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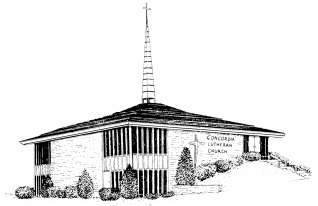
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January 28, 2018

Our Stewardship

Attendance for January 21, 2018.....	130
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
	1/28	8 AM	Sydney Hector	No Attendant	John Borrelli	Foster	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Joe Brown	Bernie Davidson	Ron Golem	Brown	Gann Tichnell
	2/4	8 AM	Aubrey Davidson	No Attendant	Sylvia Shives	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Adam Brown	Sylvia Shives	Paul Zuelsdorf	Campbell	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

Today—Chili Cook-off in outreach center, 12 noon

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

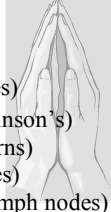
Thursday—Sewing Group, 9 am-12 pm

Prayer Requests

✠ **Lucas N.** (Glaucoma complications)
 ✠ **Lori P** (surgery 1/29)
 ✠ **Matheis Family** (death of Lyn) mother of Kori Matheis
 ✠ **Buck N.** (Heart & blood clot issues)
 ✠ **Kim W.** (Successful surgery) Daughter of Jean Tichnell
Irmgard W. (Lukemia)
John M. (Recovering from surgery)

Ongoing

Ray M. (Heart issues)
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. (Senior health issues)
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.

✠ **Bill H.** (Moved to Falling spring nursing home for rehab)

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.

✠ - New or Updated entry

Nurturing the Faith

The following readings are provided for your preparation for worship, February 4, Fifth S. a. the Epiphany, Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-27.

Mission of the Month - Lutherans For Life

January 28 "Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

Notes from the executive Committee Meeting January 25, 2018

President, Joe Davidson - The group responded to a request from a local home school group who asked to use our building for a study group on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 PM. There are 27 students grade 7-9 who would be accompanied by several of the parent/teachers. They would do any needed setup of tables and chairs and would leave everything as they found it. Don will check with the insurance carrier to see if additional coverage is needed for use by an outside group. The EC approved the request.

Head Elder, Larry Hector Pastor Joe Schruhl has verbally accepted the position of Vacancy Pastor for six months. His service to Concordia will begin the first Sunday in February. Terry has obtained the lease of a one-bedroom apartment at Oak Ridge for one year. The church will also pay the electricity and heating. It is within walking distance of the church as requested by Pastor Schruhl. Some furnishings may be needed beyond what he is bringing with him. / The exact schedule of what days he will be here and the duties beyond handling Sunday worship services has yet to be worked out between Pastor Joe and the elders

Church Property, Terry Bowman The new telephone system is scheduled to be installed on Monday Jan. 29th. The system is coming through Teleplus. It will include the fire-alarm system and the security cameras. / The Security cameras will cover in both the upper and lower parking lots, the playground area, all classrooms used by the preschool, and the outreach center since it is used extensively by the school. / Don will check to see if installation of the security system will impact our insurance costs.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays	Baptismal Birthdays	Anniversaries
28 - Lawrence Campbell	2-01 - Lucas Nordyke	1-02 Rev Bruce Crabtree
28 - Janice Gann	2-01 Jane O'Farrell	1-02 Carolyn Crabtree
29 - Joseph Brown	2-01 Abigail Miller	1 04David Chorney
	2-01 Pearl Willman	1-04 Kenna Chorney
	2-01 Joel Fridgen	1-06 Cheryl Waldron
	2-01 Gregory Roeder	1-06 Frank Waldron
	2-01 Pamela Lively	

*"Listening to the Lutheran Hour
Tune in Next Sunday February 4th*

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.

"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?" There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes.

Notes from EC Meeting continued

Financial Secretary, Mitzie Bowman Total income for December 2017 was \$33,185.21. This was 5.4% over the same month in 2016. / Loving the Lost contributions to date totaled \$425,202.75. This represents 84% of the three year goal.

Treasurer, Don Schleef End of the year figures show that regular income for 2017 totaled \$293,095.93 and exceeded the budget figure of \$280,000 by just over \$13,000. Regular expenses were less than budgeted due to the fact that there was no regular pastor's salary being paid. This allows a good reserve to cover the expenses associated with obtaining a new pastor such as moving expenses. / When the three year period is up on the Loving the Lost campaign this year total contributions plus some money from the general fund should allow the remaining mortgage on the Outreach Center project of just under \$70,000 to be paid off. That would leave just the original mortgage of around \$500,000.

Loving the Lost Update We are rapidly approaching the three year milestone of our Loving the Lost (LTL) campaign. Contributions have generally been strong throughout the campaign, but we are currently lagging about 3% behind pledges through 31 months. Please help us fulfill our outreach goals as we see God doing "Immeasurably More" at Concordia, in service to our neighbors, community and the world.

Home Furnishings The apartment rented for Pastor Joe may need some additional furnishings. He says he needs only minimal furnishings. There is one offer of complete needs for the kitchen - dishes, flatware, pots & pans, etc. We are not sure what else is needed until he is ready to move in the first part of February. If anyone has other home needs available to loan to help make the apartment livable (draperies or curtains for example) please see Fred Tichnell and let him know. what you have.

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

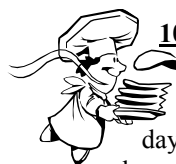
♦ **Church Library** Don't forget there are free books in the narthex in a brown plastic container near the couch. We even have a couple music books donated by Shirley Morrison Hallam. She had donated more but they are gone already, thank you Shirley!

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** Registrations have started for next school year. There are 33 children re-enrolled or newly enrolled for next year. Last year this time there were 15! The four-day class is already filled. We have the first open House scheduled for February 4th and addition dates in March and April. If you have children or grandchildren you would like to see enrolled, do it NOW.

♦ **Sunday School** We are now well into the second quarter of the Sunday school year and are studying New Testament lessons. The Upper grades 6- 8 group is continuing their course on "That's in the Bible?! Bizarre Biblical Accounts", with a real message about God's dealings with his wayward people. 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.



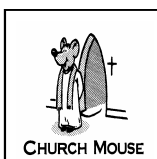
10th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Barb and the young people of Concordia invite you to attend this annual event on Shrove Tuesday February 13, 2018. The menu will feature pancakes and all the trimmings including our famous sausage and apples. Serving will begin at 5:30 and run until 7 p.m. or until we run out of food- whichever comes first.

The event is free and open to all. There is no need to sign up ahead of time since you don't have to bring anything and since the number attending has hit between 60 and 70 people all 10 years. We know you're coming!

Chili Cook-off Today in the outreach center after late worship. Come sample the chili and vote for your favorite. Hot dogs, corn bread, salads and dessert will also be served. Don't worry if you didn't sign up, come anyway.

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 U.



In the Newspaper this week: **Jeannette Lietzau** was recognized at the SED Church Worker's Conference in October for 55 years of service as an educator. She graduated from Concordia University—Chicago. She taught multi grades in a junior-senior high school. She later taught at Concordia College - Ann Arbor; served as a missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators; and finished her career at Concordia University in Edmonton, Alberta in Canada. See the entire article posted on the activity bulletin board in the narthex. Congratulations Jeannette!