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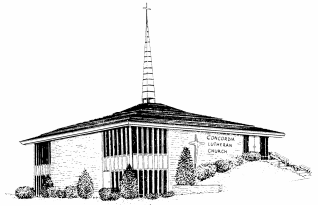
the weekly newsletter of

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Our Stewardship

Attendance for May 7, 20017	117
Budget Expenses to Date	\$111,671.00
Our Operating Income Giving to Date	\$94,978.00
Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)	\$307,402.00

Serving in Worship



	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers
Early Service	5/14	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Les Braun	Shives	Shives/Waldron
Late Service		Chase Baker	2 nd Becky Brown	Hugh McSweyn	Brown	Gann/Tichnell
Early Service	5/21	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Nancy Fliccek	Fertitta	Shives/Waldron
Late Service		Adam Brown	2 nd Bernie Davidson	Kathy Schleef	Jorgensen	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.

Monday PA Bible Study,
 Wednesday LifeLight® Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday Parish Planning Council, 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Sewing Group, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- **Mary Lou Gann** Finished her last treatment and tumors on her lungs are gone. While she is not completely cancer free, she is doing much better. No adverse effects.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Laura S.** (personal issues) Daughter of Don and Kathy Schleef

- **Wes B.** (Medical issues) Husband of Monica Boor

- **Trovinger Family** (death of son Alan) - Carolyn and Terry Trovinger

- **Don D.** (temporary nursing home for IV antibiotics)

- **Hite Family** (death of son-in-law, David Knipe)

- **Liam M.** (1-month old hospitalized w/

respiratory failure)

- **Jennifer T.** (Medical tests) Daughter of the Fertittas

- **Karen D** (Recurrent cancer) Mother of Joe Davidson

- **Leon S.** (Surgery 5/8) Husband of Chris Shumaker

- **Lyn** (Recurrent cancer) mother of Kori Matheis

- **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)

- **Ron** (Hospice Care) Friend of Bob Keane

- **Rebecca L.** (Personal issues) Daughter of Homer Abbott

- **Steve U.** (Medical Issues)

- **Phyllis M.** (Medical tests)

- **Ed P.** (Medical Complications)

- **MDot 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**

- **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,**

☪ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **May 21, 6th Sunday of Easter:** Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Families of the Week

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John and Karen Mullican have been members of Concordia for 8 years and are life-long Lutherans. John is a well-know artist and has enriched Concordia with paintings of Pastors Emil and Joel as well as paintings for our narthex, and the design of the Memorial Garden. They like the friendly nature of our congregation and its size. They have been attending the 9:30 service.

Charlie and Ann Myers Charlie has been member for 6 years. He currently serves as

chairman of the education board and co-teaches the early childhood Sunday school class. His wife Ann often helps with the Sunday school class. They have twin granddaughters just over two years of age and a grandson due in July. They attend the 11:00 service and enjoy the people and service at Concordia.

What God Can Do with 57 Cents

Today is Mother's Day, a day when we honor women everywhere. Much is written today about famous and powerful women in the world, but what about the everyday women God uses to change the world in much smaller ways? Here is a true story:

"What God Can Do with 57 Cents." It took place in the 1800s in Philadelphia. A little girl "lived near a small church where the Sunday

Military - Brent J. Patrick G, Matthew H, Philip Nicholas B., Ian H, Michael J., ☪ Josh Lively (Navy) Husband of new member Pam Lively.
Burton Cross - leaving for Kuwait in July (son-in-law of Monica Boor)

School was very crowded and he [the pastor] told her that one day they would have buildings big enough to allow everyone to attend who wanted to." Although from a very poor family, the little girl wanted all children to have a place to learn about Jesus. Later, the child died of diphtheria and the pastor was asked to conduct the funeral. The girl's mother gave the pastor a little purse that contained 57 cents, money the girl had been saving to help build a bigger church. Inspired by the girl's determined, sacrificial giving, others

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

20 - Morgan Tucker

Baptismal Birthdays

None This Week

Anniversaries

19 Melody and Ricardo Solomon

"Listening to the "Lutheran Hour"

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in May 21st

WNAV (Annapolis) 1430 AM 7:00 a.m. WZXXH 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.

"Comfort in the Spirit for Our Spirits" To be the people God created us to be, we must be connected to His power, to His Word, by His Spirit. (John 14:15-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

grew the fund to enable additional property to be purchased and a building (dedicated to the memory of Hattie May Wiatt, who so sacrificially shared 57 cents) to be built to increase the Sunday school size. In time, a college/university (Temple University) and a hospital (Good Samaritan) were also the results of this initial gift of 57 cents. www.truthorfiction.com/hattiemaywiatt Oh my! What God can do with 57 cents!

As we reflect on this story, let us think about our LWML Mite Boxes and the coins that are dropped in them. These mighty mites can work wonders when pooled together; they can be the seed money to initiate an on-going project of winning souls for Christ.

Well – how about an LWML Mite Box full of coins? The first mites were received in 1930 from 92 societies totaling \$6651.31. LWML Mission Grants were established in 1945 and since that time over \$100,000,000 have been contributed to projects that share the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The mission goal for the 2015-2017 biennium was \$2,000,000, and was indeed reached and exceeded!

What God can do with an LWML Mite Box full of coins! May God continue to bless our giving.

Contemporary American Theater Festival CATF takes place at nearby Shepherd University during the month of July. Forms with ticket information for the six plays are available on the information table in the narthex.

College Graduations In our church family we have two young men who just graduated from college

Levi Bucher Graduated from James Madison University with a B.B.A. in Accounting and a 3.8 Major GPA. He has been on the Dean's List for the past three semesters. His many organizations included Sigma Alpha Lamda National Leadership & Honor Society and National Leadership and Success Society. This summer he will intern at an accounting firm in Tysons, VA. He plans to further his education at JMU to earn a MS degree in accounting. He will be a Graduate Assistant for the College of Business. Levi is the grandson of Ron and Millie Bucher.

Lucas Nordyke Graduated Cum Laude from James Madison University on May 6, 2017 His Major was Political Science with a minor in Anthropology. He was a member of the Honors College where he wrote a senior capstone research paper. Lucas studied abroad in South Africa and spent a semester London. He will be attending law school this fall at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland where he will pursue his interest in international law.

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** If you know anyone interested in attending Open Arms next year tell them to register soon. There is just one spot left in each class. Once classes are filled we will begin a waiting list for spots that become available over the summer. There is only one more regular week left in our schedule. The following week is graduation on Wednesday May 24th and the picnic on the 25th at Doub's Woods.

♦ **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.* Only one more Wednesday Rehearsal and then a break for the summer. Warm up those voices and join us in August.

♦ **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** -- The greatest need at this point is for dinner products – beef stew, spaghetti and meatballs, etc. We still have a few more weeks to pack for. An extra pack is sent to fill in until the summer food programs kick in around the communities.

♦ **Prayer Ministry** The prayer request box in the narthex below the Loving the Lost bulletin board is for prayers that are not shared in the newsletter or the worship service. These go to the neighborhood prayer group and are prayed for within this small group where they are kept confidential.

Yard Sale Hang onto those yard sale donations for a couple more weeks! We ask that things be brought in on Sunday June 4th after the breakfast. We can use some help to move chairs and set up more tables that day. Crews will work that week to prepare for the sale on June 10th. Add Dick and Betty Klug to the yard sale team.

LWML Ladies, save the date of Thursday June 1st for the annual Ladies Night Out dinner. We have a couple places in mind, but suggestions are welcome for a place that can accommodate about 20-25 ladies. See Rosella Rogers.



CHURCH MOUSE

Celeste Solomon made the front page of the newspaper on Thursday as Alice in the Alice in Wonderland play at Lincolnshire school. She is the granddaughter of the **Mike and Debby Jorgensen**. **The Mullican's** are attending their daughter's wedding in North Carolina this week. **Bill and Susan Pekari** are in Connecticut for their grandson's Confirmation.