

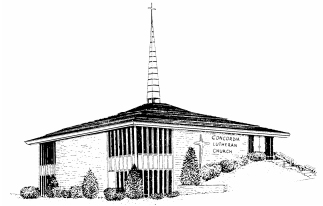


# Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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## Our Stewardship

Attendance for <b>January 8, 20017</b> .....	143
Budget Needs through <b>December 2016</b> .....	\$327,006.00
Our Operating Income Giving for <b>December 2016</b> .....	\$27,030.86
Total Annual Budget ( <u>Operational Expenses Only</u> ) .....	\$295,441.69

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	Early Service 01/22	Erin Davidson	1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery	Larry Hector	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron	
	Late Service	Adam Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Gore	Jim Gann	Campbell	Meiron/TTichnell	
Early Service 1/29	Tim Davidson	1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery	Cheryl Fertitta	Rogers	Shives/Waldron		
	Late Service	Madison Bearman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bernie Davidson	Joe Davidson	Dawson	Gann/Tichnell	

## TODAY - Worship services:

8:00 am; 9:30 a.m.; and 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education: Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Adult Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

Monday ..... PA Bible Study, @ Foster home, 7:00 p.m

Wednesday ..... *LifeLight Class, 12-1:30 p.m.*

Wednesday ..... *Confirmation Class, 7-8:30 p.m.*

Thursday ..... *Sewing Group, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.*

## PRAYER LIST:

### PRAYER REQUESTS—NEW

- **Taylor and Henson families** (death of Wanda) mother of Mike Taylor
- **Cheryl F.** (Medical issue)
- **Lyn** (medical issue) mother of Kori Matheis (CCDC board member)
- **Johnson Family** (Lost everything in a house fire) Aunt and cousins of Larry Hector
- **Christopher** (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekariss
- **Karen M.** (Foot surgery)
- **Bill Burgett** (Shoulder replacement) Former Pastor of Concordia
- **Mary Lou G.** (Multiple health issues) Mother of Jim Gann

- **Kate (and baby Penelope)** (successful surgery) niece of Jean T.
- **Roxie Roeder** (Medical issues)
- **Sarah** (Medical healing)
- **John M.** (upcoming cataract surgery)
- **Kathy S.** (surgery 1/10/17)
- **Richard W.** (prostate cancer)
- **Laura G.** (chemo/radiation)
- **Phyllis M.** (Rehab at home)
- **Ruth P.** (rehab at home)
- Ongoing**
- **Pastor Joel** (Rehab at home)
- **Steve Updegrave** (Medical Issues)
- **Ed P.** (Medical Complications)
- **Baby J.** (had eye surgery last week)
- **Evelyn J.** (Moved to Rehab)
- **Paula J.** (Lung cancer)

- **Daniel P.** (Cancer)
- **Dot McA.** (medical issues)
- **Linda McS.** (Parkinson's)
- **Regina H** (Medical issues)
- **Ginny D.** (Medical issues)
- **John B.** (Hospice Care)
- **Martin** (Personal healing)
- **Brittany Y.**
- **Don B.** (medical issues)
- **Karen D.** (Cancer)
- **Judy K.** (medical concerns)
- **Nancy V.** Medical issues
- Assisted Living/Nursing Home**
- **Emmett A.**
- **Karen U.** (Moved Nursing Home)
- **Eileen D.**
- **Kim G.**

- **Carl J.**
- **Bill H.**
- Missionaries / Other**
- **People of Haiti, Florida,**
- **North and South Carolina**
- **Mt. Pisgah Congregation**
- **Rev. David Erber** (Africa)
- **Ed, Mary Fox** - (Guatemala)
- **All persecuted Christians**
- **College Students**
- Military Members** Ben F, Kyle F, Trevor F, Nathan, Brent J. Patrick G, Matthew H, Philip Nicholas B., Ian H.

☩ - New entry    M - Member    U - Update

## "Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **January 29, Fourth S. a. the Epiphany**; Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew. 5:1-12.

## Families of the Week

### Carroll Gatling

Life-long Missouri Lutheran, Retired from US Coast Guard Reserve! Retired from State of Maryland MVA, Chairperson of Evangelism Committee, Choir member.

### Ron and Cindy Golem

Cindy has been the organist for Concordia for 43 years! Dedicated service! She is a computer programmer for Hagerstown Community College, Ron is a self-employed building contractor and has been active in many phases of the building here at Concordia.

## Selected Notes from the January 19, 2017 Planning Council Meeting

**Executive Director—Joe Davidson** The old email system will be taken down now that members have had sufficient time and notice to change to the new email addresses. The old telephone and internet are already taken down. /Council agreed by consensus that the new color copier may be brought. The arrangement will be with CopyDoc and integrated with the current copier. It is needed primarily by the preschool, but may be used for other church needs. Guidelines will be established on who may use it. The additional cost will be split between the church and the school.

**Pastoral Report – Pastor Gretarsson**. An "administration team" has been developed to assist around the church on weekday mornings to take some of the burden off of the

preschool staff and the pastor for answering the phone, making copies, running errands, and other tasks as assigned. / Pastor expressed an interest in continuing personal/pastoral development through the Pastor Leadership Institute (PLI) or similar programs available to pastors.

**Financial Secretary – Mitzie Bowman** Total operating income for November was \$23,146.84 this was 4.6 % less than the same month in 2015. Operating income for December was \$27,210.13 this was 3.6 % less than the same month in 2015. / Total contributions to Loving the Lost from pledges and non-pledged \$293,962.16  
**Treasurer – Don Schleaf** While the projected income for 2016 fell about \$13,000 short of the 2016 budget, expenses were

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

23 - Laura Brown  
24 - David Chorney  
24 - Jane O'Farrell  
24 - Karla Baker  
26 - Lisa Asper  
28 - Mildred Gilbert  
28 - Janice Gann

### Baptized Birthdays

22 - Donald Rudow  
23 - Anthony Fertitta  
23 - Jennifer Tucker  
27 - Lucas Gore  
27 - Shayla Gore

### Anniversaries

None this week

**You are invited to tune in next Sunday - Tune in January 29<sup>th</sup>**

WNAV (Annapolis) 1430 AM 7:00 a.m. WZXH Hagerstown) 91.7 FM 4:00 p.m.  
WBAL (Baltimore) 1090 AM 10:30 a.m. WTRM (Winchester) 91.3 FM 7:01 p.m.

**“Our Foolishness, His Faithfulness”** Many consider Christ's cross to be just so much foolishness. That is the worst foolishness of all. (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

**Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**

somewhat less than the budgeted figure. Check the business bulletin board for detailed figures

**Lay Ministry - Larry Hector** New Lutheran Study Bibles will be presented to the young people who were confirmed last spring on Feb. 5th. / Lay Ministry is looking in ways to be more functional in assisting the pastor. This might mean being part of the “visitation team”. / Strategic planning has taken on some of the administrative things done by Lay Min. / This year is the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. No plans underway yet to observe it.

**Church Properties - Terry Bowman** Several safety inspections were completed recently. These included the elevator, fire equipment in the new kitchen (semi-annual), and Fire X. Fire X replaced several fire extinguishers. / The instant water heater was replaced in the nursery. / Incidental repairs were made throughout the building included water leak in janitorial closet in Harmony Hall, door closer in the fellowship hall, replacing stained ceiling tiles in outreach center. (*Continuation of the Council notes will be in next newsletter*) Complete minutes available from the recording secretary Sylvia.shives@myactv.net

**Annual Ladies Dinner** Ladies mark your calendar now for Saturday February 11th. That is the date of the grand dinner that the Men's Group puts on for all the women in the congregation. You can begin signing up today.

**Chili-Cook-Off** On the calendar for January 29, has been moved to Sunday February 5. Be our Guest team 2 will serve as the Cook-off organizers. Please sign up today or next Sunday to bring your prize winning chili, or some of the accompaniments. The sign-up sheet is on the activity bulletin board in the narthex.

**New Email Addresses** Be sure to put the new church and school email addresses in your address books. Very soon the old addresses will no longer be active. Please use concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com and for the school openarms.hagerstownl@gmail.com

**Thank You Note** Thank you for your Christmas greetings and generous gift. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is greatly appreciated. Blessings to all in this New Year. Sincerely, *Bill Pekari*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** New Biblical Fiction adult books; *Miriam (A Treasure of the Nile Series Bk 2)* and *Empire's End*. Under Romance/Suspense Fiction ; *The Painter's Daughter* and *Lady of Fire*. Non Fiction *The Apocrypha The Complete Deuterocanonical Texts of the King James Bible* and *How to Hear from God* by Joyce Meyer.

♦ **LifeLight Bible Study** This 9-week study on Baptism started on Wednesday January 4th and meets in the fellowship hall from 12-1:30 p.m. New class members are welcome to drop in and we will provide lesson material for the day until a study guide can be ordered.

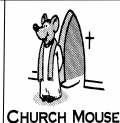
♦ **Open Arms** We are happy to add one new student this week in the 2-day class and another is pending. Two others are interested and will be coming in for a tour. The only openings are in the 2-day class. Enrollment is up to 16 for next year from current families. Enrollment opens to the public beginning in February. Open houses are scheduled from 1-3 p.m. the first Sunday of the month for the next four months. Concordia families may be interested to know that the school offers a discount for member's children and grandchildren.

♦ **Micah's Backpack: URGENT** need for 100% juice, individual fruit (no sugar added), and snacks: Individual popcorn, trail mix, granola bars. We're set with pretzels. Everyone received a new flyer about Micah's Backpack in mailboxes last Sunday.

♦ **Sunday School** Every Sunday beginning at 9:30 with classes for twos through 8th grade. High school youth may attend the adult bible study or assist with Sunday school – or even teach a class.

♦ **Neighborhood Outreach Opportunity** Our Micah's Backpack school, Lincolnshire, is greatly in need of tutors for kindergarten children. Many students enter the school system "behind" from the beginning. A tutor provides 30 minutes of 1-on-1 assistance each week. The child's teacher and coordinator Cindy Dean tailor a program and provide all materials for each student/tutor pair. As part of Concordia's neighborhood please consider offering a bit of time each week to help a child with their most important educational skill. There are many students who still need a tutor this school year. Contact Cindy Dean at 301-766-8210 to volunteer. She will set up a meeting to provide training and assistance. For more info. talk to Brenda Horsch.

**LWML** Our group received approval from the council to hold a yard sale in June. It will be an indoor sale and setup time will be limited. When you are doing your winter/spring cleaning please save things for the sale and hold them at home until June 4th when we will begin setting up. More details to come.



Two local students attending James Madison University were named to the Dean's list for the fall semester, they are **Levi Bucher**, majoring in accounting and **Lucas Nordyke**, majoring in political science. Levi is the grandson of Ron and Millie Bucher. Lucas is currently applying to law schools. Both will graduate in 2017.

**Mission of the Month**  
**Lutherans for Life**