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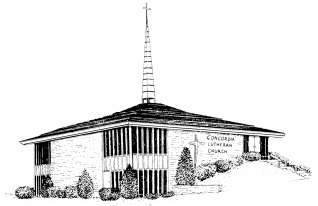
the weekly newsletter of

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September 3, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for August 27, 2017	96 (no number for the 9:30 service)
Budget Expenses for August	\$26,067.00
Our Operating Income Giving for August	\$18,907.33

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	9/03	Sydney Hector	1 st No Nursery	Bob Shives	Foster	Shives/Waldron	
		Adam Brown	2 nd TBD	Bob Keane	Trovinger	Gann/Tichnell	
	9/10	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Don Rudow	TBD	Shives/Waldron	
		Dory Brown	2 nd TBD	Betty Amt	TBD	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—First day of preschool

Thursday—LWML Meeting, 10 a.m.

Saturday—Spiritual Retreat, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Mission of the month
Joint Seminary Fund

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Ann F. (Complications from lung cancer)

Friend of Sylvia Shives

Roberta T. (Side effects from radiation)

Marion - (medical issues) mother of Mitzie Bowman

Betty - (medical issues) mother of Terry Bowman

Regina H. - (At home under Hospice care)

Vicky W. (Recovering at home following breast surgery 8/23) daughter of Pearl W.

Ongoing

Phyllis M. (Continuing problems following surgery)

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

Sean LaB. (deteriorating cervical discs)

nephew of Jean T

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)

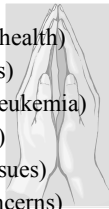
Eddie D. (Prostate cancer)

Lori T. (Breast cancer)

Betty W. (Stroke)

Christopher (Brain cancer)

Ron (Hospice care)



Steve U. (Medical issues)

Ed. P. Medical issues)

Linda McS. (Parkinsons)

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

Hurricane Harvey

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.

Open Arms Preschool

Call Committee

☩ - New entry M - Member U - Update

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **September 10; Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost; Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10.**

Families of the Week

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Scott and Beverly Walling The Wallings are recent members of Concordia joining in December of 2016. They have relocated from Montgomery County, Maryland and now live in West Virginia. Scott is retired but Beverly still is working. The usually attend the 11:00 am service.

Irmgard Weiss Irmgard joined Concordia four years ago along with her daughter and son-in-law Susan and Pastor Bill Pekari. She is quite proud of them and her two grandsons who are LCMS pastors as well. She attends the adult Bible study and the 11:00 service.

Note from SED President Denninger

"Please pray for those affected by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey. Pray for their safety and for peace. Pray for effective strategies for all relief agencies, including the Texas District Relief and LCMS Disaster Relief, who will be partnering to work with congregations and communities that are being impacted by the storm. *Please consider donating as an individual and/or as a congregation to the Texas District Disaster Relief Fund. 100 percent of your gift will be used to assist those affected by the storm in the recovery process.*"

Be Our Guest Breakfast/Brunch

After 12 years of doing this event it is time to modify the plans a bit. For the rest of 2017 here is the schedule: Last week's picnic took the place of the September BOG, so no breakfast today; on October 1st there will be a breakfast/brunch; October 29th is the annual Reformation Dinner so there will be no breakfast in November; there will be one more breakfast on December 3rd. As we go into the new year we are working on a plan to have coffee and pastry in a location that will accommodate all the worship services. Of course the regular meal events such as Shrove Tuesday, Easter, etc. will still take place.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

4 - Kelly Anthony
5 - Chase Baker
7 - Brenda Ellis
7 - Pamela Sines
9 - Dorothy McAllister

Baptismal Birthdays

8 - Rick Skeweris
9 - Vincent Fertitta
9 - Barb Nordyke

Anniversaries

2 - Kathy and Don Schleef
4 - Laura and David Brown
8 - Anne Marie and Chris Tucker
9 - Gayle and James Myett

"Listening to the Lutheran Hour"

*You are invited to tune in next Sunday - **Tune in September 10th***

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.

"Who's the Greatest?" Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Sin and Shame Here's a quote for you: "We have fallen on evil times and the world has grown very wicked. Governments are corrupt and even children are no longer respectful to their parents."

Sunday School Regular Sunday school classes begin today. Chip Brown will work with the Parents, twos and threes Together With Jesus class but we are still seeking another person to team with him in this class. We can also use 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.

Children/Student Bibles It is important to put the Holy Scriptures into the hands of all children at Concordia. When they turn three they receive a *Beginner's Bible* and a Bible tote with their name. When they reach third grade they receive a *Faith Alive Study Bible* and a new tote. Third grade students who receive Bibles are Jaymes Yeakle, Shayla Gore, Bruce Sheehan, and Alex Njiouomo. Any student 3rd grade or above who has not yet received their Bible please see Becky Brown or Sylvia Shives.

"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@g.mail.com) and she will take care of it!

Sewing Group We are a mission outreach group making quilts, pillowcase dresses and boys shorts for Orphan Grain Train. These items are distributed in the United States and 49 other countries around the world where relief supplies are needed. No sewing skills necessary. There are many jobs involved: color matching, cutting, ironing, pinning, sewing and tying. We will meet 9:00 am-12:00 pm, September 21 & 28, October 12, 19 & 26, and November 9 & 16. Then we break until January. Questions? Contact: Cheryl Fertitta 301-992-3483 OR Betty Klug 301-473-5122.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** The HARC children's book drive will end on Sept. 20th early this year, so far just a couple books have been donated. Please if anyone has gently used children's books for ages between 0-11, I would greatly appreciate if you would kindly donate to the HARC book drive. The books are to be put in the big red bin in Narthex. Thank you., Laura Brown

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 Schleef with questions or interest - 714-401-0474 .

♦ **Open Arms** Last Thursday we held a Meet & Greet with about 40 of our students and their families. Thanks to the board members who came to assist—Jean Tichnell, Millie Bucher, Cheryl Fertitta, and Sylvia Shives, plus Emily Sklencar who was here in her parent capacity, and Rosella Rogers. The children had a short classroom experience while the parents of new students met with Director Karla. The first regular day of school is this Tuesday. Thanks also to Terry Bowman, Ed Asper, Ricky Gore and Jim Baker for all the help they've given over the summer moving things and fixing things and hanging things to get ready for Tuesday.

♦ **Micah's Backpack** Thanks to everyone who is bringing food for Micah's Backpack. We will keep you up-to-date on current needs as they occur. We will soon be packing the first round of backpacks with school starting this week.

♦ **Reminder on Room Use** If you are a committee or group leader and want to use one of the rooms in the church, please let me know the group, date and time. If this is a recurring event please tell me that as well. Meetings will be placed on the facilities calendars. Whoever is on the calendar first, has the room so you may need to find an alternate space if this happens. Thanks for your cooperation. We have a beautiful facility and it's wonderful to see it used. Thanks, Brenda Horsch.

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).

LWML Our next regular meeting is this Thursday September 7th at 10 a.m. in the fellowship Hall. The program will feature an interview with Katy Luther. Host for the day is Virma Konans. All women are welcome



The **Baker family** is in the Poconos this weekend—Karla is getting one last summer break before school starts on Tuesday. Our best wishes go to all of our students who are returning to school this week in Maryland. And to the WV students who started last week.