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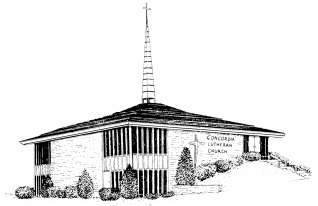
the weekly newsletter of

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September 10, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for September 3, 2017	99 (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
Early Service	9/10	Erin Davidson	1 st No Nursery	Don Rudow	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron
Late Service		Dory Brown	2 nd TBD	Betty Amt	Abbott/Kline	Gann/Tichnell
Early Service	9/17	????	1 st No Nursery	Sylvia ????	Rogers	Shives/Waldron
Late Service		????	2 nd TBD	Brenda Ellis	Brown	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:

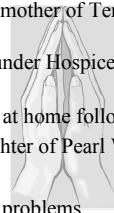
Wednesday—Choir Rehearsal, 7:30
Thursday—LWML Meeting, 10 a.m.

Mission of the month
Joint Seminary Fund

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Family of Regina Haines (Passed away 9/3/17)
Cheryl F. (continuing infection in leg)
Kim G. (Surgery for fractured femur) Mother of Ricky Gore
Frank W. (Back surgery 9/5/17)
Karen M. (Foot infection, possible surgery)
Lyn (recurrent cancer) Mother of Kori Matheis
Tim W. (deployed again) brother of Rick Gore
John M. (medical issue)
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)
Sean LaB. (deteriorating cervical discs)
Mary Lou G. Fragile health)
Wes B. (Medical issues)
Randy G. (Recurrent leukemia)
Don D. Medical issues)
Rebecca L. Medical issues)



Hannah D. (Remains in treatment)
Ann W. (Breast cancer)
Susan D. (Breast cancer)
Lori T. (Breast cancer)
Christopher (Brain cancer)
Ron (Hospice care)
Steve U. (Short term rehab)
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.
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,

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

September 10, 2017

Russ and Carol Wertman the Wertman are lifelong Lutherans and usually attend the 8:00 am service when attending. They are associate members of Concordia and full members of St. Paul's in Hancock. They are parents of one son and grandparents to two sons and one granddaughter. A few years ago they moved back to Maryland to be near their granddaughter Rylie who attended our preschool a few years ago.

Pearl Willman Pearl is a cradle LCMS Lutheran originally from North Dakota. She moved here in 2012 and lives with her daughter Vicki. She has been a member since 2012 and attends the 8:00 am service when able. She is a retired elementary school teacher and is been active in LWML.

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

10 - Rosella Rogers
10 - Lori Penrod
13 - Amanda Miller
14 - Sandra Starner

Baptismal Birthdays

11 - Roxianne Roeder
15 - Jan Poole

Anniversaries

None this week

"Listening to the Lutheran Hour"

You are invited to tune in next Sunday -

Tune in September 17th

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.

"**Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life**" Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (Matthew 18:21-35)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Luther Trivia:

Did you know Martin Luther was nine years old when Columbus discovered America.

10 November 1483 – 18 February 1546), O.S.A., was a German professor of theology, composer, priest, monk^[2] and a seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation. Luther came to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. He strongly disputed the Catholic view on indulgences as he understood it to be, that freedom from God's punishment for sin could be purchased with money. Luther proposed an academic discussion of the practice and efficacy of indulgences in his Ninety-five Theses of 1517. His refusal to renounce all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the Pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Emperor.

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."

"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 Feritta 301-992-3483 OR Betty Klug 301-473-5122.

Artists Honored The Franklin County (PA) Art Alliance awarded first place in Sculpture and the Shape award for Sculpture of "Great Blue Heron" to Artist John Neal Mullican. His three oil paintings also received awards. Photographer Richard C. Amt received awards for his photographs of "Eggplant" and "morning Mist". Congratulations John and Dick!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ Church Library The HARC children's book drive will end next Sunday, Sept. 20th which is earlier than previous years. Thanks to all who have donated books so far. The bin is almost filled. If you have gently used children's books for ages ???

♦ 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 Schleaf with questions or interest - 714-401-0474 .

♦ Open Arms School started last Tuesday with a full house of 53 students. They had their first Chapel experience on Wednesday already. Without a pastor to conduct Chapel we have a group of volunteers from the Wednesday LifeLight class who are serving as Chapel leaders. Our thanks to Becky & Maggie Brown, Linda Reiser, Barb Nordyke, Jane O' Farrell, and Sylvia Shives. Stephanie Gore is scheduling the leaders monthly. This is a very special ministry to the school.

♦ Sunday School Regular Sunday school classes have started for all ages from two and up. 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 started a four lesson study *Martin Luther: Life and Legacy*. This class is also open for high school students.

♦ 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 Last week's meeting was postponed so several of up could attend Regina Haines' funeral. We will meet this Thursday September 14th 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.



Fall vacations include the **Brauns** who are traveling; the **Kreymborgs** to New England to visit their son and some other sights; and **Carroll Gatling** who is visiting Cape Cod with friends. **Gudrun Cook**, a frequent visitor, is traveling to her native Germany to visit her home town.