



Talking Together

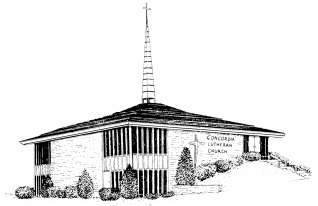
the weekly newsletter of

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December 31, 2017

Our Stewardship

Attendance for December 10, 2017	114
Budget Expenses for November	22,326.00
Our Operating Income Giving for November	\$20,491.41

Serving In Worship	Date	Service	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers
	12/31	8 AM	Erin Davidson	Nu Nursery	Roland Foster	Vermillya	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Adam Brown	TBA	Millie Bucher	Mullican	Gann/Tichnell
	1/7	8 AM	Sidney Hector	No Nursery	Sarah Pentz	Braun	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Joe Brown	TBA	Joe Davidson	Nordyke	Gann Tichnell

TODAY -

Worship services: 8:00 am and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 am Praise Service (Outreach Center)

Christian Ed. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Weekly Calendar Reminder

Thursday—LWML Meeting, 10 a.m.

Praise and Thanksgiving

The Pentz family celebrating the birth of Claire Irene on December 27, 2017

Prayer Requests

- ✠Rodney "Buck" E. (Late stage cancer) Father of Mike Taylor's son-law
- ✠Robert W, (surgery for brain tumor, 1/3/18) Husband of Kelly, friend of Sylvia Shives
- ✠Buck N. (Blood clots in both lungs)

Other Changes

- Keith P. (Rehab following brain surgery)
- Ginny D. (medical issues)

Ongoing

- Linda McSweyn (Parkinson's)
- Marion (Medical concerns)
- Kathy S. (Continues recovering at home)
- Betty B. (medical issues)
- Cheryl F. (Continues treatment on leg)
- Ed, A. Jr. (Cancer of lymph nodes)
- Phyllis M. (Continuing health issues)
- Paula J. (recurrent cancer)
- Mary Lou G. (Pain management issues)
- Randy G. (leukemia)
- Don D. Medical issues)
- Lori T. (Breast cancer)

Christopher F. (Brain cancer)

Ron (Hospice care)

Ed. P. Medical issues)

Martin (Personal issues)

Brittany (Personal issues)

Nancy V. (Medical issues)

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Steve U.

Emmet A.

Eileen D.

Kim G.

Carl J.

Bill H.

Missionaries/ Other

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

Mission of the Month

Señor Cristo de la Vida

✠ - New or Updated entry

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, December 24th. **Fourth S. in Advent, 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27.**



The Twelve Days of Christmas

With Epiphany coming on January 6th, did you ever wonder what the twelve days of Christmas and the twelve gifts from "my true love" stand for beyond the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany? Each gift has special significance for the Christian.

Each day the song starts with "On the ____ Day of Christmas my true love gave to me..."

My True Love is - the Lord God Himself, giver of all good gifts.

The *Partridge in a Pear Tree* is symbolic of Jesus and the wooden cross on which He died. A partridge will give its life to protect its chicks.

The *Two Turtledoves* can represent the Old and New Testaments. God's holy and sacred Word.

The *Three French Hens* can represent the three theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Love.

Four Calling Birds may represent the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They each CALL to us and tell us of the love of Jesus.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays	Baptismal Birthdays	Anniversaries
1 - Carolyn Poole	1 - Carolyn Poole	1 - Rev. Bruce Crabtree
1 - Gary Coffman	1 - Roland Foster	2 - Carolyn Crabtree
1 - Roland Foster	1 - John Borrelli	4 - David Chorney
1 - Eloise Kline	1 - Eloise Kline	4 - Kenna Chorney
1 - Marian Foster	1 - Marian Foster	6 - Cheryl Waldron
5 - Gregory Roeder	5 - Linda Coffman	6 - Frank Waldron
6 - Albert C. Brittain		

"Listening to the Lutheran Hour"

You are invited to tune in next Sunday - **Tune in January 7th**

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.

"Breaking News!"

Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it! (Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine, for your light has come."))

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

The *Five Golden Rings* represent the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These five books were given by God through Moses. All of God's Word is precious and priceless.

Six Geese a-Laying represents the six days of creation when God created the world and everything in it.

Seven Swans a-Swimming can represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit spoken of in Romans chapter 12.

The *Eight Maids a-Milking* remind us of the eight Beatitudes in the book of Matthew, the first Gospel in the Bible.

Nine Ladies Dancing represent the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Ten Lords a-Leaping bring to mind the Ten Commandments. Our loving Heavenly Father gave us the Ten Commandments to show us how to live in ways that are pleasing to Him. They enable us to live our lives in ways that are safe and healthy to us, both physically and spiritually.

Eleven Pipers Piping can remind us that we should constantly and frequently praise the Lord and give Him the thanks and the glory and honor due Him.

Twelve Drummers Drumming remind us of the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

This list is a reminder of the many wonderful gifts we have been given. This list, along with a beautiful graphic illustrating each day of Christmas can be found on the LWML Website www.lwml.org/posts/share/12-days-of-christmas.

Portals of Prayer The January-March *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklet is available on the table in the narthex. Pick up a copy today. Large print versions are available as well as regular print.

Thank You Note Thank you to the people of Concordia for the generous Christmas gift. It was great to be remembered in this way.

Rosella Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** Check the library table often, newly donated books are on display. The newest fiction books are: *A Moonbow Night, the Ebb Tide* and *Abiding Mercy (Amish related)*, *Bread of Angels (Biblical)*, and *Lady Betrayed*. Now is the time to lay in a few books in case of snow. There is nothing better than curling by the fireplace with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate.

Concordia Choir *Praise the Lord! sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Psalm 149:1* The choir is taking a break until Mid February when rehearsals will begin for Lent, Easter, and Spring. Think about joining us then if you enjoy singing.

♦ **Open Arms** The children participated in the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Family and Preschool service. We heard there were over 300 people in attendance – standing room only! We hope many were blessed by this service. Classes start up again Tuesday January

♦ **Sunday School** Thank you to the students in the Sunday school and especially Becky Brown and Bernie Davidson for their work in putting together the special Christmas Service on December 17th. The service was centered around Martin Luther's Christmas hymn "From Heaven to Earth I Come" with seven of the 14 or so verses sung during the service. Other verses were spoken by the children. The service was written especially for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in recognition of the Luther loved and originally wrote this hymn for his own children.

♦ **Micah's Backpack** The Christmas vacation packing included 90 breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks. Also sent home were 20 special holiday treats, 4 vegetables, fruit cups and juice boxes. Our shelves are now a little bare. Please help restock our pantry in the weeks ahead as school begins again this week. Look for needed food item information in your mailbox or ask Brenda Horsch.

New LifeLight Class This Wednesday brown-bag Bible study will begin again on January 10, 2018. The class meets from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. The study topic will cover Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. Anyone wishing to join the next class can contact Sylvia Shives at the 8 a.m. service or Jim Gann at the 11:00 service. Class materials will handed out today and January 7th.

Birth Announcement Congratulations to Clint and Sarah, Pentz who were blessed with the birth of Claire Irene on Decedmber 27. She weighed 9 lb 4 oz. and was 20 in. long. She joins buig sister Chloe to complete the family.

LWML Our first meeting of the new year will be Thursday January 4, 2018 beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This will be our annual planning meeting where we set up our list of programs for the year. Come with ideas for programs and projects we can do during the year.



CHURCH MOUSE

Spotted in the newspaper: **Sydney Shumaker** made the 11th grade Honor Roll at South Hagerstown High school.

Katelynn Tucker was listed on the 9th grade Honor Roll at Williamsport Hight. Katelynn is the granddaughter of Vince and Cheryl Fertitta.