

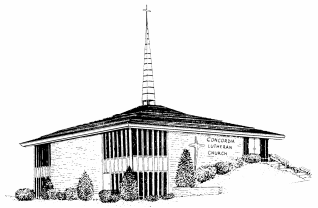


Talking Together

the weekly newsletter of

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March 26, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for March 19, 2017	154
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	
	3/26	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Bob Shives	Vermilya	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Stephanie Gore	Sylvia Shives	Burker/Dawson	Gann/Tichnell	
	4/2	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Roland Foster	Braun (Lent) (3/29 - Shives)	Shives/Waldron	
		Chase Baker	2 nd Becky Brown	Jim Gann	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.

Monday - March 27 PA Bible Study, @ Amt home, 7 p.m.

Monday WV Bible Study @ Tichnell home, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday LifeLight® Bible Study 12:00 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 Sewing Group, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Kate and Penelope (Kate C-section, doing well, Penelope born at 34 wks, 4 lb. 7 oz. will be in NICU for about 2 weeks)

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Webster and Tichnell families** (death of Jean's brother Richard)

PRAYER LIST

- **Joel F.** (Providence Place)
- **Pat F.** (surgery for torn rotator cuff)
- **Carole F.** (Radiation treatment) Sister of Don Detweiler
- **Phyllis M.** (Medical tests) Former member of Concordia
- **Lyn** (recovering from surgery) Mother of Kori Matheis, CCDC board mbr.

- **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
- Ongoing**
- **Christopher** (stage 4 brain cancer) neighbor of Pekaris
- **Steve U.** (Medical Issues)
- **Ed P.** (Medical Complications)
- **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.**

- **MJudy K.** (medical concerns)
- **Nancy V.** Medical issues)
- Assisted Living/Nursing Home**
- **Rev Floyd and Bobbi Duff**
- **Evelyn J.**
- **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.

☞ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **April 2nd, Fifth S. in Lent; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-45 (46-53) or John 11:17-26, 38-53.**

Families of the Week

Week of March 26, 2017

Virma Konans Virma has been a member for 8 or 9 years. She has been a Lutheran all her life and is a retired elementary school teacher. She enjoys the people of Concordia and the Gospel message and regularly attends the 11:00 am service. She has two sons and six grandchildren. She is a member of a Be our Guest Breakfast Team, Micah's backpack, LWML and the Visitation Team.

Pete and Karen Kreymborg The Kreymborgs have been members of Concordia for twenty three years and enjoy the fellowship

with church members and usually attend the 8:00 am service. They have a son and a daughter. They are active in the Monday night Bible Study group, LW-ML, men's group, sewing group, prayer shawl knitting, lawn care and Memorial Garden and tending flowers around the church.

Mission of the Month SED Sandtown Project

Continuation of selected notes from the March 16, 2017 Planning Council Meeting

Church Properties - **Terry Bowman** The quarterly inspection of the fire suppression system will take place March 29th. / The snow removal contractor, Landshark, has agreed to act as backup for lawn mowing this summer. /

Cut, chipped and removed two trees from the lower parking lot. Special thanks to Ed Asper, Mike Flicek, and Les Braun for help in removing the trees.

Public Relations - **Ron Bucher** Lent and Easter worship services will be advertised in the newspaper and will include a photograph of the church with the Lenten crosses in place.

Social Ministry - **Jean Tichnell** Council agree by consensus to continue to serve 15 students through Micah's Backpack next year. / Prayer shawls will be presented to all college students when they graduate, starting with the three who graduated in Dec. 2016. / Loving the Lost campaign begins the final year in April. / For now the LTL Prayer box will remain in place until a form of "closure" can be worked out. / Visitation Ministry met

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Baptismal Birthdays</u>
27	- Betty Klug	None this week
31	- Mikie McClullough	
<u>Anniversaries</u>		
26	- Sylvia/Bob Shives	"58" and counting

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

Tune in April 2nd

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.

"Freedom in the Spirit" Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be. (Romans 8:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Planning Council Meeting (Continued from page 1)

March 5th with 12 in attendance. They have already begun visiting folks.

Parish Fellowship - Karen Meinelschmidt . There will be a special recognition of the confirmands at the Be Our Guest brunch on April 2nd.

CCDC - Jean Tichnell The spaghetti dinner/auction on March 16 was a great success. Karla reported to the group that the proceeds of the evening unofficially totaled over \$3,700.

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

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.

Easter Breakfast The men of the congregation will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday in the fellowship hall from 8:30-11:00 a.m. All three worship services will take place at the regular times, as well as Sunday school. There will be no adult Bible class.

Confirmation Next Sunday The Rite of Confirmation will take place next Sunday April 2nd for a number of students who have achieved their 1000 points needed to be confirmed. A second confirmation service will be planned in June for those who still need to complete their requirements.

Farewell Fellowship Event On Saturday April 22nd, plan to come to an Open House in honor of the Gretatssons in the outreach center from 2-4 p.m. This will be an opportunity to say farewell before Pastor Emil's last day on April 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** Well, we finally made it to the letter "Z"! Now what? We had a busy week with a mix of either indoor or outdoor playtime, depending on the weather. It was also Bookmobile week which is always fun picking out books to borrow and take home and read.

Tuesday—CCDC Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

♦ **New LifeLight Course** The new class on the topic of Ministry started last Wednesday March 22nd and will run 9 weeks through the end of May with a break during Holy Week. New class members are welcome. Class materials will be provided. Please see Sylvia Shives at the 8 or 9:30 service, or Jim Gann at the 11:00.

♦ **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.

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

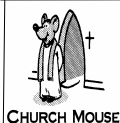
♦ **Concordia Choir** *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him... his name is the Lord exult before him. Psalm 68:5* Choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings immediately following Lenten worship as we prepare anthems for the Lenten season and Easter. New voices are welcome.

♦ **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.

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.

LWML If you would like to attend the Potomac Zone Spring Rally on Saturday April 1st at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Silver Spring., see Sylvia Shives or Carroll Gatling today. The next regular meeting will be Thursday April 6th at 10 a.m. Our guest will be Vickie Willman who will speak about the Contemporary American Theater Festival for 2017.



Virma Konans is off to spend some time with family members in the coming weeks.