



Talking Together

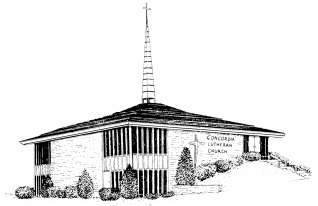
the weekly newsletter of

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May 21, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for May 14, 20017	119
Budget Expenses to Date	\$137,632.00
Our Operating Income Giving to Date	\$114,875.00
Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)	\$307,402.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	5/21	Sidney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Nancy Flicek	Fertitta	Shives/Waldron	
		Adam Brown	2 nd Bernie Davidson	Kathy Schleaf	Jorgensen	Gann/Tichnell	
	5/28	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Marian Foster	Rogers	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd Sylvia Shives	Mike Jorgensen	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 WV Bible Study, @ Tichnell home; 7 p.m.

Wednesday Open Arms Graduation, 11 a.m.
 Wednesday LifeLight Class, 12-130 p.m.
 Thursday Open Arms Picnic, 10 a.m.
 Thursday Sewing Group, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Thursday Education Board, 7 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Johnson and Reiser families** (death of Evelyn Johnson 5/16) mother of Linda Reiser
- **Ann W.** (Breast cancer) Sister of Roland Foster
- **Ebersole family** (Death of 4 month old Jayce of SIDS)
- **Susan D.** (Breast cancer) sister of Jane O'Farrell
- **Laura S.** (personal issues) Daughter of Don and Kathy Schleaf
- **Wes B.** (Medical issues) Husband of Monica Boor
- **Trovinger Family** (death of son Alan) - Carrolyn and Terry Trovinger
- **Don D.** (Recovering from surgery on 5/17)

- **Liam M.** (Condition worsening)
- **Jennifer T.** (Medical tests) Daughter of the Fertittas
- **Karen D** (Recurrent cancer) Mother of Joe Davidson
- **Leon S.** (Recovering from surgery) Husband of Chris Shumaker
- **Lyn** (Recurrent cancer) mother of Kori Matheis
- **Ongoing**
- **Mary Lou Gann** Finished her last treatment and tumors on her lungs are gone.
- **Hanna D.** (Remains under treatment) niece of Don and Virginia Detweiler
- **Carole F.** (Remains under treatment) Sister of Don Detweiler
- **Eddie D.** (Prostate cancer)
- **Barb B.** (Severe back and knee pain.)

- **Lori T.** (breast cancer)
- **Betty W.** (Stroke)
- **Christopher** (Brain Cancer)
- **Ron** (Hospice Care)
- **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**
- **Rebecca L.** Daughter of Homer Abbott

- **Emmett A.**
- **Karen U.**
- **Eileen D.**
- **Kim G.**
- **McCarl J.**
- **Bill H.**
- **Missionaries / Other**
- **People of Haiti, Florida,**
- **North and South Carolina**
- **Rev. David Erber** (Africa)
- **Ed, Mary Fox** - (Guatemala)
- **All persecuted Christians - Military**
- **Brent J. Patrick G,**
- **Matthew H, Philip, Nicholas B., Ian H, Michael J., Josh L (Burton C.**

☩ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **May 25, Ascension of Our Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.**

Families of the Week

May 21

John and Njuibi Njomouo They are from Cameroon and have been members of Concordia for four years. They have three children Alex 7, Joel 6 and Marie 3. Njuibi is a Doctor of Pharmacy working in Hagerstown, and among his other jobs John has been "super-dad." They like the small church size and the community of Concordia. They attend the 11:00 service.

Buck and Barb Nordyke are from Joplin, Missouri and have been members of Concordia for over three years. Buck works for

(Families of Week cont'd)

Cerainteed. Their son Lucas will enter law school in the fall. Daughter Lucy is a choir member and Barb does a multitude of things for Concordia - youth leader, sexton Micah's backpack and Be our Guest Brunch team leader for the Nordyke family and youth group. They attend the 11:00 service and love Concordia because it is mission centered.

Mission of the month Fisher House

Selected Notes from the May 18, 2017

Planning Council Meeting

Executive Director - Joe Davidson Election for 2017-19 officers and board chairpersons is scheduled for Sunday June 25, 2017 immediately following the 11:00 service. / Almost all of the current officers and board

chairs are willing to continue in office. The slate will be posted at least two weeks before the election, giving the nomination weeks before the election, giving the nomination committee time to fill all positions.

Financial Secretary - Mitzie Bowman Total operating income for March was \$29,357.63. /In 24 months the amount received for Loving the Lost This is 13.7% more than the same date in 2016. / Total contributions to Loving the Lost from pledges and non-pledges was \$360,160.22. /24 months the amount received for Loving the Lost is 70.3% of the total pledged.

Treasurer - Don Schleaf In April we received substantial amounts from Thrivent Choice Dollars and Loving the Lost contributions. Two members' requests to have their Choice Dollars go to specific CLC ministries were honored.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

24 - Brenda Meiron
25 - Benjamin Flanick
25 - Camryn Pendley
26 - Cynthia Golem
26 - Debra Jorgensen
26 - Dorothy Brown
27 - Thaddeus Fridgen

Baptismal Birthdays

22 - Ian Lane

Anniversaries

None this week

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

Tune in May 28th

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 Best of Things in the Worst of Times” As another generation comes along that knows not the Lord or what He has done, God enables His people to do the best of things in the worst of times.

(Philippians 1:27)

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

This was \$132 to CCDC and \$490 to LTL.

Lay Ministry – Larry Hector Larry and the elders continue to work on having worship services covered with Pastors during the vacancy. Pastor Steve Funck will be here on May 21; Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, past president of SED, will be here on May 28 and June 4; the following Sundays will be covered by Lay Deacons who are qualified to conduct Holy Communion as well as other pastoral functions. / The call committee is nearly complete and will be commissioned at the voters meeting on June 25.

Church Properties Terry Bowman A new 4-cycle grass trimmer was purchased to replace the battery powered one since it would no longer hold a charge. / Placed a new sign on the front door for the service bell.

Noted that the unit at the rear of Harmony Hall is for supplemental air for the kitchen and is designed to run 24/7.

Social Ministry – Jean Tichnell Visitation Ministry - Originally had 15 volunteers and a list of 12 homebound persons to visit, the May meeting had just 6 volunteers. Visits and follow-ups have decreased from 10 visits the first month to 3 visits the second month./Jean wants to re-group and continue since this ministry is very important with no pastor to do the visiting.

Evangelism – Carroll Gatling Carroll presented a request to purchase a series of booklets put out by Lutheran Hour Ministries. A freestanding display rack comes with a starting selection of 10 each of 23 titles. An extra table rack is needed for the OC. Approved **CCDC** Jean Tichnell It is best financially to remain the size we are for the coming year. / A credit/debit card with the CCDC account has been provided for Karla to make school purchases. / The CCDC Board will be introduced and participate in graduation on May 24. / We are looking at a data entry system for the school called Jackrabbit. It would be a separate system from the church’s data system. /Jean and Bernie attended the school staff meeting on 5/18 to hear concerns and provide assurance of the advisory committee’s support of the school.

Other Jean and Mark Eberly will be working together to get all information about members put into the Church Track data system. A questionnaire will go to all members to update their information

Vacancy Planning Weekly reports will be made to the congregation on the status of vacancy coverage and the call process.

Complete minutes available from the recording secretary Sylvia Shives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** There are several free books available for teens and upcoming graduates in the two brown plastic containers in the narthex, check it out. Congratulations to all upcoming graduates!

♦ **Open Arms** are filled for next year! We registered our 52nd student last week so we now have a waiting list. Graduation is this week on Wednesday May 24th at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to come see the graduates in their caps and gowns. On Thursday we will hold our end-of-the-year picnic at Marty Snook (Halfway) park beginning at 10 a.m. It has been quite a year - a first with four classrooms.

♦ **Sunday School** Class will continue through the summer with a variety of lessons and programs for school-age children. The older children into the teens will be called on to assist. We will also be asking for some volunteer teachers from time to time to help with the various activities.

♦ **Concordia Choir** As we share our final anthem for this year, we thank director Kathy Schleef and accompanist Shelly Hector for their hard work and faithfulness in leading us. Rehearsals will begin in August for next year. Please consider lending us your voices in the coming year, no experience necessary - just a love of praising the Lord in song.

♦ **Flower Beds** Little by little the flower beds are showing the results of some care, but there are still areas needing attention. See Pete or Karen Kreymborg if you would like to help in keeping our campus looking good—they can direct you to the areas needing attention.

♦ **Micah’s Backpack** -- The greatest need at this point is for dinner products – beef stew, spaghetti and meatballs, etc. We still have a couple weeks to pack for since we send an extra pack fill in until the summer food programs kick in around the community.

HELP WANTED Terry and the properties committee needs your help the week of May 30– June 2. They will be painting and redoing the classrooms in Harmony Hall (Open Arms and Sunday school classrooms). They also need help to expand the fencing for the outdoor play area for the school. See Terry Bowman or just show up in work clothes.

Yard Sale Time to prepare for the sale is condensed to one week so please, please, please make sure your yard sale items are in salable condition, that is clean, and in wearable or working condition. Remember—no computers or TV’s, car seats, or baby cribs. Also no opened lotions or other personal-care products. See the fellowship calendar for the work dates when you can bring your items. This will be a mostly indoor sale.

LWML The annual Ladies Night Out dinner on June 1st will be held at Elements Café and Lounge in Hagerstown. Please sign up on the activity bulletin board in the narthex. Information is in mailboxes today with additional details. All women are welcome to attend.



CHURCH MOUSE

Congratulations to Pat Fridgen who was the top vote-getter in the run for school board in the primary election in the Greencastle-Antrim school district. She was at the top on both the Republican and the Democratic tickets!