



Talking Together

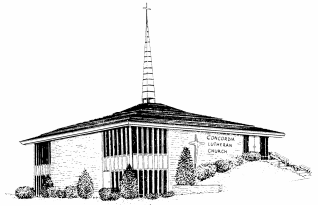
the weekly newsletter of

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Our Stewardship

Attendance for January 7, 2018.....	N/A
Budget Expenses for December.....	\$25,054.00
Operating Income for December.....	\$33,185.21

Serving In Worship	Date	Service	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers
	1/14	8 AM	Aubrey Davidson	No Attendant	Millie Bucher	Fertitta	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Zachary Miller	Becky Brown	Kathy Schleef	Trovinger	Gann Tichnell
	1/21	8 AM	Erin Davidson	No Attendant	Sara Pentz	Flicek	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Dory Brown	Lucy Nordyke	Joe Davidson	Abbott/Kline	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

Monday—MD Bible Study, Shives Home

Monday—PA Bible Study, Foster Home

Wednesday—Lifelight Class, 12:00 -1:30 pm

Thursday—Sewing Group, 9 am-12 pm

Prayer Requests

✠ **John M.** (Surgery 1-11)
 ✠ **Ebersole Family** (Death of Rodney)
 Father of Mike Taylor's son-in-law
 ✠ **Cadigan Family** (Re covering from house fire) Daughter of the Shives
Robert W. (Recovering from brain surgery)
Mike Z. (Crohns disease) Friend of Mike Taylor
Joanie (Health issues) friend of Jane O'Farrell
Nelson and O'Farrell families (Death of spouse of Kristie) Jane's niece
Ray M. (Hospital with heart issues)
Ruth Z. (Rehab following brain bleed) Former member

✠ - New or Updated entry

Buck N. (Blood clots in both lungs)
Robert W. (Brain tumor surgery)
 Husband of Kelly, friend of Sylvia Shives
Ongoing
Ginny D. (medical issues)
Linda McSweyn (Parkinson's)
Marion (Medical concerns)
Betty B. (medical issues)
Ed, A. Jr. (Cancer of lymph nodes)
Phyllis M. (Health issues)
Mary Lou G. (Pain management)
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
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.

Nurturing the Faith

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, **Jan. 21, Third S. after the Epiphany, Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor. 7:29-31 (32-35)**

Mission of the Month Lutherans For Life

January 14 "The church must be reminded that it is ... the conscience of the state ... It must be the guide and the critic of the state ... If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority." *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



Epiphany Enlightens and Enlivens

This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine;
 All around the neighborhood, I'm going to let it shine;
 Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine;
 Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!

During Epiphany, we celebrate the glorious manifestation of baby Jesus, born in Bethlehem. As the wise men were led by the star's light to Jesus; we too are guided by the Bible to follow and radiate the brilliant Gospel message. As Simeon spoke at the presentation of Jesus in the temple in Luke 2:32, "... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory

to your people Israel," we too are blessed to see Christ's saving grace. Jesus tells us in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

May our "little Gospel light" so shine that others are enlightened by the joy of the Gospel. Let us share the splendor of Epiphany light by fellowshiping and studying the Word together.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Baptismal Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
18 - Carroll Gatling	15 - Adam Brown	None this week
20 - Joel Fridgen	19 - Kaitlin M. Marr	

"Listening to the Lutheran Hour Tune in next Sunday, January 21st"

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.

"Meeting Millennials Where They're at"

Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.))

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Interim Pastor The Elders and the Executive Committee met with Pastor Joe and Mrs. Schruhl (Kelly) on Thursday. He had a number of questions about Concordia and we had opportunity to ask him questions. One concern he had was where he would stay in Hagerstown as he would plan to be here three to four days per week. Larry presented him with a contract proposal which he wished to study on his own rather than with the group assembled. The meeting was very positive and every indication was that he would agree to become our Interim Pastor for at least six months, starting in February. Pastor Schruhl will conduct worship on January 28.



Chili Cook-off This annual event designed to warm everyone up during the winter will take place on Sunday January 28th in the outreach center following the 11:00 service. Get out your favorite chili recipe and plan to enter a great chili in the cook-off. Sign up to bring chili or a salad, corn bread or dessert. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place.

Church Nursery The nursery on Sunday morning is a vital part of Concordia's ministry to assist parents of young children. Right now we have a shortage of nursery attendants and those still serving have been at it for many years. The nursery is open for both the 8 and 11:00 services with an attendant present for only the 11:00 if someone is available. The service is broadcast into the nursery so parents who wish to take their child in for a short period of time so you don't have to miss the service. If you are able, please volunteer to serve one Sunday a month or less if there are several volunteers. See Bernie Davidson if you can help.

New Sunday Morning Coffee/ Fellowship Times The Fellowship committee has worked out a schedule for providing coffee and fellowship which we hope will accommodate the folks from all three services: On the FIRST Sunday of each month coffee and pastries will be from 9:00 -9:30 in the fellowship hall. On the THIRD Sunday it will be set up after the 11:00 service. We will see how this schedule works and adjust it as needed.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Church Library** New book donations: "*I Just Saw Jesus*", "*Joni & Ken*" (an untold love story) about Joni Eareckson and her husband Ken Tada and "*No More Excuses*" (be the man God made you to be) by Tony Evans. A big thank you goes to the Fosters for their book donations. These books will be on display on the library table. Check out a few books for wintertime reading.

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** Back to school with the usual round of activities. On Tuesday we had our first "Lunch Bunch" with family members coming in to have lunch with their child after school. We are registering students for next year. There is just one space left in the four-day class so quick enrollment is a must. There is no registration fee for returning students.

♦ **Sunday School** We are now well into the second quarter of the Sunday school year and are studying New Testament lessons. The Early Childhood class has been taken over by Bernie Davidson as Ricky Gore takes a break. The Upper grades 6-8 group is back to their course on "*That's in the Bible?! Bizarre Biblical Accounts*", with a real message about God's dealing with his wayward people of course. High school age students are welcome to attend this class since it is ageless.

♦ **Micah's Backpack** Thanks for the generous response to our request for restocking our shelves. They look much better. At this time we have all the breakfast and dinner items we will need for several weeks. We currently need snacks, individual vegetables, and fruit. Thanks again.

LifeLight® Class The new brown-bag LifeLight Bible study started last Wednesday January 10. The class meets from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. The study topic covers the books of Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. It's not too late to join this class if you are interested. There are currently 23 people enrolled in the class.

Thank You Notes

► Thank you for your very generous Christmas gifts, they were very much appreciated. *Cindy Golem*

► Susan and I are grateful for the many Christmas cards, greetings, and gifts we received this Christmas. Thank you for your kindness. May the Lord bless you in this new year with good health and peace in Jesus! Sincerely, *Bill Pekari*

LWML The schedule of meetings and activities for 2018 is in mailboxes today. Our next ongoing project is accepting monetary contributions to send gift cards to our college students in February. Two new projects added this year will be Baby Care kits in the spring and School Supply bags in the fall for Project Promise sponsored by Lutheran World Relief.



CHURCH MOUSE

Sharri and Cole Cadigan experienced a house fire last Sunday which destroyed the bedroom of their home and it must be completely rebuilt. The remainder of the house was affected by smoke throughout and a giant cleanup job. Sharri is the daughter of Bob and Sylvia Shives.