

THE HISTORY OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

IN THE BEGINNING IN THE SOCIAL ROOM OF THE JUNIOR FIRE COMPANY:

*Prior to the first meeting, a letter dated August 26,1959 was sent in an attempt to locate a building for our Mission.

Concordia Lutheran was begun by six families of twenty-one Lutheran Christians from Franklin County, Pa. and Washington County, Md. who met on February 7, 1960 in the Social Room of the Junior Fire Company, 105 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Md. In attendance were: Rev. August Stenzel, Mrs. Stenzel and daughters Sylvia and Elaine, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Hartge, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Goetz, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Summers and daughters Donna and Ellen, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Musey and daughters Debbie, Kathy and Marcy, Mr. & Mrs. Ardell Stottler and daughter Vicky, and Mr. Robert Shives. The forming congregation chose "Concordia" as its name to indicate its identity with the Book of Concord, the collection of confessional writings from the Reformation (1530-1580), together with the Holy Bible, serves as the foundation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*A letter from Rev. August Stenzel to Rev. Perking, Southeastern District President, dated February 22, 1960, to tell him the status of Concordia.

*A letter dated March 28,1960, indicated we would receive 50 Old Green Hymnals from St. Andrews.

Rev. Edwin Thress was the Service of Commission as Pastor/Missionary on July 17, 1960. At this time Concordia was formally organized with the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws. Members worshipped next at 1542 Jefferson Blvd., Seventh Day Adventist Church, Halfway Fire Hall, and finally to our current location on Downsville Pike, now Garden Lane.

On July 10, 1961 at 7:30 P.M. the first meeting of the Voters Assembly convened at the home of Rev. Edwin Thress. In attendance: Rev. Thress, Zane Atkinson, Paul Summers, Harold Musey, Harold Wright, Marvin Goetz, Fred Guessford and Robert Shives. An election was held to create a Church Council resulting in the following: One Year Term: Harold Wright, Marvin Goetz: Two Year Term: Zane Atkinson, Robert Shives: Three Year Term: Harold Musey, Paul Summers. Also elected were Doyle Stottler as Sunday School Superintendent and Curtis Hartge as Voters Assembly Alternate.

In April 1962, Concordia was accepted into the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod at the SED Convention. In September, Rev. Norman Nissen, MCI, assumed pastoral responsibilities and on December 2, Concordia moved to the garage at 1542 Jefferson Blvd. (Baptized membership was 75, S.S. enrollment was 31.)

ON TO THE GARAGE AT 1542 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD:

In December 1963, our baptized membership was 89 and S.S. enrollment was 65.

July 4, 1965, Rev. John G. Fuchs was installed as pastor.

On April 18, 1967, Concordia purchased 4.35 acres of land at a cost of \$22,000.00 from Albert and Helen Wakenight, and finally from Southeastern District, LCMS. Soon thereafter Bushey & Burrey, Inc. were hired to design our house of worship.

On November 3, 1968, Groundbreaking Service for Concordia was held at 1:30 P.M. Cornerstone of our original facility was laid on August 3, 1969 and was dedicated on October 12, 1969.

The church loan was for \$105,000.00 and was finally paid off in September 1999.

The garage on Jefferson Blvd. where we were holding services was sold and we moved to the Social Room at the Halfway Fire Hall.

ON TO THE SOCIAL ROOM IN THE HALFWAY FIRE HALL:

When the Halfway Fire Hall was not available, we worshipped for 2 Sundays at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Route # 40, and on September 27, 1970 the last service was held at the Halfway Fire Hall.

ON TO THE NEW CHURCH AT DOWNSVILLE PIKE:

On October 12, 1970 the formal Dedication Service was held at 1799 Downsville Pike.

*Service of Installation, October 14, 1970 of Rev. William H. Marwede

*Service in Memory, February 13, 1971 of Rev. Marwede

*Service of Installation, August 8, 1971 of Earl C. Kettler

**Every Member Visit Talkpiece

** In 1975, Concordia sponsored the Hua Family of 7, from Viet Nam thru Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in New York. (Tan Toan, Hong Hoa Tran, Thi Bach Truc, Thanh Giang, Thanh Son, Thanh Liem and Minh Sang).

**November 1976 Calendar, Circuit # 6 Forum Minutes.

In 1976, Concordia stopped receiving subsidy from Southeastern District.

*Pictures of Concordia's Fun Fair, May 1977 & Christmas, 1977

September 23 & 24, 1977, An Evangelism Retreat was held at Raven Rock Lutheran Camp, led by Pastor Karl Schmidt, Executive Director for Congregational Services, SED, and was attended by 22 members of Concordia.

January 22, 1978, Rev. Keith W. Loesch was installed as pastor.

*Pictures of the Installation.

*Pictures of the 1978 Retreat at Raven Rock Camp, Halloween Party at the Crum Farm.

In 1978 Concordia sponsored the Tran Family, O Van, Tuan, Tu, and Zachary.

In May 1978, Concordia purchased a new Allen 301 Digital Computer Organ to replace the old organ.

**Letter to Washington County Lutheran Council of Churches from Rev. Keith Loesch.

*Concordia's Christian Art Shows in 1979, 1981, 1982, and 1984, which were professionally judged, and directed by Mrs. Louise Keuper of Concordia.

**1980 Budget, Officers, Directory

**January 1980 Church Bulletin; November 1980 AAL Branch Office Notice.

In 1985, preparations were made to build a 20' x 20' concrete block storage building.

In October 1987, Rev. Lee Sodowsky, Director of Raven Rock Lutheran Camp, served as Interim Pastor.

*Service of Installation, July 2, 1989 of Rev. Stephen Updegrave

*Picture of AAL Sponsored Kirk Meinelschmidt Night at the Hagerstown Suns ball game

**On January 24, 1992, letter with loan for Air conditioner

**On September 18 & 19, 1993, Concordia's First Annual Oktoberfest

In 1997, after the vacancy left by Pastor Updegrave, Rev. Wayne Schwanke served as Interim Pastor on a part-time basis. Also assisting with the services were Chaplain Wayne Lehrer, Chief of Chaplains Office, Mr. Al Plyler and Mr. Jeffrey Myers.

* On July 26th, 1998, at 4:00 P.M. the Rev. Dr. William R. Burgett was installed as Pastor.

On February 4th, 2001, at 4:00 P.M., an Organ Recital by C. Randall Williams on Concordia's new Allen Renaissance Organ.

Opened Grace Mission near Inwood, West Virginia, closed September 18, 2001.

On January 6, 2002, Concordia added a second worship service, early service at 8:15 A.M., Sunday School at 9:30 A.M., late service at 10:45 A.M., with Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at the early service and at the late service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

A Church Expansion Committee was formed with Ron Golem as Project Manager, overseeing all parts of the expansion, getting bids and overseeing all of various items that had to be taken care of before Laborers For Christ personnel came on the scene, as well as Chairman of the Board of Church Properties. Brenda Ellis was in charge of the financing end for potential loans, and worked very closely with Steve Heemann from Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Brenda also paid all building related bills from March 2002 thru April 2005.

**List of Pastors/Pianists for Midweek services July, August, 2002

** On October 12, 2003, A Celebration of Thanks in Honor of William R. Burgett, (Retirement)

On June 6, 2004, the Rev. James O. Murr was installed as Pastor.

On September 12th, the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the expansion of Concordia was held.

In April 2005, Pam Sines was the Building Committee Chairman and Carl Jesse was the Payroll and Petty Cash Account Treasurer until October 30, 2008, when the Bank Account was closed. Laborers For Christ (LFC) on Site from April to October 2005. Laborers For Christ is a ministry of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). LFC is an organized group of dedicated Christians (both men and women) who spend some months each year working for LCMS congregations and schools helping them build their own facilities. Participants were retired persons, Larry Tharp Project Manager, Joseph Eckerd, Dale Busse, Jim Clark, Arthur Rosenkoetter, Kenneth Wilbur, Frank Granger, and David Grazier. Total hours worked was 4,749 1/2 plus the many hours worked by our Terry Bowman. These men and their wives lived in their house trailers, which were parked in our lower parking lot. Many members of Concordia spent 7,292 1/4 volunteer hours during the building process.

AND TO THE ADDITION TO THE CURRENT CHURCH BUILDING:

On October 20, 2005, the Imagineers indicated they were considering a monthly breakfast after the second service, on the third Sunday of the month. Brenda Ellis was the chairperson.

It is still in existence but the date was changed to the first Sunday of the month, and is working very well. We have grown from 3 teams to currently 4 service teams.

After Laborers For Christ left, Bob Sines was the Project Manager and his wife Pam Sines remained the Building Committee Chairperson until September 9, 2006, when he thought Phase I was about 85% completed.

On July 16th, 2006, at 4:00 P.M. the Dedication Service for the new addition was held.

On September 30th, the Men's Outdoor Group activity will be a float trip on the Shenandoah River under the direction of Jason Penrod and Mike Prowatzke.

On April 13, 2008, Dave Carroll presented the "Angel Food Ministry" program at the Congregational Meeting. This is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States, with their main office in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Program was approved and has been working ever since. The distribution of food occurs on the fourth Saturday of the month. This program requires 20 to 30 persons to operate. Dave was the manager until May 2009, when Kyle Alexander became the manager. Nancy Flicek was and is the Treasurer.

**Proposed Strategic Plan For Concordia

**Concordia Chronicle, Confirmation Day, May 25, 2008.

On August 13th, 2009, Pastor Murr accepted a call to St. John's Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. and left Hagerstown on September 27th.

CCDC Room was dedicated on August 23, 2009. CCDC, Concordia's Christian Day School, affiliated with Open Arms Institute, for three and four year old children was opened to provide Christian education for pre-school children under the direction of Mrs. Carol Rosicky, Director/Teacher, and ably assisted by Mrs. Sylvia Shives.

**On July 18, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. Rev. Emil Gretarsson was installed as Pastor of Concordia.

Organists: Mrs. Helen Hartge, Mrs. Vicky Stottler Smith, Wesley Bucher, Cindy Rudow Golem, and Substitutes Bonnie Wine and Patti Divelbiss.

Church Secretaries: Mr. George Yunt, Mrs. Marilyn Rudow, from 1990 –Nov. 2002, Mrs. Rosella Rogers Nov. 2002 – Present.

Bulletin Preparation: Zane & Katherine Atkinson, Nancy & Carl Jesse, George Yunt, Marilyn Rudow, Liz Jones, Rosella Rogers.

Junior Choir Directors: Emmie Ruff, Paulette Keuper, Carol Rudow, Nancy Showe.

Adult Choir Directors: Elsa Quanbeck, Judy Crum, Eloise Powell, Dr. Bill Harris.

Children's Bell Choir Director: Shelly Hector.

- * Archives Book # 1; # Archives Book # 2; ** Archives Book # 3

PASTORS SERVING CONCORDIA:

	From	To
Rev. August Stenzel	Feb. 7, 1960	June 1960
Rev. Edwin Thress	June 1960	Sept. 1962
Rev. Norman Nissen	Dec. 1962	1965
Rev. John Fuchs	July 4, 1965	Dec. 28, 1969
Rev. William J. Reiss	Interim	
Rev. William Marwede	Oct. 14, 1970	Feb. 9, 1971
Rev. Earl C. Kettler	Aug. 8, 1971	March 20, 1977
Vicar Ed Owens	Interim	
Rev. Floyd Dreith	Interim	
Rev. Keith Loesch	Jan. 22, 1978	Sept. 1987
Rev. Lee Sodowsky	Interim	
Rev. Steven Updegrave	July 2, 1989	Aug. 20, 1997
Rev. Wayne Schwanke	Interim	
Chap. Wayne Lehrer	Interim	
Rev. Dr. William Burgett	July 26, 1998	2004
(Retired Aug. 31, 2003, Served till Easter, 2004)		
Rev. James O. Murr	June 6, 2004	Sept. 27, 2009
Interim: Mr. Joel Fridgen, Rev. Larry Schmidt, Rev. David Percy, Rev. Kenneth Carlson		
Rev. Emil Gretarsson	July 18, 2010	Present

From January 19, 1964 until January of 1978, Concordia and St. Paul, Hancock, Md. were served by the same Pastor on a 60/40% financial cost for pastoral services.

Average weekly attendance:

1962 – 40, 1963 – 65, 1964 – 76, 1965 – 95, 1966 – 95, 1967 – 92
1992 – 76, 1997 – 78, 2000 – 91, 2001 – 93, 2004 – 116, 2005 – 119, 2006 – 103,
2007 – 104, 2008 – 99, 2009 – 98

OFFICER'S OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Selected Years)

1964:	Norman Nissen	Pastor	Paul Summers	Treasurer
	Mrs. Helen Hartge	Pianist	Fred Shives	Secretary
	Harold Musey	President	Ardell Stottler	Secretary/Treasurer
	Robert Shives	Vice President		
1966:	John G. Fuchs	Pastor	Paul Summers	S.S. Superintendent
	Mrs. Helen Hartge	Pianist	Leon Chambers	Asst. S.S. Superintendent
	Zane Atkinson	President	Harold Musey	Education/God's Bank Rep.
	William Hague	Vice President	Rowland Brandenburg	Elders
	Marvin Goetz	Treasurer	Marvin Goetz	Stewardship
	Frederick Shives	Financial Secretary	Fred Shives)	Audit
	Recording Secretary	Rowland Brandenburg	Leon Chambers)	Committee

1967:	John G. Fuchs Mrs. Helen Hartge William Hague Rowland Brandenburg Marvin Goetz Fred Shives	Pastor Pianist President Vice-President Treasurer Financial Secretary Church Secretary	Carl Jesse Rowland Brandenburg Marvin Goetz Arthur Ruff Paul Summers Robert Shives	Education Elders Stewardship Building Sunday School Asst. S.S. Superintendent
1969:	John G. Fuchs	Pastor	Emmie Ruff	Junior Choir
1971:	Mrs. Helen Hartge H. William Hague Harold T. Musey George Yunt Marvin Goetz Fred Shives	Organist President Vice-President Recording Secretary Treasurer Financial Secretary Church Secretary	Curtis Hartge Robert Shives Paul Summers	Ushers S.S. Supertindent Asst. S.S. Superintendent
1971:	John G. Fuchs	Pastor	Leon Chambers	S.S. Superintendent
1973:	Vicky Stotler L. Paul Summers Robert Shives George Yunt Carl Jesse Joseph King	Organist President Vice-President Recording Secretary Treasurer Financial Secretary	Ronald Bucher Marvin Goetz) Carl Jesse) Robert Murray) Fred Shives	Asst. S.S. Superintendent Church Council 3 Year Terms 1 st Alternate to Council
1973:	Earl C. Kettler Vicky Stotler Harold T. Musey Robert Shives Carl Jesse	Pastor Organist President Vice-President Treasurer	Paul Summers Al Krodel Curtis Hartge George Yunt Marvin Goetz	S.S. Superintendent Asst. S.S. Superintendent Usher Recording Secretary Financial Secretary
1974:	Earl C. Kettler Vicky Stotler Harold Musey Robert Shives George Yunt Carl Jesse Marvin Goetz	Pastor Organist President Vice-President Recording Secretary Treasurer Financial Secretary	Paul Summers Allen Krodel Richard Atkinson) Rowland Brandenburg) Paul Summers)	S.S. Superintendent Asst. S.S. Superintendent Church Council 3 year Terms

1975:	Earl C. Kettler Vicky,Elsa, Marilyn, Cindy Donald Rudow Richard Atkinson Carl W. Jesse Marvin Goetz George Yunt Debbie Kriner Phyllis Murray	Pastor Organists President Vice-President Treasurer Financial Secretary Church Secretary Secretary Publicity	Richard Atkinson Paul Summers Robert Shives Carl W. Jesse Al Krodel Elsa Quanbeck Curtis Hartge Pearl Wheele Stottler/Wertman	Education Property Elders Stewardship Evangelism Music Ushers S.S.Superintendent Audit
1977:	Earl C. Kettler Vicky & Cindy Donald Rudow Al Krodel Carl W. Jesse Marvin Goetz Bonnie Bowman Phyllis Murray	Pastor Organist President Vice-Presiden Treasurer Financial Secretary Church Secretary Publicity	Paul Summers Richard Atkinson Robert Shives Carl W. Jesse Al Krodel Elsa Quanbeck Curtis Hartge Stottler/Wertman	Education Property Elders Stewardship Evangelism Music Ushers Audit
1978:	Keith Loesch Cindy Rudow Paul Summers Al Krodel George Yunt Russell Rothwell Carol Rudow) Bonnie Bowman)	Pastor Organist President Vice-President Church Secretary Treasurer Audit	Sylvia Shives Al Krodel Robert Shives Russell Rothwell George Yunt Curtis Hartge Judy Crum Nancy/Carl Jesse	Education Property Elders Stewardship Evangelism Ushers Music Mimeographing
1979:	Keith Loesch Cindy Rudow John C. Moak, Jr. Paul Summers George Yunt Russell Wertman Marvin Goetz Carol Rudow) Ron Bucher)	Pastor Organist President Vice-President Church Secretary Treasurer Financial Secretary Audit	Don Rudow Harold Musey Norman Keuper Marvin Goetz Louise Keuper Curtis Hartge Judy Crum Lois LaPorte Phyllis Murray	Education Property Elders Stewardship Evangelism Ushers Music Publicity/Radio Publicity/Newspaper
1980:	Keith Loesch Cindy Rudow Donald Kuntzelman Charles Brunner	Pastor Organist Vice-President Stewardship	Stub/Vi Welch George Yunt Norman Keuper Sylvia Shives	Education Property Lay Ministry Evangelism

1981:	Keith Loesch	Pastor	Ronald Shives	Education
1983:	Keith Loesch	Pastor	Nancy Showe	Education
	Cindy Rudow	Organist	Gary Showe	Property
	Bernard Sahene	Executive Director	Robert Shives	Lay Minsitry
	George Yunt	Asst.Exec.Director	Charles Bruner	Stewardship
	George Yunt	Church Secretary	Sylvia Shives	Evangelism
	Janet Bantz	Treasurer		
1985:	Keith Loesch	Pastor		
	Cindy Rudow	Organist	James Fisher	Property
	Norman Keuper	Executive Director	Dwight Guyton	Lay Minsitry
	Kenneth Smith	Asst.Exec.Director	Henry Hesse	Stewardship
		Church Secretary	Vacant	Evangelism
	Geraldine Intorcia	Treasurer		
		Financial Secretary		
1987:	Keith Loesch	Pastor	Edith Andrews	Education
	Cindy Rudow	Organist		
	George Yunt	Executive Director		
1989:	Cindy Rudow	Organist	Hampton Grant	Property
	Ken Whittemore	Executive Director	Robert Shives	Lay Ministry
	Sylvia Shives	Asst.Exec.Director	Robert Andrews	Stewardship
	Sylvia Shives	Church Secretary	Dianne Reagan	Evangelism
	Geraldine Intorcia	Treasurer		
1993:	Steven W. Updegrave	Pastor	Vicki Espinoza	Education
1995:	Steven W. Updegrave	Pastor	Vicki Espinoza	Education
	Cindy Rudow	Organist	Vincent Fertitta	Property
	Karrie Jacoby	Executive Director	Ray Krueger	Lay Ministry
	Larry Mau	Asst.Exec.Director	Bonnie Bowman	Stewardship
	Carl W. Jesse	Treasurer	John Jacoby	Evangelism
	Rhonda Mau	Financial Secretary	Theresa Krueger	Youth
	Larry Mau	Recording Secretary	Marilyn Rudow	Church Secretary
1997:	Steven W. Updegrave	Pastor	Vicki Espinoza	Education
	Cindy Golem	Organist	Vincent Fertitta	Property
	Peter Kreyborg	Executive Director	Donald Rudow	Elders
	Sylvia Shives	Asst.Exec.Director	Fred Tichnell	Stewardship
	Carl W. Jesse	Treasurer	John Jacoby	Evangelism
	Jean Tichnell	Financial Secretary	Ronald Golem	Youth
	Marilyn Rudow	Church Secretary		

1997-	Cindy Golem	Organist	Vincent Fertitta	Property
1999	Peter Kreymborg	Executive Director	Donald Rudow	Lay Ministry
	Fred Tichnell	Asst.Exec.Director	Cathy Brotemarkle	Stewardship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Jeff Gugel)	Youth
	Carl W. Jesse	Treasurer	Tammy & Joe Lane)	
	Jean Tichnell	Financial Secretary	Marilyn Rudow	Church Secretary
1999:	Rev. Dr. William Burgett	Pastor	Vicki Espinoza	Education
2001:	Rev. Dr. William Burgett	Pastor	Karen Meinelschmidt	Education
	Cindy Golem	Organist	Vincent Fertitta	Property
	Peter Kreymborg	President	Donald Rudow	Lay Ministry
	Arthur Espinoza	Vice President	None	Stewardship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Joe/Tammy Lane	Youth Ministry
	Donald Dintaman	Treasurer	Jennifer Young	Financial Secretary
	Marilyn Rudow	Church Secretary		
2003:	Cindy Golem	Organist	Terry Bowman	Property
	Glen Krc	Executive Director	Donald Rudow	Elders
	Brenda Ellis	Asst.Exec.Director	Cheryl Fertitta	Fellowship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Joe Davidson	Treasurer
	John Ramacciotti	Financial Secretary	Marilyn Rudow	Church Secretary
(Part Timers – 2002?)				
	Rosella Rogers	Church Secretary		
	Joe Lane	President	Judy Burgett	Education
	Donald Dintaman	Treasurer	Ronald Golem	Property
	Carl Jesse	Treasurer	Gerald Egger	Evangelism
	Jennifer Dintaman	Financial Secretary	Mark England	Public Relations
	Nancy Jesse	Financial Secretary	Ken & Peg Lee	Youth
2003:	Interim/James O. Murr	Pastor	Joe Yates	Education
2005:	James O. Murr	Pastor	Karen Meinelschmidt	Education
	Cindy Golem	Organist	Ron Golem	Property
	Joe Lane	Executive Director	Donald Rudow	Lay Ministry
	Jean Tichnell	Asst. Exec. Director	None	Stewardship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Tom Kyner	Evangelism
	Brenda Ellis	Treasurer	Cheryl Fertitta	Fellowship
	Nancy Fliccek	Financial Secretary	Rosella Rogers	Church Secretary

2005-	Cindy Golem	Organist	Ronald Golem	Property
2007	Joe Lane	Executive Director	Bob Shives	Lay Ministry
	Dan Stanley	Asst.Exec.Director	Cheryl Fertitta	Fellowship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Tammy Lane	LWML
	Joe Davidson	Treasurer	Pete Kreymborg	Men's Group
	John Ramacciotti	Financial Secretary	Mike Jorgensen)	Usher's
	Rosella Rogers	Church Secretary	Edward Asper)	

(Other Committees: Building, Vision, Imagineers, Men's Outdoor, Men's Breakfast, Thrivent, **Comfort Care.)

2007:	James O. Murr	Pastor	Karen Meinel Schmidt	Education
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2008:	Cindy Golem	Organist	Vincent Fertitta	Property
	Glen Krc	Executive Director	Robert Shives	Lay Ministry
	Brenda Ellis	Asst.Exec.Director	Cheryl Fertitta	Fellowship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Rosella Rogers	Church Secretary
	Joe Davidson	Treasurer	John Ramacciotti	Financial Secretary

2009-	Vacant to 7/18/10	Pastor	Elizabeth Krc	Education
2011	Cindy Golem	Organist	Mike Taylor	Property
	Glen Krc	Executive Director	Robert Shives	Lay Ministry
	Brenda Ellis	Asst.Exec.Director	Cheryl Fertitta	Fellowship
	Sylvia Shives	Recording Secretary	Rosella Rogers	Church Secretary
	Joe Davidson	Treasurer	Emil Gretarsson	Pastor July 2010
	John Ramacciotti	Financial Secretary		

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

Our Church Women belong to a Synod-Wide organization of women's societies within the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, receiving a "Certificate of Membership in the Chesapeake District on October 14, 1961". Any woman of the congregation may become a member of the LWML.

They are very active and meet regularly on the first Thursday of each month. Their primary purpose is to serve Christ by doing missions and welfare work in the church, in our community and in the world.

Following is a partial list of Officers:

	1961	1962	1963	1964
President	Katherine Atkinson	Katherine Atkinson	Katherine Atkinson	Sylvia Shives
Vice President		Sylvia Shives	Sylvia Shives	Sonja Stottler
Secretary	Ellen Thress	Ellen Thress	Evelyn Musey	Evelyn Musey
Treasurer		Sonja Stottler	Sonja Stottler	Shirley Chambers
Constitution	Sylvia Shives			
	1965	1966	1967	1968
President	Sylvia Shives	Sonja Stottler	Sonja Stottler	Kathryn Atkinson
Vice President	Sonja Stottler	Dorothy Gudmundson	Betty Hague	Betty Hague
Secretary	Kathryn Atkinson	Rose Marie Goetz	Jerry Hetrick	Jerry Hetrick
Treasurer	Shirley Chambers	Doris Summers	Doris Summers	Nancy Jesse
	1968 – 1969	1970 - 1971	1973 -1974	1975 - 1976
President	Betty Hague	Doris Summers	Sylvia Shives	Sylvia Shives
Vice President	Sylvia Shives	Sonja Stottler	Pearl Wheeler	Erika Certain
Secretary	RoseMarieGoetz	Shirley Stottlemyer	Doris Kettler	RoseMarie Goetz
Treasurer	Nancy Jesse	Nancy Jesse	Marilyn Rudow	Marilyn Rudow
	1977	1978 – 1979	1983 – 1984	1985 - 1987
President	Evelyn Musey	Louise Keuper	Carolyn Poole	Cheryl Fertitta
Vice President	Sylvia Shives	Sylvia Shives		
Secretary	Marilyn Rudow	Marilyn Rudow		Sylvia Shives
Treasurer	Nancy Jesse	Doris Summers	Ruth Ann Shives	Gerri Intorcia

	1987	1989	1993	1999
President	Cheryl Fertitta	Vicky Stottler	Vicky Stottler	Pam Sines
Secretary	Sylvia Shives			
Treasurer	Gerri Intorcica	Gerri Intorcica	Brenda Ellis	Cheryl Fertitta
	2000	2005	2007	2010
President	Vicki Espinoza	Tammy Lane	Sylvia Shives	Sylvia Shives
Treasurer	Cheryl Fertitta	Cheryl Fertitta	Cheryl Fertitta	Cheryl Fertitta

MEN'S GROUP

Concordia's Men's Group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. and has been in existence since the early 1990's. Meetings begin with coffee & donuts, a brief Bible study, and regular business meeting. All men are welcome.

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CONCORDIA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Written and directed by Mrs. Pat. Fridgen

December 22, 2002 : "Can't Find Christmas"
 December 21, 2003 : "Getting The Message"
 December 19, 2004: "I Heard It On the Radio"
 December 18, 2005 : "The Christmas Commercial"
 December 17, 2006 : "A Family Christmas"
 December 23, 2007 : "Christmas Future"
 December 21, 2008 : "The Innkeeper"
 January 3, 2010: "The Empty Church Christmas"