Welcome to the 2018-19 academic school year at Concordia University, the 114th time Concordia is beginning an academic year. There are some mighty fine things happening at the university as the fall semester begins, one of which is possibly the largest freshmen class ever enrolled at the university in its history. Though the numbers are finally compiled in October, it looks very optimistic.

That means that the faculty and staff are able to influence even more students as they prepare themselves for their vocations – whatever those might be: nursing, teaching, business management, accounting, lawyering, degrees in chemistry, biology, literature, math, and a whole host of other studies in the liberal arts mode for a well-rounded education – yet all under the cross of Christ. Faculty and staff daily touch the lives of students in an intimate setting where students get to know the university employees in personal ways, seeing them live their lives of vocation while walking alongside of Christ guiding them as they mentor and support the student journey. What an awesome responsibility, but also, honor to be given this privilege to do so. And by the way, the influence the students have on the faculty and staff is just as powerful. Employees are daily shaped by the students they teach and meet.

As noted however, this is done under the cross of Christ as all of us are “All In!” for Him. Concordia wouldn’t be beginning its 114th year without God’s hand of blessing, guided by His Holy Spirit in the decisions and activities that have been made. We continue to look to Him for His blessings, for it is only by His power and might that we continue to be a light shining in the darkness of our community and in the hearts and lives of individuals we engage. We pray that all who encounter Concordia – its staff and faculty and students – meet Jesus in such real and powerful “All In!” ways. Join us in that prayer.

I wish I could share more information, but the request from the LCMS regarding separation is still unanswered. There seems to be a re-focus of the energy from this question to finding the next President for the university. So we are still in the waiting mode. But the search for the next President of the university has kicked off. The search Committee has been formed, they have met, and they have plans in place for moving forward. Our campus is excited about this process. Please join us in prayer as the search intensifies and possible leaders are identified.

As always, this eLetter shares many other updates, decisions, and activities so you might be well informed about Concordia University. And as you learn, please include the university, its decisions, and its activities in your prayers. They are powerful requests before the throne of God.

Paul Mueller
Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership (CALL) Executive Director
CALL Symposium
A reminder to you about the upcoming symposium, “What Does God Say About . . . Immigration?” For this first of hopefully many symposia, CALL has invited Rev. Dr. Leo Sanchez, professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO to be the presenter. Dr. Sanchez has written and presented on immigration at gatherings, conferences, conventions, congregations, and in Washington DC. CALL invites you to attend. The event will be held twice on October 3rd: noon-1:00pm in the Student Education and Activities Center (SEAC) and 7:00-8:00pm in the Fine Arts Building (FAB), all on the campus of Concordia University. Dr. Sanchez will share his insights and wisdom, especially as he understands the responses from a Biblical perspective. He will also leave time to field questions.

Many of you have received posters/flyers for communicating this opportunity to your faith communities. Please take advantage of those helpful items and post them on bulletin boards, copy and place in worship folders, or cut and paste and insert in other communication modes you use.

Mission Training Center (MTC)
And just another reminder: many of you are aware or have heard of MTC. What you may not know is that CALL directs the program in a partnership with the Northwest (NOW) District of the LCMS. MTC is a robust missional program which trains and develops Christian men and women who want to know how to be more engaged in leading people in a variety of areas: older adult ministry, working in and among ethnic communities, developing an education program for a congregation or faith community, creating solid worship moments, as well as learning more about the Bible and Lutheran doctrine. Many of the Lay Deacons in the LCMS have journeyed through many of these course in order to be licensed in their respective districts.

If you or individuals or groups you know would like to access this mission focused training, simply contact CALL or read more about MTC at www.MissionTrainingCenter.com.

EnvisionPDX – High School Program
EnvisionPDX just finished its 2nd cohort experience with over 45 high school students ages 13-18. The focus this year was, “Racial Reconciliation: Loving Our Neighbors in the Midst of Conflict.” EnvisionPDX strives to empower youth to navigate and envision bold solutions to complex challenges facing their generation, and generations to come, by connecting Christian faith with action.

EnvisionPDX uses multiple models for engagement, including a cohort model, seminars, a one-week intensive immersion on campus, and offers university semester credit as well as university scholarships for participants. Next year’s theme is still being imagined with student participant input making it relevant and inviting to high school age individuals.

To learn more about EnvisionPDX at Concordia University, please contact Jeanie Whitten-Andrews (JWhitten@CU-Portland.edu) with any questions.
LUX CHRISTI Award

As Concordia strives to develop and carry out innovative and excellent ministry with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the great northwest of America, it is appropriate and affirming to lift up and recognize those who demonstrate exceptional leadership and ability in support of that mission.

Since the mid-1980s, Concordia University-Portland has presented the Lux Christi (Light of Christ) Award to recognize outstanding Lutheran educators who have served the Lord and the LCMS with distinction. Concordia University’s is pleased to promote Lutheran education in many ways, and annually honors an outstanding Lutheran School Teacher or Principal and an outstanding Director of Christian Education (DCE) who have contributed significantly to Lutheran education ministry.

Nominations are solicited from the Northwest, California-Nevada-Hawaii, and Montana Districts of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Nominations may come from pastors, principals, teachers, DCEs, or congregations using the downloadable nomination form at this Lux Christi webpage (http://www.cu-portland.edu/academics/academic-centers/center-applied-lutheran-leadership/lux-christi-award). Both the teacher or principal and the DCE selected for the award will be honored during a worship service at their home congregation and given a $500 award to be used in their ministry in any way they deem fit.

The criteria for the “Lux Christi Award” are:
1. At least 10 years of service as a Lutheran educator in the role of teacher, principal, or DCE. Nominees may be from Lutheran pre-schools, elementary schools, secondary schools, or member congregations.
2. Significant contributions through service, leadership, publications, research, and day-to-day ministry.
3. Competence in creative thought and action.
4. An example of Christian life and activity.
5. A distinguished record of educational experience.
6. On or eligible to be on the Roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as a Commissioned Minister of Religion.

We encourage you to access, download and print, and fill out the nomination form, gather the required letters of recommendation, and mail or scan and email the documents on behalf of the individual you are nominating to Rev. Dr. Paul Mueller (PaMueller@CU-Portland.edu). Even if a person nominated previously was not selected, please consider nominating them again.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

CONNECT! Ministry

CLM is beginning a new ministry to youth by Concordia University students which connects youth to Christ and supports the youth ministry in a congregation or faith community. Entitled, “CONNECT!”, students from Concordia will come to your congregation and provide programming for junior and senior high youth based on Concordia’s theme for this new academic year,
“All In” from Matthew 22:37-39. Programming might include a Bible study, group building activities, discussion, prayer, and other items which might beneficial. Youth groups might also consider holding their event on the campus with the support of CONNECT! and take in a tour as well.

To schedule an event, contact Karen Wickord at kwickord@cu-portland.edu or 503-280-8687. A donation to Concordia’s CLM is greatly appreciated.

Opening Worship Service
On Monday, August 27th, LCMS Northwest District President Rev. Paul Linnemann led the Concordia Portland community in its opening worship service at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church adjacent to campus. Our new faculty, staff and student leaders were installed.

Theologian of the Cross
In 2017, Christians remembered Luther nailing 95 theses. The real Reformation however began a year later when Luther articulated the heart of his reforming movement. Come spend a day in the heart of the Reformation.

This conference will be hosted by Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8740 SW Sagert St., Tualatin, OR 97062. The conference fee is $40 (includes all conference moments and a meal). Payments will be taken at the door. Guests just for the evening meal and presentation are encouraged. A $10 contribution to cover costs is requested. The evening presentation, “The Art of the Cross” will be followed by a free reception open to the public.

Presenters include:
Dr. Suzanne Hequet, currently serving at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota where she teaches Reformation Studies and Lutheran Church History. She holds a PhD in Church History from Luther Seminary, St. Paul. Her publications include “The 1541 Colloquy at Regensburg: In Pursuit of Church Unity” (2009).

Kurt Bergdolt, MFA currently serving as Professor of Art at Concordia University, Portland Oregon.

Schedule
Tuesday September 18
Noon Registration
1:00pm The 1518 Proceedings at Augsburg: A Question of Faith and Certainty
3:00pm Heidelberg Disputation – Theologian of the Cross as Pastoral Vocation
4:30pm Gemütlichkeit at LSLC
6:00pm German Dinner
7:30pm “The Art of the Cross”
9:00pm Reception

Wednesday September 19
10:00am Theologian of the Cross – Food for Seekers Starving for Faith and Certainty

Please RSVP via email: secretary@living-savior.org, or phone 503-692-3490.
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Many of you are aware that the music ensembles travel throughout the Northwest during each academic year in addition to a longer tour. If you wish for an ensemble to perform or join you in worship, simply contact Paul Mueller (PaMueller@CU-Portland.edu) or the choir director Kurt Berentsen (KBerentsen@CU-Portland.edu). Either of them will connect you with appropriate director for the choir, wind/band, string, or handbell ensembles. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they proclaim through song and music the Good News of Jesus Christ and the free gift of grace to all.

Below are the upcoming moments when they will be preforming or enhancing a worship experience.

CU Sundays
St. Peter the Fisherman, Lincoln City, OR
Sept. 16th 10:30am worship service
Concert Choir Ensemble

Peace Lutheran Church, Philomath, OR
Oct. 14th 10:30am worship service
Brass Ensemble

Zion Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR
Sept. 30th 10:30am worship service
Christi Crux Ensemble

Memorial Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA
Oct. 21st 8:15 and 10:30am worship services
String Ensemble

St. John Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA
Nov. 11th 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services
Wind Ensemble

Other Events:
Instrumental Chamber Fall Concert
Concordia University, Fine Arts Building (FAB)
Oct. 19th 7:00pm

Concordia Neighborhood Tree Lighting
Concordia University GRW Portico
Dec. 4th 6:00pm
Concert Choir and Brass Ensembles

Reformation Service
Zion Lutheran Church, Portland, OR
Oct. 28th 3:00pm
Christi Crux Ensemble

Christmas Chorale
St. Michael’s Lutheran Church Portland, OR
Dec. 7th 7:00pm
Dec. 8th 7:00pm
Dec. 9th 3:00pm

Fall Concert
Concordia University, Fine Arts Building (FAB)
Nov. 4th 3:00pm
Wind Ensemble
MISSION TRAINING CENTER (MTC)

Is your congregation in need of well-trained missional leaders? Mission Training Center develops people for God’s mission through online training opportunities centered in the Bible and taught through the lenses of God’s mission.

**Fall Courses:**

- **MTC016 Spiritual Leadership Formation**
  
  *Course Date: Tuesdays, Sept 4-Sept 25, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm PDT (4 weeks/8 hours $150)*

- **MTC004 Preaching and Proclaiming the Faith**
  
  *Course Date: Mondays, Oct 1-Nov 28, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm PDT (8 weeks/16 hours $300)*

Click here to read an important message from Rev. Dr. Paul Mueller, Director of MTC regarding the future of Licensed Lay Deacons (LLDs) in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

For information, or to register online, go to [www.MissionTrainingCenter.com](http://www.MissionTrainingCenter.com) or contact: Renée Zollitsch at MTC@MissionTrainingCenter.com, phone: 971-302-7595.

ADMISSIONS

Still thinking about your choice for a university education? Concordia University is still receiving and considering applications for fall, and of course, spring semesters. If you would like to discuss, or even better, set up an individual appointment to discuss our undergraduate or graduate programs, please contact 503-280-8501 or visit [http://www.cu-portland.edu/admission](http://www.cu-portland.edu/admission). At the upcoming events, people will be available to go over the basic structure of individual programs and the steps needed to apply. Upcoming events, all on the campus of Concordia University, which might prove helpful in your academic research search:

**MA TESOL Info Session and Class Visit**

Room: TBD
September 11, 2018
6:00-7:30pm

**MED Information Session**

Room: TBD
September 20, 2018
6:00-7:30pm

**MAT Information Session**

Room: TBD
September 20, 2018
6:00-7:30pm

**MBA Information Session**

Room: TBD
September 19, 2018
6:00pm-7:30pm
Included is a tour of CU-P’s campus and Faubion School
A one-time $250 “Visit Scholarship” available for students who visit and enroll.

**Preview CU 2018!**

This is a special event for high school students who want to come check out CU and what it has to offer. What is college life like? That’s what Preview CU is all about. This year’s event is Friday, November 2nd. You will have the opportunity to take a campus tour, meet some professors, sit in on a class, and more. Please register online or give the admissions office a call, 503-493-6339.
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**BOISE SCHOOL OF LAW**

ITLA Street Law Clinic

The Idaho Trial Lawyers Association Street Law Clinic is designed to provide on-the-spot legal advice to walk-in clients. It is held at the downtown branch of the Boise Public Library. The clinic is staffed with law students from Concordia University School of Law and the University Of Idaho College Of Law as well as supervising attorneys from 4:00-6:00pm. You must be checked in to the clinic by 5:30pm. The ITLA Street Law Clinic operates on the second and fourth Monday of every month.
This clinic represents Concordia’s commitment to its Christian faith foundations and is a cooperative effort to help members of our community and aid law students and practitioners in their pro bono and volunteer efforts.

September 10, 2018
4:00-6:00pm
Boise Public Library
Hays Auditorium
715 S Capitol Blvd
Boise, ID 83702

To volunteer, contact CU Law student liaison, Nathan Rupp, nrupp@mail2.cu-portland.edu. For more information about the ITLA Street Law Clinic: https://www.itla.org/index.cfm?pg=StreetLawClinic.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
Tea and Talk is an opportunity to meet ELS International students and possibly engage in a faith conversation as well. Come join us for tea and conversation every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm in the Cafeteria. Conversations on most any topic. All are welcome!

Tea and Talk – Weekly Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
Concordia University
Cafeteria
2811 NE Holman St.
Portland, OR 97211

INTERNATIONAL TOURS WITH CONCORDIA
Splendors of Eastern Europe and Oberamerrgau Passion Play 2020
Join this 11-day trip through Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, and Germany. Highlights include Prague, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Danube Valley, Munich, and Neuschwanstein Castle. The central event of this tour is the performance of the nearly 400-year-old Passion Play of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps. This tour is open to everyone (students, alumni, congregational members, et al.), and will be led by Dr. Michael Thomas. Departure is June 22, 2020. The base cost (double-occupancy) for the trip is $4399. A $200 deposit secures your spot and current rate. Price includes round-trip airfare from PDX, ground transportation, hotels (1st class/tourist class), most meals (breakfasts and some dinners), museum/attraction entrance fees, 1st class Passion Play tickets, local docents, bilingual tour guide, etc. Private rooms are available. Contact Dr. Thomas for an electronic informational packet at MiThomas@CU-Portland.edu.
Spectacular Scandinavia 2019

Come along on this 14-day trip through Denmark, Sweden, and Norway with an optional 3-Night Extension to Iceland! Highlights include Copenhagen, Vaxjo, Swedish Glass Museum, Stockholm Vasa Ship Museum, High Speed Train Oslo, Viking Ship Museum, Stave Church, Flåm Railway, Sognefjord Briksdal Glacier, Geirangerfjord Cruise, and Bergen. This trip is open to everyone (students, alumni, congregational members, et al.) and will be led by Dr. Michael Thomas. Departure is May 2, 2019. The base cost (double-occupancy) for the trip is $5,499. A $500 deposit secures your spot and current rates. Price includes round-trip airfare from PDX, ground transportation, hotels, 19 meals (breakfasts and some dinners), museum entrance fees, local docents, bilingual tour guide, etc. Private rooms are available. Contact Dr. Thomas for an electronic informational packet at MiThomas@CU-Portland.edu.