

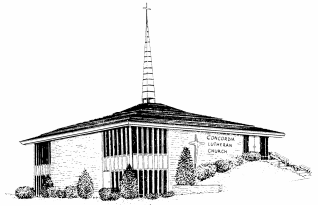


Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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March 12, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for March 5, 20017	138
Budget Needs through February 2017	\$27,250.50
Our Operating Income Giving for February 2017	\$22,522.39
Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)	\$207,402.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	3/12	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Bill Garrison	Garrison (Lent) 3/15 Campbell Brown	Shives/Waldron	
		Adam Brown	2 nd Bernie Davidson	Brenda Ellis		Gann/Meiron	
	3/19	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Barb Nordyke	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd Sylvia Shives	Jeannette Lietzau	Burker/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, 7 p.m.;	WV Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Soup & Sandwich, 5:45 p.m.	
Wednesday	Lenten Worship, 7 p.m.	
Wednesday	Confirmation Class, 8:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.	
Thursday	Spaghetti Dinner, 5—7 p.m.	

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

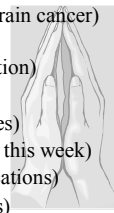
- **Betty W.** (Hospitalized, stroke) Mother of Scott Walling
- **Eddie D.** (Prostate cancer) Father-in-law of Kevin Rogers

PRAYER LIST

- **Campbell and McSweyn families** (death of Linda's brother Bill 3/1)
- **Lori T.** (breast cancer) sister of Mike Taylor
- **Dave I** (recovery mild heart attack, mass on lung)
- **Lyn** (Surgery scheduled for 3/14) Mother of Kori Matheis, CCDC board mbr.
- **Wes B.** (medical issues)
- **Dottie O.** (heart surgery) co-worker of Cherie Waldron
- **Kate (and baby Penelope)**

complications w/pregnancy)

- **Christopher** (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekariss
- **Laura G.** (chemo/radiation)
- **Ongoing**
- **Steve U.** (Medical Issues)
- **Evelyn J.** (Hospitalized this week)
- **Ed P.** (Medical Complications)
- **Roxie** (Medical issues)
- **Richard W.** (hospice care)
- **Mary Lou G.** (Malignant tumor) Jim Gann asks for special prayer for healing.
- **Dot McA.** (medical issues)
- **Linda McS.** (Parkinson's)
- **Regina H** (Medical issues)
- **Ginny D.** (Medical issues)
- **Martin** (Personal healing)
- **Brittany Y.**
- **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

SED Sandtown Project

Thursday—Church Council, 7 p.m.

☩ - New entry M- Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **March 19, Third S. in Lent; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-26, (27-30, 39-42).**

Families of the Week

Week of March 12, 2017

Mike and Debby Jorgensen
Mike and Debbie have been members for over 20 years. Mike has served as Executive Director of church council and now serves at the 11:00 am service as an usher. He works for the Washington Suburban Sanitation commission in Gaithersburg. Debby is semi-retired. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Bob and Judy Keane Bob and Judy are retired and live in Keedysville, MD. Bob is

retired from the Navy Department and was the Chief Naval Architect for the last part of his career. He was interviewed for one of the Advent Services. Judy is a retired nurse with most of her time in private nursing and in Hospice nursing for her family.

Lost Books? By: Rev. Gregory Seltz

(Includes subtitles in English) - Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? In *Lost Books?* the **Men's NetWork** looks at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short.

In *Lost Books?*, host Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**, asks, "Were books intentionally excluded from the Bible? What if more information about Christ's life was buried for centuries? Are there books that should be in the Bible, but aren't?" Are these questions important? *Absolutely!* With worldwide hits like *The Da Vinci Code* and commercial and cable networks cranking out programs on cracking cryptic codes and unburying ancient secrets, the interest in knowing what the past has to say is running high. Often, too, these types of questions are directed to believers, putting them at a loss to answer those who wonder why the Bible should be believed over other ancient writings. In fact, many Christians have the same questions themselves.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

12 - Donald Schleaf
16 - Macey Tucker

Baptized Birthdays

14 - Joseph Lane
16 - Cheryl Fertitta

Anniversaries None this week

"Listening to the "Lutheran Hour"

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in March 19th

WNAV (Annapolis) 1430 AM 7:00 a.m.
WBAL (Baltimore) 1090 AM

WZXH Hagerstown) 91.7 FM 4:00 p.m.
WTRM (Winchester) 91.3 FM 7:01 p.m.

"A Well That Runs Deep Because You Need It" Jesus is determined to meet you today with the water of grace only He can give. (John 4:5-26)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Lost Books (Continued from page 1)

Addressing these queries and several other issues are Dr. Paul Maier (professor emeritus, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo); Dr. Jeffrey Kloha (associate professor of exegetical theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis); Dr. Randall Price (executive director of the Center for Judaic Studies, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.); and Joel Lampe (international director, The Bible Museum, Goodyear, Ariz.) Together these biblical experts will explore the fascinating and cryptic world of the apocrypha, pseudepigrapha, the Apocrypha, and the Nag Hammadi codices. They will also consider topics like biblical inerrancy, Gnosticism, alternative gospels, divine inspiration, the supposedly lesser-known sayings of Jesus, text selection, and more. They will show why the 66 books of the Bible are considered the inerrant Word of God—a trustworthy cover-to-cover revelation from God to man.

The Lost Book of the Bible, Dr. Talmage gives a commentary on this work. The book is, essentially, a combined reprint of earlier works. The first half, *Lost Books of the Bible*, is an unimproved reprint of a book published by [William Hone](#) in 1820, titled *The Apocryphal New Testament*, itself a reprint of a translation of the [Apostolic Fathers](#) done in 1693 by [William Wake](#), who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a smattering of medieval embellishments on the New Testament.

The sewing group will not meet this week since many in the group are not available on Thursday. The next gathering will be March 23rd. However, if anyone wants to come this Thursday anyway, come to the OC kitchen and help prepare for the spaghetti dinner.

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets are available today after all services for the 2nd Annual Open Arms spaghetti dinner fundraiser coming up on Thursday March 16th. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 3-10. 2 and under are free. There will be a bake sale and a silent auction with many interesting items up for sale.

Planning Ahead Mark your calendars for Saturday April 22nd. That is the date of the farewell fellowship event for the Gretarssons. It will be an "Open House" event from 2-5 p.m. in the Outreach Center for folks to stop in and say their farewells before Pastor Emil's last day on Sunday the 23rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** New Library Book Donations Adult Amish Fiction: *Return to Northkill*; *Jacob's Choice Bk 1*, *Joseph's Dilemma Bk2* and *Christian's Hope Bk3* on library table. Also library book donations that are not used are now displayed upstairs in Narthex they are free for the taking.

♦ **Open Arms** You are invited to come out on Thursday to our Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Tickets are available in the narthex after all services and will be available at the door. New this year is a silent auction with many interesting items offered.

♦ **Sunday School** Plan ahead and pass the word—the annual Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday April 15th, NOT on Sunday as it has been in the past. There will be activities and refreshments on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. On Sunday there will be Sunday school at the regular time with the Easter story.

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

♦ **Concordia Choir** *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him... his name is the Lord exult before him. Psalm 68:5* Choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings immediately following Lenten worship as we prepare anthems for the Lenten season and Easter. New voices are welcome.

♦ **Soup, Sandwich and Salad Suppers** are being held every Wednesday through April 5th. They are held in the fellowship hall starting at 5:45. Please sign up if you plan to bring soup, sandwiches, salad or desserts.

♦ **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.

♦ **Easter Lilies** Today is the deadline to order lilies for Easter. The cost is \$9.80 each, payable when you order.

New LifeLight Course A new Lifelight course will begin on Wednesday March 22nd and will run through the end of May. Class is held from 12-1:30 p.m. The topic is **Ministry** from the Foundations series. An outline of the sessions is shown below. New class members are welcome. If you would like to join this class see Sylvia Shives (8 and 9:30 worship or Jim Gann 11 :00).

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| 1-Getting Started | 6-Women Pastors? |
| 2-Basic Principles | 7-Ordination |
| 3-God's People and God's Preachers | 8-Time for a Change? |
| 4-God Calls Pastors for the Sake of His Church | 9-Pastor and People Together |
| 5-Who Can Be a Pastor | |

EWML Potomac Zone Spring Rally, Saturday April 1st at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew. The speakers' topic will be "Spiritual Nourishment" - how the Fruits of the Spirit impact our lives. See Sylvia Shives if you would like to attend.



The **Gretarsson family** traveled to North Canton, Ohio last weekend and found a house that will suit their housing needs when they make the move at the end of April. Pray that their house here will sell quickly.