



Talking Together

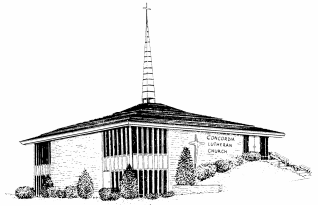
the weekly newsletter of

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April 30, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for April 23, 2017	161
Budget Expenses to Date	\$70,406.45
Our Operating Income Giving to Date	\$73,187.50
Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)	\$307,402.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	4/30	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Cheryl Fertitta	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron	
		Dylan Burcher	2 nd Stephanie Gore	Paul Zuelsdorf	Brown	Gann/Tichnell	
	5/07	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Sarah Pentz	Rogers	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd Lucy Nordyke	Karla Baker	Rurcker/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 - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	LWML, 10 a.m.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Karen D** (Recurrent cancer) Mother of Joe Davidson
- **Leon S.** (Surgery 5/8) Husband of Chris Shumaker
- **Rebecca L.** (Personal issues) Daughter of Homer Abbott
- **Vanessa C.** (Blood clots) Sister of Cheryl Fertitta and Roberta Taylor
- **Lyn** (Recurrent cancer) mother of Kori Matheis
- **Kimberly** (Personal issues)
- **Ron** (Hospice Care) Friend of Bob Keane
- **Hanna D.** (leukemia) niece of Don and Virginia Detweiler
- **Carole F.** (Radiation treatment) Sister of Don Detweiler
- **Ongoing**

- **Eddie D.** (Prostate cancer)
- **Barb B.** (Severe back and knee pain.)
- **Lori T.** (breast cancer)
- **Evelyn J.** (Stroke)
- **Betty W.** (Stroke)
- **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.
- 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 Train

☩ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **May 7, 4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.**

Families of the Week April 30

Robert Meier Has been attending for about a year. Usually attends the 8:00 service

Karen Meinelschmidt has been a member since 1978. She is chairman of the Fellowship Committee and has served in other areas over the years including Sunday school teacher and comfort-care. She is a swimming instructor and caterer. She has two children and five grandchildren.

LWML MISSION GRANT STORY

Children of God

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1. Many of our LWML Mission Grants serve children and youth. How are your mite offerings bringing the message of God's love to His youngest children? They are being...

Nourished... by the gift of clean water filtration systems provided by MOST Ministries (Grant #1). Water refreshes their bodies and the Christian witness of volunteers nourishes their souls. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" Isaiah 12:3

Protected... in their mother's womb at Redeeming Life Maternity Home (Grant #5). Women and their unborn children are sheltered and nurtured in a Christian home.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Jer. 1:5.

Educated... at Rosa Young Academies, (Grant #19) where they can learn in a safe environment and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's Word. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Healed... through after school programs and youth camps, children and families of the Navajo nation (Grant #6) are seeking and receiving the Word of God in their lives.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

Comforted... by the prayers of believers as they suffer with cancer. Phil's Friends (Grant #3) sends lovingly prepared care packages and cards of support to God's ill children. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances..." 1Thes 5:16

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

1 - Kirk Meinelschmidt
2 - Madison Poole
4 - Randall Diest
5 - Juanita Detwieler
5 - Elijah Gretarsson
7 - Patricia Fridgen
8 - Julia Diest
13 - Carl Jesse

Baptismal Birthdays

x - Kyra Baker
xx - Becky Brown
1 - Robert Sines
1 - Jeanmarie Tichnell
12 - Sarah Pentz

Anniversaries

None this week

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

Tune in May 7th

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.

"The Abundant Life of Grace" Don't leave God's grace behind! We are still sheep who need the Good Shepherd. (John 10:1-10)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

You too are a much loved child of God. Your prayers and mite offerings make a difference in the lives of others. Learn more about LWML Mission Grants at www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

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.

Prayer Ministry i-neighborhood prayer requests will now be taken on the last Sunday of the quarter (more often if able). We will take requests this Sunday 4/30 after each service. There is also a box for prayer requests on the counter under the Loving the Lost bulletin board. Remember, these requests are not shared for the newsletter or announced in the services. They are kept confidential among members of i-neighborhood and prayed for individually at home. A prayer journal is kept and we will pray for current requests as a group.

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.

Flower Beds Many of the flower beds around the church are in need of some TLC. If YOU would like to help keep our campus looking good. Only a few sections are getting regular attention so please consider "adopting" a section of the flower beds. See Karen Kreymborg to see where the needs are.

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!!

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** This was a busy week, as they all are. Wednesday was Bookmobile day. Enrollment for next year is up to 45 so we are nearing capacity. The next Open House is scheduled for next Sunday May 7th from 1-3 p.m.

♦ **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.

♦ **Quilt Display** Today is the last day for the quilt display. Thanks to all who bought quilts, the proceeds will go to Orphan Grain Train to help with shipping costs along with the remaining quilts. We are also sending about 300 pillowcase dresses and over 70 boys shorts. Thanks to the Brauns who are dropping things off at the warehouse in Annapolis this week.

♦ **Yard Sale** See the sign-up sheet. We can use some folks to work afternoon or evenings preparing for the sale. There will be much to do to get ready in a week! Check the hot pink flyer from last week's mailbox for additional details.

Thank You Note Thanks to everyone who provided food for the Farewell Open House last weekend. Special thanks to Karen Meinelschmidt, and Frank Waldron for organizing the arrangements. The event was well attended and Pastor Emil and family appreciated the special time to say farewell.

♦ **Spiritual Retreat Postponed** The May 20th Spiritual Retreat announced in last week's newsletter has been postponed until Fall..

♦ **Mark Your Calendars** The annual *Vine and Branches* event is scheduled for Saturday June 24th. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jeff Gibbs of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Pastor Ken Stottlemyer of St. Paus in Hancock is listed as co-hosting and will assist with some of the planning and coordinating of the details. We need a person from Concordia to help with the hosting duties here at Concordia. See Larry Hector if you are able to help.

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. Host is Jane O'Farrell.



CHURCH MOUSE

The "Concordia" bowling team, the Chick a Dees placed first in the roll-off last week. Congratulations to **Karen Kreymborg, Rosella Rogers, Sylvia Shives, and Rosella's sister Liz Johanns.**