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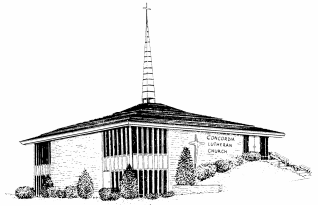
the weekly newsletter of

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August 20, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for August 13, 2017	116
Budget Expenses to Date	\$23,008.00
Our Operating Income Giving to Date	\$23,740.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	8/20	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Nancy Flicek	Ferttita	Shives/Waldron	
		Madison Bearman	2 nd Lucy Nordyke	Kathy Schleef	Nordyke	Gann/Tichnell	
	8/27	Tim Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Marian Foster	Flicek	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd	Mike Jorgensen	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.

REMINDER this weekly calendar:

Tuesday - CCDC Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Mission of the month
Open Arms Preschool

Praise and Thanksgiving

Barbara Hite (breast biopsy negative for cancer)

Ron Bucher (successful cataract surgery)

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Paula J. (recurrent cancer) Mother of Stephanie G.

Sean LaB. (deteriorating cervical discs) nephew of Jean T.

Vicky W. (Surgery 8/23 for breast cancer) daughter of Pearl W.

Sylvia S. (Stress test 8/22)

PRAYER LIST—REVISE UPDATE

Ongoing

Phyllis M. (Recovering from surgery)

- New entry M - Member U - Update

Mary Lou G. Fragile health

Wes B. (Medical issues)

Randy G. (Recurrent leukemia)

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)

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

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

Military

Brent J., Patrick G., Philip, Matthew H., Nicholas B., Ian H., Michael J., Josh L., Burton C., Rod B.

Call Committee

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **August 27; Twelfth S. a. Pentecost; Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8.**

(cont.of families)

Praise Service, i-Neighborhood, and the WV Bible Study. Jean serves on the Church Council, Chair of Open Arms Preschool Board, Micah's Backpack, and Parish Nursing. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Fred is retired from GM and Jean is a retired RN.

Notes from the August 13, 2017 Congregational Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to formally approve the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws.

The chairman of the Bylaws Revision Committee, Jim Gann, spoke briefly about the process of revising the documents: The process started in March 2013 and met monthly through April 2016. The document was sent to the Bylaws Review Committee at the Southeastern District for review in September 2016. Due to a very busy workload (their words) the review took nearly 10 months. It was returned from SED in June 2017, with very few recommended edits. Jim also briefly outlined some of the changes in titles: Executive Director to President; Lay Ministry to Elders; Social Ministry to Caring Ministries; Planning Council to Church Council; adding a Board of Parochial Education; combining Evangelism and Public Relations into Outreach Ministries. Also establishing an Executive Committee made up of the elected officers, the lead elder, and the property board chair to handle most administrative affairs of the congregation. The remaining boards/committees become the Mission and Ministry Leadership Team to cover the ministries and missions of the congregation. The Church Council is made up of the EC and the M&M Leadership team. Jim moved for acceptance and the vote was unanimous in approving the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws.

Families of the Week

August 20

Carolyn Trovinger Carolyn has been a member for four or five years. She usually attends the 9:30 am service and has helped with Micah's backpack, crocheting prayer shawls and working with children needing help with reading. She also is a greeter and enjoys the people at Concordia.

Fred and Jean Tichnell Members of CLC for 23 years. Attend 9:30 am and 11:00 am Services. Both of us have served in several positions in church ministry. Fred is an Elder. He currently is involved with the

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

20 - Daniel Flanick
22 - Makayla Gibson
22 - Charles Meyers
24 - Jeremy Gilbert
26 - Jan Poole

Baptismal Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

22 - Cheryl and Vincent Fertitta
22 - Susan and William Pekari
24 - Betty and Dick Klug
25 - Cindy and Larry Keesecker

"Listening to the Lutheran Hour"

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in August 27th

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.

"**Absolutely Nothing**" Pastor Ken Klaus explains how something that is "absolutely nothing" can be a very good thing.

(1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

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

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Jim thanked the committee members: Pat Fridgen (first half) Janice Gann, Dale Hollinger, Don Schlee, and Sylvia Shives. He pronounced the committee dissolved.

President Joe also thanked the committee for their work.

Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler, visiting pastor and former President of the District, spoke briefly about the call process and the reasons it can take several months to a year or more to call another pastor. He indicated that he would stand with us in the search and help in any way he can. He gave several reasons why calling someone from the seminary is sometimes easier than calling from the field due to a shortage of pastors throughout the Synod.

Summer School Thank you to Brenda Horsch for serving as official host and liaison for Fountain Rock Elementary school and the summer school students. One way to serve our neighbors is to share our building with them.

New LifeLight Class Forming The next Brown-Bag Bible study (LifeLight) will begin on Wednesday September 20, 2017. The course is nine weeks and will end before Thanksgiving. The topic is **Miracles** from the Foundations series. The class meets from 12 - 1:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Bring a lunch - coffee and tea provided. To join this class see Sylvia Shives (early service) or Jim Gann (late service).

Church Trac Information Church Trac Information When working through a large project like *Church Trac* sometimes things get missed. Please add or correct these phone numbers and email address on the recent supplement to the Directory: **Nancy Jesse 301-223-7131; Jeannette Lietzau 240-205-9997; Beverly Walling 301-785-0137; Don Rudow drudow@myactv.net**. Report any corrections or changes to Jean Tichnell.

"Like" Concordia on Facebook! If you don't "like" our church Facebook page already, please do! We are posting lots of event details, committee updates, and prayers on the page as a resource for both members and non-members. Does your event or committee want something posted on the Facebook page? Contact Alison Vermilya (alisonmarie658@gmail.com) and she will take care of it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** Once again the library through Laura Brown is promoting the Community Book Drive. We will be collecting new or gently used children's books through September 20th. See the posted lists for the recommended books although ANY children's books are welcome.

Spiritual Retreat Saturday September 9th, 8:45 a.m.—3:45 p.m. Spiritual Perspective Retreat A retreat for all Christians to take a fresh look at your own Christian life journey from the perspective of God's divine plan. See additional information in the flyers posted throughout the building.

Concordia Choir *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Psalm 149:1* Do you like to sing? Interested in praising our Lord? Come to choir. Join us as we begin anew Wed., Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. We meet in the sanctuary and practice on Wednesday nights. Please call Kathy Schlee with questions or interest - 714-401-0474.

♦ **Open Arms** Thank you to Terry and Ed for putting up some wall cupboards in the preschool rooms. This adds much needed storage without taking away from the floor space needed for the children. Thanks to Sylvia for putting together three additional wire shelves for the storage corner in the Sunday school room. Meanwhile work continues on getting the rooms in order for the start of school on Sept 5th.

♦ **Fall Sunday School** Regular classes will begin on Sunday September 3rd. We still need a team to work with the Parents, twos and threes Together With Jesus class. Also a co-teacher with Rick Gore for the four to six year old group. Assistance with all the groups is welcome. Grades 2 through 5 will form one class with lessons geared for all levels. The 6th -8th grade class will begin a four lesson study *Martin Luther: Life and Legacy*. This class is also open for high school students.

♦ **Rally Day Picnic** Sunday August 27th following late worship. This will be our traditional end-of-summer picnic and fellowship time as we get back into the swing of a new education year. This will be an indoor—outdoor event with a picnic in the outreach center and activities outside. Meat and beverages provided, please plan to bring sides and desserts to share. No sign-up necessary, just come and share the food and fellowship.

♦ **Micah's Backpack** Not currently on a team? We need new members this year because we've had folks who cannot continue due to health problems or moving out of area. This is a very satisfying ministry. Our efforts go directly to the 15 children we serve each week. We work in groups and the commitment is once a month or so, for about an hour. There will be food at the meeting. See Brenda Horsch

LWML This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the LWML. At the recent national convention a new updated logo was unveiled. The first logo was in 1947, the current logo was introduced in 1991, and the new one in 2017. A copy of the new logo is posted on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



CHURCH MOUSE

The **Sheehan family** is in St. Louis to visit family **Bruce** is excited that they will be in the path of the total eclipse on Monday. **Rosella Rogers** headed to Connecticut to help son Dan to celebrate his birthday.