

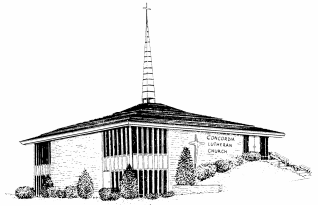


Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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March 19, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for March 12, 2017	142
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	
	3/19	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Barb Nordyke	Kreymborg (Lent) (3/22 - Rogers)	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd Sylvia Shives	Jeannette Lietzau	Burker/Dawson	Gann/Tichnell	
	3/26	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Bob Shives	Vermilya (Lent) (3/29 - Shives)	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Stephanie Gore	Sylvia Shives	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 **MD Bible Study, @ Shives home, 7 p.m.**

Wednesday	LifeLight® Bible Study 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Soup & Sandwich, 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Lenten Worshop, 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Confirmation Class, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Sewing Group, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Joel F.** (Providence Place)
- **Pat F.** (surgery for torn rotator cuff)
- **Carole F.** (cancer surgery) sister of Don Detwiler
- **Phyllis M.** (Medical tests) Former member of Concordia

PRAYER LIST—REVISE

- **Kate (and baby Penelope)** scheduled for C-Section 3/17)
- **Lyn** (Surgery rescheduled for 3/17) Mother of Kori Matheis, CCDC board mbr.

PRAYER LIST

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

- **Lori T.** (breast cancer) sister of Mike Taylor
- **Dave I** (recovery mild heart attack, mass on lung
- **Wes B.** (medical issues)
- **Dottie O.** (heart surgery) co-worker of Cherie Waldron
- **Christopher** (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekaris
- **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).
- **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**
- **Rev Floyd and Bobbi Duff** (medical issues)
- **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.

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **March 26, Fourth S. in Lent Is. 42:14-21; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39.**

Families of the Week

Week of March 19, 2017

Eloise Kline Eloise is one of our near neighbors who can see the back parking lot of our church. She recently has taken on our Grief Book Ministry. She has been a member for about three years and just loves the people, food and hospitality and Pastor Emil of Concordia. Before her move to Hagerstown, she was a faithful member of a Methodist church in Greencastle, PA. Eloise did child care for children both her own and other children.
Dick and Betty Klug Dick and Betty are

Midwesterner's, Dick from Wisconsin and Betty from Minnesota. They are life-long baptized and confirmed Lutherans. Dick retired from federal service with the FDA and Betty retired from the state of Maryland Judiciary. They have served Concordia over the years on the counting team, and greenery sales. Dick has served on the mowing team and Betty has been involved with sewing with LW-ML. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Both enjoy traveling.

Mission of the Month

SED Sandtown Project

Selected Notes from the March 16, 2017 Planning Council Meeting

Executive Director—Joe Davidson Elec-

tions are coming up in June for 2017-2019. The plan is go with the new structure for officers and meetings in anticipation of the approval of the new bylaws. Officers and board chairmen have been asked to consider whether they will continue serving in their current position. /A nominating committee will be appointed to determine the slate of officers to be elected. All prospective candidates will be provided with a description of the duties of the position they are being asked to serve in.

Financial Secretary – Mitzie Bowman Total operating income for February was \$22,522.39 This was 4.8% more than the same date in 2016. Total contributions to Loving the Lost from pledges and non-pledged \$331,328.22.

Lay Ministry - **Larry Hector** Plans are in the works for providing pastoral services as the

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

20 - Ricky Skeweris	22 - Shelly Hector
20 - Gary Sheehan	22 - Abigail Miller
20 - Judy Garrison	23 - Kari Holben
21 - Robert Roeder	

Baptized Birthdays

20 - Diane Braun

Anniversaries

None this week

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

Tune in March 26th

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.

“God's Got It In For Me” God can use our troubles and crosses for a higher purpose that we may not understand until we reach heaven. (John 9:1-41)

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

Planning Council Meeting (Continued from page 1)

congregation prepares to call a new pastor. We will work with the district on options, one of which is to issue a call to an Intentional Interim Pastor. Some lay led services are also an option. / There are plans to hire a part-time parish administrator to handle some of the many administrative details now required with the larger number of paid staff members, the expanded preschool, and the increased building use. / Confirmation will take place on Sunday April 2, 2017 for a number of students currently in confirmation class. A second Confirmation day may be scheduled in June for students who have not quite met the requirements in time for the April Confirmation. / Concordia is hosting a Vine and Branches on June 24, 2017. The speaker will be Dr. Jeff Gibbs of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Pastor Ken Stottlemeyer of Hancock is co-hosting the conference and will assist with the planning and publicizing. (the remainder of the notes will be included in the next newsletter)

Opportunity to Serve Holy Communion is an important part of our worship experience every Sunday. It takes several individuals or teams of people to have it in place for three services every Sunday. Communion stewards generally serve two Sundays a month in alternating months. The current need is for take-down after late worship in April, June, August, etc. on the first and third Sundays. Training and a schedule is provided. See Sylvia Shives (Sylvia.shives@mysctv.net) if you can join our dedicated group of Communion Stewards

Update on the Fridgens Joel is temporarily residing at Providence Place in Chambersburg as Pat is facing surgery for a torn rotator cuff and is unable to care for Joel's needs at home. He would welcome visits from church family.

Planning Ahead Mark your calendars for Saturday April 22nd. That is the date of the farewell fellowship event for the Gretatssons. 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.

Thank You Note from the Youth Group to the congregation for the prayers, monetary gifts and support through the pancake supper and also the Men's group for their gift. All is much appreciated and will help with our summer activities.

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** I want to thank everyone in the congregation who helped with the spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Thank you to those who made donations, bid on auction items, and those who came to eat. I especially want to thank Sylvia Shives for all the work she and her daughter, Sharri, put into that night. Sylvia did all of the shopping and most of the cooking. She was the first to arrive and one of the last to leave. Thank you, Sylvia. You are so appreciated. A special thanks as well to Kori Matheis for organizing the entire evening and to Gina Petruzzelli for organizing the silent auction. The night was a huge success. Special thanks to Thrivent for providing “seed money” which covered all the food costs. At the end of the evening we were blessed with over \$3,700! Thank you again. *Karla Baker*

♦ **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.

♦ **New LifeLight Course** The new class on the topic of Ministry begins this Wednesday March 22nd and will run 9 weeks through the end of May with a break during Holy Week. Class members can pick up your books today. New class members are welcome. Please see Sylvia Shives at the 8 or 9:30 service, or Jim Gann at the 11:00.

♦ **Easter Candy Needed** We are accepting donations of small wrapped candy or other small items to fill eggs for the Easter Egg hunt.

♦ **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.

LWML Plan to join us for the Potomac Zone Spring Rally on Saturday April 1st at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Silver Spring. The speakers' topic will be “Spiritual Nourishment” - how the Fruits of the Spirit impact our lives. See Sylvia Shives or Carroll Gatling if you would like to attend.



CHURCH MOUSE

College news: **Lucas Nordyke**, who was accepted at several well known law schools, has decided to go to Case Western Reserve School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio. He says thanks for the prayers.