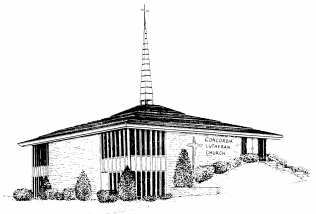




Talking Together

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Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

Attendance for February 12, 2012	114
Giving for February 5, 2012	\$5,948.75
Year-to-Date for 2012, Regular Offering Received	\$29,120.89
Budget Needs Through Week 6 of 2012	\$28,945.86
Our 2012 Total Annual Budget (Operational Expenses Only)	\$250,864.00

Serving in Worship 	Date	Acolyte		Nursery		Lector	Greeters	Assisting Ministers	
		Early Service	Late Service	1 st	No Nursery				
	2/19	No Acolyte		1 st	No Nursery	Roland Foster	Diest	Fridgen/Hector	
		Carter Hughes		2 nd	Sylvia Shives	Bill Garrison	Jorgensen	No Communion	
	2/26	No Acolyte		1 st	No Nursery	Cheryl Fertitta	Fertitta	No Communion	
		Austin Merion		2 nd	Bernie Davidson	Elizabeth Amt	Rogers	Fridgen/Tichnell	

TODAY & this Week

Today is the celebration of Our Lord's Transfiguration

Monday..... Evening Bible Study (at the Jesse home), 7:00 pm

Tuesday..... Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday..... LifeLight Bible Study, 12 Noon

Wednesday..... Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests:-

- **Flicek family** - (Mike Flicek's father died this past Tuesday. We join the Flicek family in prayer as we wait on God, joyfully, expectantly, hopefully for eternal life.) Flicek family and Prayer Ministry Team.
- **Dot McAllister** - (recovering from pancreatitis. We pray for God's healing.) Dot and Prayer Ministry Team
- **Ingeborg Hector** - (Recovering in hospital from stomach virus or flu virus, grandmother or Larry Hector) Hector family and Prayer Ministry Team
- **Del Tupper** - (Shelly Hector's Dad, to

have biopsy of a mass on his lung. We pray that God is with the entire medical team and that His will be done.) Hector family and Prayer Ministry Team

- **Susan Rogers** - (Recovering from pneumonia, asks for physical and emotional strength; sister-in-law to Rosella Rogers) Susan, Rosella and Prayer Ministry Team

- **Ann Willard** - (Grandmother of Jaclyn Shuck, injured in a fall at home and is recovering in rehab) Pastor and Prayer Ministry Team

- **Lucille Hoover** - (is a friend of the Mullicans. She is under Hospice Care following a stroke) Mullicans and Prayer

Ministry Team

- **Shayna** - (is a coworker of Kelley Anthony. She is 4 months pregnant and the baby has some potentially serious heart problems and needs God's healing and strength) Anthony's and Prayer Ministry Team

- **Margaret Rice** - (is a coworker of Nancy Flicek. She has rheumatoid arthritis and is going through a tough time in general right now. Prayers for healing and strength.) Fliceks and Prayer Ministry Team

- **Beth Murray** - (Recovering following

surgery for broken foot. Pray also for parents who are the main caregivers.) Murray family and Prayer Ministry Team)

Students of our CCDC

We pray that they are kept safe and continue their growth in the knowledge of Jesus as their Savior They are: Abigail, Alli, Annabelle, Ben, Brayden, Gracie, Landon, Juan, Rachel, Richard, Sarah and Weston.

☩ - New M - Member

"Nurturing the Faith"

The following readings are provided for your preparation for next Sunday's worship. Scripture readings for, **February 22, Ash Wednesday, Joel 2:12-19; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. and February 26, First Sunday in Lent,**

Genesis 22:1-18; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15
Christian Education

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Adult Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
- New Members Class - 9:30 a.m.

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. *Mark 9:2f*
This was the first appearance of Christ before men in all his glory.

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

On Thursday, the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod President Matthew C. Harrison was one of several witnesses to provide testimony during the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's hearing, "Lines Crossed: Separation of Church and State. Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?"

Harrison opened his testimony before the committee by explaining why he would have preferred not to appear before the lawmakers.

"Our task is to proclaim, in the words of the blessed apostle St. John, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all our sins," he said of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. "I'm here to express our deepest distress over the HHS provisions. We are religiously opposed to supporting

abortion-causing drugs."

"I believe that today's hearing is a sham," Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., told the assembled pastors, priest and rabbi. "And so I say to you, as a member of this committee who actually shared the concerns you say you have last week, that I think this is a shameful exercise, and I am very sad you have chosen to participate and be used the way you're being used."

Harrison addressed the charge of assisting in "political demagoguery" a few minutes after Connolly spoke.

"I really loathe the partisan nature of this discussion," Harrison told the committee. "Ninety-eight percent of what I do -- of what the Missouri Synod does -- is completely bipartisan. We represent a large church body. ... [Our] constituents are in some way equally

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

19 - Daniel Stanley
 21 - Joseph Lane
 21 - Michael Starnier
 22 - Hadley Fleischman
 24 - Timothy Davidson
 24 - Diane Fleischman
 24 - Lavonne Grams
 24 - Michael Jorgensen, Jr.
 24 - Michael Myett

24 - Kevin Titus

25 - Diane Braun

Baptismal Birthdays

19 - Keith Brown
 20 - Natalie Penrod
 25 - Terry Bowman

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 26th

WNAV (Annapolis) 143 FM 7:00 a.m.
 WTRM (Winchester) 91.3 FM 7:01 p.m.

WBAL (Baltimore) 1090 AM 10:30 a.m.
 WZXX (Hagerstown) 91.7 FM 4:00 p.m.

"Repent" Is repentance important? Is repentance necessary? The answer is an unqualified "yes." True, Jesus loves us as we are—but He never leaves us as we were. (Mark 1:14-15)

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

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divided between Democrats and Republicans. We do not operate in a partisan way."

Harrison also told the committee that he and the LCMS pray daily for President Obama's well-being and for the nation, in keeping with Martin Luther's Eighth Commandment exhortation in the Small Catechism to "defend, speak well of him and put the best construction on everything."

"I know this is a different game here," Harrison observed. "This is hard-core politics."

"I'm here because there is a narrow but very significant provision in the HHS provisions that is, I believe, very dangerous to religious people with our kind of convictions -- and it's also dangerous to any religious people with unique convictions," he concluded.

That afternoon, Harrison returned to St. Louis in time to preach at the opening worship service of the 2012 Southern Illinois District Convention, which is being held through Feb. 18 in O'Fallon, Ill.



The next fellowship sponsored activity is bowling on Sunday March 4 after Be Our Guest breakfast. We will gather at Turner's on Virginia Ave. for duckpin bowling. This is suitable for all ages and skill levels as they

offer bumper rails on the lanes. Sign up on the activity bulletin board. The updated cost per game will be on the sign-up poster.

Yard Sale The next scheduled work day is this Thursday, March 1. We begin at 9:00 and work until 3:00. Come when you can and stay as long as your schedule allows. A few more items keep coming in so there is still some sorting to do, but we have started pricing items. Anyone who still wants to bring items for the sale is asked to put them on the pallets just inside the entrance to the lower level of Harmony Hall. Deadline for delivering items to sell is May 4.

Pennsylvania Area Families February Bible Study Schedule

Monday, Feb. 13 - At the home of Don and Kathy Schleef, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27 - At the home of Roland and Marion Foster, 7:00 p.m.

We are studying 1 Thessalonians.

Princes of the King of Kings

But who of us dares believe this and apply this to himself, that he is one of the heavenly princes? Yet it is so. I and all other godly ministers are princes. It seems to be monstrous pride to arrogate this to oneself. But it is not pride, for it redounds to the glory of the King. Since He Himself is the King of Glory and of heaven, therefore those who enter into His ministry are His counselors and great princes even though they do not believe they are such great personages. Just as the Emperor Charles has his electors, the Turk his satraps, the pope his cardinals, so also our King has great princes as ministers. Augustine and others, too, are princes and counts. The same is true of us who teach the Gospel today. In the world's sight we are completely despicable.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ♦ **Open Arms CCDC** This past week we had our monthly fire drill on Wednesday. This coming week will be another Bookmobile visit on Wednesday. Two scheduled events coming up are a spirit night at Chick -Fil-A Thursday March 22, followed by an open house on Saturday March 24. Carol is nearly finished with the individual parent conferences to inform parents of their child's progress based on the assessments done last month.
- ♦ **Ahoy Mateys!** The ship sailed! Weather did not affect the Pirate Party last Saturday. We had 36 adults and 14 children. The galley offers a nice selection of food and the activities were a lot of fun. The kids all had their pictures taken and put into a frame they decorated. Thanks to Bernie Davidson for printing the pictures on the spot. The kids also had great fun with the treasure hunt and they all went home with a small treasure chest.
- ♦ **College Student Care Packages** Thanks to all who contributed toward the college student care packages. Thank you to Pat Fridgen for packing and mailing the boxes this past week.
- ♦ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** is this week on Tuesday. Come any time between 5:00 and 7:00 and enjoy the pancakes, country puddin', sausage and apples, applesauce, and beverages. See Sylvia if you would like to volunteer to flip a few pancakes.
- ♦ **Easter Lilies** Forms were in mailboxes last week to order lilies to grace our chancel Easter Sunday. The form along with payment of \$9.75 for each can be put in the specially marked basket in the church office.
- ♦ **Special Breakfast** Thank you to all the men who helped out on a great breakfast for the women yesterday morning. Thanks especially to Roland Foster who was the chief planner for the event. The menu included a good variety of food—all nicely prepared and served. Thank you—thank you—thank you!



Keep filling those mite boxes—the Chesapeake District has five mission grants remaining to be paid by the end of the fiscal year June 30. The next in line to be paid is \$5,000 for tuition assistance for Trinity Lutheran School in Norfolk, VA.



CHURCH MOUSE

Marian Foster just returned from a trip to Hawaii with her travel club. **Pete & Karen Kreymborg** leave this Friday for their annual winter trip to Florida.