



# Talking Together

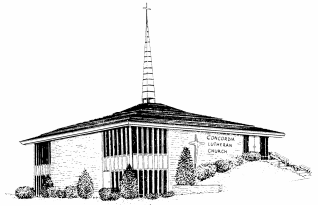
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February 4, 2018

## Our Stewardship

Attendance for January 28, 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
	2/4	8 AM	Aubrey Davidson	No Attendant	Sylvia Shives	Kreymborg	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Adam Brown	Sylvia Shives	Paul Zuelsdorf	Campbell	Gann Tichnell
	2/11	8 AM	Erin Davidson	No attendant	Dan Vermilya	Rogers	Shives/Waldron
		11 AM	Zachary Miller	Becky Brown	Karla Baker	Dawson	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—Coffee and Conversation Fellowship Hall 9:00-9:30

Monday—MD Bible Study, Flicek Home, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday—Sewing Group, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

### Prayer Requests

✠ Sharon D. (Surgery 1/29)  
Lucas N. (Glaucoma complications)  
Lori P (surgery 1/29)  
Buck N. (blood clotting issues)

### Ongoing

Irmgard W. (Lukemia treatment)  
Ray M. (Heart issues)  
Ginny D. (medical issues)  
Linda Mc. (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 pre-oration for worship; The Transfiguration of Our Lord; 2 Kings 2:1-12 or Ex. 34:29-35; 2 Cor. 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9.

### Mission of The Month

Food For the Poor

### Church Nursery

We are down to just four volunteers for the church nursery on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 service. This is an important ministry to assist parents of young children. Please prayerfully consider giving a Sunday now and then to the nursery. *Bernie Davidson*

## Featured LWML Mission Grant for February Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide \$100,000

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

A precious and memorable way to share our faith with Children is to curl up with a good book and with a child on your lap.

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) has found that there are not enough Lutheran children's books written in their own language for children in Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, China, and Mongolia. Unfulfilled requests for children's books are received by LHF each year. Christian parents want to teach their children about the Lord Jesus Christ. New Christians are eager to pass along their faith to their children but children's books, such as *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, *God's Word for You*, and *Bible Stories in Pictures* are not available in these languages.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation has a 25-year history of devotedly fulfilling its mission in translating, publishing, and distributing Lutheran books. The Holy Spirit has worked mightily through LHF books. This Mission Grant will provide Lutheran churches worldwide, missionaries, and families around the globe with 20,000 translated books that will share Bible stories and assist with teaching children about God's gifts and salvation for generations to come.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

8 Franklin R. Scheib  
9 Ernest H. Holben III  
10 Eloise L. Kline

### Baptismal Birthdays

None this week

### Anniversaries

None this week

*"Listening to the Lutheran Hour  
Tune in Next Sunday February 11th*

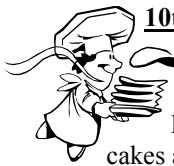
WNAV (Annapolis) 1430 AM 7:00 a.m. WZXH Hagerstown) 91.7 FM 4:00 p.m.  
WBAL (Baltimore) 1090 AM 10:30 a.m. WTRM (Winchester) 91.3 FM 7:01 p.m.

**"Was Blind, But Now I See"** Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing? (2 Corinthians 4:3)

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

**Portals of Prayer** The January-March *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklet is available on the table in the narthex. Pick up a copy today. Take an extra copy and leave it in your doctor's office or take it to a friend or shut-in.

**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.



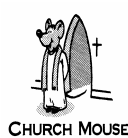
### 10th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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. Just come and enjoy.

**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.



This news is a bit belated, but we learned through Facebook that Trevor and Becca Flanick became the parents of a son, Gideon Michael, on January 6, 2018. This is the second grandchild for Bruce and Karyn. The Flanicks were long time members of Concordia while their 6 sons were growing up.

## 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. Psalm 149:1* Rehearsals will begin again on February 21st following Lenten worship. We will be preparing for Good Friday and Easter services. New voices are welcome. If you love to sing come and join us. Kathy Schleef is director and Shelly Hector is accompanist.

**Open Arms** We continue to have full days as we work our way through the alphabet. If you take a walk through our hallway you will see examples of the students' work—usually something to do with the letter and/or color of the week.

Mark your calendars for our third annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser coming up on March 16th. It will again include a silent auction and a bake sale.

**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.

**Chili Cook-off Note** Thank you to all who attended the chili cook-off—there were about 50 who attended. A good time was had by all. We had seven chilies to sample, several cornbreads, a couple veg trays, and lots of yummy desserts. The winners of the cook-off were: 1st Place—Fred Tichnell; 2nd place—Barb Nordyke; 3rd place—Karen Kreymborg. Deserving of special mention was the only white chili, a very nice spicy version, made by Brenda Meiron. Thanks to all who helped set up and tear down and get everything back in order for the weekday activities.

**Thank You Note** Thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards to Joel. He appreciated mail and they were an encouragement to me too. We are proud to announce the births of Lucas and Della to Nate and Jenn Fridgen on Feb. 1. Babies and mom are doing great.  
*Pat Fridgen*

**LWML** Our next outreach project is Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are purchasing most of the items since they are very specific about what goes into each kit. They will be assembled at a future meeting. Don't forget our college students—we are accepting monetary donations to provide them with Wal-Mart gift cards. Please put donations in Cheryl Fertitt's mailbox.