

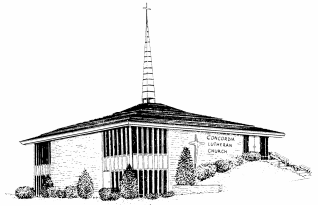


# Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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## Our Stewardship

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| Attendance for <b>February 12, 20017</b> .....               | 118          |
| <b>Budget Needs through January 2017</b> .....               | \$27,250.50  |
| <b>Our Operating Income Giving for January 2017</b> .....    | \$25,364.91  |
| <b>Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)</b> ..... | \$207,402.00 |

| Serving in Worship  | Date         | Acolyte         | Nursery                        | Lectur          | Greeters  | Assisting Ministers |  |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|---|
|   |              |                 |                                |                 |           |                     |   |
|  | 2/19         | Tim Davidson    | 1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery     | Cheryl Fertitta | Diest     | Shives/Waldron      |   |
|   | Late Service | Adam Brown      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Becky Brown    | Kathy Schleaf   | Nordyke   | Meiron/Tichnell     |   |
|   | 2/26         | Sidney Hector   | 1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery     | Marian Foster   | Fertitta  | Shives/Waldron      |   |
|   | Late Service | Madison Bearman | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Gore | Mike Jorgensen  | Trovinger | 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** ..... Town Hall Meeting following late service

Monday ..... Evening Bible Study @ Rudow home, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... LifeLight Class, 12-1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... Confirmation Class, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday ..... Sewing Group, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**Cherie Waldron** (successful ear surgery)

**Ron Bucher** Successful surgery 2/17)

### PRAYER REQUESTS—NEW

- **Elinor B.** (surgery 2/17) mother-in-law of Tichnell's son, Kevin

- **Grant L.** (injured in helicopter accident) son of co-worker of Cherie Waldron

- **Dottie O.** (heart surgery) co-worker of Cherie Waldron

- **Sandy C.** (lung cancer/surgery 2/8) friend of Jane O'Farrell

- **Millie B.** (rehab following hip replacement)

- **Kathy S.** (Undiagnosed condition) cousin the Shives' daughter-in-law

- **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

- **Kate (and baby Penelope)** complications w/pregnancy

- **Brenda E** (Relief and strength from back surgery)

- **Donna** (chemo) friend of Beth Burdette

- **Christopher** (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekaris

- **John M.** (2nd cataract surgery 2/13)

- **Laura G.** (chemo/radiation)

### Ongoing

- **Steve Updegrave** (Medical Issues)

- **Ed P.** (Medical Complications)

- **Roxie** (Medical issues)

- **Richard W.** (hospice care)

- **Mary Lou G.** (Health issues)

- **Baby J.** (Being moved from Baltimore to Frederick )

- **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.**

- **Eileen D.**

- **Kim G,**

- **Carl J.**

- **Bill H.**

### Missionaries / Other

- **People of Haiti, Florida,**

- **North and South Carolina**

- **Rev. David Erber** (Africa)

- **Ed, Mary Fox** - (Guatemala)

*Prayers Continued*

- **All persecuted Christians**

☩ - New entry M- Member U - Update

## "Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **February 26, Transfiguration Sunday; Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.**

- **College Students, Military Members**  
- **Nathan, Brent J. Patrick G,**

**Matthew H, Philip Nicholas B., Ian H.**

**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.

## Families of the Week

Week of February 19, 2017

**Donna Hilliard** Donna and her late husband Don are from Frederick. She got connected to Concordia when her husband was suffering with ALS and Pastor Bugett was with Hospice. She started attending in 2003. She is into interior decorating, painting and wallpapering and still is a hair dresser. She has two daughters and attends the 11:00 o'clock service. She is also the person who looks after Regina Haines and has a great time with her.

## Families cont'd

**Howard and Kari Holben** Kari is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Fliceck. They live in Blue Ridge Summit, PA and work in residential care in Fayetteville, PA. They have been members for 18 years and like camping in a campground in Little Orleans, MD. They have no children and attend the 8:00 o'clock service.

## Selected Notes from the February 16, 2017

**Executive Director—Joe Davidson** Elections are coming up in June for 2017-2019.

## Planning Council Meeting

The plan is go with the new structure for officers in expectation of the approval of the new bylaws. Officers and board chairmen are asked to consider whether they will continue serving in their current position. / There is still a lot of email coming through Verizon so the address will remain active until March 31<sup>st</sup>. / Secretary Rosella is tasked with arranging for the new color copier to be installed in the coming week.  
**Assistant Exec. Director – Rod Bearman**  
Rod will work with treasurer Don Schleaf

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

19 - Dan Stanley  
21 - Joseph Lane  
21 - Michael Starner  
22 - Hadley Fleischman  
24 - Timothy Davidson  
24 - Diane Fleischman  
24 - Michael Jorgensen, Jr  
24 - Michael Myett  
25 - Diane Braun

### Baptized Birthdays

25 - Terry Bowman  
26 - Lauren Fleischman  
26 - Sydney Hector

### Anniversaries

None this week

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

**Tune in February 19<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.

**“Guilt's Gone”** A guilty conscience accuses; a forgiving Savior brings peace to troubled hearts. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

**Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

and another individual, yet to be named, to review the financial records for the past 4 years.

**Pastoral Report – Pastor Gretarsson** The “Administration Team” continues to meet. The group is working on a job description for a Parish Administrator as a paid staff position. The “staff support” line in the budget could be used to help fund the position. We could also use the extra \$900 per month we are over-paying on our mortgage.

**Financial Secretary – Mitzie Bowman** Written report provided. Total operating income for January was \$25,364.91. This was 6.6% more than the same date in 2016. / Total contributions to Loving the Lost from pledges and non-pledged \$321,579.

**Treasurer – Don Schleef** Don reviewed the information he plans to present to the congregation on the entire Loving the Lost, Outreach Center, Phase 1 and Phase 2 Construction History and update.

*(to be continued next newsletter)*

Complete minutes available by request from the recording secretary

**Easter Lilies** Order forms for Easter lilies have been placed in mailboxes. Deadline to order is March 12th.

**College Student Care Cards** We continue our tradition of remembering our college students twice a year. Sending actual packages became impractical so we have switched to gift cards from Wal-Mart where they can purchase snacks or other needs. We have just four students left this year - Drew Baker, Carter Hughes, Lucas Nordyke, and Chad Shumaker. Monetary donations or checks (made to CCW) can be placed in Cheryl Fertitta's mailbox and she will purchase the gift cards.

**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.

**Thank You Note** A big thank you to our church family for the cards and prayers during my recovery from surgery. I hope to see everyone next Sunday. *Millie Bucher*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** Thank you to Mike Taylor for his book donations: Adult non fiction by Billy Graham "Nearing Home" and "The Journey" and fiction Amish; *The Amish Seamstress*, *Naomi's Christmas and the Guardian* these books are on the library table. Mike's other book donations have been put on LWML table between the library and the fellowship hall in the free book section with other free book donations. Help yourself.

♦ **Open Arms** Erupting volcanoes in preschool! What else would you have for “V” week? We would like to add a note of thanks to Frank Waldron who comes by every morning and opens the building for us and unlocks the classroom doors, checks the outside doors, and turns on the lights, etc. Mark your calendars for March 16th, that is the date of our second annual spaghetti supper fundraiser.

♦ **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

**Tutoring at Lincolnshire** Please take time to look at the beautiful poster Mike Hughes created to publicize the tutoring program at Lincolnshire. It is on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Thanks so much, Mike! We now have three folks tutoring at Lincolnshire: Brenda Horsch, Barb Nordyke, and Bob Keane. More are needed as there are many children on the waiting list.

♦ **Concordia Choir** *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Psalm 149:1* Choir rehearsals have resumed at Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. following a winter break. We are working on anthems for Lent, Easter and spring. New voices are welcome, no experience necessary—just a love of praising the Lord in song. Kathy Schleef is director and Shelly Hector accompanist.

♦ **Pancake Supper** The traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday February 28th from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Outreach Center. This year it will be a fund raiser for the Youth Group to help with their spring/summer activities. Come enjoy pancakes and help out our young people.

♦ **Baby Bottle Campaign** Today is the final day to turn in your filled bottles. Thank you to all who contributed to this campaign.

♦ **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** The Potomac Zone LWML is planning the 2017 Spring Rally and Christian Life event for April 1st. It will be held at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Silver Spring. Carroll Gatling serves as Secretary-Treasurer for the zone.



CHURCH MOUSE

Spotted in the newspaper this week: **Carter Hughes** made the first semester Dean's List at Frostburg University. Carter is the son of Mike Hughes who plays in the praise band at the 9:30 service