



Talking Together

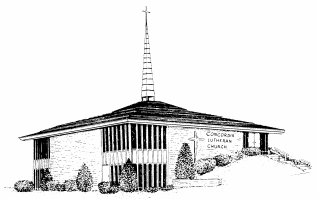
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Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

<i>Attendance for February 14, 2010</i>	96
<i>Giving for February 14, 2010</i>	\$6,609.00
<i>Year-to-Date Regular Offering Received</i>	\$24,485.96
<i>Budget Needs Through Week 7 of 2010</i>	\$26,115.39
<i>Our 2010 Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)</i>	\$194,000.00

Serving in Worship	Date	Acolyte	Nursery	Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
	2/21	No Acolyte	1 st No Nursery Schedule this Svc.	Brenda Ellis	Flicek	Fertitta/Shives	
		Michelle Vines	2 nd Bernie Davidson	Melody Solomon	Shirk	Gann/Morris	
	2/28	No Acolyte	1 st No Nursery Schedule this Svc.	Bob Shives	Kreymborg	No Communion	
		Chad Shumaker	2 nd Sylvia Shives	Bill Garrison	Stanley	No Communion	

<u>This Week:</u>	Wednesday	LifeLight® Bible Study, 12:00 Noon
TODAY	Wednesday	Soup & Sandwich Supper, 5:45 p.m.
Congregational Meeting	Wednesday	Lenten Worship Service, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Saturday	Angel Food Distribution, 8 - 11 a.m.

<p>Prayer Requests:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ☩^M Brenda Diest - (scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, Feb. 23) Diest family and Prayer Ministry Team - ☩^M Charlene Suffacool - (diagnosed with lung cancer - coworker of Cherie Waldron) Cherie and Prayer Ministry Team - ☩^M Bob Rosicky - (Thanks and praise for successful back surgery and prayer for continuing recovery) Carol Rosicky and Prayer Ministry Team - ☩^M Delauney family - (strength and courage 	<p>at recent death of Donna) Bob Keane and Prayer Ministry Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ☩^M Bill Gladhill - (Praise for successful surgery,) Lorraine Gladhill and Prayer Ministry Team - ☩^M Margaret Rice - (Praise and thanksgiving for successful surgery, now home in recovery) Nancy Flicek and Prayer Ministry Team - ☩^M Erica - (Friend of the Jesse's - recurrence of cancer) Jesse's and Prayer Ministry Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcia Tibbits - (suffering from MS) Bob Keane and Prayer Ministry Team - Alexa - (2 year old Alexa who was diagnosed with a brain tumor and had surgery on Jan. 3. Alexa's tumor was found to be malignant. (Family friend of the Stiers who were former Concordia members) Stiers and Prayer Ministry Team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raymond Mooney - (Nearing end-of-life issues [father of Brenda Ellis] and for her mother & family as care-givers for Raymond) Brenda Ellis and Prayer Ministry Team
☩ - New Entry	M - Member		

"Nurturing the Faith"
The following readings are provided for your preparation for next Sunday's worship. Scripture readings for the **Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2010; Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.**
* **School of the Scriptures** *
Sunday Christian Education
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.

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Congregational Meeting -
A congregational meeting will be held after the late worship today in the sanctuary. This meeting is an informational one that concludes the preparation for the Pastoral Call Document. The Call package will be completed this week and hand carried to the Southeastern District Office on Wednesday, February 23rd.

KEEPING INFORMED—Notes from the February 18 Planning Council Meeting
Executive Director—Glen Krc At the special congregational meeting on Sunday February 21, the council agreed by consensus to provide information to the congregation on part 3 of the call document which contains the compensation information. The compensation package is in line with the budget approved by the congregation for 2010 and will not require another vote. /Glen referred council members to a section of a communication from Joel Fridgen concerning the need to explore ways to get the elevator installed. There are a number of individuals in the congregation who cannot handle stairs so the elevator has become a necessity.
Financial Secretary - John Ramacciotti The operating income for the month of January was \$17,876.96 which is 129.2% of what it was at this time last year. / There was some discussion of the need for a "giving guide" – a letter or other means to advise new members of specific areas that they can contribute to financially at Concordia and how to facilitate the prompt and correct allocation of those contributions. This could be part of a new member "packet"
Treasurer - Joe Davidson January Regular Income \$17,876.96 January Regular Expense \$15,341.39. Giving for January PACE: Phase 2, \$20; Ablaze, \$360; CCDC, \$0; Elevator, \$1,140. Principal Reduction: \$200. PACE total giving: Phase 2, \$26,270. Ablaze, \$8,361. CCDC, \$28,829. Elevator \$11,705. Principal Reduction Fund, \$27,254. Additional paid on Principal.
Lay Ministry – Bob Shives Larry Hector is working on preparation of the final version of the call document which is nearing completion. It will be hand carried to the Southeastern District office on February 23 or 24.
Church Properties - Mike Taylor - Mike expressed thanks to Terry Bowman, Tony Fertitta, and Chad Cummings for their assistance in removing snow from the sidewalks and

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

21 - Joseph Lane
21 - Michael Starner
22 - Hadley Fleischman
24 - Timothy Davidson
24 - Diane Fleischman
24 - Lavonne Grams
24 - Michael Jorgensen, Jr.
24 - Michael Myett
25 - Diane Braun

Baptismal Birthdays

25 - Terry Bowman
26 - Thomas Anthony
26 - Lauren Fleischman
27 - Patrick Anthony
28 - Wendy Chapin

Anniversaries

None this week

Listening to the "Lutheran Hour" You are invited to tune in next Sunday to one of the radio stations listed below: **Tune in February 28th**

WNAV (Annapolis) 143 FM 7:00 a.m. WBAL (Baltimore) 1090 AM 10:30 a.m.
WMZQ (Arlington) 98.7 FM 7:00 a.m. WTRM (Winchester) 91.3 FM 7:01 p.m.

"Evil Enemies" We live in a topsy-turvy world, where little is considered to be true and most things are open to interpretation. There is little interpretation necessary or possible as The Lutheran Hour message speaks about those who walk as "enemies of the cross of Christ." **Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

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entry ways following the recent snowstorms. /The parking lots continue to be plowed by a local paving company who does it free of charge for Concordia and a number of other churches in the area. Cheryl suggested we consider giving the owner a letter of thanks and a monetary donation at the end of the season to help cover some of his expenses. /The properties committee has a meeting scheduled for March 23.

Special Report Vince Fertitta presented a proposal for installing the elevator to give access to the lower level of the church. The council agreed by consensus to present complete information to the congregation by February 28, in preparation for a vote to approve the project at a special congregational meeting set for March 14. Details in the report will include information on the following:

Three bids were obtained. >One of the three has very favorable conditions making the project feasible. >Several members are willing to make 10 year interest only loans with principal being repaid as funds become available. The interest rate would be 3%.> The required finishing of the elevator lobby on the lower level can be completed with phase 2 funds.

Complete minutes of all meetings are posted on the church business bulletin board after they have been reviewed by council.

Fellowship Suppers Beginning this Wednesday we will have a fellowship meal each week before the midweek Lenten service. The meal begins at 5:45pm. You are invited to sign up to bring soup, sandwiches, salad, or dessert to share.

NEW **Easter Lilies** Forms are available on the bulletin board beside the flower chart to order Easter lilies. The cost is \$9.25, due at the time the order is placed. Return the order form along with your check to Rosella by March

NEW **Alexa Website** We have had 2 year old Alexa on our prayer list for several weeks. For a picture of this precious little girl and an update on her status check out this website: <http://bumpaslittlesweetie.wordpress.com/>. This was provided by Sandy Stier in response to an inquiry about Alexa.

The Saved Must of Necessity do Good Works



What Augustine says is indeed true: He who has created you without yourself will not save you without yourself. Works are necessary for salvation, but they do not cause salvation; for faith alone gives life. For the sake of hypocrites it should be said that good works are necessary for salvation. Works must be done, but it does not follow from this that works save. . . . Works save externally, that is, they testify that we are just and that in a man there is that faith which saves him internally, as Paul says: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation".

(Selection based on today's New Testament Lesson) "What Luther Says", (CPH 1959)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Open Arms CCDC** After missing the entire week of February 9-11, the children completed their special valentine projects ending with a traditional valentine party on Thursday. Sylvia Shives served as substitute teacher while Carol Rosicky was with Bob during his hospitalization in Virginia.
- ◆ **Volunteer needed to help take Angel Food orders.** It would involve about one day a month for about 3 hours. They would take orders at Concordia. See Nancy Flicek if interested or any questions. Can call her at home at 301-714-4943 or email her at m.flicek@myactv.net.
- ◆ **Inclement Weather Policy** Board of Lay Ministry will verify street and highway conditions by 6:00 a.m on Sunday. Verification of bad weather conditions will initiate the following: Cancellation message put on radio WJEJ, 1240 am, Hagerstown, and WFMD, 930 am, Frederick; and the cancellation message put on the Concordia emergency telephone, 301-739-4913; and send an email message of cancellation to all who have email.
- ◆ **Cleaning Chart Reminder** There are still several spots remaining on the care chart for the church. We especially need one or even two couples to take care of the sanctuary and sacristy twice a month
- ◆ **Angel Food Clothing Distribution** Vince is looking for an individual or a team to handle the "clothes closet" during Angel Food distribution. This is a once-a-month commitment to move the clothing out of storage to the fellowship hall and back again at the end of the distribution period. Everything is on racks, tables, or in boxes. See Vince if you can help..



Potomac Zone LWML will hold the annual Spring Rally/Christian Life Event on Saturday March 13, 2010 at the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Silver Spring. The program will be "Living Mission, Living Word: Where Scripture Intersects Life", an interactive exploration of a familiar Bible story and what it means to live faithfully in a complex world. See Sylvia Shives if interested in attending.



CHURCH MOUSE

Greg Roeder was selected for the 2010 All County Senior High School Concert band. He played the euphonium at the February 18th concert and attends North High School.