

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

29 - Joseph Brown
30 - Melody Gibson-Solomon
31 - Roberta Taylor

February

1 - Joseph Fleischman

Baptismal Birthdays

February

1 - Ed Asper, Sr.
2 - Abigail Miller

Anniversaries

None this week

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in February 5th

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.

“Nothing But Jesus” Amid life's commotion and clamor, what will give us peace? Nothing but Jesus! (1 Corinthians 2:1-16)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

PLANNING COUNCIL NOTES (Continued from page 2)

for a paid ad on the back of the paper, but some newspaper advertising will be done for Lent and Easter similar to what was done for Advent and Christmas.

Evangelism – Carroll Gatling (Pastor reporting) The i Neighborhood team is effectively acting as an evangelism team. They are currently looking for ways to serve our neighborhoods; the three areas of concentration are the preschool families, Lincolnshire school and possibly other schools, and the apartments. Team members are brainstorming with a goal of coming up with 100 ideas for serving these neighborhoods.

Youth Ministry – Barb Nordyke (Pastor reporting) The youth and their leader were commended for putting up and taking down the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

CCDC – Jean Tichnell Some notes from the recent CCDC board meeting: There will be a small increase in tuition for next year - \$5 to \$10 per month depending on # of days./ New discounts for children of staff who are enrolled in the school and discounts for multiple children attending at the same time. A 25% discount is already offered for church members' children. / The handbook has been revised and is being compiled by Nancy Flicek. /The next fundraiser will be another spaghetti dinner March 16th.

Complete minutes available from the recording secretary Sylvia.shives@myactv.net

Baby Bottle Campaign Sponsored by the Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Clinic (HAPC) They ask that you take a bottle and fill it with coins, a check, or cash and return it to the church by February 19, 2017. The clinic offers help to women and girls experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and provides alternative solutions to abortion through medical help and counseling.

Chili-Cook-Off Chili-Cook-Off NEXT SUNDAY February 5, following the late service in the outreach center. Please sign up today to bring your **prize winning chili**, or cornbread, salads or desserts - or just sign up to attend. This is always a winter highlight! The sign-up sheet is on the activity bulletin board in the narthex. You will have a chance to vote for your favorite chili.

We pray for Pastor Emil as he considers a call to Holy Cross; and for Concordia and Holy Cross congregations as they are affected by the call.

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.

♦ **Open Arms** Our three older classes all have their own iPads now and no longer have to share thanks to the donation of an iPad from Bernie Davidson. Thanks to Nancy Flicek for volunteering to put together our new handbooks for next year. Enrollment continues for current families and opens to the public next week with the open house on Sunday. We already have 18 enrolled for next year and expect to fill up fast

♦ **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

♦ **Note of Thanks** Thank you to Pastor Emil for the visits and to the congregation for the cards and prayers, and for sending the things from my church mailbox. I really enjoy the daily devotions. Blessings to all, *Dot McAllister*

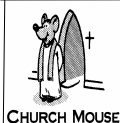
♦ **Neighbor in Need** It has been brought to our attention that there is a need for a companion for an elderly female in the Hagerstown area. The greatest need would be afternoon/early evening 3:30 pm – 7 pm. Please contact Pastor Emil or Jean Tichnell for additional information if interested. Thank you.

♦ **Yard Sale Coming** The scheduled date is Saturday June 10th It will be an indoor sale so setup time will be limited to one week. 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. We will not be able to accept TVs, computers, or monitors, or children's car seats. Items should be clean and ready to use. Lots of help will be needed the week ahead and the day of the sale.

♦ **New address** Daniel and Alison Vermilya will have a new address as of February 1st. It is 2501 Coach House Way #1A, Frederick, MD 21702.

Annual Ladies Dinner Saturday February 11th at 5:30 p.m. All women attending Concordia are invited to the annual dinner put on by the men of the congregation. The men work hard to make this a very special evening for everyone so it is not to be missed. We hear that some very special entertainment is planned.

LWML We meet this Thursday Feb 2nd at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We begin with coffee and light refreshments and a mite devotion. Following a brief business meeting, the project for the day is tray favors for Ravenwood. Nursing home. The host for the morning is Susan Pekari.



Linda Reiser returns to North Dakota next week to care for her mom who is in fragile health due to extensive surgery last fall. Linda will be missed in the preschool where she is an aide in the two-year old class.

Mission of the Month
Lutherans for Life

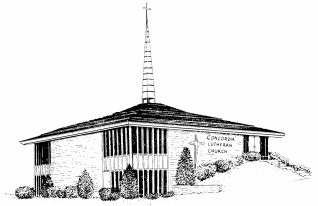


Talking Together

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January 29, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for January 22, 2017	142
Budget Needs through December 2016	\$327,006.00
Our Operating Income Giving for December 2016	\$27,030.86
Total Annual Budget (<u>Operational Expenses Only</u>)	\$295,441.69

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	01/29	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Cheryl Fertitta	Rogers	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Bernie Davidson	Joe Davidson	Dawson	Gann/Tichnell	
	2/5	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Sarah Pentz	Shives	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd TBA	Karla Baker	Jorgensen	Gann/Meiron	

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 MD Bible Study @ the Rogers, 7:00 p.m

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

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

Thursday LWML Meeting, 10 a.m.

Saturday Men's Group, 8:30 a.m.

PRAYER LIST:

PRAYER REQUESTS—NEW

- ^MBrenda E (recovery from back surgery 1/20)
- ^FDonna (chemo) friend of Beth Burdette
- ^FElaine K (bronchitis)
- Taylor and Henson families (death of Wanda) mother of Mike Taylor
- ^MCheryl F. (Medical issue)
- ^ULyn ((Chemo and radiation) 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 Pekaris
- ^MKaren 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.
- ^MRoxie Roeder (Medical issues)
- ^USarah (Surgery recovery) Daughter of Larry & Carolyn Campbell
- ^MJohn M. (Cataract surgery 1/30)
- ^MKathy S. (surgery 1/10/17)
- Richard W. (prostate cancer)
- Laura G. (chemo/radiation)
- Phyllis M. (Rehab at home)
- ^MRuth P. (rehab at home)
- Ongoing**
- ^MPastor Joel (Rehab at home)
- Steve Updegrave (Medical Issues)

- Ed P. (Medical Complications)
- Baby J. (Weighs 4 lbs.)
- Evelyn J. (Moved to Rehab)
- Paula J. (Lung cancer)
- Daniel P. (Cancer)
- ^MDot McA. (medical issues)
- ^MLinda McS. (Parkinson's)
- ^MRegina H (Medical issues)
- ^MGinny D. (Medical issues)
- John B. (Hospice Care)
- Martin (Personal healing)
- Brittany Y.
- Don B. (medical issues)
- Karen D. (Cancer)
- ^MJudy K. (medical concerns)
- Nancy V. Medical issues)
- Assisted Living/Nursing Home**

- Emmett A.
- Karen U.
- Eileen D.
- Kim G,
- ^MCarl 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 cholas B., Ian H.

^F - New entry ^M - Member ^U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **February 5, Fifth S. a. the Epiphany; Isaiah 58:3-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20.**

Families of the Week

Ricky and Stephanie Gore Their children are Shayla and Lucas. They attend the 11:00 am service. Ricky teacher in SS for 4 & 5 year olds and Stephanie is a teacher in our Open Arms Pre-school. The preschool attracted them to Concordia. Ricky work in large heating and air conditioning unit in the D C area.
Pastor Emil and Heather Gretarsson They have been with us since 2010. They are originally from Long Island, NY and have 4 children 7 and under (Elijah, Hannah, Hope, and Elliott). Heather teaches the 2&3 year old class in our Sunday school, organizes the homeschool team for Micah's backpack, and has created several banners and other crafts for congregational use. Pastor Emil is very active in all things Concordia. You may see him at a worship service or three on any given Sunday.

Continuation of Selected Notes from the January 19, 2017 Planning Council Meeting

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. /Electrical installations included a new electrical outlet to service the TV monitor in the fellowship hall and connection to a GFI free circuit for the refrigerator in the sacristy in the OC. /Terry noted that parts of the Harmony Hall addition are 10 years old and parts are beginning to age. He recommends creating

a capital improvement fund to cover replacements and major repairs. / We need to explore ways to heat the sanctuary with the gas furnace downstairs. The electric heat in the sanctuary is very expensive to operate.
Social Ministry – Jean Tichnell Jean spoke about the visitation team is being developed by Pastor, Pastor Bill Pekari, Fred and Jean Tichnell and Brenda Horsch. The purpose will be to assist Pastor in visits to shut-ins, the aging or those with medical problems. This could involve Lay Ministry as well. An invitational meeting will be held in March for individuals who wish to volunteer as visitors.
Public Relations - Ron Bucher Advertising continues in the free columns in the newspaper – primarily Williamsport. / The cost has gone up to \$109

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