary librarian for three years. I became a stay-at-home mom when our twins, Andrew '98 and Anne '98, were born in 1976. We moved to Somers, MT on Flathead Lake in 1979 with Wayne serving a single congregation. Our son Jeremy '03, was born in 1980.

I returned working part time in 1987 as librarian in the primary building of the Somers School District. Then in 1990, I became the librarian and music teacher. The district's new elementary school was built in 1998 and I was the Kindergarten – fifth grade librarian until I retired in 2011. Wayne retired in 2012 and we now live in Kalispell, MT.

In retirement I like making bread, doing small sewing/craft projects, tying quilts for LWR, playing clarinet in clarinet ensemble and our local New Horizons Band, marveling at the grandeur of nearby Glacier National Park as well as various other sites and trails, traveling with Concordia friends, and helping with our nearby granddaughters. Wayne and I love visiting our seven grandchildren who live In Albany, NY, Melba, ID, and Kalispell, MT. We have fun celebrating family



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I appreciate the education I received at Concordia enjoying my working career. I cherish my Cobber friends with whom I have kept in contact. I recall in Hoyum Hall, as a dorm RA, inviting the young men to leave the lounge as it was time for me to lock the doors!

Anne Matthees Pudas

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English & German

Graduate Education: MA University of MO-KC (UMKC)

Current Vocation: Retired teacher

Spouse: J. David Pudas '64

Children: Sara '98 and Andrew '02

Grandchildren: Cora and Grace

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After graduating from CC, I taught junior high English in the Centennial School District (Circle Pines) where I met my husband Dave, a '64 Cobber. We married in 1971 and relocated to Kansas City for 5 years.

In 1976, we moved to Brooklyn Park where we had our two children-Sara and Andrew. David worked in sales, and I was a reading teacher in the Robbinsdale Schools. We both retired in 2007, so we started a quest to visit all 50 state capitals, which we did in 39 months! During that time we also visited most Presidential libraries and many national parks. We were very fortunate to go on a couple European river cruises as well as a family trip to Germany to trace the roots of an ancestor of mine who helped Martin Luther with the Reformation 500 years ago!

Sadly, David died in 2014, a few months before his 50th CC reunion, so life has changed drastically for me. I continue to spend time with my children and granddaughters, travel, volunteer, golf, bowl, play bridge, read and go out to eat with friends.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

I have many fond memories of Concordia, particularly the dear friends I met there. In 2017 four of us (Sandy (Busch) Hoffmann, Georgia (Jacobson) Pris, Marlys (Garmer) and I) took a trip out east to celebrate our 70th birthdays. What fun to do that with friends who met in 1965! Since my mom lived in



Moorhead and David was also a Cobber, we made it back for most homecomings. It was great to see the campus change as well as maintain ties that started when my dad graduated in 1936 and continued through Sara and Andrew's graduations in '98 and '02. Maybe Cora and Grace will continue the tradition in the 2030's! My most favorite memory was going on the Art History May Seminar on graduation day with Barbara Glasrud!

Lana Ek Rae

Hometown: Miles City, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Speech/Drama & English

Current Vocation: Retired

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Grandchildren: Lillian, Jonathan and Zachary

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After Concordia, I did a ton of different jobs that included teaching in Germany at an American Dependent School, teaching at Barnesville, MN, and finally going back to school to get my CPA.

I was the Chief Financial Officer for Planned Parenthood of Montana for 30 years, a job I loved. However, many people said, “You’re not a NORMAL accountant.” Of course not! My major was drama, and I used my Concordia education every day.

Since I retired, I have been traveling to England, to Italy, to Eastern Europe, to Alaska, and frequently to the DC area where two of my kids live. Life is good!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite was spring break my freshman year. It snowed so hard that many students couldn’t leave campus. There were snowball fights, building forts, etc. We were just little kids again and the campus was beautiful. Also, I remember renaming Prexy’s Pond, Bogstad’s Bog, and our beanies being stolen.

Teresa Reitan

Hometown: Brooklyn Center, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Natural Languages

Current Vocation: Writer

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I did some movie script writing, then worked temporary clerical gigs until 1990. Writing had always been an avocation. My first ebook was published in 2006. Then, I went on hiatus from 2009 to 2015. I acquired a new publisher and the next book was published in 2015. I have two more novels due to come out in 2019.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Participating in the Model United Nations.

Timothy Rietz

Hometown: Devils Lake, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: MS - UND, MD - U of Minnesota

Current Vocation: Retired MD - Family Practice

Spouse: Bonnie (Besse) Rietz '70

Children: Heidi, Heather and Mindy

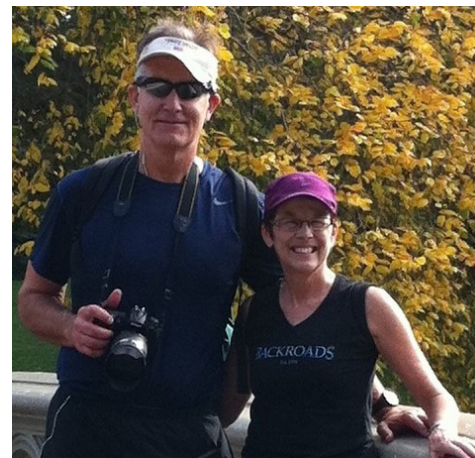
Grandchildren: Ethan, Tyler, Levi, Nia, Teague, Vivienne and Viola

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As I start this bio, a flood of memories fill a cauldron of this life as the sights, sounds and emotions are seasoned with gratitude and a few regrets that spice the spirit with a sense of love

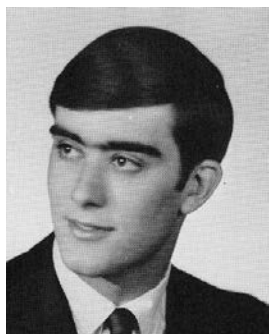
and being blessed with family, friends, compatriots, patients, teachers and students -alive and passed - that make me pause.

After graduating with an English major and a Chemistry minor, I went to medical school for two years at UND in Grand Forks and in 1971, I married Bonnie Besse '70. I continued in medical school at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1973. After a year of internship in Spokane, Washington, Bonnie and I served as medical missionaries for 3 years in Madagascar. I then completed a Family Practice Residency at Hennepin County in Minneapolis.

We moved to Austin, MN in 1979 with our three daughters and I was a Family Practitioner for 37 years at the Austin Medical Center, which then became Mayo Health System – retiring in 2016. We returned to Madagascar for a year in 1983 and 1984. Throughout the years, we have traveled extensively and have also volunteered in Cameroon, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Peru and Haiti. As a cellist with the Austin Symphony and singing in our church choir, making music continues to enrich my experiences.

I have always enjoyed photography and now, since retirement, have gotten immersed in it. I have had a photography show at the Austin Art Works Center and the Albert Lea Art Center. I use the theme, 'Share the Light' encouraging others to share their stories. Many of my other activities involve supporting the community and state interests of my dear wife Bonnie, former mayor, who serves on several boards and committees.

Bonnie and I enjoy jogging, biking, cross-country skiing, yoga and spending time with our family (3 daughters and 7 grandchildren) and friends. We are thankful for our good health and many adventures that we set out on each day. I have such great memories of my time at Concordia, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Homecoming! Soli Deo Gloria.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Clowning in the dorm with roommates and hall mates. Chi Delt activities including skit night at the Crib. Dr. Prausnitz and seeking the deep, dark hidden secret meanings in literature. Dr. Dovre's speech class. Playing cello in a couple musicals or jamming with guitar playing friends. Dr. Hofrenning's religion seminar in NYC. Sorry, Fred slept through the nude scene of Hair! Student government in the days of Old Main Shall Remain. The Rugby boys.

Virginia Hussey Robinson

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Years at Concordia: 1966-1969

Major; Minor: Music Education-Voice

Graduate Education: M.A. Northwestern University,
Music Education

Current Vocation: Retired music teacher and
choir director

Spouse: Dr. Gordon F. Robinson

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After I graduated from Concordia, I attended Northwestern University to earn a M.A. degree in Music Education. While at Northwestern, I met Gordon Robinson, whom I later married.

From 1971-1973 I worked as a teacher/choir director at North Adams High School in Mass. In 1973, I married Gordon, and we moved to Clemson, South Carolina, where Gordon secured a position as an engineering professor at Clemson. While in Clemson, I worked as a teacher/choir director at Liberty High School. In three years, we moved to Bloomfield, CT where Gordon got a position working for an engineering company, and I started working at Northwest Catholic High School in Bloomfield.

I worked at Northwest Catholic for 22 years. While I was there, I taught music classes, gave piano lessons, helped to produce musicals and theatre productions and conducted the choir and other musical groups. I had many wonderful years at Northwest.

Earlier this year, my husband of 45 years went home to be with the Lord. I moved to an assisted living facility in Massachusetts, where I receive support and encouragement from my brother and his family.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed my senior voice recital and I especially enjoyed having the opportunity to sing in the Concordia Choir my senior year. I learned many valuable choral techniques having the opportunity to sing under Paul J. Christiansen. I also enjoyed meeting many wonderful students at Concordia over the three years I attended the school. I also appreciated the many excellent teachers I had.

Mary Hostetler Rolf

Hometown: Cottonwood, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: Elementary Education with a concentration in Early Childhood

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: James Rolf

Children: Walter and Audrey

Grandchildren: Jakob, Gracia, James, Alette and Thea

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After graduation, I attended Moorhead State University and received a degree in Elementary Education. I married Jim in 1970, and we lived in Douglas County, MN. Jim taught social studies at Brandon-Evansville, and I began teaching home based Head Start. After three years of home base, I was hired as education coordinator for the program, and spent the rest of my career in supervision of teachers, enrolling students for the five (later 7) county region and cumulative data collection and reporting for the program.

I retired in 2014, and we moved to Moorhead. We have enjoyed our retirement here and have spent much time in compiling family history research, traveling and learning Norwegian. Our children and their families live in Eastern North Dakota, so our move brought us closer to them and we are blessed with more frequent visits.

Because teacher training was a part of my career, I now volunteer as an AARP driver safety instructor in Moorhead as well as volunteering at the Cass County jail, teaching knitting and crocheting. I also am a member of Acapella Express, a women's barbershop chorus, and enjoy that genre both here and in Arizona. If any women are interested in singing, explore barbershop!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Graduation and the flight to Paris immediately following.

James Rosenkranz

Hometown: Mounds View

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Mathematics

Graduate Education: Masters in Math Education

Current Vocation: Retired math teacher

Spouse: Janis (Wilson) Rosenkranz '69

Children: Shan and Erik

Grandchildren: Addison

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I taught at Roosevelt Jr. High for 4 years, Blaine High School for 19 years, Champlin Park High School for 11 years and Anoka-Ramsey Junior College for 3 years.

After retirement, Janis and I moved to Marysville, Washington, to be closer to both of our children who live in the area. We love being close to family and sharing the mountains and ocean, minus the mosquitoes, with them.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Getting married to Janis Wilson at Christmas, our senior year. It was 17 below zero!

Janis Wilson Rosenkranz

Hometown: Billings, MT
Years at Concordia: 1965-1969
Major; Minor: Physical Education
Current Vocation: Grandma
Spouse: James Rosenkranz '69
Children: Shan and Erik
Grandchildren: Addison
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Jim and I spent 35 years in Anoka, MN working in the school district there. I was a P.E. teacher for 1 year. I took 8 years off to parent our children. After they were in school, I worked in the school district in a number of different capacities. All these years have seemed to fly by and here we are, 50 years later.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I have very fond memories of Concordia. Those were really 4 years of learning and enjoying life before the hard work began. I especially enjoyed playing volleyball and basketball for Dr. Joan Hult. Dr. Hult went on to be instrumental in getting equality for women in sports. She was a wonderful role model for young women. Thanks, Concordia, for helping me become the person I am today.

John Saethre

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology

Graduate Education: M.S, University of North Dakota,
M.Div. Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Current Vocation: Contract Chaplain, VA hospital,
Fresno, CA; Interim Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Fresno, CA

Spouse: Deborah Saethre

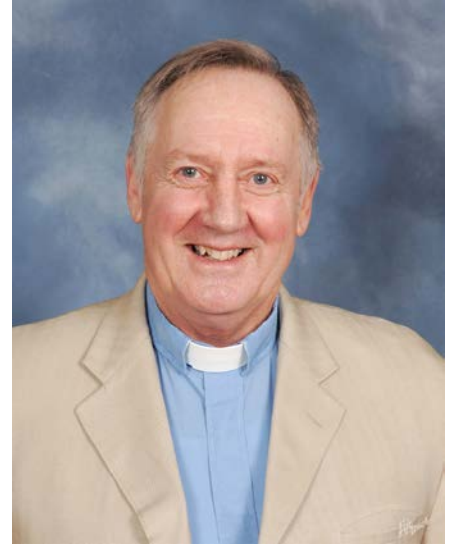
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Grandchildren: Caeden, Bennett and Benjamin

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I retired as Air Force Chaplain in 1999, and retired as Lutheran Pastor in 2012. I serve as a contract chaplain at the VA Central Valley Health Care System in Fresno.

I served as interim pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church, Kingsburg, CA and presently serving as an interim pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fresno, CA.

We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary last August by having our whole family join us in Maui. I sing in the 130 voice West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Cheering the Cobber football team in ice-cold weather. Taking Parasitology from Carlton Paulson, my favorite professor.

Kristi Kerns Sagsveen

Hometown: Bemidji, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Murray Sagsveen '68

Children: Matthew '95 and Corinn '98

Grandchildren: Parker, Fynn and Sander

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I married Murray Sagsveen in the fall of my senior year. Following graduation, I taught in the Minot Public School District. We moved to Crookston where I taught for 2.5 years while Murray was attending law school.

In 1973, we moved to Bismarck, ND. I did some basic skills tutoring at BSC. In 1991 I served as a committee clerk at the ND Legislature. Following that, I worked at a travel agency as an administrative assistant. We moved to St Paul in 2001 and lived there until 2011.

Murray retired from the American Academy of Neurology, and we moved back to Bismarck. Now we divide our time between Bismarck and Tubac, AZ.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed playing French horn in the concert band. I formed many lasting friendships at Concordia.

Beverly Stokke Salomonsen

Hometown: Grandin, ND
Years at Concordia: 1969-1970
Major; Minor: Pre-Nursing
Current Vocation: Retired Registered Nurse
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Grandchildren: Ian, Colin, Anna, Dima, William, Lauren and Carter
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I graduated from St Luke's Hospital School of Nursing (Concordia had no nursing program then), graduated from Winona State University with a BA in psychology/sociology. Certified as occupational health nurse. Worked in Nursing 43 years including IBM & Mayo Clinic retiring in 2013 from Mayo's Division of Preventative Health's Executive Health program.

We lived at Edwards Air Force Base, CA & Rochester, MN. Raised 3 sons & have 7 grandchildren. We are active at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester as Deacon, Stephen's Ministry leader, choir & UPW. We enjoy sailing, boat building, fishing, gardening & spending time with our combined 12 grandchildren along with my husband, Frank, retired Deerlodge National Forest (Montana) Supervisor.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The friends I made while there & the fun we had.

Peter Schmidt

Hometown: Stephen, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Philosophy and Psychology double major

Graduate Education: MTS Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago; MA Regis University, D Min Graduate Theological Foundation, Notre Dame

Current Vocation: Retired rostered clergy, ELCA

Spouse: Vicki Schmidt

Children: Christoph '97, AnnaLisa and Matthew

Grandchildren: Otto, Tula, Lachlan, Magdaline, Rhoda, Peter and Sylvia

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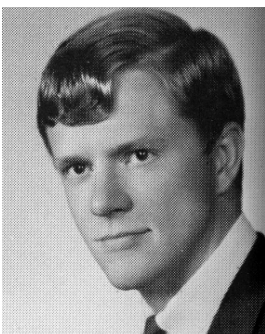
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I was married in 1968; ordained 1973, served 3 called positions at Berwyn, IL, Bemidji, MN, and West Fargo, ND. I served as internship supervisor for seven pastoral interns.

I retired in 2014. I was named a Bush Fellow and with this funding, secured a second master's degree at a Jesuit institution in Denver. My wife and I served as foster parents for at-risk teenagers for 32 years. We now have 12 additional kids that call us "Grandma and Grandpa" from that service. We have completed lots of travel in many parts of the world. We are allies and advocates for LGBTQ persons.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Good times with my 3-year roommate, William Bradley Rouse (from NY) who was my best man at our wedding in 1968, and I was his best man on the same date in 1969.

Linda Thompson Seierstad

Hometown: Jackson, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Ed/Social Work

Current Vocation: Wife, mother, grandmother and friend

Spouse: Terry Seierstad

Children: Alyssa and Brynne

Grandchildren: Riley, Pasley, Emma and Ryan

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I taught in the Minneapolis School System for 6 years after graduation. Terry and I married in 1970. After our daughters were born, I quit teaching. We moved several times from inner city Minneapolis to Edina to Chanhassen, to Sioux Falls, SD to Mahtomedi to Shoreview and back to Mahtomedi and now St Simons Island, GA.

Over the years, I was involved in bible studies, book clubs, community volunteering, the church council of St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi, MN, and of course, our daughter's activities. For a few years, I did substitute teaching and worked as a realtor.

We retired to St. Simons Island, GA to be closer to our daughters and grandchildren. As much as we miss our MN friends and family (my sister Norma 1970 CC grad and her 3 children who went to CC), we enjoy this unique area with the giant live oaks and Spanish moss. Terry is still a big Gopher fan!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

The first highlight for me was the New York Seminar with Professor Hofrenning. We experienced NYC from Harlem Churches to Broadway Plays. A once in a lifetime experience....Another important highlight was student teaching in Richmond VA as part of the Virginia Union exchange. Thanks to Hjordis who expanded the experience to seeing Monticello, Washington DC and Philadelphia. However most important were wonderful friends and the strong Christian impact of daily chapel and inspirational music.

Clyde Seifert

Hometown: Pelican Rapids, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology & Chemistry

Graduate Education: M. Div., Wartburg Seminary,
Dubuque, IA

Current Vocation: Retired; part time school bus driver
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Spouse: Karen (Nelson) Seifert '70

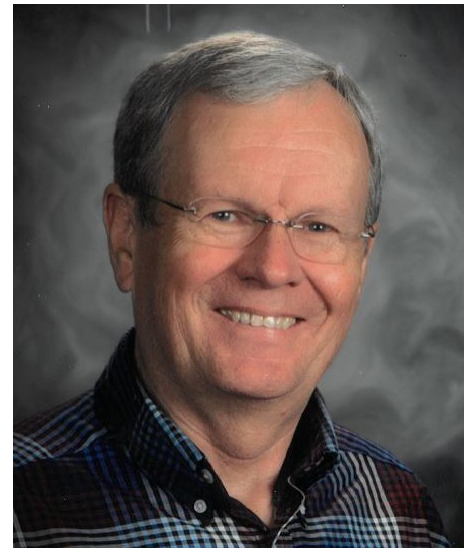
Children: Lars, Sam and Ole

Grandchildren: Alea, Solei, Quin, Anya, Kian,
Ava and Sydney

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I served as a parish pastor at United Faith in Ross, ND from 1973-79. I then took a call to Fairview, Montana to Zion Lutheran from 1979 to 1994. My next call found me in Powell, WY at Hope Lutheran from 1994 to 2009. I remained in Powell but served Faith Lutheran from 2010 to 2014.

Over the years, I have traveled to Israel, the Philippines, mainland China, Hong Kong, Macaw, and Canada. I have served on the LSS board of MT., Powell Medical Foundation, Heart Mountain Free Clinic Board, and presently on Heritage Health Clinic, a CHC board member.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories are meeting my wife, to whom I've been married to for 49 years! I enjoyed dorm life, men's choir, the friendships I made, my studies, and ball games.

Janet Kilde Shumaker

Hometown: Baudette, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: Master's Degree, English Education, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Current Vocation: Retired English teacher

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Children: John

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I grew up in Baudette, Minnesota, on Lake of the Woods. My parents attended Concordia. My mother graduated in 1942 and was an English teacher. After graduation, I was hired as an English teacher in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where I taught for 47 years until I retired in 2016. I had wonderful students and taught numerous courses including American Literature, World Literature, and AP Literature and Composition. I was an active member of the Beaver Dam Education Association and served two terms as its president. In 1987, I earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

I enjoy reading and traveling. As a young teacher, I traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. More recently, my husband and I traveled to Europe, China, Russia, Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. My husband, Bob, is an attorney, and our son, John, a University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse graduate, lives in Minneapolis. Concordia gave me an excellent education and life-long friendships.



Michael Siggerud

Hometown: Pelican Rapids, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music Education

Graduate Education: M.S. and Ed. S. in School Administration, Ph. D. in Institutional Analysis

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Monica Sagaser

Children: Rachael, Elizabeth, Peter and Paul

Grandchildren: Knox

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Since graduation I have worked as a university instructor in both education and music, as a teacher's union representative, and currently as a maintenance technician with a property management company.

I am a member of a community choir, direct a men's church choir, and serve as church organist.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I have many fond memories of my years at Concordia, but I especially treasure the wonderful friendships I shared and many good times I enjoyed with my classmates.

Brenda Olson Smith

Hometown: Baker, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Education

Current Vocation: Teacher

Spouse: Don Smith

Children: Sean and Rachelle

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I used my degree from Concordia to teach for a combined 25 years in Montana and Arizona. I retired from teaching in Arizona in 2003 and I have been so lucky ever since to spend summers in Montana and winters in Arizona. Traveling as much as we can has been a bonus for my husband Don and me. We'll continue to have adventures as we can!



Favorite Memory from Concordia

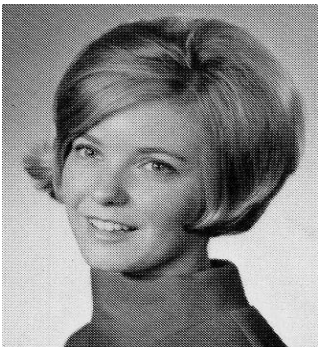
I have countless memories of roommates, classmates and special friends. Concordia football and basketball games were a highlight as well as all musical events!

Nola Loge Smith

Hometown: St. Regis, MT
Years at Concordia: 1965-1969
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Graduate Education: Masters of Arts
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I have traveled to many countries on short term mission trips. I taught school for 48 years. I taught voice, choir, and band. Also, I was Education Director at churches. I participated in eight organization's board of directors and raise and show registered horses and registered dogs.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

On Saturday mornings as a freshman, we walked to Dr. Drache's 8:00 AM history classes through blizzards and cold weather. Dr. Hoffrening's religion classes were quite relaxed and enjoyable. I felt like I was in his living room discussing each interesting topic. My uncle was Professor Ed Fuglestad. He looked for opportunities to challenge me in Biology class. I had a red jacket that he told other students looked like the color of my red face when he took the opportunity to embarrass me.

Jerry Snustad

Hometown: Watertown, SD

Years at Concordia: 1965-1967

Major; Minor: Psychology

Current Vocation: Retired

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I flew jets for the Navy, after which fellow classmate, Steve Buchholtz, helped me get a job with Wilson Learning in Mpls. Later, I returned to Grand Rapids, MN where I started a manufacturing business.

After 13 years, we sold the business and took 5 years off to travel the world, which one of those years we taught school in Slovakia. I returned to MN, started a flying business, and enjoyed flying until I lost my medical.

I worked at our local community college for 5 years. Then Mary and I started a retreat facility. So after 11 years of giving back, I finally retired last year.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

My best memory of Concordia has to be the fine people I had the opportunity to meet.

JoEllen Dyste Solberg

Hometown: Forman, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: English Education

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Dick Solberg '68

Children: Julie, Michael '95 and Katie '98

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to learn English. My parents met at Concordia, so I was a third-generation Cobber.

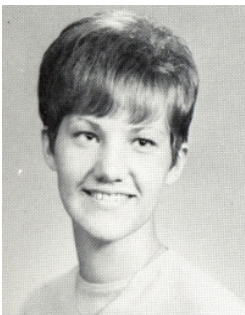


Growing up, I was always told I could go to any church school as long as it was Concordia! I guess that was the case for quite a few of us. My grandmother came from Norway and went to Concordia Academy

I was a counselor at Red Willow Bible Camp during college, and that's where I met Dick Solberg ('68). We got engaged between my sophomore and junior year and decided I would go through school in three years, since he was a year ahead of me. Dick graduated the week before we were married on May 11, 1968 — my 21st birthday. We got married on Saturday, and I started summer school the next Monday. My first class that morning was with Professor Ralph Hoppe, who asked me, "Didn't you just get married on Saturday? What are you doing here?!"

I graduated with a degree in English education in August of that year. Concordia said I could choose which class to affiliate with, and I chose the class of '69, since this was the class I'd started with! There's actually a group of us who became friends as freshmen, and we've gotten together every summer for the last 45 years.

After graduating from Concordia, I immediately started teaching high school English in Warren, Minn., where I had some seniors who were only about two years younger than I was! We then moved to Finley, N.D., where all three of our kids were born. After we moved to Fargo in 1982, my life became very busy with mom activities, Bible study fellowship and Christian organizations. I never went back to full-time teaching. It hadn't been my vocation, in any case; I'd really wanted to go into social work.



When I was 40, I enrolled at North Dakota State and got a master's degree in counseling. I worked at Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo for 10 years as a marriage and family counselor. That's the kind of teaching I like, working with couples and individuals.

Our Concordia ties have always remained strong. I served on Concordia's Alumni Board for several years, and Dick and I co-chaired C-400. I look back on many great memories.

Scott Southwick

Hometown: Hamilton, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music

Graduate Education: University of Montana Mmed

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Colleen Southwick

Children: Wes and Bonnie

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After graduating, I took a teaching Job in Philipsburg, Montana. I taught general music grades 3 through 6, choirs grades 7 through 12, band grades 5 through 12 and Jr. High science. I was also in charge of the cheerleaders, pep club and started a drill team.

After six years at Philipsburg, I got married and moved to Hamilton, Montana, where I taught band grades 5 through 12 for two years and then just High School band until 1994 when I moved into the high school guidance department. I retired in 2011 after 42 years in education.

While in Hamilton, I performed with the community theater playing Professor Harold Hill in the “Music Man”, Captain VonTrapp in “Sound of Music”, El Gallo in “The Fantasticks” and parts in productions such as “Godspell”, “On Golden Pond”, “Mame”, “Anything Goes”, and others. In addition, I had the opportunity to do a Fulbright Teacher Exchange in 1982-83 where I taught music in London England. While there, I sang in a semi-professional choir (Goldsmith Choral Union) and was very excited to be able to sing with 3 professional orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra.

I have been married to Colleen for 44 years and we have 2 grown children and soon to have a daughter-in-law. No grandchildren! I currently drive bus for extra curricular trips for music, speech, athletics etc.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Band trips and being in and directing the choral part of 3 musicals. Also getting locked in the tunnels below the music building!

James Splitt

Hometown: Annandale, Virginia

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Psychology

Graduate Education: MTS: Hamma School of Theology, MA Guidance and Counseling, Siena Heights University

Current Vocation: PCUSA Pastor, retired; Chaplain, Nebraska State Patrol; part-time Associate Pastor, United Presbyterians Church, Laurel, NE and Union Presbyterian Church, Belden NE

Spouse: Kathleen Splitt

Children: Jason, Philip and Paul

Grandchildren: Kinley

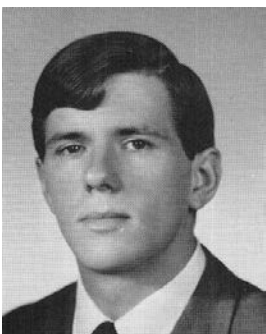
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Concordia gave me an excellent education and life-long friendships.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Memories include Concordia College Band tours, wild and fun times as a member of Beta Tau Omega, and member of the wrestling team. Dr. Ed Ellenson inspired me to apply to Concordia following a Lutheran colleges event I helped host through a Luther League event near D.C. Favorite profs include Dr. Prausnitz, Dr. Tomte, Dr. Bartz, and Dr. Falk. In one Cobber Newspaper is a poem, "Ode to Old Main" which I penned.

William Stahl

Hometown: Detroit, MI

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: History and Political Science

Graduate Education: M.Div. Union Theological Seminary, NY; Ph.D Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Current Vocation: Professor Emeritus (retired)

Spouse: Ruth Heinrichs

Children: Martin '06

Grandchildren: Elianna

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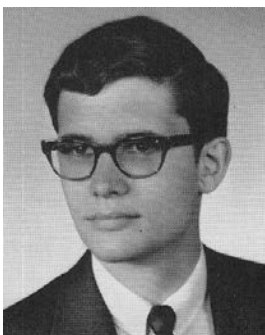
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After graduate school, I emigrated to Canada in 1977 and taught sociology at Luther College, University of Regina until my retirement in 2012.

I became a Canadian citizen in 1981. My son was born in 1984 and he attended Concordia from 2002 to 2006. He is currently a scientist in Vancouver. My granddaughter was born in 2017.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I was a debater when Paul Dovre was the coach. In 1966, I won the national championship in an event called “discussion.” In 1967-68, I was on the Washington Semester Program in Washington D.C.

Richard Steffen

Hometown: Tracy, Minnesota

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: History and English; Sociology

Graduate Education: Luther Seminary- Master of Divinity Degree, St. Paul, Minnesota (1977)

Current Vocation: Retired pastor- served in churches in the midwest, 1977-2011

Spouse: Fern (died from cancer in 2010)

Children: Craig, Ted, Epiphany and David

Grandchildren: Robert, Quentin, Christian, Chelsey, Joy and Ian

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I served in the Marine Corps, including a tour in Vietnam from 1970 to 1972. I attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota (1972-1977). I served as a Parish Pastor in the ELCA from 1977-2011 in rural churches.

I was married to Fern 1986-2010. Fern died of cancer in 2010. I retired in Owatonna, Minnesota, in 2011. I still do some preaching and some parish visits for my church here in Owatonna.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I loved spending time in the library. I spent most of my time studying. I did not socialize very much. I did enjoy Concordia! I also spent a semester exchange at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, and enjoyed that experience. (1969)

Mark Strand

Hometown: Rugby, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Political Science

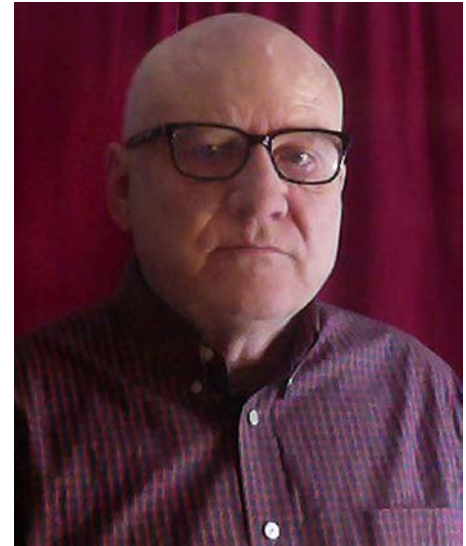
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Visual Studies, M.I.T.

Current Vocation: Retired Professor

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My career has included: teacher, coach, part-time photo journalist, weekend cop, Hatton, ND, (1969-72); communications and university relations, photographer and publications editor; photography instructor, (NDSU, 1972-89). Lastly, professor, chair, mass communications at Minnesota State University Moorhead, (1989-2014).



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Joe Knutson told my parents at graduation, “He’s a little liberal, but he’ll be all right.”

Patricia Kolar Strand

Hometown: Geyser, MT

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music Education K-12, English

Graduate Education: 1989: BA in Elementary Education, U of WY; 1995: Masters in Education (Creative Arts), Lesley College

Current Vocation: Retired but volunteering in classrooms and for non-profits

Spouse: Robert Strand

Children: Stephanie '97 and Jamie

Grandchildren: Colby and Logan

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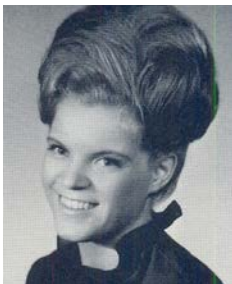


After graduating from Concordia, I taught elementary music in Laurel, Montana. I met my future husband in Laurel, and we married in 1971. Our two daughters were born in 1975 and 1976. We moved to Wheatland, Wyoming, and I taught elementary music and choir.

In 1989, we moved to Wenatchee, Washington, where I again taught elementary music and choir for the next 24 years retiring in 2013. Along the way, I had added an elementary education degree from the University of Wyoming (1989), a master's degree in education from Lesley College (1995), and levels in Orff and Kodaly. While in Wenatchee, I facilitated the development of the elementary music curriculum for 20 years, was North Central Washington's 2008 Outstanding Music Educator, served two terms as an elementary curriculum officer on the Washington Music Educators' Association State Board, (2008-2012), and three years after retirement was inducted into the WMEA Hall of Fame (2016).

I have traveled around the United States and to Asia, Europe, Mexico, Canada, and Africa. I participated in a language immersion program in Morelia, Mexico, and have been a part of Concordia's Global Language program in Ningbo, China, and Tanzania, Africa. Since retiring, I volunteer in public preschools doing story time with music/movement, assist in elementary classrooms with reading and writing, prepare feminine hygiene kits for third world countries, spend time at the cabin with my hubby, swim, play a bit of jazz piano, sing in church choir, read, and enjoy the antics of my two grandsons.

Favorite Memory from Concordia



I think of the beautiful fall days, Mr. Stahl's wooden coat hanger, a softball game in a farmer's field, Chapel Choir with Mr. Runestad, the Normandy snack bar at 8:45 pm, a canoe trip down a river in Northern Minnesota, my roommates and friends, a frog whose posterior side got dissected...oops, discourse with Dr. Prausnitz, defending my paper on Moby Dick, the many diverse classes I had to take... all made of me a life-long learner with a need to give back 50 years later! Thanks, Concordia!

Peder (Andy) Sulerud

Hometown: Halstad, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Art

Graduate Education: Master of Architecture,
University of Minnesota

Current Vocation: Retired Architect, Artist

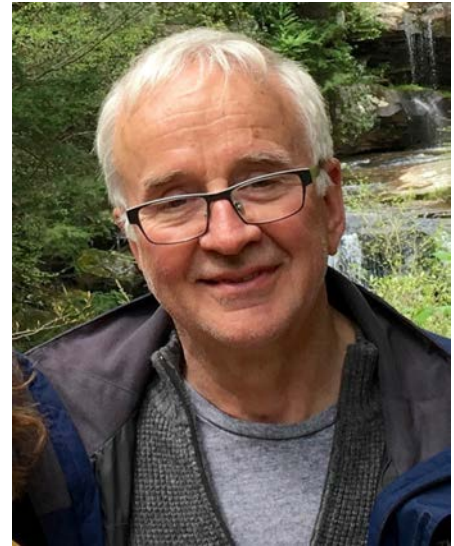
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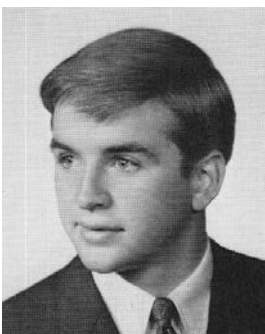
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I have been simultaneously engaged in 2 careers, one very common to Concordia grads and the other very rare. A number of years ago, I was informed by one of the alumni department staff that I was the only Concordia grad to become a professional architect. I am also the spouse of an ordained clergy.

Working as a senior designer for 5 large national and international firms, I designed large-scale commercial and institutional projects including hospitals, hotels, office buildings, multi-family housing, mixed-use projects, and 2 embassies.

Mary is a priest in the Episcopal Church. She was ordained over 30 years ago and has been serving in parishes in the mid-Atlantic area as well as working as diocesan staff in Washington and Baltimore. She was also the director of worship at the Washington National Cathedral (an average of 4-5 services a day). The Cathedral is that huge gothic barn you may have seen on TV during national funerals and other gatherings.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed; 3 years singing tenor in the Concordia Choir, 3 years of singing 3 Christmas Concerts, 3 years of 3 weekend practice tours, 3 years of 3-week long concert tours.

Sandra Ann Carey Sutter

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: ACS Chemistry

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: John Sutter

Children: Sean '98

Grandchildren: Ella, Kian, Logan and Eden

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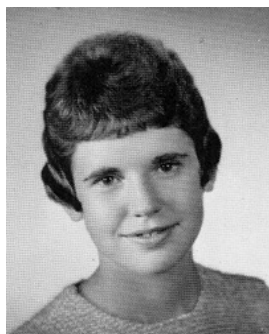
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I was a research chemist for a commercial chemical company in Terre Haute, IN for three years. For five years, I worked for a pharmaceutical company in Skokie, IL, at first, as a research analytical chemist and then, as a technical writer. In 1974, I met and married my husband, John.

In 1976, our son, Sean, was born and a year later, I retired to be a full time mom. We then moved to New Jersey. Besides Mom duties, I did volunteer committee work for the church at both the local and synod level. I also worked as treasurer for Community Athletics and did other community and school volunteer activities. In between, I played tennis and learned to quilt.

When my husband retired for the second time, we moved back to Moorhead and, I again, did volunteer committee work in the church and community. I retired from volunteer work to devote my time to travel, my dogs, tennis and quilting. I found it amazing how the skills I learned as a chemistry major at Concordia transferred into so many other areas of my life.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite memories at Concordia revolve around the people I met and the activities we shared. Cake days in the chemistry department were special as were my fellow chemistry majors and special friends I spent time with who shared my diverse interests and quirky humor. Dr. Dinga, Dr. Ostercamp, and Dr. Dierenfedt will always have a special place in my heart.

Lois Svard

Hometown: Alvarado, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music

Graduate Education: MM, University of Colorado, Boulder; DMA, Peabody Institute of John Hopkins University

Current Vocation: Retired but professionally active

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Children: Nils

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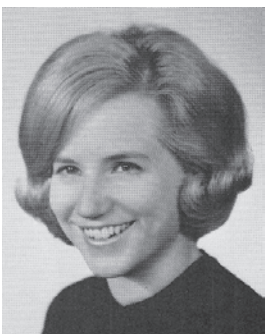
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Following Concordia, I received a Master of Music degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a D.M.A. degree in piano performance from the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins. I taught in the Community Education Division at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY and then joined the faculty at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA where I remained until retirement.

I am married to Peter Karl Kresl, an international economist who was also on the faculty at Bucknell. We have a son, Nils Erik, who is a cyber security analyst. As a performer, I had the opportunity to commission, premiere, and record several works for piano by American composers. As a professor, I felt fortunate to work with talented students in a liberal arts setting.

Although now retired from performing and university teaching, I have a second career; researching, writing and speaking to national music organizations about neuroscience and music. I write a blog, "The Musician's Brain." I am also writing a book about how neuroscience can inform the teaching and performance of music.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Piano professor Roy Stahl was my beloved mentor, role model, and musical inspiration. But with Concordia's strong liberal arts tradition, I learned critical thinking from religion professor Eleanor Haney, came to love art through Barbara Glasrud, and learned how to find the "inner, hidden, deeper, secret meaning" in literature from Walter Prausnitz. I treasured the camaraderie and support among my fellow music majors as we practiced, talked, studied, and performed in Hvidsten Hall.

Carol Neumann Svingen

Hometown: Luverne, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: Master's from Mankato State University; Specialist's from University of South Dakota

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: David Svingen '68

Children: Nathan '99 and Erika '02

Grandchildren: Sophia, Connor, Chloe, Cole and Nora

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Dave and I were married December 21, 1968, the evening of the beginning of a big blizzard and the day before my graduation from CC. We had good friends who married the weekend prior and the weekend after. We moved to Luverne, MN because Dave was teaching there. I took a job the following September.

I taught junior high English for several years until my superintendent decided that I should be a special education teacher. In the interest of knowing what I was doing, I returned to school to get a Master's degree in special education. After staying home with our young children for eight years, I returned to teaching but then became interested in school psychology and earned my credentials for that field.

I worked for a number of years at an educational cooperative. After retiring from that position, I spent five years with Minnesota Reading Corps. Our children both attended Concordia and now live in the Minneapolis and Chicago areas. In retirement I'm enjoying some travel, activities with family and friends, Mah Jong, bridge, quilting, our new dog, and time at our lake cabin near Detroit Lakes.



Margaret Janz Swanson

Hometown: Minot, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education and Spanish

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Harlan Swanson

Children: Mark and Paul

Grandchildren: Oskar, Henrik, Ebba and Arlo

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I taught first grade in Cottage Grove, MN prior to starting a family. I later worked with my husband in his insurance office in Eden Prairie, MN.

In retirement we enjoy traveling, whether it is to visit our sons' families in NM and WA, a cruise or travels within the USA or to Scandinavia! I also volunteer at church, within our cooperative, or at the local food shelf.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Jiggers in the Normandy

Nancy Dahl Swenson

Hometown: Superior, WI
Years at Concordia: 1965-1969
Major; Minor: Sociology
Graduate Education: MA, Counseling Psychology,
U of M
Current Vocation: Retired
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After graduating from Concordia, I worked for the state of Minnesota as an employment counselor. During that time, I earned an MA in Counseling Psychology from the University of Minnesota. When my first son was born, I took a “short” break from paid employment to stay at home with him and then with our second, which lasted 14 years.

My career counseling work resumed and it included positions in adult education/ESL, the Dislocated Worker program, university career counseling, and corporate employee career counseling. I retired in 2011, and I’m currently enjoying a life of volunteering, reading, and traveling.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I really enjoyed playing in the Cobber pep band and being a dancer in the musical “Camelot.”

Arne Teigen

Hometown: Fargo, ND

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Graduate Education: Masters

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Judy

Children: 3

Grandchildren: 8

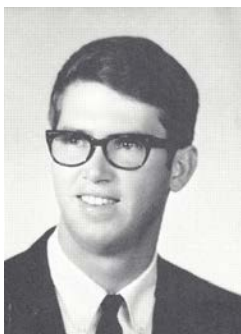
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I was an elementary teacher for 37 years. I retired in 2005. We live on a lake in MN. The snowbird flight takes us to Mesa, AZ



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Graduation!!!!

Howard Thime

Hometown: Levittown, Long Island, New York

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Speech/Religion & English

Graduate Education: Doctor of Religious Education,
Trinity Theological Seminary; Masters in Divinity,
Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary

Current Vocation: Lutheran Minister - retired

Spouse: Suzanne Thime

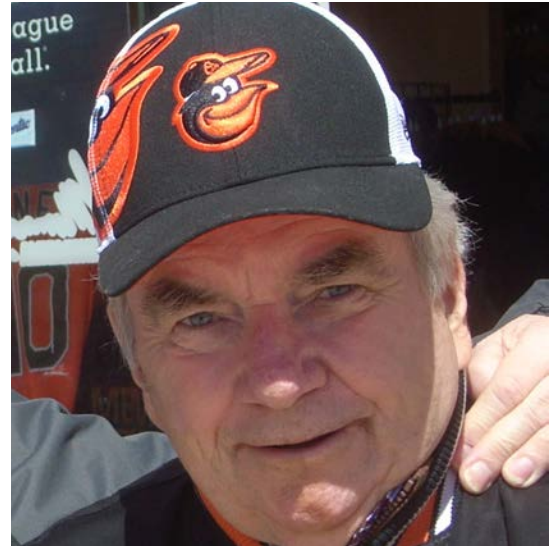
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Following graduation, I received my Masters in Divinity and served as an ordained Lutheran minister in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. I received a Doctorate in Religious Education and, while serving as pastor in Maryland, I taught Speech in the local college for 15 years. My wife, Suzanne, was a nurse for 42 years. We are now both retired and living in Virginia.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

An important and cherished memory of my Concordia years, involved my work at the mission in Fargo. This was the beginning of my Christian ministry. I have fond memories of my experiences at Concordia and my relationships with my fellow students and professors. Over the years I have returned to the campus on numerous occasions with my family, and I was active in the alumni association.

Sandra Gruhl Thimgan

Hometown: Hawley, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music; Vocal/Piano

Current Vocation: Retired and loving it!

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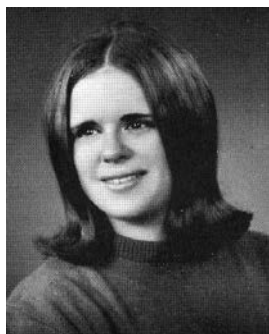
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In 1969, I took my first teaching job in Millis, MA. In 1970, I took the K-12 vocal music position at Battle Lake, MN where I continued to teach for the next 33 years. In 1971, I married my soul mate, Daniel Thimgan, and we have lived happily ever after in Battle Lake, owning a home on nearby Silver Lake.

Upon our retirement, we have enjoyed being able to travel, both in and outside the US to a variety of locations. I continue to be actively involved in music, both as a performer and as an adjudicator for music events.

Retirement has offered opportunities to find other passions, like making jewelry and paper arts which are in several art galleries across the state. I was recently inducted into the Battle Lake 542 Education Foundation Hall of Fame, which names outstanding alumni or staff who have earned distinction or achievement in their chosen field. It was a humbling honor indeed. Life has been good to us and we feel blessed.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Everything about the Concordia experience brings smiles to my face. I loved the sense of community, the excellence of the teaching staff; my incredible music experiences with my voice teacher, Agnes Kise; my years in the Chapel Choir; and my three year involvement with Student Productions' musicals -- so maybe my favorite memory is when I had the lead role in the musical, "Finian's Rainbow", and the director was Dan Thimgan, whom I was lucky enough to marry.

Curtis Thompson

Hometown: Fergus Falls, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Chemistry

Graduate Education: MDiv in Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul; MA in Religion and PhD in Theology from the University of Chicago Divinity School

Current Vocation: Theologian

Spouse: Kathryn Thompson

Children: Sarah, Joshua, Aaron and Joran

Grandchildren: Soren, Brekken and Eloisa

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I was married after junior year at Concordia and attended Luther Seminary after graduation. Then I served a Lutheran parish in Minneapolis for 5 years (Sarah and Josh were born then) before attending

the U of Chicago Divinity School for 5 years to study religion, theology, and life. I married Kathy after divorcing. I did dissertation research in Copenhagen, Denmark (where Aaron was born). Then I took a job at Thiel College in Greenville, PA, where I taught religion for 34 years and created and directed the Dietrich Honors Institute my last 5 years. (Daughter, Joran, was born early on in the Thiel tenure). I continue my research and writing since retiring in September 2017. My most recent book, entitled “Kierkegaard Trumping Trump: Divinity Resurrecting Democracy” will be published this summer. Kathy’s teaching specialized in remediating children with dyslexia. She retired ten years ago although she still tutors students. We enjoy traveling, attending sporting events of grandsons Soren and Brekken who live in the area, and visiting baby Eloisa in Chicago. Kathy and I sing in our church choir; she is on the board of our local symphony orchestra and I’m on the board of our local chapter of the Salvation Army. We just returned from a month-long trip to Tanzania, Africa, where we worked with students preparing to take the exam for entrance into the university system (we experienced some wonderful safaris on the side). Kathy and I stay busy and are fortunate to be able to share in a life that is full of passion, meaning, and purpose. We appreciate the educational institutions we have been associated with and learned from—Luther Seminary, the University of Chicago, St. Olaf, the University of Wisconsin, St. Thomas University, Thiel College—and not least, Concordia College.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

My favorite college memory is of the professors who impacted my head and heart. During my sophomore and junior years, I played in the rhythm-and-blues band, The Marquis, and we traveled around neighboring states and Canada, playing gigs on weekends. My senior year I had to buckle down and hit the books hard to graduate on time. I am grateful for the academic setting Concordia provided, where issues of faith were not ruled out as being antithetical to reason and where the honest intellectual and existential inquiry into truth concerning the world and ultimate reality was encouraged and nurtured.



Paul Thompson

Hometown: Berthold, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Sociology

Current Vocation: Retirement

Spouse: Joan (Norgaard) '68

Children: Ingrid '00, Naomi '00 and Mikkel

Grandchildren: Annika, Ian, Karina, Chase, Maryn, Maddyn, Carter, Collin, Keni, Gia and Emme

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The year, 1969, was life changing! Following May graduation, Joan & I were married (the day they landed on the moon) and then 3 weeks later, I was on a train to Ft. Lewis, Washington, to be a part of the U.S. Army.

Upon my return home in 1971, I had trouble seeing any poverty and many other problems to keep me from doing social work. For the next 40 years I spent in buying and selling furniture (retail and wholesale). It has been very enjoyable and rewarding.

We have traveled Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Joan and I have lived in Alexandria, MN since '69. We have 3 children: Naomi '00, veterinarian in Prior Lake. Ingrid '00, physical therapist/Regions in St. Paul; and Mikkel, West Point grad & currently VP of construction at Pulte Homes, NC. We enjoy retirement with gardening, travel, fishing, church and 11 grandchildren.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Biggest memory is initiation into the Athenians Society. I can still feel the hits made with the paddle each pledge had to create.

Lewis Thorson

Hometown: Seattle

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Physics

Graduate Education: Ph.D.

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Gazel Tan

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Constance Curtis Toffle

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Medical Technology

Graduate Education: Ph.D., Psychology,
West Virginia University

Current Vocation: Director of Undergraduate Training,
Dept. of Psychology, West Virginia University

Spouse: Roger Toffle '70

Children: Sommer, Jeremy and Allison

Grandchildren: Isla, Bowie, Tala, Gavin and Beckett

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After Concordia, Roger and I were married. Roger attended medical school, then completed his residency in San Diego. Then we lived in Naples, Italy, for four years. As we lived in three different cities those 12 years, I had numerous positions in research/hospital labs, and I also finished my masters degree.

We moved to Morgantown, WV in 1984 with a six-year-old and 6 month-old-twins. I decided to work on my Ph.D. while teaching part-time and have been on the WVU faculty in Psychology since 1996. Roger is (was?) the Director of Reproductive Medicine at WVU although he is trying to retire. I have no urge to retire. Enjoy the students and faculty. One of my previous graduate students is now on faculty at Concordia, so it is another excuse to visit and attend homecoming this year.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

That is too difficult. I have too many favorite memories.

Karen Lechner Tosterud

Hometown: Forest Lake, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: Elementary Education

Current Vocation: Retired

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Children: Robert Jr. and Jonathan

Grandchildren: Isobel, Eli and Emily

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I met Bob Tosterud, a student at NDSU, and we were married the summer after my junior year. We moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he got a Ph.D. in agricultural economics. Our first son, Robert, was born there. We came back to Fargo where he worked at NDSU until 1979, and our son, Jon, was born. Bob then took a job with the Dept of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., in 1979 and eventually ended up on Capitol Hill as the staff director of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

We were in VA for 12 years, until he took a job with the Ford Foundation in New York City, and we moved to Westport, CT. We were only there 1 year before moving to Vermillion, SD where Bob held a chair in entrepreneurship and taught economics at the University of South Dakota for 19 years.

I raised our 2 boys and did volunteer work. I spent over 20 years with Christian Women's Club where I was a speaker and became a regional representative. I eventually became a speaker trainer in the 5 state area around SD. We suffered the loss of our older son, Bob, in a car accident in 1992.

We enjoyed international travel with Bob's work, spending time in Wolfsburg, Germany, where he taught. I had the pleasure of visiting the River Lech, which my family name came from. We also spent 9 months in Washington, D.C. while he was a visiting scholar at the Library of Congress. We started a business called His Essence, which makes candles based on Scripture. The original scent was from Psalm 45:8. We still own the company and the candles are being made in the Twin Cities. I continue to write a daily devotional on Facebook for the company. Our son owns the website.

We retired in 2009 and moved to an old house in Galena, IL which we restored. After 6 years there, we moved to a lake home in Bellaire, MI. We spend our winters at our condo on Hilton Head Island, SC. Life has been good and we have our son and grandchildren 3 hours away in Spring Lake, MI. Our next move will be near them.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I especially enjoyed the annual Christmas concerts. What a special event and I was happy to share that experience with our son years later.

Kenneth Turnquist

Hometown: International Falls, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Linda (Bjornson) Turnquist '70

Children: Gretchen and Keith

Grandchildren: Ellie, Odessa, Samantha and Pearl

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I married Linda Bjornson '70. We built a home on Minnesota River Bluff in 1973-1974. Together, we raised two children. I worked in the purchasing career field until 2010.

I retired from Goodrich Aerospace as Senior Procurement Manager in 2010. We travel several times a year. I have several hobbies including several gardens, a large swimming pool, collections of rocks, crystals and fossils. I enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, watching movies and The Great Courses, and activities with grandchildren.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

I enjoyed basketball and football games, special studies course and Parasitology with Dr. Paulson., Entomology and Ecology with Mr. Powers and Comparative Anatomy and Embryology with Dr. Torstveit. I enjoyed living off campus with George Oltmans and Bill Zalusky. Finally, dating Linda Bjornson senior year of 1968-1969. Great college life.

David Wentzell

Hometown: Hopkins, MN

Years at Concordia: 1967-1969

Major; Minor: Business Admin

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Ellin (Gilbertson) Wentzell '70

Children: Michael '95, Stephen '98 and Alyssa '03

Grandchildren: Elise, Adelie, Ryan, Appie, Ellin and Kristian

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I worked for Phillips Petroleum, G&G Pump & Pantry Convenience Stores, and D&S Properties. I retired 2013.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Meeting my future wife and love of my life, Ellin Gilbertson, Concordia Class of 1970.

Virginia Gunkelman Wheeler

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Years at Concordia: 1965-1968

Major; Minor: English

Graduate Education: MACI

Current Vocation: Realtor

Spouse: Timothy

Children: Elizabeth and Andrea

Grandchildren: Elleanor and Evelyn

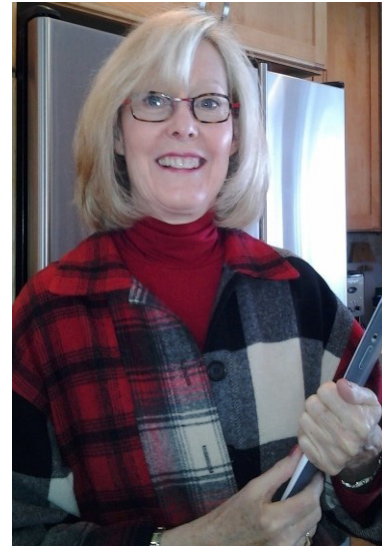
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Shortly after graduating in December 1968, I began teaching English in Burnsville, MN, where I have lived and worked ever since. I married Tim in 1971, and we have two daughters, both of whom live in California. Tim and I joined Burnsville's Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, where many Cobbers worship including many from the class of 1969. In fact, Merv Thompson, the head pastor at the time, was a



Cobber. We feel right at home at Prince of Peace. Concordia College played a major role in my career path to becoming an English teacher. I loved teaching! My art classes gave me a life-long interest in art, so that when the opportunity came along to apply for a grant called Partners in Art in Secondary Schools (P.A.S.S.), a colleague (St. Olaf grad Karen Oiseth) and I applied and won. Partnering with artists and professionals in the arts organizations in the Twin Cities, Karen and I created an interdisciplinary literature and art class. We continued this partnership for years.

After 32 years of teaching, I retired and joined my husband in the real estate business. Tim has since retired, but I continue to sell homes in the Twin Cities area. Today I am a volunteer docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) and often have Cobber alumni on my tours. (My Cobber ring gives me away!) I absolutely love combining my interest in art with my years of training as an educator. One of the highlights was giving tours for the recent Martin Luther exhibition. MIA had not seen so many Norwegian sweaters in the museum all at one time. Along with two other docents, I helped initiate the popular book tours at MIA. Combining literature with art has created meaningful connections for our visitors. I will continue as a docent for as long as I am able. Tim and I have been blessed with two daughters: Andrea, who is in the film industry in Hollywood, and Liz, who works for a software company in Walnut Creek, CA. Liz married Charlie Litten, the son of dear friends of ours, and they have two daughters, Eleanor and Evelyn. Needless to say, my husband and I are now frequent visitors to California. I also get back to the Fargo-Moorhead area many times during the year to spend time with my mother Inez, 97, and my family.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

Starting the "New Society" with a group of strangers was a leap of faith. We eventually became Kappa Gamma Phi-Kappa Theta Phi. The following year our small, but ambitious society put on a campus-wide carnival as a fund raiser. Our professors joined in on the fun in a go-kart race. Each day during chapel, we would introduce one of the contestants. I thoroughly enjoyed the creativity and comraderie planning this event and many more that followed. Those strangers became life-long friends.

Dennis Winge

Hometown: Marshall, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Chemistry

Graduate Education: PhD in Biochemistry at Durham, NC, University of Switzerland for post-doctoral studies in 1975, Duke

Current Vocation: Professor at University of Utah

Spouse: Lauri Winge

Children: Berit, Brynn and Anne

Grandchildren: Tessa, Molly, Peyton, Bryce and Maryn

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After graduation at Concordia, I moved to Durham NC for my PhD studies in biochemistry. In 1975, I then moved to the University of Switzerland for post-

doctoral studies and then returned to Duke. In 1979, I accepted a position at the University of Utah in the Departments of Biochemistry and Internal Medicine. During my 40 years in Utah, I maintained an active research laboratory funded by the NIH. This enabled me to train a host of PhD students and post-doctoral fellows. Although I loved the pursuit of science, mentoring students gave me great satisfaction. Being in research, I was fortunate to travel internationally to present our work at conferences.

My wife Lauri is a nurse navigator and we are both in phased transition to retirement. During our time in Utah, we have loved the mountains in all seasons and have been very active members of a local Presbyterian Church. One of my great joys for many years was leading a study group of senior high boys in our church. The format was a lesson followed by a rousing game of basketball. It was such a joy to be a mentor to these senior high boys. Apart from work and our church life, I am an avid reader, cyclist and birder. In my international travel, I always take additional time to explore an area by bicycle. Last summer, Lauri and I spent four months in Marburg, Germany, as a university sabbatical and enjoyed exploring many regions by bicycle. I also spent considerable free time in two phases of my life doing genealogical research on my Norwegian heritage and wrote two books documenting my family history and the issues surrounding Norwegian emigration to America in the mid-1800s. Now that I am in semi-retirement, I am pondering what my focus will be for the next phase of my life. One thing for certain is



that we will continue to travel as our grandchildren are in Scarsdale, New York, and Chicago, IL. Our five grandchildren are a constant delight to us.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Life at Concordia was very special to me. The friendships developed there were memorable. I so enjoyed my roommates and being in the folk group called the Phi Squad (I believe). I was fortunate to have two incredible mentors as professors in chemistry and Drs. Homann and Ostercamp were impactful in my life. I am also indebted to Pastor Lee for his inspirational chapel services.

Jeffrey Wold

Hometown: Fosston, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Biology

Graduate Education: Physical Therapy,
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Joyce (Brakke) Wold '71

Children: Eric '01 and Andrea (PLU '06)

Grandchildren: Anderson, Charlie, Lauren,
Jonas and Clara

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At the time of graduation I had received my draft notice. I was not excited, but, fortunately, I was selected to be a chaplain's assistant and was stationed in Germany for 16 of my 21 months. In the summer of 1971, Joyce and I got married and we lived in St. Paul where I attended the University of Minnesota receiving a degree in physical therapy.

We lived and worked in Thief River Falls and the Melrose/Paynesville/Albany, MN area before settling in Fargo in 1980. I was a partner in PT-OT Associates, an outpatient physical and occupation therapy clinic. I also worked at Orthopedic Associates, retiring in 2015. I cannot think of a more rewarding career for me!

Joyce and I enjoy living in Fargo. It was a great place to raise our family and to get involved in various activities. We have been active members of Atonement Lutheran Church and continue to serve in many ways. I am active in Bible Study Fellowship and currently serve on the national board of trustees for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Joyce and I enjoy visiting our 2 children and their spouses and our 5 grandkids; spending time at our cabin on Potato Lake near Park Rapids, MN; going south for a few weeks each winter and traveling in the US and abroad. I always thought growing old would take longer!!

Favorite Memory from Concordia



I have many memories of my years at Concordia. Those years helped direct me to continued learning, critical thinking and they gave me a good foundation for my career. I gained life-long friends while living in the Pink House. But my favorite memory was meeting Joyce Brakke. It all started with pie and coffee at The Barn at the FM Hotel in Moorhead!.

Rebecca Hult Worley

Hometown: Alexandria, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Music and French

Graduate Education: L.R.A.M. (Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music in London)

Current Vocation: Retired church organist and private organ & piano teacher (NCTM)

Spouse: Christopher Worley

Children: Rachel '93, Daniel, Ben '96 and Beth

Grandchildren: Andrew, Christopher, Benjamin, Abigail, Adelaide, Sean and Charles

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In the summer following graduation, I married Chris Worley, an Englishman who had stayed with my family in 1963. I stopped in London following a three month tour through Finland (Sept-Dec 1967), travelling on a Lutheran Youth Encounter team sponsored by the Finnish Lutheran Church's Bible Society. We lived in England from 1969-1977, where three of our four children were born. I earned my LRAM (Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music) in piano and organ pedagogy, certifying me to teach music in England. I taught a small number of students when our children were growing up as well as doing substitute organ work in Harrow, the London suburb where we lived. One highlight of those years, was hosting a May Seminar group led by Dr. Hofrenning for dinner in our home. One low-light was missing the Concordia Christmas Concerts in those years that we were overseas.

We moved to the U.S. in 1977, living one year near family in Boston, but moving to Alexandria, MN in 1978 at the invitation of Cobber friends (with whom I had traveled on Concordia's first Outreach Team). I served Calvary Lutheran Church as organist from 1978-2013 as well as maintaining a private studio of organ and piano students through the years as a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music. I also taught piano lessons one day a week at Fergus Falls Community College for a few years in the 1980's. In retirement, Chris and I are still very involved in our church, serve as Hospice volunteers and travel, both in the U.S. and overseas. Concordia College provided me with a good grounding in my Christian faith and in music.



The contacts and friends made in the years between 1965 and 1969 set my course for an exciting and fulfilling life.

Favorite Memory from Concordia

Organ lessons each week with Ruth Berge are my most favorite memory. Miss Berge, although a petite woman, was absolutely vibrant as she radiated the music that she was trying to convey to me. She also made me realize that she cared about me as an individual. I hope that in some way, I have been able to do the same for the students that I have had over the years.

Mary Nestoss Zimmerman

Hometown: Bismarck, ND

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Medical Technology

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: John Zimmerman '67

Children: Amy and Emily

Grandchildren: Isaiah, Levi and Naomi

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After graduation, I married John '67, who was drafted into the Army, and we were in San Antonio, Texas, and then Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, for much of the Vietnam War. John went to graduate school at Michigan State and did his research in Panama, where we were for two years.

He joined the Navy, so we have lived in San Diego, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Orange Park, Fla., Cairo, Egypt, Quantico, Va., and then as a last duty station, here in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I usually worked in hospital labs as a med tech wherever we lived up until our move to Egypt.

Our daughters both went to Virginia colleges and married Virginia boys, so I'm thinking we are here to stay. We are fortunate to have one grandson (4) who lives in town so we have watched him grow and hope to enjoy him for many years. The other two (8 and 3) live in Richmond, Va, so they are close too. I'm involved in our church mainly in Sunday School, Bible study and in handbells. I've gone to Bible Study Fellowship (a worldwide group) for over 9 years. Through my membership in the Sons of Norway heritage group I have been taking Norwegian lessons for several years, but I admit that our "classes" tend to have much laughter and good times and lots of smakaker.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

What first comes to mind is the fact that I usually made it a point to go to chapel and I considered it an important "piece" of my college experience. I ALWAYS had early classes so it was never a case of having to get up to make it there on time. It was a place of community and closeness, that I don't think one would have in a state college.

Ervin Zinter

Hometown: Willmar, MN

Years at Concordia: 1965-1969

Major; Minor: Business Admin-Accounting

Current Vocation: Retired

Spouse: Pam

Children: Megan

Grandchildren: Sophie and Owen

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After graduation, I obtained my CPA while performing audits over a nine-year career with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. I then spent over 25 years as a financial executive in diverse industries culminating as the CFO of National Car Rental headquartered in Minneapolis.

In our semi-retirement years, Pam and I opened and operated several Cartridge World franchises in the northwest suburbs before finally retiring in 2017. I married Pam Endersbe of Fairmont, MN in 1971, and we were blessed with one daughter, Megan. Pam was a speech pathologist in the Anoka-Hennepin ISD for 39 years.

Megan is a graduate of Gustavus and is married to Chris Petersen. They have provided us with two grandchildren, Sophia and Owen. We enjoy spending most weekends at our summer home near Brainerd, MN.



Favorite Memory from Concordia

When looking back at my time spent at Concordia, I recall all the time spent with the activities provided by Student Productions headed up by my roommate David Hetland -- musicals (especially *Guys & Dolls*) and the entertainment we brought in (Righteous Brothers, Glen Campbell, Kids Next Door, Cowsills, etc.)

Additional 1969 Classmates

The 50th reunion committee was committed to include everyone in the memory book, however, some classmates we were unable to reach. For that reason, we have listed below classmates who did not submit their information.

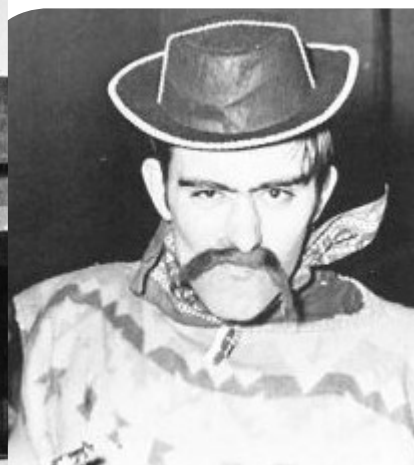
Those with an asterisk* behind their name are members for whom we do not have contact information. If you see a classmate on the list for which you know their contact information, we ask that you reach out to share the reunion information. Also, please ask them if they would share their contact information with Concordia College (concordiacollege.edu/classnotes).

Peter Albin	Sheila Cummings*	Suzanne (Smith) Harding
Rebecca Albright	Janet (Midby) Curtis	James Hatch
Carol (Dammann) Allen	Edwin Dahlberg	Glenda (Trunnell) Haugen
Michael Allen	Emily (Johnson) Darigan	Muriel Heard*
Carol (Melsted) Anderson	LeAnn (Lindquist) Dean	Melvin Hendrix*
David Anderson	Duane DeVaal	Steven Hilstad
Linda (Baker) Trevorrow	Mary (Lee) Edman	Sharon (Thompson) Hodnick
Myrna (Albertson) Baucom	James Edmister	Christine (Brunsvold) Hoigaard
Matt Baudler	Steven Erickson*	Susan Holicka
Carol (Hasbargen) Baumann	Steven Erie	Paul Homdrom
Jon Bell	Colleen (Score) Fehrman	Paul Horstmann
Paul Benson	Donald Ferguson*	Donald Hoven
Sharon (Hanlon) Benzel	Thomas Fink*	Larrie Humbert
Robert Blegen	Rebecca (Sherbrooke) Frank	Diane (Stephens) Hurlbut*
Jane (Kittleson) Blomquist	Steven Frank	Richard Iverson
Sandra (Flynn) Blosser	Lorne Fredlund	Darwin Jacobson
Ronald Boothe	Leanna (Nelson) Freid	Larry Jahnke
Richard Bostrom	Barbara (Larson) Friberg	Nancy (Rued) Jaurigue
Gregory Brandjord	James Gilbertson	Larry Jensen*
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Caroline (Raisanen) Brannum	Stephen Grimstad	Kathleen (Borth) Johnson
Ronald Buen	Allan Grivno	Margaret (Skoglund) Johnson
Robert Campbell	Johan Gundersen	Sharon Johnson
Shirley Carlson	Dennis Gutzmer	Robert Jorgenson
Carolyn (Watne) Carver	Thomas Hagen	B Juta
Mitchell Carver	James Halvorson	Kris Kalin*
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Cherry (Tyndall) Christianson	Beverly (Stephens) Hanson	Cheri Klimpel
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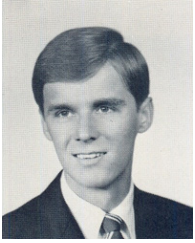
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 Nancy (Pailes) Larson*
 Joyce (Sethre) Lawrence
 Thomas Lee
 Regan Lefdahl
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 Jeaneen (Holger) Lewis
 Marian (Reitan) Li
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 Mary (Lindroos) Moses
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 Linda (Murray) Tiller
 Jeremy Torstveit
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 Douglas Tverstol
 Wayne Uglen
 June (Leraaen) Ulring*
 Lois Ulvin
 Susan (Miller) Van Ryn
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 Harry Wagner
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 Linda (Pottratz) Walker
 Carter Watkins
 Linda (Knutson) Wayne
 Larry Welin
 Karla (Nielsen) West
 Dennis Westgard
 Dale Wick
 Deanne (Goebel) Widmark
 Mary (Clark) Wilyard
 Linda (Amundson) Worth
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In Memoriam



Lowell Alecson

Born 12/02/1947 - Died 01/28/2001

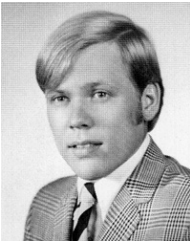
Lowell, 53, of Hartsdale, NY passed away on Jan. 28, 2001 at home. He was a beloved husband of Deborah and father of Skyler.



James Baker

Born 10/30/1947 - Died 03/01/2016

James passed away on March 1, 2016. He was born October 30, 1947 in St. Paul. He was a 40 year employee of 3M in St. Paul. Jim had a strong passion for ballroom dancing. James is survived by wife Olga, former wife Mary, children David and Karen.



Michael Bolin

Born 09/27/1947 - Died 11/17/2012

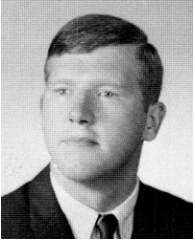
Michael was born on Sept. 27, 1947, in Alexandria, MN and passed away on Nov. 17, 2012. Michael graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN in 1969 and N.W. Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN 1972. Michael was an extraordinary visual artist: easel painter, scenic painter, Trompe l'oeil artist, muralist, designer, and publisher and finder of "Boint" only printed matter. Michael is survived by life partner of 32 years, Debra Jensen.



Linda Mathsen Burckhard

Born 08/30/1947 - Died 08/08/2003

Linda was born August 30, 1947. She was raised on a farm near Oklee, MN where she graduated from high school. Linda earned a bachelor's degree from Concordia College Moorhead and had reenrolled at MSUM to earn a second degree. Linda married Donald L Burckhard in November 1969 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. At the time of her death, on Friday, August 8, 2003, Linda was employed by Moorhead Electric. Linda was a generous, compassionate, and loving grandmother, mother and sister.



Russell Campbell

Born 04/23/1947 - Died 06/29/2004

Russell, 'Rusty' or 'Russ', passed away of gall bladder cancer after a brief illness on June 29, 2004. He was the President and CEO of Search Resources. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Rebecca 'Becky'.



Karen Jensen Christensen

Born 11/12/1947 - Died 03/19/2018

Karen passed away on March 19, 2018 in Forest Lake, MN. Karen graduated from St. Paul Johnson High School in 1965, before attending Concordia College Moorhead, where she completed her BA in Sociology and Political Science in 1969. She later went on to obtain her MSW from the University of Minnesota. Karen was united in marriage to Jim Christensen '70 on June 19, 1971. They had two children, Allison and Erik. Karen worked for 36 years at Ramsey County Human Services, before accepting a position at the MN Department of Human Services in 2006. She worked for 8 additional years there before retiring in 2014.



Stephen Dale

Born 05/31/1947 - Died 02/15/2015

Stephen was born May 31, 1947 in Minneapolis, MN and passed away on February, 15, 2015. Stephen received his law degree from Hamline University School of Law in 1987. He practiced law in a variety of venues, loved reading, photography, hiking in the mountains and was a lifelong student of the writings of Martin Luther.



Cheryl Grishkat Drageland

Born 03/14/1948 - Died 11/20/2003

Cheryl was born on March 14, 1948 in Wilmington, DE and passed away on November 20, 2003, in Pennsylvania after a very long and painful bout with cancer. She is survived by her mother, her husband, a daughter, a son, and three granddaughters.



Gregory Drummond

Born 01/21/1947 - Died 01/31/1985

Gregory was born January 21, 1947 in Perham, MN and passed away in plane crash in Reno, NV, on January 31, 1985. He was residing in Anoka, MN at the time of his death.



Marlys Garmer

Born 08/22/1947 - Died 07/11/2018

Marlys passed away July 11, 2018. Marlys graduated from Concordia College and taught summer school in Elk River, MN. That August she began her teaching career in the Osseo School District, teaching 3rd grade from 1969 to 1970 at Fair Oaks, and 3rd - 5th grades at Garden City from 1970 to 1990. From 1990 to her retirement in the spring of 1999, she was a media specialist at Willow Lane.



Ruth Ann Gilbertsen Gruhl

Born 04/17/1947 - Died 02/07/2003

Ruth Ann was born April 17, 1947, in Minneapolis. She graduated from Richfield High School in 1965. She passed away February 7, 2003. In 1968 she graduated from Concordia College and then taught elementary school in several Rochester area schools.

On June 20, 1969, she married Gary L. Gruhl in Hawley, Minn. They moved to Rochester in 1990. She was teaching at Riverside Elementary School. Her husband is a general service supervisor at Mayo Clinic. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church, state and local teachers associations, and Alpha Delta Kappa international honorary sorority for women educators.



Joyce Urdahl Hancock

Born 10/24/1947 - Died 11/16/1984

Joyce Urdahl was born Oct. 24, 1947. She graduated from Concordia College in 1969 with a degree in Business Education. She married Bryce Hancock Dec. 31, 1970. She taught school in Elkton, Oregon, for three years until they returned to Medicine Lake, MT in 1972 where Bryce joined his father in his auto mechanics business. Joyce did a lot of substitute teaching in Medicine Lake, she was a Sunday School teacher and song leader, served as church pianist and taught piano lessons. She held the position of Medicine Lake City Clerk for 5 years until her death in 1984. She died in her sleep as a result of heart problems stemming from diabetes. Survivors included her husband and two daughters: Rebecca, 11; and Jodee, 7.



Jacquelyn Slinde Hanson

Born 08/14/1947 - Died 04/16/1997

Jacquelyn passed away on April 16, 1997. She was 49. She was born on August 14, 1947 in Madison, MN to Irvin and Hazel Dahlgren Slinde. She married Michael E. Hanson on October 21, 1972. She graduated from Madison High School and Concordia College in 1968. She was a homemaker and a charter member of Christ The Lutheran Church of Zionsville, where she was a choir member. She loved gardening, nature, music, and mostly the lakes of Minnesota.



David Hetland

Born 10/28/1947 - Died 04/16/2006

David was born October 21, 1947 in Fargo, ND to James and Marilyn Hetland. He graduated from Grand Forks Central High School in 1965 and earned a Bachelor of Art degree from Concordia College in 1969. He married Mary Shjeflo '70 in 1971 in Bismarck, ND. His daughter, Kristen, was born in 1978. David passed away Sunday, April 16, 2006, at his home in Fargo, ND. He is perhaps best known for creating the mammoth murals for the Concordia College Christmas Concerts. David spoke in the visual language of inspiration and hope for 40 years, beginning in 1965 as a student at the college, then, since 1978, as designer of the unique, Biblically inspired backdrops.

Peter Isaacson

Born 07/12/1947 - Died 06/12/2004



Peter was born in Thief River Falls, MN on July 12th, 1947. He resided there until attending Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. where he earned a B.A. in mathematics and psychology. He was drafted into the military in 1971, and faithfully served his country for three years before receiving an honorable discharge. In 1972, he married Susan Anderson '70. He continued his education at Colorado State University, where he achieved masters degrees in mathematics and computer science, as well as a Ph.D. in computer science. He taught HS math and was a professor of computer science at the Univeristy of North Colorado for 21 years.



Elaine Riess Krueger

Born 11/25/1947 - Died 04/03/2013

Elaine passed away on April 3, 2013 in Stillwater, MN. She was employed by Minnesota Work Force Center in the Twin Cities for 37 years. She traveled the world; played bridge, golf, piano and saxophone; loved nature, books, movies, theatre, music, and sports. She was described as leaving "a legacy of rare tolerance, generosity, and delight."



Floyd Kugzruk

Born 04/17/1944 - Died 02/22/2002

Floyd was born on April 17, 1944, and passed away on February 22, 2002. He came to Concordia from Nome, AK. At the time of his death he was residing in Portland, OR.



Louise Lovdahl

Born 12/04/1947 - Died 08/31/2017

Louise died peacefully in her home surrounded by family August 31, 2017 from an unforeseen illness. Louise touched the lives of so many students, co-workers, and lost souls. She received a Bachelor of Music in pipe organ from Concordia College in 1969.

She also received a master's in computer education (Carthage College) and master's in school counseling (University of Wisconsin, Whitewater). With her education, Louise taught for 39 years. During that time, she taught music for K-9, was a counselor for the Peer Helping Program, a grant writer, a counselor for K-12 and a student advisor for many student groups at Kenosha Unified School District. She also was the organist for several years at the Congregational Church, Kenosha. In addition to her education career, Louise was very accomplished in originating and participating in programs for issues she believed in.



Clifford Nelson

Born 07/05/1947 - Died 09/30/1996

Clifford passed away on September 20, 1996 in Seeley Lake, MT. Clifford was born July 5, 1947, in Britton, SD. He grew up and attended school near Forman and graduated from Sargent Central High School, Forman. He graduated from Concordia

College, then continued his education at the University of Nebraska. He taught 7th and 8th grade at Seeley Lake. For more than 20 years he worked as an interpretive guide at the Custer Battlefield at Crow Agency, MT. He was recently adopted by the Crow tribe and received the name Ba-iinnii-chaashe (Baa-ee-nee-chish), which means "he who holds back his own sorrows and troubles to always show respect to others by speaking good things from his heart." His adoption made him an honorary member of the Ties in the Bundle clan and a child of the Bad War Deed clan.



Donald James Nelson

Born 07/31/1947 - Died 02/17/2017

Donald was born on July 31, 1947, in Scobey, MT and passed away on Friday, February 17, 2017. He was a resident of Whitefish, Montana at the time of passing. Don graduated from Whitefish High School in 1965 and attended Concordia College. He married Laura Hovland in 1968. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Naval Air Force, and attended flight training in Pensacola, Florida, serving as a navigator in a P-3 Orion submarine surveillance squadron until 1974. He returned to Whitefish, MT to operate the family hardware store.



Jeanne Uhl Peschke

Born 02/17/1947 - Died 07/08/1985

Jeanne was born on February 17th, 1947, in Livingston, MT. She passed away on July 8, 1985, following an extended illness. Jeanne was married to Richard Peschke '69 and they had two daughters together. She was a dedicated music teacher, church organist, and choir director.



Carol Field Peterson

Born 02/02/1948 - Died 10/31/2007

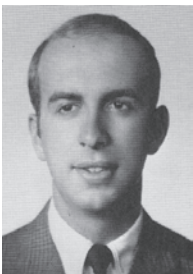
Carol passed away on October 21, 2007. She is survived by husband Tony, son Philip, daughter Roseann.



Sharon Pett

Born 10/08/1945 - Died 07/10/2010

Sharon Elizabeth Pett was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on October 8, 1945, to Arnold and Margaret Pett. She grew up and graduated from high school in Fargo, North Dakota. She married Walter Wolter in Anoka, Minnesota, in 1977 and some years later adopted a son from Thailand. She died in 2010 in West Chester, Ohio.



Donald Randall

Born 06/19/1947 - Died 12/21/2002

Donald passed away Dec. 21, 2002 in Virginia Beach, VA. He was born on June 19, 1947, in Minneapolis, MN to the late Donald Randall and Bertha Randall. He served in the U.S. Army and was an aerospace technologist, computer engineer with NASA Langley Research Center.



David Range

Born 09/04/1947 - Died 05/15/1999

David was born September 4, 1947 in Minneapolis, MN, and passed away on May 15, 1999 in Houston, TX. He married Jeanne Range on June 14, 1974, in Minneapolis. The couple moved to Glenrock, TX following their marriage. He worked for Exxon for 27 years. The family transferred to Houston, with Exxon, in 1991, where he worked as an environmental safety engineer.

Vivian Raaen Rask

Born 03/01/1924 - Died 08/10/2003

IN MEMORIAM



Vivian passed away on August 10, 2003. Vivian was born March 1, 1924, in Winger, MN the daughter of Severt and Ragna (Larson) Raaen. A graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, she taught biology at Mandan High School for a year, and married Leland Rask on November 23, 1950, at First Lutheran Church. She is survived by her husband, Leland.



Kathryn Petersen Rogers

Born 12/28/1947 - Died 09/08/1996

Kathryn was born December 28, 1947, in Kenmare, ND. Kathryn passed away September 8, 1996, in Edina, MN. She had been a teacher in the Burnsville, MN, schools since graduation from Concordia. She married Gary Rogers in 1970.



William Rouse

Born 05/02/1947 - Died 11/07/2018

Born in Kingston, Jamaica on May 2, 1947, he was the son of Gaston Rouse and Ivy Rodney. He immigrated to New York, NY, as a child. He was a gifted runner and hurdler as a teen and won many state awards. He majored in philosophy at Concordia. He spent his career as a software engineer. He was a cosmology and astrophysics buff, loved playing guitar, and was a gifted, prolific film photographer. He was the father of two surviving sons, Brandon Onward and Tristan Rouse.



Philip Rygg

Born 09/27/1947 - Died 05/28/1998

Philip was born September 27, 1947. He died May 28, 1998 in Englewood, CO, following complications from a swimming accident in Maui, Hawaii, on March 13, 1998. He grew up in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1965. He received a degree in economics and political science from Concordia College in 1969.

The U. S. Army trained him to be a medic and he served six years in the Montana National Guard. He began his real estate career in 1971, becoming a broker and owner of Whitefish Lake Realty/Rygg & Associates Realtors in 1973. He owned and operated Appraisal Research Group and Sterling Title Services in Kalispell. On October 12, 1973, he married Charlene Lytle.



Cheryl Sather

Born 06/01/1947 - Died 08/21/2004

Cheryl was born in Lac Qui Parle County, MN, on June 1, 1947. Cheryl passed away on August 21, 2004 at the Sioux Falls Hospital, the result of an automobile accident near Canby, MN. Cheryl was a 4th grade teacher at Hayes Elementary School in Fridley for 34 years.

Virginia Ruutla Skinner

Born 04/14/1942 - Died 03/13/1979

IN MEMORIAM



Virginia was born on April 14, 1942, in Ontonagon, MI to Viola and August Ruutla. Virginia married Michael Skinner on October 10, 1964, and made their home in Minneapolis. Virginia passed away on March 13, 1979. She leaves a son Robert and daughter Katherine.



Ruggles Stahn

Born 03/07/1947 - Died 02/01/1994

Ruggles was born in 1947 in Minnesota. Ruggles married Blair in 1974 in Arizona. Together they had 3 children. A physician with the Indian Health Services, Ruggles died in a plane crash with two other IHD doctors on February 1, 1994, enroute to Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in ND.



Kathryn Anderson Thoemmes

Born 10/06/1947 - Died 11/18/1996

Kathryn was born on October 6, 1947, in Minneapolis to George Tilford Anderson and Inez B. Anderson of Halstad, Minnesota. Following graduation, for several decades, she lived in several different towns in Southern and Northern California. She died in Sacramento, California in November 1996.

Timothy Tweeton

Born 07/05/1946 - Died 04/15/2018

IN MEMORIAM



Timothy passed away April 15, 2018, in Pheonix, AZ. He was born on July 5th, 1946, in Wadena, MN. He received his law degree from Arizona State University in 1972. He owned his own legal practice, where he worked to ensure that the legal system worked for everyone, regardless of means. He was an avid sports fan and often enjoyed playing golf, particularly with members of his family.



Gordon Weiss

Born 02/03/1947 - Died 12/01/1992

Gordon was born February 3, 1947, in Brainerd, MN, and died December 1, 1992. He grew up in rural Pine River and graduated from Pine River High School. He attended Brainerd Junior College and graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead. On July 22, 1967, he married Patricia Thiers in Pine River. They resided in rural Isanti while Gordon worked as a trucker and construction worker in the Twin Cities area. He was very active in the community and as a member of Faith Lutheran Church. His active role at Faith Lutheran compelled him to enter the Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. In September of 1991, he received and accepted a call as an intern pastor at First Lutheran Church in Harris.



Theodore Wickoff

Born 11/30/1947 - Died 12/03/1987

Theodore was born on November 30, 1947, in Minneapolis, MN. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam war and is buried at Fort Snelling, MN. He passed away on December 3, 1987.

We remember our deceased classmates who started but did not
finish with our class.

Sharon (Matson) Burgeson: Born 5/12/1947 - Died 1/18/2007

Leo Chambers: Born 9/15/1947 - Died 12/13/2012

Dagny (Clausen) Aleccia: Born 5/12/1947 - Died 8/17/2003

Karen (Halseth) Donahue: Born 5/26/1947 - Died 9/29/2003

Ronald Duda: Born 11/7/1946 - Died 12/4/1992

Mark Engelstad: Born 6/10/1947 - Died 5/27/2004

Debbra (Payne) Fremstad: Born 12/6/1947 - Died 12/31/2005

Marilyn Gorder

Terry Heil: Born 11/19/1947 - Died 3/24/1994

Dana House: Born 1/19/1947 - Died 1/14/2019

Cynthia (Walstrom) House: Born 2/22/1947 - Died 1/14/2019

Nancy (Larsen) Hudoba: Born 3/11/1947 - Died 2/24/2016

Nancy (Richman) Kohler: Born 3/5/1947 - Died 3/13/1999

Jeffrey Livingston: Born 9/26/1946 - Died 7/11/2016

Mary (Lundberg) Lundell: Born 12/9/1947

Thomas Meagher: Born 8/8/1947 - Died 11/8/1997

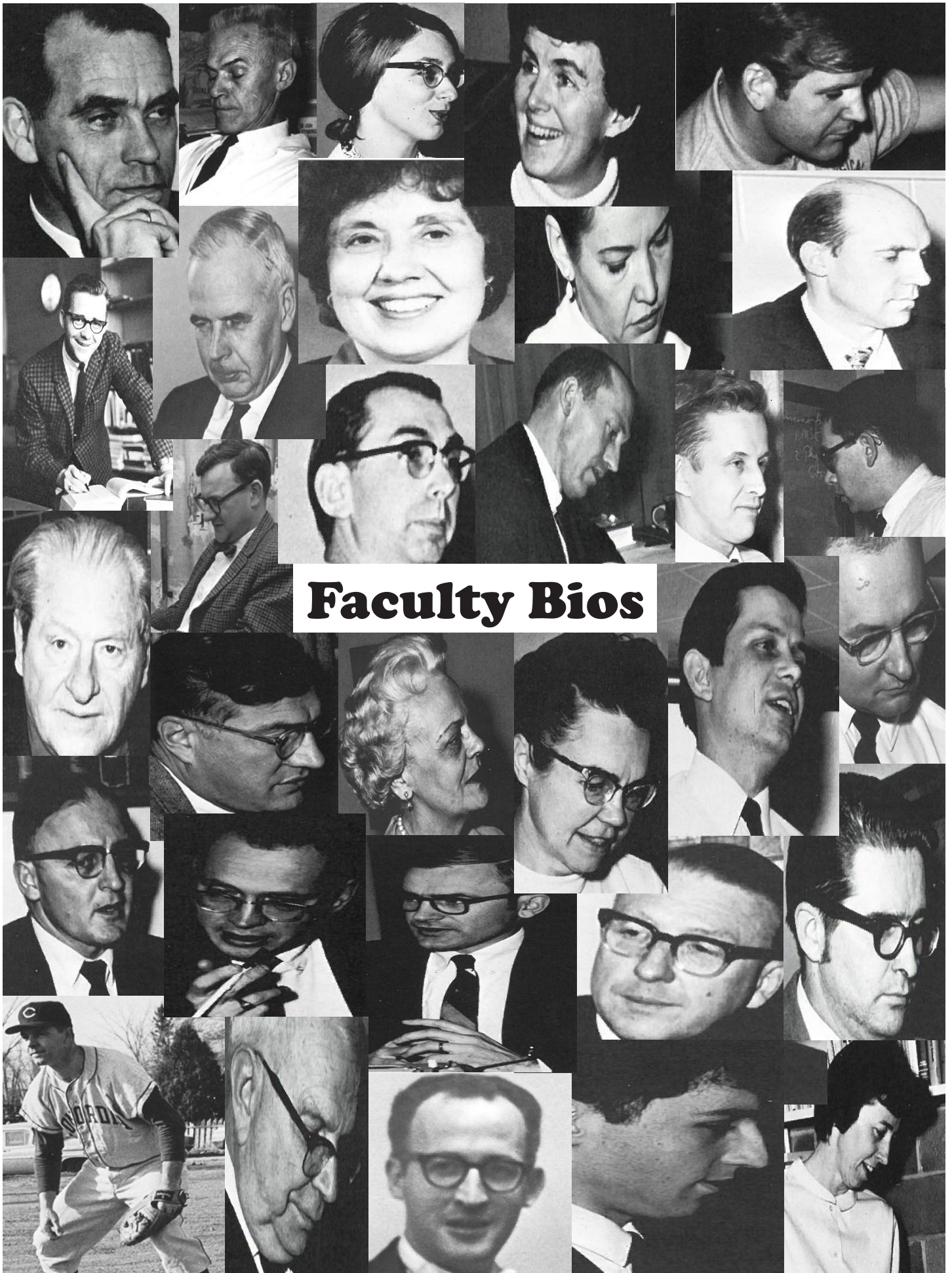
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John Runquist: Born 6/1/1947 - Died 3/1/2018

David Tangen: Born 5/22/1947 - Died 11/16/2000

William Tjenstrom: Born 12/26/1947 - Died 1/18/1997

*“We thank our God in all our remembrance of you”
Philippians 1:3*



Dr. Verlyn Anderson

Department: Library, History, Scandinavian Studies
Years at Concordia: 1962-1998
Current Home: Moorhead, MN
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I grew up on the Otter Tail County farm that my great-grandparents had homesteaded. I graduated from Concordia College in 1956 and earned three advanced degrees at the University of Minnesota: Master's degrees in English and in Library science and a Ph.D. in American Studies.

Before joining the faculty at Concordia College in 1962, I taught high school English and Latin and was a school librarian in Hawley and in Waconia, Minnesota. During my first four years on the Concordia faculty, I was the Acquisitions Librarian. During my 1966-68 academic leave, I attended the University of Minnesota pursuing my doctorate. After returning to the Concordia faculty, I was promoted to Director of the Ylvisaker Library, a position that I held until my retirement in 1998. During that time I also held the joint appointment of professor of Scandinavian Studies.

The Ylvisaker Library was built in 1955. The small library collection was moved from the basement of Fjelsstad Hall into the new facility in January, 1956. You probably remember the large unstaffed room with sixteen, 8-place tables and alcoves that housed the reference collection. The students of your generation were sufficiently disciplined so that it was a favorite study area. There was a marked change in the behavior of the students of the '70s – that room became what we librarians called "The Zoo!" When an addition to the library was built in the late '70s, that room became the Reference/Research Room, those large tables were replaced by individual study carrels and small tables and a reference desk staffed by a librarian. Your generation was apparently better disciplined than the students of the next generations. That is a difference that we librarians certainly noticed in the behavior of the students.

Reviewing my tenure as Concordia's library director, there were two major challenges that I faced. The first was the critical need for more space for student researchers and more space for the growing library collection. Those challenges were met when an addition to the library was completed in 1980. The second challenge was the computerization or automation of the library services – with on-line access to the college collection and to vast numbers of databases and research collections throughout the country. The library that you used during your college career is not the library that now services the research needs of today's students.

My fondest memory of my time at Concordia: Meeting my future wife, Evonne, in Dr. Storvick's second year Latin class!

Since retirement in 1998 I have lead many "Study Tours" to Norway for the Smithsonian Museums and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, both in Washington, D.C. In addition, my wife and I have a "Norwegian translation" service that we offer to people who find old family documents in the Norwegian language that they are not able to read - so we translate them into English so they can include that information in their family history documents that they are writing.

Charlie Basch

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Years at Concordia: 1962-1968

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Prior to joining the Concordia faculty in 1962, Charlie Basch had made a name for himself as a versatile, exceptional all-around high school, college and professional athlete. Lefty Smith, legendary South St. Paul and University of Notre Dame hockey coach, called Charlie “the greatest all-around athlete to ever come out of South St. Paul” where he excelled at football, basketball and baseball. Following high school graduation in 1943, Charlie attended NDSU for a year, earning all-conference honors in football before deciding to give pro baseball a try. He signed with the Boston Braves playing centerfield for Ft. Lauderdale in the competitive Class C Florida International League; however, his pro baseball career was cut short by a broken ankle. After recovering from his injury, Charlie served as a signal man on a landing craft in the U.S. Navy and was involved in the invasion of Okinawa.

He planned on returning to NDSU to play football, but NCAA rules prohibited that because he had played pro baseball. Instead he enrolled at Concordia where he excelled in football, basketball, baseball and hockey from 1946-50. After graduating in education, Charlie taught and coached at Wahpeton, North Dakota, for a year and Moose Lake, Minnesota, for three years before moving to Alexandria, Minnesota, in 1956 where over the next several years he developed some of the state’s top prep football teams including an undefeated team in 1959.

In 1962, Charlie returned to Concordia where he coached hockey and baseball and assisted in football helping guide the Cobbers to the NAIA National Championship in 1964.

Charlie earned a master’s degree in 1965 and in the fall of 1968 went to St. Cloud State where he assisted in baseball and football for ten years and served as the head hockey coach through 1984. At St. Cloud Charlie nurtured hockey from an outdoor sport where he took care of the rink to competing in the NCAA DII/DIII Western Division Playoffs in 1979-80 and 1980-81. He served on the NCAA hockey rules committee for several years and was among a group of college hockey coaches who formed the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) in 1981-82 which promoted the college game at the Division II/III level and was instrumental in helping develop an NCAA national championship for DII and DIII schools. In 1982 Charlie received the Founder’s Award from the American Hockey Coaches Association and in 1984 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the NCAA.

Charlie retired from hockey coaching following the 1984 season but remained on the faculty at St. Cloud until his retirement in 1991. In 1988, Charlie was inducted into the Concordia Athletic Hall of Fame for his prowess as a four sport athlete and his contributions as a coach in three sports. In 2011 he was inducted into the St. Cloud State Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions as a faculty member, baseball and football assistant and hockey coach. Charlie is currently 93 years old and resides in St. Cloud, MN.

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Jim Christopherson

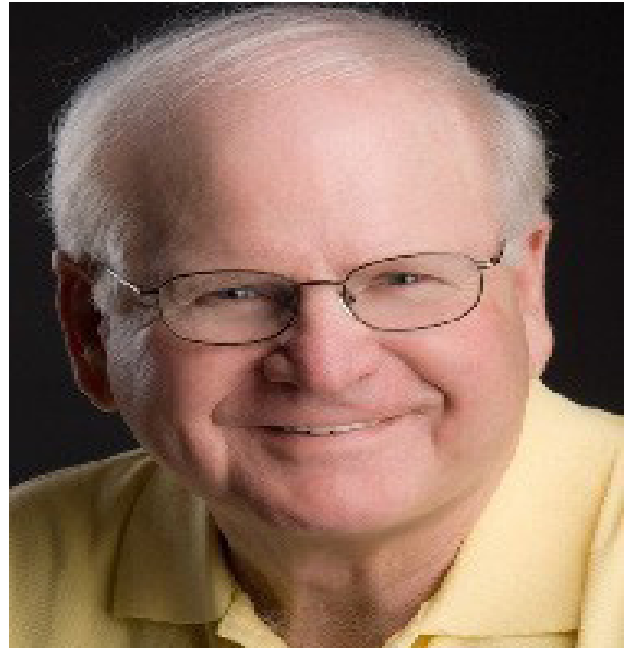
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In the fall of 1964, I accepted the position of Defensive Coordinator for the legendary Jake Christiansen on the Concordia football staff. We had no idea that we would end up playing Sam Houston State (Texas) for the National Championship in December. Not only did we end up as champions, but Coach Jake was honored as the National Coach of the Year.

Fast forward to the fall of 1968 (your senior year) when Concordia had a new football stadium and locker room. This was done in less than two years. We went from playing in a stadium with wood bleachers and dressing in the basement of the field house to the present facilities with new artificial turf and state-of-the-art locker rooms.

What a privilege it has been to learn from my mentor for five years and then lead the program in the subsequent thirty-two years after he retired. We have had many victories and championships because of numerous great players and coaches. Winning has always been a high goal and the mission of our program was in line with Concordia's over-all mission "to send into society thoughtful and informed young men dedicated to the Christian life."

Congratulations to the class of 1969 on celebrating your 50th Reunion! I hope the memories of your years were enhanced by the efforts of the football Cobbers during those magical fall football seasons.

My wife Sandy (teacher for 25 years) and I retired in 2000 and along with our adult children, Reid, Heather and spouses have watched our family grow to include seven grandchildren. We have enjoyed watching all their various activities and developing careers. Sandy and I, in the meantime, volunteer in several groups both in the community and church; continue to travel both within the US and overseas; cross country and downhill ski, walk and bike along with sailing, fishing and hunting at our lake home on East Battle Lake.

We look forward to seeing many of you at homecoming this fall to reflect on those wonderful years at Concordia. II Corinthians 5:20

Soli Deo Gloria,
Jim Christopherson

Dr. James E. Coomber

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Years at Concordia: 1966-2012

Current Home: Moorhead, MN

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In the fall of 1966 I came to Concordia having just finished my M.A. in English at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Concordia was my first teaching position. I was twenty-four. Fifty-three years later, I'm just as pleased now that Concordia hired me as I was then. Hopefully life has been good to you, too.

I've truly enjoyed working with Concordia students both in and out of class. Seeing students enhance their communications and critical reading skills has been truly satisfying. Remember those Saturday-morning classes that started at 7:50 AM—and some students coming to class in their pajamas? Those Saturday classes were phased prior to your graduation. My wife, Eleanor, and I chaperoned weekend camping outings, canoeing trips, and banquets. We also chaperoned the first official Concordia dance at the YMCA in the fall of 1968. I was also blessed with wonderful colleagues in the English Department who mentored and encouraged me in many ways.

What's happened since? In 1972 I finished my Ph.D. at Wisconsin and after that taught not only at Concordia but also worked extensively with teachers in the area, including chairing our annual Concordia Conference on Reading and Writing, which drew as many as five hundred teachers to our campus each year. I chaired the English Department for three terms and later served as chair for the Division of Literature, Languages, and Cultures. I have also taught as visiting or adjunct faculty at the University of Calgary, North Dakota State University and Hamline University. I retired from Concordia in 2012 but continue to teach an internet course in applied linguistics through NDSU.

With Howard Peet of NDSU, I co-authored *Wordskills*, a series of vocabulary-spelling texts published by Houghton Mifflin for grades 6-12. Sheldon Green of Concordia and I co-authored two books with North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies: *Magnificent Churches on the Prairie: A Story of Immigrant Priests, Builders, and Homesteaders*; and *Unwanted Bread: The Challenge of Farming and Ranching on the Northern Plains*.

Eleanor and I are proud of our two children and two grandchildren, whom we visit in Iowa and Washington State. We continue living in Moorhead.

Since 1969, Concordia has seen a lot of changes, but this fall I believe you will still find the friendliness and community feeling much the same. I look forward to your reunion and the opportunity to renew acquaintances and share memories and stories.

Dr. Paul Dovre

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My career at Concordia began in 1963, two years before your arrival on campus. Enrollment was strong, excellent additions were being made to the faculty, and the sense of momentum was palpable. As a new faculty member, I was encouraged to lead and innovate and reform, all of which I did in the company of a group of “young Turk” faculty members. Dean Carl Bailey was wise and subtle in giving us encouragement and room to move.

Most of our students were from the rural heartland, farms and small towns, not culturally or intellectually sophisticated but ready to work hard. I was the director of forensics and together with about a dozen students, we built a formidable debate program.

1963 was the beginning of a social, political, and cultural awakening in America. I recall the March on Washington and Martin Luther King Jr.’s soaring rhetoric. History professor Martin Lutter attended the event and told us about the experience at chapel. With grant assistance we hosted many distinguished academics, politicians, and civil rights activists on campus. We began an exchange program with Virginia Union University, a historically Black school. It was a time of transformation for many of us. The war in Viet Nam became increasingly controversial through your four years, and there were mass protests around the country, draft resistance movements and mounting war casualties. As we recall, it cost LBJ the presidency. Alongside these developments was the beginning of student efforts to be more fully involved in campus governance and to modify long standing in loco parentis practices, a movement which would continue apace on campuses across the country. And while President Knutson found many of these developments unsettling, he stayed our course around mission and ensured that every voice would have a chance to be heard.

I think of your generation as a “crucible generation” given the dynamic agendas noted above. The principles you brought with you to college were under assault, and you reacted in a variety of ways. But what framed the experience of your Concordia generation was the college’s bedrock mission; the call to be responsible, engaged and faithful. The crucible experience was a challenge, but as I have observed your life journeys, it is clear that the mission “stuck.”

Soli Deo Gloria

Dr. Hiram Drache

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Years at Concordia: 1952-1991

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Hiram Drache was a professor of history at Concordia for nearly 40 years. He grew up in a small farming town in Minnesota and graduated from Owatonna, Minnesota High School. After combat in World War II as a B-17 lead navigator, he began his academic career earning a B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus, an M.A. from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Dakota. He worked in various businesses, purchasing his first farm in 1950. He and his wife, Ada, farmed for 31 years.

In addition to farming and teaching history, Dr. Drache is the author of 17 books, and he's not done yet. He plans to publish two more: *Innovators and Entrepreneurs of the Northern Plains* and the last, *Retrospect*, a look back at his entire body of work and his multiple careers. Ada Drache is an integral part of Dr. Drache's career; she serves a dual role on each book – editor and copy editor. Dr. Drache has lectured nationally and internationally, giving more than 1,000 speeches in 36 states, six Canadian provinces, Australia, England, Germany and Norway.

After teaching two years at his home high school in Owatonna, 1950-1952, he resigned to work on a master's degree so he could get into college teaching. He specifically told the placement bureau he wanted to teach at a church-related college. That took place on a Friday afternoon. At 9:00 a.m. the following Monday, Concordia called asking for someone with the courses that Dr. Drache had specialized in. Ada and Hiram both took that as a good omen, and have felt that to this day.

One of the funniest memories he recalls was the day he wore an eight-colored shirt. When he came to his second class, which was in another room in Old Main, the lights were turned off and all the blinds were pulled. That was a jolly way to start class. Dr. Drache gave that shirt to a fundraiser and later saw it on campus.

Hiram Drache fought getting into teaching even though he had some great teachers from grade school up and had quit it twice. He finally realized what was wrong when a chiropractor he was going to told me after he had been coming to him every Friday after work for nearly two years, "If you would go where the Lord wants you, you would not have to come here every Friday." In the mail that day there was a letter from Harding Noblitt saying, "Your former position has opened and I have a feeling you might be interested." As Ada read the letter she said she was mentally packing up. Dr. Drache has said many times that Concordia is the best place one could be outside of Heaven!

Dr. DuWain Fagerstrom

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Years at Concordia: 1956-1991

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I was born in Valley City, ND, on March 9, 1926. Our family farm was located three miles south of Valley City, but in 1936, the dust bowl and grasshoppers helped my parents decide to move to the city.

On June 4, 1944, I graduated from Valley City High School, and on June 27, 1944, was requested by the President to report to the Farragut Idaho Naval Base. I spent seventeen months on a destroyer touring the Pacific Ocean including bombarding Iwo Jima and Okinawa and doing picket duty off Okinawa.

In 1950, I earned a BS from Valley City State; in 1955, a Master's from UND; in 1972, a Doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado. I taught at Fertile, MN, 1950-51 and at Grand Forks Central High School 1952-55 teaching Business Education courses. I married Delores Skrien in 1951, and we have three wonderful children, Mary, Jane, and Joel.

I spent many summers working with the Freshman Orientation Program where prospective students and parents could come to Minneapolis, Great Falls, Williston and Moorhead to register for the fall classes. It was a great opportunity to stress the greatness of Concordia.

One of the most satisfying things about teaching at Concordia was watching the shy, young, immature freshmen blossom into mature, confident, capable individuals who were all talented enough to enable them to actively participate in local, state, and national affairs. I think that the students I had in class in 1956 were just as intelligent and capable as the students in class in 1991, but the 1991 students seemed to be more well-rounded and more versed in world affairs.

Computers were just coming onto prominence when I retired. However in 1968 I did teach the first data processing class at Concordia. Key punching cards, interpreting cards, sorting cards, and printing the cards was the beginning of the computer age.

When I arrived at Concordia in 1956, the college was governed by the President along with the Board of Regents with very little student input. When I retired in 1991, the students were more involved and had much more input in the decisions made by the college. Personally I do not agree with all the changes.

After I retired, I volunteered three mornings a week for eighteen years at the Emergency Food Pantry in Fargo. Volunteering is good for one's physical and mental health.

Soli Deo Gloria.

Dr. Carol Falk and Dr. Laurence Falk

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Memory becomes quite selective at my age, but I think that I have a sufficient supply of relevant information to formulate a reasonable narrative of my experiences. I will include some info. about my spouse, Dr. Carol Falk, who died in January of 2009. She was a professor in the English Department from 1965 until 1994.

I came to Concordia College as an Assistant Professor of Sociology in 1962 after completing my Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska Lincoln where I served as a student assistant for three years. Prior to that, I was an instructor of aircraft and engine mechanics in the Air Force during the Korean War. Then followed seminary completion, ordination and serving as pastor in the Evangelical United Brethren Church (now joined with the Methodist Church).

During your time, students at Concordia reflected on social concerns following the assassination of President Kennedy and the ongoing Vietnam War, though restlessness was not as pronounced as on some other campuses. Student action would peak on Concordia campus during the 1970-71 year. Racial tension was building during these years. The Lutheran Church embarked on a program of trans-racial adoption during your years there that included Caucasian couples adopting Black and Native American children. That concerned me since little was known about the outcome of such adoptions. During 1967-68, I took a sabbatical to study the matter, and my findings created quite a stir among welfare agencies, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran. Without my knowledge, representatives of publications Lutheran Welfare and Children met to determine what parts of my findings they would each publish. However, as a sociologist I was rather accustomed to being in the midst of controversy.

Against my wishes, I was soon appointed chair of the Sociology and Social Work Department, altogether I served 17 years in that position. Carol Falk completed her B.A. degree at Concordia in 1964 and took a year to complete her M.A. in English in 1964-65 at NDSU. She became a member of the Concordia English Department that autumn. Consequently she completed her Ph.D. in English Literature at UND in 1970.

Early on I was asked to formulate a questionnaire that was to be sent to a sample of alumni. Prexy Joe directed that the questionnaire be sent to all alumni. We learned later that Harvard did a similar survey bragging about their accomplishment. A Concordia administrator commented that we were simply too quiet about our survey.

I certainly remember Connie Farden Friesen as she was the daughter of Dr. Raymond Farden, Chair of the Sociology Department when I came to Concordia. I also remember her being interviewed on national television following the 9-11 disaster as her office was on a lower floor of one of the twin towers. She returned to Concordia to speak about the Supreme Court nomination process.

I taught family courses throughout my tenure at Concordia, classes that I loved to teach. Also I team-taught a world population course with Roger Spilde (Economics Department), a unique course enduring through my Concordia time. Roger was the first to welcome me on campus and the last to say goodbye while helping me load a U-Haul when departing. Another course that I enjoyed teaching for 20 years was Human Sexuality. Very little textual literature existed when I began teaching the course, but a number of excellent texts were available when I retired.

Student restlessness was building during your Concordia years and peaked in the 1970-71 academic year. In response to student concerns, the administration formed the Student Affairs Committee. It consisted of three administrators, three faculty and three students—I was appointed its chair. We wrote the first Student Rights Document with final approval granted by Prexy Joe. The question of dancing on campus was passed on to this committee with the vote splitting at four opposed and four approving. As chair, it fell to me to break the tie, and I voted for campus dancing. So I can say that I was responsible for student dancing coming to campus in 1969 although personally I was incapable of adequate dance performance.

During first semester in 1970, Prexy Joe cancelled the Concordian as it carried an advertisement that he objected to. Morris Lanning, dean of students, called me at home on Sunday warning me of what happened. Student rebellion was occurring nationwide, so Lanning wanted me to be prepared as the Student Affairs Committee would need to deal with it. And we did for 22 hours the following week. Students wanted their paper back, so I asked the Concordian editor, a member of the committee, if he would resign if guaranteed “due process.” He did, and another editor was found. So tensions on campus subsided. Tensions were high as I overheard students discussing protest measures including occupying the administration offices and even torching buildings. I was totally “burned out” following this year and accepted appointment to the Sociology Department at Moorhead State to “help straighten out their department.” After two years, Paul Dovre (the soon to become Concordia’s president) invited me back to Concordia where I remained until retirement. Carol, who had received tenure by this time, said I needed to return to “help fight for gender equality on campus.” At this time, Concordia was seriously analyzing gender equality among faculty. I add that soon after arriving at Concordia I embarked on a comparative study of single and married students. Administrators felt that married students were more distracted in their studies. My findings found this untrue and were published in the Journal of Marriage and Family and reviewed in Cosmopolitan.

In my 1973 meeting with Paul Dovre, I indicated that if I returned to Concordia my efforts would be directed toward administrator evaluation since students and faculty were evaluated. He agreed, and two years later we were evaluating administrators. The administration and faculty frequently called on me to serve on committees that numbered seven at one time. One committee was tasked with forming a new faculty evaluation form. That became so intense that the student member suffered a stroke, a faculty member resigned, and the committee chair became ill. I became the new chair.

Carol concentrated on getting the campus involved with computer use in writing. The chair of the English Department (James Coomber) wrote at Carol’s death, “It was she ... who helped us see the possibilities of computers....but she also appreciated our reluctance with this new invention and assured us that nothing we uptight beginners would do would blow these machines up!” She had been using computers since the days when the Univac (Remington Rand) attempted to predict the Dewey-Truman election.

I experienced many high and low points during my Concordia years. Certainly one high point was the student body awarding me the “Congeniality Award” following the closing of the Concordian affair. When Dr. Gring (dean) left Concordia to become president of another Lutheran college, he asked me why I had not applied for a deanship at some college. My answer was, “My role in life is not to be a dean, but to harass deans.”

Carol and I retired from Concordia in 1994 and moved to Nebraska City. We joined several organizations and were well known in the community almost immediately. Carol took up quilting and received the “Best of Show” award at the Nebraska State Fair for her first quilt. She never looked back, and I have a wall filled with her ribbons and answer requests for her quilts to be displayed. I continued to write papers and present them at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings until two years ago and am on the board of several organizations. I have received three community awards for my voluntary work here. One was a “Harmony Award”; can you imagine. I have tended to think of my work as frequently being disharmonious. My hobby of finding and identifying birds, beginning in Moorhead in the early 70’s, continues unabated as a means of making new friends –human and feathered. For a number of years I have participated as a presenter to a local leadership program. After all my years as a sociologist, my advice to these potential leaders is simply “Do your thing, and do it well.”

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Hello, Class of '69!

When I graduated from Carleton, I found a job at the Minneapolis Institute of Art in the print department, and this inspired me to go on to graduate school in art history. I went to the Institute of Fine Arts at NYU for a year then transferred to Bryn Mawr College to study with a leading professor of Oriental Art. After my marriage, we moved to Cambridge, Mass. for two years, while my husband was completing his doctorate in English at Harvard, and I had the “dream job” for an art historian, a curatorship in the Oriental Art department at Harvard’s Fogg Art Museum.

We came back to Moorhead for my husband’s job teaching at Moorhead State in 1952, had a son, and when he was eight, we three spent a year in Europe on my husband’s Sabbatical. After the Sabbatical, Cy Running, who was head of Concordia’s art department, asked me if I would be interested in teaching art history part-time. I was not at all sure I could be a teacher, but my husband sort of talked me into trying it. While you were at Concordia, all the art classes, studio and lecture, were held in the Berg Art Center (formerly the college’s gym, I understand). I found I liked teaching, and I liked my students a lot. In 1968, when the college started a “May Seminar in Europe” program, I took my art history students to London, Paris, and Italy, the first of many years of art history May Seminars. Later I included Greece as well.

Also in 1968, to my surprise (really!) I was suddenly made full-time, given tenure and asked to be chairman of the art department. I remained chairman until I retired in 1987.

I remember I used to be very formal in the classroom. I called you “Miss” or “Mister” and your last name, and I think I demanded quite a lot of you. Moreover, you responded!

I think in order to like teaching, you have to love your subject and want to make your students love it, too. In addition, the rewards for the teacher are many—especially if when you see them years later, they tell you that their art history course had an effect on their lives.

Dr. James Haney

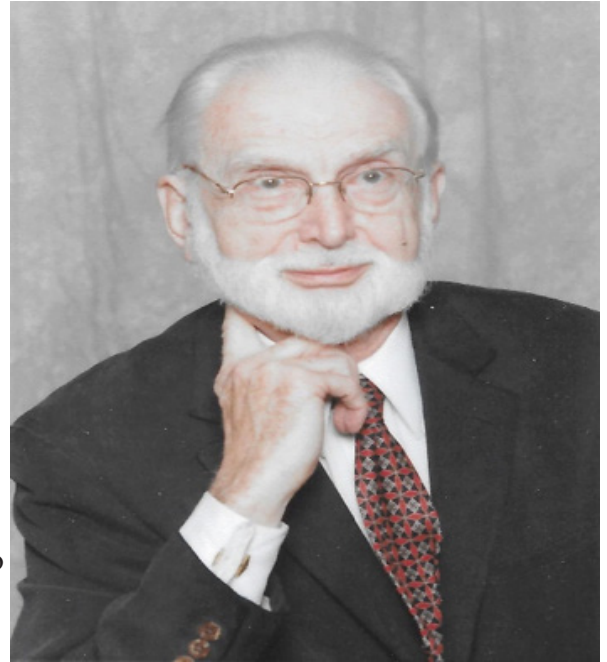
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Reared in the foothills of North Carolina's Blue Ridge, in a family of farmers and teachers, I left to earn academic degrees from UNC at Chapel Hill (1954), The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1958), and Yale University (Ph.D., 1967). Later, post-doctoral studies in Eastern Orthodox Christianity took me to Oxford University (1973) and Durham University (1981). Prior to joining the Religion Department at Concordia College in 1965, I was ordained a pastor in the Lutheran Church, served as vicar for one year in US Virgin Islands and three years as a pastor in Ithaca, NY.

In my early years at Concordia, my teaching focused on American Christianity but later on Eastern Orthodoxy and the History of Christian Worship. After teaching for thirty-two years at Concordia, including a stint as departmental chair, I retired in 1997 but was invited to return in 1999 for another two years.

During my first two years at Concordia I completed a doctoral dissertation on a nineteenth century Lutheran theologian, and in later years I published a book on a monastic who extended Russian Orthodoxy to southern Siberia. While historical research was fascinating, my primary interest was teaching. Throughout the years I was stimulated by a host of students with sharp, inquiring intellects and a spiritual liveliness that led me to expand my own horizons. From colleagues at other institutions, I learned how privileged I was to be at Concordia among so many highly motivated students. In later years, of course, the shrinking job market made it less easy to engage students in sustained academic exploration—at least in the history of Christianity. From the late 1960s through my final semester teaching honor students in Crete, I had the opportunity to lead study abroad programs in Western Europe, the Middle East and Russia. Those were special teaching moments for me as I encouraged students to engage with unfamiliar cultures that resulted in unanticipated intellectual and spiritual growth—and, not incidentally, my own education!

Retirement to my ancestral home in North Carolina led to some shift in activities. The restoration of a log cabin and two nineteenth century family homes (one for my son, and one for myself) has been completed. Research has resulted in publications on the county's first industry (gold mining), public education, a pictorial county history and a history of the 195 year-old Lutheran congregation where I am active. At the end of 2016 I concluded an eight-year tenure as Board Chair for The Historic Carson House (an 18th century plantation museum.). It is time for new ventures.

Best wishes to those of you who were my students—and to all of you in the class of 1969.

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J. Robert Hanson is a 1951 graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. His graduate study at the University of Iowa includes the completion of an M.A. in Music Education, an M.F.A. in Trumpet Performance and a Ph.D. in Composition. He taught at the University of Iowa and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee before joining the music faculty at Concordia College in 1966. He conducted the Concordia College Band for eight years and was the founder and conductor of the Concordia College Orchestra from 1967 until his retirement in 1995.

Dr. Hanson was also the conductor of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra from 1974 to 1990. During his tenure, the symphony received four ASCAP awards for “Adventuresome Programing of Contemporary Music.” Dr. Hanson has an extensive background in performance which included playing principal trumpet with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

As a composer, he has written works for orchestra, band and other instrumental and vocal ensembles. In 1992, Dr. Hanson composed “To God Alone the Glory, For Soprano, Chorus and Orchestra.” The work was written in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Concordia College.

Works for band include: Jubilee, Fanfare Prelude: O How Shall I Receive Thee, Chorale and Toccata, Variations on a Scandinavian Sailor’s Song, Red River of the North 1997, Norge mit Norge and The Heart of Minnesota Suite.

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Gerald Heuer graduated from Concordia in 1951, earned his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota- Minneapolis in 1958, and has been on the faculty at Concordia since 1956. His favorite courses to teach were real analysis, complex analysis, and post-calculus probability and statistics. He retired from teaching in 1995 but has been active in mathematical pursuits as Mathematician in Residence since then.

His career as a mathematician has taken him several times around the world. He taught at summer institutes for teachers in India in the summers of 1967 and 1968, spent a year at University of California-Berkeley in 1966-67 as post-doctoral NSF Science Faculty Fellow, spent sabbatical years at Washington State University, University of Cologne, Germany, in 1973-74, and University of Graz in Austria in 1987-88. His research collaboration with a mathematician at Uni Graz led to his being invited back, and over the period from 1987 to 1997 he spent five semesters as visiting professor at the Karl Franzens University of Graz.

Dr. Heuer has always been active in problems sections of The American Mathematical Monthly, Mathematics Magazine and other journals. He served a three year term on the Questions Committee for the Putnam Competition, as grader for the Putnam several times, and as Director of the Training Session for the USA team in the International Mathematical Olympiad and leader of the USA delegation to the IMO in the summers of 1988, 1989 and 1990 in Canberra, Australia, Braunschweig, Germany, and Beijing, China respectively. During the past twenty-four years he has drawn up problems and graded papers for two to five regional intercollegiate mathematics competitions each year including the North Central Section Team Competition every year.

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My dad taught at Concordia for 30 years. He loved every minute of it—especially interacting with students. He is 93 now and doing well though not writing much these days. I talked with him about the questions that were sent me. It was fun to hear him reminisce. He started teaching at Concordia in 1964 so the class of 1969 was at the beginning of his career. He came to Concordia after ten years as a parish pastor in Brooklyn, NY. While in New York, he got his Ph.D. at New York University before coming back to Concordia.

A big memory for him was the seminar he took to New York City that drew on his experience there. He loved that class. For him it was a chance to probe the ethics of the vexing problems of cities in America. He especially enjoyed connecting Cobblers to leaders in New York City. I went along on one trip and remember a session with New York mayor John Lindsay. Lindsay was a quintessential urbane leader trying to make the city work. He also had students meet with Adam Clayton Powell, a leading black minister and politician. In our conversation, he remembered visiting Night Court which was an arraignment court that met at night to reduce the backlog of cases. In recent years shows like “Law & Order” have made the Manhattan night court better known. This seminar was a chance for Concordia students to experience the criminal justice system first hand.

He also enjoyed teaching on campus. He was very fond of his students and especially enjoyed class discussions. Those years in the 60s were of course pretty intense. He liked to discuss difficult issues like poverty, war and civil rights. The Fargo-Moorhead newspaper, THE FORUM, interviewed him when he retired. They quoted him saying that he thought the purpose of college was to ask hard, controversial questions. He remembers lots of great discussion in those early classes around 1969.

I asked him about words of wisdom for the Class of 1969 at its 50th reunion. Throughout his career, his favorite idea has been that we are an “Easter People in a Good Friday World.” That illumines the way he wanted to confront the troublesome challenges of the world but always with a sense of hope that was rooted in his faith. He sends greetings to all members of the Class of 1969.

Written by his son Dan Hofrenning ‘80

Dr. Joan Hult

Department: Phy Ed/Health/Coach

Years at Concordia: 1958-1968

Dr. Hult started women's intercollegiate athletics at Concordia in 1958 when she invited two other local colleges for "sports days." Dr. Hult recalls that they did several sports in those first few years including volleyball, basketball, softball, gymnastics and tennis. By 1968 the women's athletic group was a part of the Minn-Kota Conference which was one of the first five women's athletic conferences in the nation and had grown to nine teams.

The first decade of women's athletics at Concordia was quite different from today. Dr. Hult recruited most of her athletes from her physical education classes. Even with a lack of funding and support, the women's athletics programs made great strides forward. What had started as "play dates" expanded to women's tournaments held all over the state.



Dr. Hult grew up in Gary, Indiana and developed her interest in sports when she was sent to the playground with her brother. Her brother taught her how to play various sports including basketball and the jump shot. She was recruited to play semi-pro basketball in Chicago and used that expertise to give her student-athletes an experience not many female coaches could provide at that time. Dr. Hult stressed the values of good coaching and being competitive.

She said "I loved being at Concordia. I felt accepted as a fellow teacher and not as a woman teacher." She enjoyed a very collegial relationship with the other members of the athletic department. She finished her PhD at the University of Southern California in 1967 and left Concordia in 1968 for warmer weather. She said, "Except for the weather, I might have spent my whole career at Concordia. We shared the same Christian values."

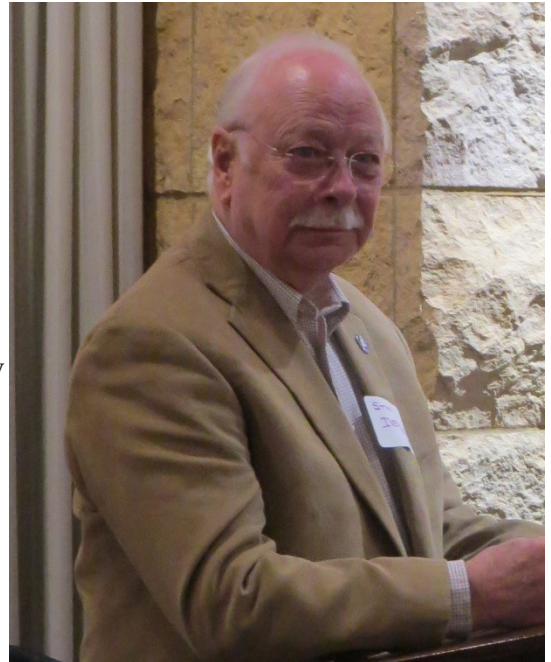
Dr. Hult is the first woman inducted into the Concordia Athletic Hall of Fame. For Dr. Hult, it wasn't about her personal accomplishment, "it was about the recognition that women's sports matter and that they should be part of the scene."

After leaving Concordia, Dr. Hult worked behind the scenes in Washington D.C. for the passage of Title IX. She was selected to be an advisor to the US Olympic Committee for the 1972 Olympic games in Munich, Germany. She is a professor emerita at the University of Maryland. Also, her love for the game of basketball and her extensive knowledge of the history of women's basketball led her to publish the book "A Century of Women's Basketball: From Frailty to Final Four."

Based on a profile written in January 2008 for the celebration of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) 25th Anniversary of Women's Athletics and an interview conducted by Mark Budd in February 2017.

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Congratulations class of 1969! You have made it to that half-century mark! Although I was with you only for the 1965-1966 academic year, it was a memorable year for me. It was my first year of college teaching after two years at Phoenix Union High School. (Yes, I moved from Arizona to Minnesota.) After three more years of graduate work at Vanderbilt University, I returned to Concordia in 1969 and remained for a total of thirty-seven years. At Concordia I taught the following courses: Latin, New Testament Greek, Classical Mythology, Scandinavian Mythology, Scientific Terminology, and Roman History.

My wife Godela, a graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and I have been married for 45 years; she practiced medicine at Dakota Clinic, now Essentia. We have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Andrea and Eric, both Concordia grads and family live here in Moorhead. Margaret and Jon, both Vanderbilt grads and family live in Newport Beach, CA. It's nice to have Andrea and family here, but it's also nice to visit Margaret and family especially in February or March.

The Classical Studies Department has made some significant changes since your time. We formed a classical studies major/minor after a reconfiguration of our offerings. We continued our Latin teaching major and are very proud of our teachers in the schools and colleges. Through an addition of mythology and innovative teaching in first year Latin, we introduced many more students to the ancient world. From the one beginning Latin class we had when you were here, we had as many as six sections with approximately 180 students, and we had four to five faculty. Unfortunately, while emphasizing general introduction, we did not meet the requisite number of majors, and the department has been cut back to one or two faculty.

In 1977 I initiated the Concordia Latin Days, a 22-hour bonanza of written and oral academic challenges culminating in a toga awards banquet. This event for junior and senior high school students for forty years brought over 200 students per year to the campus. Again unfortunately, this event is too demanding for the smaller department and will now be hosted by the University of North Dakota.

I have many fond memories of that first year at Concordia. Some of you might have been in the Latin class that hid backstage in Old Main making me believe you had all left. That was also the year of great blizzards, and students came to class just to prove they could do it.

Thanks for the good times and great memories.

Dr. George Larson

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I had just turned twenty-six and was beginning my fourth year of teaching in the fall of 1965 when I taught around a hundred of you in four freshman English classes. This was the extent of my academic connection with you since I taught only first-year students during my first four years at Concordia although some of you did maintain contact outside of the classroom.

I was on leave from Concordia from the fall of 1966 until January of 1969 earning my doctorate in English literature from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, specializing in nineteenth-century English literature. Over the years I taught courses in that area—Romantic literature, Victorian literature, the English novel, Charles Dickens—as well as courses in freshman composition, introduction to literature and Russian literature in translation. I particularly enjoyed teaching novels—Jane Austen’s *Emma*, Charles Dickens’ *Bleak House* and *Our Mutual Friend*, and George Eliot’s *Middlemarch* are among the finest. I retired in the spring of 2005 after 43 years at Concordia.

My wife, Mary, a librarian at Concordia, and I enjoyed traveling over the years. We visited all fifty states, most of the Canadian provinces and fifty other countries. People often ask us about our favorite places.

That’s hard to answer since we enjoyed and learned from all our travels. Certainly New York, London, Paris, Vienna, Florence and Berlin are high on our list. But visits to Russia in 1973 (then the Soviet Union) and 2006 and to China in 1985 also created new interests and awareness in us.

I thoroughly enjoyed my years at Concordia. I appreciated the cultural environment the college nurtured in all the arts and tried to attend theater productions, art exhibitions, and music performances whenever possible. Talented students, of course, made all of these possible.

Bob Nick

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I graduated from Concordia in 1965 with degrees in biology and physical education. For the next few years, I taught biology lab classes and coached football at Concordia while taking night classes toward my Master's Degree in Administration at NDSU.



Once I received my Master's Degree, I moved to the Physical Education Department where I taught classes, coached football, basketball and tennis and was the Assistant Athletic Director. During this time, I began officiating football and basketball games at the high school level in North Dakota and Minnesota including refereeing state championship games in football and basketball in both North Dakota and Minnesota. I continued officiating for 30 some years. In 2006 I was inducted into the Concordia Athletic Hall of Fame as an athlete and as a coach. In 2009 I received the MIAC Distinguished Service Award. I retired in 2009 after 43 years of teaching and coaching at Concordia.

In 1972 I married Connie Braun, Cobber class of 1968. We have two children: Rob (Cobber class of 1999) and Alison (Cobber class of 2002). Since retirement Connie and I enjoy summers at our lake cabin. Summer has stretched from May to early October. Our children and three grandsons enjoy being with us at the lake. I love to fish and have enjoyed teaching my grandsons (Parker age 12, Jamison age 9, and Connor age 6) fishing techniques. Connie and I also enjoy winter travels to warmer places like Arizona and Florida. Many members of our family own Cobber rings: my dad; my wife and children including our daughter-in-law; Connie's sister, one of my sisters, my brother, his wife and their two daughters. I think that makes twelve, and I hope I didn't leave anyone out!

I hope you all enjoy the 50th anniversary of the year you graduated from the greatest little Lutheran college ever.

Dr. Carlton Paulson

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I joined the Concordia Biology Department in 1961 fresh out of graduate school and retired in 2000.

Obviously I enjoyed my years at Concordia and have always felt I could not have had a better career anywhere else. I enjoyed the interaction with students; being in science, I got to know them both in lecture and laboratory settings.

Throughout my years at Concordia, I can't say I noticed any great differences in my students as I always found them to be typically hardworking and willing to put in the time and effort necessary for success. One change that occurred in science teaching was an increasing emphasis on participation in student/faculty research projects. This was important for students but also for the faculty members in keeping them abreast of developments in their field. Many of these projects were conducted during the summer and students were actually paid for the time involved.

In my own case, I was stimulated to take part in the Concordia Faculty Leaves Program and spent one year in research at the University of Wisconsin, a semester at Cornell University in New York, and another at the University of Arizona in Tucson. These experiences were important in keeping me up-to-date and enthusiastic about my field, and I'm certain they had an impact on my teaching and also my relationships with students.

One thing your class might well remember was the class schedule which included Saturday morning classes. Fortunately these disappeared shortly before your graduation. Faculty were as enthusiastic about that as the students.

Dr. Paul Sponheim

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I taught at Concordia from 1961 to 1969 with time away for a year of research/writing (Kierkegaard, Denmark) and a year's guest professorship at the Lutheran seminary in Gettysburg, Pa.

From 1969 to 2008 I taught at Luther Seminary, St. Paul as a systematic theologian with a penchant for team-teaching with colleagues from other departments.

I was Cobber Lloyd Svendsbye's first academic dean at Luther Seminary but otherwise emphasized teaching and writing (ten books, several other co-authorships, many articles and book reviews). My book *Existing Before God: Søren Kierkegaard and the Human Venture* was published in 2017 (1517 Media, 2017) and was reviewed by Dr. George Connell of the Concordia philosophy department. In 2018 I published a memoir, *Learning on Life's Way: Remembering and Reflecting by a Teller of Tall Tales* (Wipf & Stock, 2018) in which I give considerable attention to my years at Concordia—as student (1949-1952) and faculty (1961-1969).

My wife (a Cobber as well, 1953—Nellie Hanson of Pelican Rapids) and I have two living sons, Rolf and Scott. Both are Concordia College products. We are glad they also reside in the Twin Cities.

In the 1960s, Concordia students were predominantly Caucasian with a northern European cultural background. Cy Running used to say perceptively that the freshmen showed up “with a little straw on their backs.” They could use some polishing. But they were often bright and curious. They had a genuineness about them and their eagerness to learn even held up through a three-course religion requirement. I enjoyed teaching future doctors, lawyers, Foreign Service officers, social workers and the like. When I moved to seminary teaching, I gained an older student population with a more settled vocational objective, but I missed the sense of exploration and vocational imagination. I hear that current students at Lutheran colleges are much more diverse and sensitive to pluralism. In my memoir I am particularly concerned with the issues of faith/unfaith/many faiths, reflecting my coming to some terms with pluralism as I knew it in my family and in the world at large.

A fond memory reaches back to a class in the library classroom my first quarter at Concordia. I was fresh out of the University of Chicago and only nine years out of my own Concordia student days. I had only twelve students in this elective with the unlikely subject of F.D.E. Schleiermacher's 751 page *The Christian Faith*. Schleiermacher is often called the father of liberal Protestant theology, and I wasn't at all sure how this would go. It was an unambiguous delight poring over Schleiermacher's pages with Dorcas Haanstad, Sharon Blessum, Vince Lindstrom, M. Darroll Bryant, Marcus Borg and the like. Many more thrilling hours followed in classrooms old (Cobber Hall) and new (the Science building).

Words of Wisdom in this pluralistic time? *Soli Deo Gloria* indeed, for God has a pretty big operation going in this world. Let us not underestimate the dexterity of the God who is the Creator of us all.

Events During Our College Years

1965

Jan 29 - Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) organizes the first Vietnam War teach-in.

Feb 24 - Malcolm X shot to death at a Harlem rally.

Feb - Luciano Pavarotti makes his American debut with the Greater Miami Opera.

Mar 8 - The first U.S. combat troops arrive in Vietnam, joining 23, 000 U.S. military advisors.

Aug 6 - The Voting Rights Act signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Aug 11 - Six days of unrest broke out in the Watts area of Los Angeles, resulting in 34 deaths.

Aug 15 - The Beatles play a live concert at Shea Stadium.

Dec 4 - The Grateful Dead, newly so named, play their first concert in San Jose, CA.

Dec 31 - American troops in Vietnam rise to around 185,000 by year's end.



Movies and books: Dr. Zhivago, Sound of Music, Unsafe at Any Speed by Ralph Nader, Ariel: The Uncollected Poetry by Sylvia Plath, Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley

1966

Jan - Virginia Union/Concordia exchange program begins.

Mar 2-5 - A historically severe, lengthy blizzard engulfs Fargo-Moorhead and the Midwest.

Mar 26 - Up to 200,000 people participate in anti-Vietnam war demonstrations around the world.

Aug 1 - Charles Whitman kills 14 and injures 31 in a shooting spree at the University of Texas.

Aug 10 - NASA launches Lunar Orbiter 1 spacecraft to photograph the surface of the moon.

Aug 13 - Chairman Mao launches the Cultural Revolution and begins purging intellectuals.

Oct 15 - The Black Panther Party is founded in Oakland by Huey P. Newton & Bobby Seale.

Oct 16 - 500+ Cobbers gather at Prexy's Pond to protest renaming Old Main to Bogstad Hall.



Movies and books: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, A Man For All Seasons, In Cold Blood by Truman Capote, Silence by Shusako Endo, Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

1967

Jan 15 - Super Bowl I played, Green Bay Packers vs. Kansas City Chiefs.

Jan 19 - Van Cliburn, world-renowned pianist, performs at Concordia to a capacity crowd.

Feb 5 - The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour premieres.

May 8 - Muhammad Ali indicted for refusing induction into the U.S. Army.

June 5 - The Arab-Israeli Six-Day War begins.

Oct 2 - Thurgood Marshall sworn in as the first black Supreme Court Justice.

Dec 3 - In South Africa, Dr. Christian Barnard undertakes the first human heart transplant.

Dec 5 - Pediatrician Benjamin Spock and poet Allen Ginsburg arrested in anti-war protest.



Movies and books: Bonnie and Clyde, The Graduate, Camelot, 100 Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, The Confessions of Nat Turner by William Styron

1968

Jan 23 - Spy ship USS Pueblo with 83-member crew seized in the Sea of Japan by North Korea.

April 4 - Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated in Memphis. Racial unrest erupts.

April 11 - President Johnson signs the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

April 29 - The rock musical "Hair" opens on Broadway, becoming a cultural phenomenon.

May - First Concordia May Seminars go to Europe.

May 5 - King Olav V of Norway gives the commencement address at Concordia graduation.

June 5 - Robert Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles.

Aug 20 - The Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia begins.

Aug 28 - At the Democratic Convention in Chicago, anti-war protestors face brutal crackdown.

Dec 31 - U.S. troop levels in Vietnam reach 495,000 by the end of the year.



Movies and books: 2001: A Space Odyssey, Funny Girl, A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin, Cancer Ward by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paolo Freire

1969

Jan. 12 - The first Led Zeppelin album is released in the U.S.

Jan. 20 - Richard Nixon is sworn in as the President of the United States.

Mar. 28 - Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower dies due to illness.

April 15 - The Red River peaks in one of Fargo-Moorhead's most devastating floods.

June 28 - Stonewall riots start in New York City.

July 8 - The first withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam commences.

July 20 - Apollo 11 lands on the moon as an estimated 500 million people watch the broadcast.

July 31 - Pope Paul VI visits Uganda as the first reigning Pope to visit Africa.

Aug. 15 - 400,000 fans arrive for the opening of the Woodstock Music Festival in upstate NY.

Nov 15 - The largest anti-war demonstration in history gathers 250,000 in Washington, D.C.

Movies and books: Midnight Cowboy, Easy Rider, Butch Cassidy, Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, Love and Will by Rollo May

Concordia Tuition and Enrollment

Year	Enrollment	Total Cost
1965-66	2151	\$1600
1966-67	2284	\$1800
1967-68	2335	\$1800
1968-69	2381	\$2100

Class of 1969 Alumni Achievement Awardees

David J. Hetland - 2000

Dr. Jeremy Torstveit - 2002

Dr. James Jaranson - 2009



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Thank you for all your hard work!

With Great Appreciation

We hope you continue to enjoy the Class of 1969 Memory Book. In stories, memories, and pictures, it brings us “Together Again.”

We want to thank the 50th Class Reunion Committee and Outreach Team for their efforts in contacting over 500 classmates. We greatly appreciate the generous, collegial spirit in which the committee undertook this big project, the result of their hard work shows. We give special thanks to staff in the Office of Alumni Relations-especially Karen Carlson, Emily Sell, and Monica Stensland-for their expertise, leadership, and unflagging encouragement. A special thank you to the classmates who generously funded the publication and mailing of this book. Finally, most sincerely, we extend our profound thanks to each of you who shared with us your life stories and memories of Concordia.

Now let's look forward to Homecoming when we can be “Together Again” on the Concordia campus. Please plan to attend our 50th Class Reunion, October 10-13. We're eager to see you, to be “Together Again!”

Soli Deo Gloria



Hjordis Dommer Halvorson
Reunion Committee Co-Chair

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Claudia Wallin Hagen
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