



Talking Together

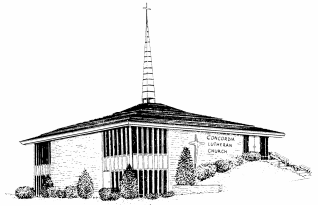
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July 23, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for July 16, 2017	UA
Budget Expenses to Date	\$184,941.00 YTD
Our Operating Income Giving to Date	\$158,945.00 YTD

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lectur	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	7/23	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Larry Hector	Shives	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Brenda Meiron	Ron Golem	Brown	Gann/Tichnell	
	7/30	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Sylvia Shives	Rogers	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd Bernie Davidson	Paul Zuelsdorf	Campbell	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.

REMINDER this weekly calendar

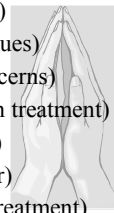
Wednesday—Call Committee Meeting with SED representatives, Rev. K Carlson & Rev. D. Schaefer; time to be announced.

Thursday—Ladies Picnic at Dawsons, 6 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Davidson Family (death of Joe's mother, Karen on 6/28)
Barb B. (Recovering from knee surgery 7/12)
Phyllis M. (Recovering from surgery)
Ruth P. (Recuperation at home)
Rick F. (Hip surgery 6-22) Brother of Nancy Fliceek
Roberta T (Continuing radiation)
Ruth P. (Recovering from cracked hip)
Randy G. (Recurrent leukemia)
Ongoing
Mary Lou G. Fragile health
Wes B. (Medical issues)

Don D. (Medical issues)
Rebecca L. Medical issues
Laura S. (Personal concerns)
Hannah D. (Remains in treatment)
Ann W. (Breast cancer)
Susan D. (Breast cancer)
Carole F. (Successful treatment)
Eddie D. (Prostate cancer)
Lori T. (Breast cancer)
Betty W. (Stroke)
Christopher (Brain cancer)
Ron (Hospice care)
Steve U. (Medical issues)
Ed. P. Medical issues
Linda McS. (Parkinsons)



Regina H. (Medical issues)
Ginny D. (Medical issues)
Martin (Personal issues)
Brittany (Personal issues)
Judy K. (Medical issues)
Nancy V. (Medical issues)
Assisted Living/Nursing Home
Rev. Floyd & Bobbi Duff
Emmet A.
Karen U.
Eileen D.
Kim G.
Carl J.
Bill H.
Missionaries/ Other

People recovering from Disasters
 (Natural and man-made)
Rev. David Erber (Africa)
Ed & Mary Fox (Guatemala)
Persecuted Christians - Worldwide
Military
Brent J., Patrick G., Philip, Matthew H., Nicholas B., Ian H., Michael J., Josh L., Burton C., Rod B.

Mission of the month
LINC—Baltimore

☩ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **July 23; Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27.**

Families of the Week

July 23

Frank and Alma Scheib They are life-long Lutherans. Frank is retired from the military and is actively engaged in promoting Fisher House which provides no cost housing for families of military personnel at locations such as VA Hospitals. Frank is a first generation born in the US as his family emigrated from Hungary. Frank generally attends the 11:00 service.

Don and Kathy Schleaf The Schleafs, who grew up in Illinois now live in Fayetteville, PA, via New York and New Jersey. After a three year search, the Lord lead them to

(families of the week continued)

Concordia in 2011. They became members because of Pastor Emil and the welcoming members of Concordia. Don became treasurer the day they became members. Kathy leads the choir and plays for the 9:30 service. They are the parents of two children and have four grandchildren.

Kurt Schmidt Came to CLC in 2014 because of Pastor Emil. He attended the New Member Class, and was baptized, and became a member. In the Fall of 2014 he went on a missionary trip for about 3 weeks and was considering becoming a missionary. He lives in Martinsburg, WV. He participated in the WV Bible Study and was on one of the counting teams until weekend work affected his Sunday schedule.

Selected Notes from the July 20 Church Council Meeting

Executive Director – Joe Davidson Becky Brown and Brenda Horsch were welcomed as new members of the board. / Copies of the new constitution and bylaws with the adjustments suggested by the SED Review committee will be made available to all members of Concordia prior to the meeting set for approval by the congregation, with an opportunity to submit any questions prior to the meeting. August 13, 2017 is the tentative date set for a congregational meeting to approve the new documents. The possibility of an absentee approval form is being looked at. / A new church polity chart was provided to the council members outlin-

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

19 - Danela Gilbert
21 - Gene Diest
22 - Fredrick Tichnell
24 - Cheryl Dawson
26 - Adam Flanick
29 - Ricardo Solomon
29 - Brittany Sines

Baptismal Birthdays

x - Cheryl Dawson
x - Nancy Flicek
3 - Dorothy Brown

Anniversaries

4 - Mildred and Ron Bucher
5 - Heather and Emil Gretarsson

"Listening to the "Lutheran Hour"

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in July 30th

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.

"Confidence to Face Whatever Comes Our Way " No matter what life throws our way, God promises that His eternal purposes can never be thwarted. (Romans 8:28-39)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

ing the structure of the administrative and ministry areas of the congregation under the new bylaws. This will also be provided to the congregation once all or most ministry positions are filled.

Financial Secretary – Mitzie Bowman Total operating income for June was \$22,030.00. This is 7.5% more than the same date in 2016.

Treasurer – Don Schleaf Contributions continue favorable in relation to budgeted expenses.

Elders – Larry Hector Coverage for services is ongoing. We are covered through September.

Church Properties – Terry Bowman Trouble shooting AC unit No. 3 which has been off-line and out of service. Repaired and serviced.. / Installed an alarm pull cover in the Outreach Center foyer. / Reviewing and consolidating all fire services under one contract

Caring Ministries—Brenda Horsch Plans are in progress for the new school year for Micah's Backpack. The first meeting of volunteers is scheduled for August 13th after the congregational meeting. / We will continue to service 15 students at Lincolnshire Elementary school. /We will be piloting a new system of packing for an entire month on a single Sunday afternoon. /We received an increase in the allotment of funds per child from the food bank.

The first order of food through the food bank has been placed.

Parochial Education (CCDC) – Jean Tichnell Stephanie Gore will be moving from teacher to aide this year so she can take classes toward a higher level of certification. She has also been approved for additional hours to serve as data entry/administrative assistant to Karla. / Emily Sklenar has been added to the CCDC board as the parent representative. / The board is still looking at electronic programs for record-keeping and communicating and/or considering a "square" to accept card payments from parents.

Outreach Ministries Ron Bucher Sylvia shared information that the iNeighborhood group is planning a day retreat on Saturday September 9 to help Christians evaluate where they are in their Spiritual journey.

Congregational Meeting This is the first notice of a congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday August 13, 2017 following the late service to accept the new Constitution and Bylaws. A copy will be provided to all members and members may submit any questions ahead of time so the committee can respond adequately. The document will be voted on in its entirety and will not be reviewed article by article at the meeting. This is essentially the same document made available to the congregation for review and comment before it was sent to the SED for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** Be sure to check the table in the library for new books. We receive frequent packages of books by Christian authors from Signe Murray so there ia a constant supply of new titles

♦ **Open Arms** The summer is an active time preparing for September. We learned that the Sunday school room (Jacob's Ladder) is approved for 14 students so Karla is moving to that room and the Sunday school will move to Karla's classroom which only approved for 13 students. The rooms are basically identical in size except for a 12x23 inch "bump-out" in a corner which makes the difference of one child in the room! This allows us to accept one more student giving us 53 for a full house.

♦ **Sunday School** Many thanks to Becky Brown and her daughters Maggie and Dorrie, and son Adam for holding most of the classes for Summer Sunday school. Thanks to Bernie Davidson who prepared much of the class material for the books on the Ten Commandments. Volunteer teachers have been in short supply so far. Thanks to Chip Brown for being on hand in Noah's Ark to be with any younger children who are here.

♦ **Fall Sunday School** will begin with Rally Day activities being planned for August 27th and regular Sunday school classes beginning on September 3rd. We need a team of teachers to cover the Together With Jesus class for parents, twos & threes. We also need another teacher for the Pre K—K age class to team with Rick Gore since Charlie Myers will no longer be teaching. Other help is needed to assist with grades 1-5 since this class uses a wide variety of activities during the class sessions such as opening/music, lesson, craft, and refreshments.

♦ **Church Trac Information** Thanks to those who have turned in the information requested for Church-Trac. If you still haven't turned yours in forms are available beside mailboxes. Please get them in as soon as possible so our records can be brought up-to-date.

♦ **Painting /Cleaning Continues** With Barb's return from vacation, she is now into painting the church office, cleaning the carpets in the offices and the Luther room, waxing the hallway, and generally sorting and cleaning the cabinets in the offices and narthex. It's amazing how much "stuff" has accumulated over the last 11 years.

♦ **Christian Music Night** Mark your calendars for Saturday August 26th, the date for an evening of music, food, fellowship, and fun for the whole family sponsored by the Concordia Praise Team. The evening will feature an open-mic time for all musical performers. Sign up now to participate.

♦ **Ice Anyone?** If you have visited the new kitchen you will note that we have a large capacity ice maker. There is ice to share!

LWML Please sign up today for the ladies picnic and swim party on Thursday at Cheryl Dawson's home. Indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would like to carpool from the church at 5:30 p.m. Meat, beverages, and tableware are provided. Bring salads, sides or dessert to share. Don't forget a bargain or re-gift item for Brown-Bag Bingo (wrapped—brown bag optional).



CHURCH MOUSE

Travelers we know about this week include the **Hectors** who are visiting family in Minnesota; the **Schleefs** who were in Wisconsin the last we heard; and **Rosella Rogers** who is in Kansas for her grandson Will's 5th birthday.