



Talking Together

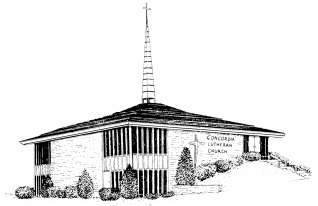
the weekly newsletter of

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April 23, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for April 16, 2017	208
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	
	4/23	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Larry Hector	Garrison	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Lucy Nordyke	Ronald Golem	Dawson	Gann/Tichnell	
	4/30	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Cheryl Fertitta	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron	
		Dylan Burcher	2 nd Stephanie Gore	Paul Zuelsdorf	Brown	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, @ Schleeffhome, 7 p.m.
Monday	WV Bible Study @ Tichnell home, 7 p.m.
Tuesday	CCDC Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	LifeLight® Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sewing Group, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thursday	Education Board, 7:00 pm.

PRAYER LIST- REVISE/UPDATE

- Maureen, Brandon, and newborn (Parents home, baby remains in 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)
- Betty W. (Stroke)
- Ron (Hospice Care) Friend of Bob Keane
- Hanna D. (leukemia) niece of Don and Virginia
- Carole F. (Radiation treatment) Sister of Don Detweiler
- Betty W. (Hospitalized, stroke)
- Eddie D. (Prostate cancer)
- Lori T. (breast cancer)

- Evelyn J. (Stroke)

Ongoing

- Christopher (Brain Cancer)
 - Steve U. (Medical Issues)
 - Phyllis M. (Medical tests)
 - 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.
 - Judy 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.
 - 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 Orphan Grain

☪ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **April 30, 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35**

Families of the Week

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Patrick and Mikie McCullough Patrick and Mikie have two young sons Dawson and Gavin. Dawson attended Open Arms last year. They live in Greencastle. Mikie is the daughter of Cheryl Dawson.

Hugh and Linda Mc Sweyn Hugh attends the 11:00 am service and often assists with ushering. His is one of the many smiling faces to greet people. Linda has not been able to attend lately because of Parkinson's. They have been members for 5 years and when Linda was able sang in the choir and were on the Communion Steward team. They think of Concordia as a very friendly, caring and Bible centered church.

Executive Director - Joe Davidson Election for 2017-19 officers and board chairpersons will take place in June. A nominating committee is being formed to complete the slate of officers. We plan to fill the positions defined in the new bylaws in anticipation of being approved by the SED. / A number of individuals have indicated they are willing to continue to serve in their current positions, but there will be several positions open for nominations. / The council agree by consensus to approve expanding the size of the playground for the preschool. The school will cover the cost of the expansion.

Assistant Exec. Director - Rod Bearman Rod and another individual will meet with Don Schleeff to do a review of the treasurer's records. The guidelines in the LCMS Treasurer's Manual will be used to assist in the review.

Financial Secretary - Mitzie Bowman Total operating income for March was \$25,304.84 This was 5.5% more than the same date in 2016. / Total contributions to Loving the Lost from pledges and non-pledges was \$341,073.22.

Treasurer - Don Schleeff Contributions are currently favorable in relation to budgeted expenses. / There is some concern that contributions to Loving the Lost are behind projections. With just one year to go may not reach the pledged amount by May 2018. / We are seeking an individual to be the LCEF contact person. Their task would be to keep the congregation informed about LCEF and what they offer to individuals and congregations.

Lay Ministry - Larry Hector Larry is looking for a person to chair the Vine and Branches event on June 24th. The guest presenter will be Dr. Jeff Gibbs of Concordia

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

26 - Raymond Meinelschmidt
28 - Mitzie Bowman
29 - Thomas Davidson

Anniversaries

6 - Lisa and Edward Asper, Jr.
28 - Virginia and Don Detweiler
29 - Barbara and Bert Brittain

Baptismal Birthdays

29 - Clint Pentz
xx - Kyra Baker
xx - Becky Brown

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

Tune in April 30th

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.

"Unadulterated Fact" The early believers knew two things to be true: Jesus performed miraculous works and He rose from the dead. (Acts 2:22-25)

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

Seminary, St. Louis. Pastor Ken Stottlemyer of St. Paul, Hancock is co-hosting the event and will assist in planning and publicizing the event. Circuit churches are invited. / Strategic Planning has been absorbed by Lay Ministry for the time being. / Visitation ministry is active with 8 to 10 participants. They are currently visiting 16 people. Pastor Bill Pekari is providing guidance to this group.

Evangelism – Carroll Gatling (Sylvia reporting) Carroll is working with Roland Foster and the iNeighborhood group on planning a Spiritual retreat on Saturday May 20, 2017. The title of the retreat is Epiphany in May.

Youth Ministry – Barb Nordyke (Larry) Barb was commended for the work she did in helping the confirmands make individual banners.

Micah's Backpack -- **Urgent need!!** Our Inventory Team for Micah's Backpack are asking for help, please. We have six more weeks of backpacks to fill -- and only enough food for two weeks. Dinner items and veggies are most needed but anything on the suggested food list would be appreciated. Thank you!!

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 Pastor and Family Although today is Pastor's last Sunday with us, he and the family will be around a few days in the next couple of weeks as they prepare for a trip to Iceland along with preparing for the move to Ohio. This week will be spent putting finishing touches on the house and packing up for the move. They leave for Iceland on April 30th and will return to Hagerstown late on May 9th. The 10th and 11th movers will pack the rental truck. Folks are coming from Holy Cross to drive the truck and Pastor's car to Ohio. In the meantime they may be able to use some help, especially this week with hauling away trash or taking things to goodwill, or storing some things for the yard sale, or entertaining the kids during the packing days, or providing a meal or two. Best to call Pastor or Heather's cell phones (240-385-5097 or 240-385-5096) if you have help to offer so things can be coordinated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** New book donations under Fiction Adult; *Macpherson Brides* bk 1, 2 & 3 by Mischelle Creager and *The Pathfinders Series* bk 1 & 2 by Lori.

♦ **Open Arms** On Wednesday the children had their last Chapel service with Pastor Emil. A large number of parents attended that day to bid farewell. If you haven't visited the school area lately, be sure to walk down the hall and take a look at the posters of the individual children prepared by their families - they are fantastic

♦ **Sunday School** Classes for all ages continue on Sunday morning at 9:30. The new curriculum in use this year has been an interesting journey, especially for the elementary school age groups

♦ **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.* Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. New voices welcome at any time

♦ **LifeLight** There are 5 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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Please sign up** to help with the upcoming yard sale. It will take the assistance of many hands during the week of June 4-10.

♦ **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.

♦ **Thank You Note** Thanks to Chef Frank and the men of the congregation who hosted the breakfast last Sunday. It was a time of food and fellowship for all who attended.

LWML The next regular meeting will be Thursday May 4th at 10 a.m. The program will be a Bible Study on Prayer led by Jeannette Litezau in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. All women are welcome to attend.



MOUSE The Fertitta Family was blessed to have almost their entire family attend worship and breakfast with them last Sunday. Their daughters Tammy, Ann, and Jennifer and families and sons Vincent and Tony and family filled three tables at breakfast!