



# Talking Together

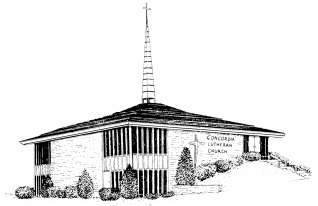
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April 9, 2017

<b>Our Stewardship</b>	<b>(Greeters for Maundy Thursday Worship - Trovinger; for Good Friday Worship - Flicek)</b>
Attendance for April 2, 20017 .....	165
Budget Needs through March 2017 .....	\$76,850.50
Our Operating Income Giving for March 2017 .....	\$25,305.84
Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only) .....	\$307,402.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	4/9	Sidney Hector	1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery	Millie Bucher	Vermiliya	Shives/Waldron	
		Chase Baker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Becky Brown	Chip Brown	Nordyke	Gann/Tichnell	
	4/16	Erin Davidson	1 <sup>st</sup> No Nursery	Sylvia Shives	Foster	Shives/Waldron	
		Adam Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Brenda Meiron	Chip Brown	Abbott/Kline	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, @ Amt home, 7 p.m.  
Monday ..... WV Bible Study @ Tichnell home, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... LifeLight Bible Study 12:00 p.m.  
Thursday ..... Choir Rehearsal following worship, 8:00 p.m.  
Friday ..... Good Friday worship, 7 p.m.

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**  
- Maureen, Brandon, and newborn (Injured in auto accident on the way home from the hospital) Friends of Brenda Horsch  
- Barb B. (Severs back and knee pain.)  
- Pam (Ovarian cancer)  
- Kimberly (Personal issues)  
- Pentz Family (Barn fire, loss of animals)

**PRAYER LIST—REVISE/UPDATE**  
Betty W. (Stroke)

**KEEP AS IS:**  
Easter Breakfast (from previous week—it didn't make last week)  
Opportunity to Serve  
Church library

☩ - New entry    M - Member    U - Update

**Sunday School**  
**HARC Hike**  
**Yard Sale Coming**  
**Farewell Fellowship Event**

- Ron (Hospice Care) Friend of Bob Keane  
- Hanna D. (leukemia) niece of Don and Virginia

**PRAYER LIST- REVISE/UPDATE**  
- Carole F. (Radiation treatment) Sister of Don Detweiler  
- Phyllis M. (Medical tests) Former member of Concordia  
- 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  
- Evelyn J. (Stroke) Mother of Linda Reiser

**Ongoing**  
- Christopher (Brain Cancer)  
- Steve U. (Medical Issues)  
- Ed P. (Medical Complications)  
- Mary Lou G. (Malignant tumor).  
- mDot McA. (medical issues)  
- mLinda McS. (Parkinson's)  
- mRegina H (Medical issues)  
- mGinny D. (Medical issues)  
- Martin (Personal healing)  
- Brittany Y.  
- mJudy K. (medical concerns)  
- Nancy V. Medical issues)

**Assisted Living/Nursing Home**  
- Joel F. (Providence Place)

- Rev Floyd and Bobbi Duff  
- Emmett A.  
- Karen U.  
- Eileen D.  
- Kim G.  
- mCarl 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

**"Nurturing the Faith"**  
The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **April 16, Easter Sunday;**  
**Exodus 14:10—15:1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;**  
**John 20:1-18.**

**Families of the Week**  
*Week of April 9, 2017*

**David and Susie Marr** The Marrs have been members for over three years and usually attend the 11:00 am service. They live in Williamsport and have two adult children Alex, 25 and Katie, 20. They like the friendliness of Concordia.

**Dot Mc Allister** Dot has been a member for 33 years. She considers Concordia her extended family and enjoys the friendliness of the people. She attends the 11:00 am service.

**Mission of the Month**  
Orphan Grain Train, Maryland Division

**Farewell Fellowship Event** On Saturday April 22nd, plan to come to an Open House in honor of the Gretarssons 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.

**Parking Saturday April-22** When coming to the Farewell Fellowship Event on 4/22 for the Gretarsson's, please park in the upper level parking lots. There is another activity scheduled for the afternoon in the Fellowship Hall and the lower parking lots. This is an activity of one of the 12 step groups which meet weekly at the church. We are welcome to stop by to greet people, as it will be open to the public.

**Maundy or Holy Thursday**  
Many Holy Thursday services, particularly in the Catholic churches, are held in the evenings and offer Communion (or Eucharist) to the congregation. Some priests or ministers wash parishioners' feet in memory of the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Holy oils are blessed to symbolize that the sacraments have their source in Jesus Christ, according to Christian belief. Hymns such as the *Pange Lingua, Gloria, or Ubi Caritas*, are usually sung in some church services during this time of the year. Some churches offer a pot luck supper for congregation members after the Holy Thursday service. If donations are collected from the suppers, they usually go towards charitable causes. Holy Thursday serves as a time for some Christians to donate money to the poor.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

9 - Chip Brown  
9 - Beth Burdette  
10 - Spenser Lane  
15 - Daniel Stanley

### Baptismal Birthdays

15 - Denny Gibson  
15 - Melody Gibson-Solomon

**Anniversaries**  
None this week

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

**Tune in April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**"Empty Tomb Hope"** The assurance of Christ's resurrection turns wonder into reality and gives us an eternal hope. (Matthew 28:1-10)  
**Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**

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**HARC Hike for Hunger and Hope** is scheduled for **June 10, 2017** on the C&O Canal in Washington County. All proceeds from this event benefit HARC (Hagerstown Area Religious Council) and Micah's Backpack. Deadline for registration that guarantees you a T-shirt is May 21st. Information and registration forms are on the bulletin board to the left of the mailboxes.

**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.

**LifeLight** The class will not meet this week on April 12, Class will meet next on Wednesday April 19th with 6 sessions left. It is not too late for anyone interested to join the class. The topic of Ministry is very timely with the congregation getting ready to call a new pastor in the coming months.

**Quilt Display** Our sewing group has been busy this year making quilts for Orphan Grain Train. The quilts will be on display April 16, 23, and 30. The quilts will also be available for sale with the proceeds of any sales going to Orphan Grain Train to help cover the cost of shipping the quilts and other goods to destination countries where they are needed. In addition to the quilts we will also be sending 70 pairs of boys shorts, over 200 dresses, 25 market cloths, and several boxes of sewing supplies. If you are interested in coming to the sewing group or sewing at home, please see Betty Klug or Cheryl Fertitta.

**Barn Fire** Clint and Sarah Pentz experienced a fire on Sunday night resulting in the total loss of their barn and a ewe and three lambs. Thankfully several other animals were rescued by neighbors. They are working through everything with the insurance folks and plan to rebuild. They plan a cleanup day and will let us know how we can help. Meanwhile they ask for prayers in getting through this tough time.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** FOR CHILDREN- Happy Easter Biscuit, Sometimes I Get Scared PSALM 23 for Children & It's Spring! (other Easter and Spring books on display on library table) FOR ADULTS- FIC/Western -*Song Of Blessing Bk 4*, & FIC/America-*Courage To Dream Bk 3*. NON FICTION ADULT-Mayo Clinic Guide To Alzheimer's Disease 2006 Copyright, What's So Amazing About Grace?., A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23, Becoming A Prayer Warrior & Fearless/book and study guide.

♦ **Open Arms Open Arms** Our exciting event last week was "Donuts for Dads" on Tuesday. Each child "shopped for their favorite donuts for themselves and their dads ( or granddads) who came in and enjoyed the donuts together. A little later in the year we will do "Muffins for Mom" near Mother's Day.

♦ **Sunday School** This is a reminder—regular Sunday school will take place on Easter Sunday with emphasis on the true Easter story. Breakfast will be taking place throughout the morning so there should be time to attend breakfast and Sunday school as well as a worship service. (No egg hunt on Sunday!) Please sign up for the egg hunt on Saturday April 15th.

♦ **Concordia Choir** *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation Psalm 95:1* The choir will rehearse this week on Thursday following the Maundy Thursday worship for the anthems for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Regular rehearsal will be held next week April 19th at 7:30.

♦ **Opportunity to Serve** The altar committee is seeking an individual or a couple to become part of the Communion Stewards. The need is for someone to do the take-down after late worship two Sundays a month, every-other month. The task takes about 20 minutes and training is provided. Contact Sylvia Shives. (Sylvia.shives@myactv.net) to join this important ministry.

♦ **Sewing Group** The group will not meet this week, we will meet next on April 20th.

♦ **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 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.

**LWML** Praise be to God—the national LWML mission goal of two million dollars for the 2015-2017 biennium was reached by the March 30 deadline! That means all the mission grants for the biennium can be paid.



CHURCH MOUSE

Two school musicals are coming up: *Seusical, The Musical* put on by Barbara Ingraham School at the Maryland Theater and *Guys and Dolls* at Williamsport High. Students involved are Kyra Baker in *Seusical* and Lucy Nordyke in *Guys and Dolls*. Both take place the weekends of April 22-23 and 29-30. Contact the MD theater or Williamsport HS for tickets.