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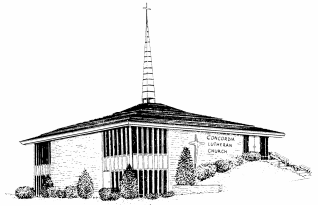
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Our Stewardship

Attendance for January 7, 2018.....	153
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
	1/21	8 AM	Erin Davidson	No Attendant	Sara Pentz	Flicek	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Dory Brown	Lucy Nordyke	Joe Davidson	Abbott/Kline	Gann Tichnell
	1/28	8 AM	Sydney Hector	No Attendant	John Borrelli	Foster	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Joe Brown	Bernie Davidson	Ron Golem	Brown	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.

Today—Coffee and Fellowship, after late service

Weekly Calendar Reminder

Monday—WV Bible Study, Tichnell Home

Tuesday—CCDC Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday—Sewing Group, 9 am-12 pm Executive Comm Meets, 7

Prayer Requests

† Irmgard W. (Lukemia)
 † John M. (successful surgery)
 † Bill H. (Hospitalized w/ pneumonia)
 † Coffman Family (Death of Ray)
 Brother of Gary Coffman
 † Kim W. (surgery, 1-19)
 Cadigan Family (Recovering from house fire)
 Daughter of the Shives
 Mike Z. (Crohns disease) Friend of Mike Taylor
 Joanie (Health issues) friend of Jane O'Farrell
 Ray M. (Heart issues)
 Ruth Z. (Rehab following brain bleed,

former member)

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)



Martin (Personal issues)

Brittany (Personal issues)

Nancy V. (Medical issues)

Assisted Living/Nursing Home

Steve U.

Emmet A.

Eileen D.

Kim G.

Carl J.

Missionaries/ Other

Rev. and Mrs. David Erber
 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.

† - New or Updated entry

Nurturing the Faith

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship; Jan. 28, Fourth S. after the Epiphany; Deuteronomy 18:15–20; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Mission of the Month Lutherans For Life

January 21 "Life issues didn't arise overnight. Their frequent connection to medical technology can make them seem like recent developments—and advances in understanding physiology and pharmaceuticals have made abortion and euthanasia more efficient and available of late. But these circumstances have been causing society's difficulties—and providing opportunities to proclaim the Gospel—since ancient times." Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Synod Joins Court Brief By Roger Drinnon

The LCMS has joined an *amicus* brief in a case bound for the U.S. Supreme Court to halt a California law requiring pro-life pregnancy centers to provide free advertising for the abortion industry.

The Synod is among 22 states, 144 members of Congress and numerous other organizations that have filed *amicus* (friend-of-the-court) briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) v. Becerra*, according to Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). ADF attorneys are representing the pregnancy center network NIFLA and two of its centers.

Read *amicus* brief

"As the many briefs filed in this case affirm, no one should be forced to provide free advertising for the abortion industry — least of all pro-life pregnancy centers," said ADF President, CEO and General Counsel Michael Farris in an [ADF press release](#).

"Government-compelled expression strikes at the very heart of constitutionally protected liberties."

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Baptismal Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
23 - Laura Mary Brown	21 - Jakob Lane	None this week
24 - David Chorney	22 - Donald Rudow	
24 - Karla Baker	25 - Chloe Pentz	
24 - Jane Ellen	27 - Lucas Gore	
O'Farrell	27 - Shayla Gore	

**"Listening to the Lutheran Hour
Tune in next Sunday, January 28th**

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.

"Cause I Said So"

Many have pretended to be the Messiah. In today's text, Jesus authority is recognized and obeyed by His competition.

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

Farris will argue the case before the high court on behalf of NIFLA and the two centers.

At issue is whether the disclosures required by the California Reproductive FACT Act, AB .

In addition to advocates like ADF, Lutherans can look for a voice in the public square as the nascent Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) establishes a foothold in the nation's capital.

"Issues like this — where repugnant ideologies are being forced upon people who respectfully disagree — these are precisely the reasons why the LCRL is in Washington, D.C., advocating for our First Amendment rights to be God's people, reflecting His voice in the public square for all," said the Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, LCRL executive director.



Chili Cook-off This annual event designed to warm everyone up during the winter will take place next 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,

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.

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** We missed a day of school on Wednesday since we follow the public schools for inclement weather and they were on a two-hour delay. Things were back to normal on Thursday with the letter "P" and the color purple—in fact, Thursday was wear purple day. One of the teachers was spotted with the cutest purple feathery antennas on her head—the students loved it!

♦ **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 on 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 College Student Gift cards We are accepting monetary donations through Feb. 11th toward gift cards for our college students. We will send the cards for Valentine's Day (or soon after). The four students are: Drew Baker - U of Maryland, Carter Hughes, and Chad Shumaker - Frostburg U, and Makayla Solomon - James Madison University.



CHURCH MOUSE

Would you believe that Lent begins in less than a month - February 14th to be exact. Look for an announcement of the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on the evening before. Keep in mind we will need to park in the upper lot and come down the stairs or the elevator to the outreach center.