

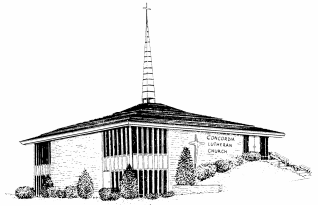


# Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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## Our Stewardship

Attendance for <b>January 29, 2017</b> .....	N/A
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 2/05	Sidney Hector	1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery	Sarah Pentz	Shives	Shives/Waldron	
	Late Service	Dory Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Heather Gretarsson	Karla Baker	Jorgensen	Gann/Meiron	
Early Service 2/12	Erin Davidson	1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery	Les Braun	Braun	Shives/Waldron		
Late Service	Chase Baker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lucy Nordyke	Beverly Walling	Mullican	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.

Today ..... Chili Cook-off, after late worship

Monday ..... MD Bible Study, @ Rogers 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.

Saturday ..... Ladies Dinner, served by Men of Concordia, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**Kathy Schleef** for successful surgery last month.

**Adam Flanick** passed state boards and is now an RN.

### PRAYER REQUESTS—NEW

- **Millie B.** (Hip replacement surgery 2/6)
- **Eric** (medical issues) brother-in-law of Kori Matheis
- **Michael** (medical issues) Kori's boss
- **Eric P.** (Serious leg fracture from a fall)
- **Timothy H.** (concussion w/ complications) Jr High student – friend of Charlie Myers
- **Page R.** (auto-immune disorder) friend of Tichnell's

- **Ewing and Keane families** (death of Almerinda E.) friend of Michael Keane

### PRAYER LIST—REVISE

- **Kate (and baby Penelope)** complications w/pregnancy
- **Brenda E** (recovery from back surgery 1/20)
- **Donna** (chemo) friend of Beth Burdette
- **Cheryl F.** (Medical issue)
- **Lyn** ((Chemo and radiation) mother of Kori Matheis (CCDC board member)
- **Christopher** (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekaris
- **Sarah** (Surgery recovery) Daughter of Larry & Carolyn Campbell
- **John M.** (Cataract surgery 1/30)
- **Laura G.** (chemo/radiation)

### Ongoing

- **Steve Updegrave** (Medical Issues)
- **Ed P.** (Medical Complications)
- **UM Roxie Roeder** (Medical issues)
- **Richard W.** (hospice care)
- **Mary Lou G.** (Multiple health issues) Mother of Jim Gann
- **Baby J.** (Weighs 4 lbs.)
- **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)
- **M Judy K.** (medical concerns)
- **Nancy V.** Medical issues)
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home**
- **Emmett A.**
- **Karen U.**
- **Eileen D.**
- **Kim G,**
- **M Carl J.**
- **Bill H.**
- **Missionaries / Other**
- **People of Haiti, Florida,**
- **North and South Carolina**
- **Mt. Pisgah Congregation**
- **Rev. David Erber** (Africa)

☩ - New entry M- Member U - Update

## "Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **February 12, Sixth S. a. the Epiphany;** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37.

## Families of the Week

**Todd Hahn** has been at Concordia about five years. He attends the 9:30 service. He has assisted several times with the 4:00 Family Service on Christmas eve. From his facebook page he appears to be a serious Steelers fan.

**Regina Haines** has been a member of Concordia for over 20 years along with her husband Robert who passed away about 5 years ago. She turned 90 in December and still lives independently at home, just across the street from the church. She participated in the Wed. LifeLight classes for many years, and attends the 11:00 service. You can recognize her because she always wears a hat.

Prayers continued - 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. / Mission of the Month - Food for the Poor—School in Haiti

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. The Gretarssons are visiting Holy Cross this weekend.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League Featured Mission Grant for February 2017

Healthy Families \$60,000

The Lutheran Families Services of Nebraska, a Christ-based, not-for-profit, multi-service organization, seeks to "express God's love for all people by providing quality human care services that build and strengthen individual, family and that build and strengthen individual, family and community life" for some of the most vulnerable and precious of human life - pregnant mothers, infants and children under the age of five. Early childhood development services have proven to

aid in reversing the cycles that contribute to harm and destroy families and communities. The Centers for Healthy Families offer free services designed to aid in breaking and reversing the damaging cycles of child abuse, neglect and poverty found in high risk families. Young parents, single parent families, substance abuse, social isolation, poor parent-child relationships, stress and hopelessness are some of the factors that contribute to the damaging cycles. By providing incentive programs, parenting classes, support groups

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

9 - Howard Holben, III  
10 - Eloise Kline  
11 - Cort Meinelschmid

### Baptized Birthdays

11 - James Gann

### Anniversaries

None this week

*You are invited to tune in next Sunday -*

**Tune in February 12<sup>th</sup>**

WNAV (Annapolis) 1430 AM 7:00 a.m. WZXXH 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.

**“Here's to Life!”** Even as the world becomes a meaner, angrier place, God calls us to share His life with others.  
(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

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

and goal planning, the center hopes to guide these families toward a healthier and hope-filled future. Parents who participate in the program receive exposure to communities of faith made up of volunteers sharing Christ's love through the congregation and Bible study. The groups provide support to many who have never known or experienced Christian kindness, love and faith. Founder, Pastor Peter Graef, stated in 1892, “The t important job in our present day society is the job of a parent as they guide the child through the maze of childhood into maturity. Everything in our culture hinges upon the success of the parents in this task.” How relevant this truth is even today. The funds from this grant will aid the Healthy Families mission of providing nurturing, loving, Christian homes for many children.

**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. **Please sign up TODAY!**

**REACH Ingathering** The cold weather shelter is open through April and depends on donated supplies to help with client needs. We will collect cleaning items like disinfectant wipes, multipurpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, 39 gal. trash bags and 13 gal. trash bags, and laundry-detergent pods. Additional items may be added if there is a critical need.

**Chili-Cook-Off** TODAY following the late service in the outreach center. Come and sample seven (or more) chilies and vote for your favorites. Then have a bowl of chili and some cornbread, salads and dessert. There will also be hot dogs available. This is always a winter highlight!

**Congregational Forum** Monday February 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. This is for all who are interested in learning about how the pastoral call process works - what it means to the congregation extending the call, and what it means to the congregation of the pastor being called. There are many factors that enter into extending a call as well as in the decision of a pastor who receives a divine call.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** New children book donations; *Winnie the Pooh, Oh, Bother! Someone's Fibbing, Oh, Bother, No One's Listening, Oh, Bother? Someone Won't Share, Oh Bother! Someone's Afraid of the Dark, Oh, Bother! Someone's Baby-Sitting, Oh, Bother! Someone's Jealous, Try, Try Again and Where is Your Home?* Also *George Did It* (about George Washington educational and funny)

♦ **Open Arms** With the addition of a couple new students in the past weeks our enrollment now stands at 50—that is near capacity with just two open slots. Enrollment for next year is now open to the general public beginning with an open house today. If you haven't visited the preschool, stop by and see the rooms today after the chili cook-off.

**Town Hall Meeting** This meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 19th after late worship. The purpose is to bring the congregation up-to-date on the work of the various boards, committees, and ministries taking place. This is not a voters meeting so no business will be conducted—it is informational only. .

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

♦ **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.

**LWML** It is time to remember our college students with a gift card. With three graduating in December we have just four students left this year. Monetary donations or checks made to CCW can be placed in Cheryl Fertitta's mailbox and she will purchase Wal Mart gift cards.



CHURCH MOUSE

**Pete & Karen Kreymborg** traveled to the Outer Banks this weekend to celebrate their aunt's 90th birthday. **Morgan Tucker** made the Honor Roll at E. Russell Hicks Middle school. Morgan is the granddaughter of Vince & Cheryl Fertitta.