

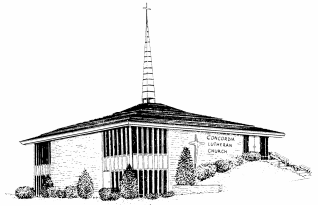


Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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February 26, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for February 19, 2017	153
Budget Needs through January 2017	\$27,250.50
Our Operating Income Giving for January 2017	\$25,364.91
Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)	\$207,402.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lectur	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	2/26	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Marian Foster	Fertitta	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Stephanie Gore	Mike Jorgensen	Trovinger	GannTichnell	
	3/5	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Don Rudow	Flicek	Shives/Waldron	
		Chase Baker	2 nd Brenda Meiron	Betty Amt	Dawson	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

Ash Wednesday

Bob Keane

Abbott/Kline

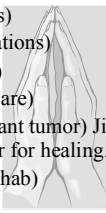
Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7 p.m.
Wednesday	LifeLight Bible Study, 12 Noon
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00
Wednesday	Confirmation Class, 7-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sewing Group, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS—NEW

- Lyn (Completing chemo and radiation) Mother of Kori Matheis, CCDC board m
- Wes B. (medical issues)
- 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
- Kathy S. (Undiagnosed condition) cousin the Shives' daughter-in-law
- Kate (and baby Penelope) complications w/pregnancy
- Donna (chemo) friend of Beth Burdette
- Christopher (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekaris
- Laura G. (chemo/radiation)

Ongoing

- Steve U. (Medical Issues)
- Ed P. (Medical Complications)
- Roxie (Medical issues)
- Richard W. (hospice care)
- Mary Lou G. (Malignant tumor) Jim Gann asks for special prayer for healing.
- 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)
- 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)
- All persecuted Christians -
- College Students,

Military Members

Nathan, Brent J, Patrick G, Matthew H, Philip Nicholas B, Ian H.

Pastor Emil and Family as they prepare to depart and move to Holy Cross and for Concordia as the congregation is affected by the call.

Mission of the Month

Food For the Poor - School in Haiti

☩ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **March 5, First Sunday Lent; Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.**

Families of the Week

Week of February 26, 2017

Dale Hollinger Dale has been a member since 2013. He is a retired accountant from the power company and has worked on our Accounting team and the Constitution By-laws team. He finds Concordia very comfortable and friendly. He attends the 11:00 service.

Brenda Horsch has been attending Concordia for about 3 years and has been a member for a year and a half. She chose Concordia through interactions with Pastor Emil as he visited her mother. She stayed because of the

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true word of God preached from the pulpit. The members are loving and friendly. She serves as an usher for 11:00 services, participates in LWML, i-neighborhood, and Strategic Planning. She oversees the inventory for Micah's backpack. She is married to her best friend and they have 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Selected Notes from February 16, 2017 mtg.

Correction to Loving the Lost report: Contributions for LTL are \$321,579 received against pledges and \$3,777 non-pledged income for a total of \$325,356.

Lay Ministry - Larry Hector The new Lutheran Study Bibles were presented to the young people who were confirmed last spring on 2/12. / A new Lay Minister (Elder) will be

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appointed with the loss of Adam Flanick who is moving out of the area. / This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We may wish to plan events through the year to recognize it.

Church Properties - Terry Bowman The communications between the fire alarm and central dispatch has had numerous fault alerts in the last month. Terry is working with Antietam Cable and Spectrum Fire Protection to resolve the issue. / The committee is working on a document for transition of committee personnel and also preparing an inventory of equipment and replacement parts. /Upcoming projects include: repair of sink hole in back parking lot; painting fellowship hall doors; coordinating with CCDC to do classroom floors

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

2/28 - Joyce Detwieler
3-1 - Kathleen Dowrick
3-3 - Carol Rudow
3-4 - Mildred Bucher

Baptized Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

None this week

"Listening to the "Lutheran Hour"
You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in March 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.

"A Savior Who Fights for You!" Satan is a bully, but Jesus is the Savior Who fights for you. (Matthew 4:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

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and painting at the end of the school year.

Public Relations - Ron Bucher Lent and Easter worship services will be advertised similar to last year.

Parish Fellowship - Karen Meinel Schmidt The next event coming up is the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Feb. 28th. Barb Nordyke and the youth are taking this on as a fund raiser.

CCDC - Jean Tichnell The handbook has been revised and includes the new policies on discounts for children of staff members and multi-child discounts. Children/grandchildren of church members receive a 25% discount on tuition.

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

What is the Origin of Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent) which is celebrated in some places by consuming pancakes. In others, especially those where it is called Mardi Gras or some translation thereof, this is a carnival day, and also the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.

This moveable feast is determined by Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "absolve". Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Lutherans, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

Being the last day of the liturgical season historically known as *Shrovetide* before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent. The term "*Mardi Gras*" is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season.

Visitation Ministry Reminder!! Visitation Ministry will meet on Sunday, March 5, 2017 during the Be Our Guest Brunch. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry should plan to attend. Get some delicious food and bring it to the Fellowship Hall. Meeting will start about 15 minutes after the 11:00 am Service is completed.

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** It finally happened—for the first time ever we are FULL! We enrolled our 51st student this week. We are now enrolling for next year and have 31 signed up already. Thanks be to God for sending these little souls to us where they can learn about Jesus along with their A, B, C's. We have an Open House planned for next Sunday, March 5th from 1-3 p.m.

♦ **Sunday School** The current quarter will finish this Sunday and the new quarter will begin next Sunday. Starting with next quarter Plans are to send an informational page for parents on the Sunday school lesson of the day.

♦ **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 Schlee is director and Shelly Hector accompanist.

♦ **Pancake Supper** The traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is this Tuesday February 28th from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Outreach Center. This is a fund raiser for the Youth Group to help with their spring/summer activities. Come enjoy pancakes and help out our young people. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many pancakes to flip—but come anyway even if you forget to sign up.

♦ **Soup, Sandwich and Salad Suppers** will begin on Wednesday March 8th and every Wednesday through April 5th. They will be held in the fellowship hall starting at 5:45.

♦ **Yard Sale Coming** Keep saving your yard sale items as you do your spring cleaning. Remember—no TV's, computers, or car seats. More details coming after Easter.

♦ **REACH Ingathering** We are collecting items for REACH shelter through March 19th.

♦ **College Student Care Cards** We will collect donations for the college student gift cards through next Sunday, March 5th.

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

LWML Meets this Thursday at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The program for the day is by the Klugs who will share pictures and information about their recent trips to Africa. Hostess for the day is Betty Klug.



CHURCH MOUSE

In the newspaper this week: The full Dean's List for Frostburg University added **Chad Shumaker** who carried a 4.0 average the first semester. **Kyra Baker** was on the Distinguished Honor Roll at Barbara Ingram School where she is a junior. Congratulations to these fine students! **Nancy Flicek** is on a two week visit to family in Minnesota and expected to return this week.