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## **PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### Lenten Schedule

Area churches combining worship services for the Lenten Season are Washingtonville Lutheran, Strawberry Ridge U.C.C., White Hall Baptist, Hidlay Lutheran and Pine Street. **All worship services are at 7:00 P.M.** unless otherwise noted.

It is our hope that many from across the countryside **and from here in town** will travel to the different locations for a time of worship and getting to know one another. **Traveling arrangements will be made available as needed.**

**Feb. 28: Wed. in Lent 1-Abram's Exodus before the Exodus at Strawberry Ridge**

**March 7: Wed. in Lent 2-Jacob the Heel Comes Home** (Soup & Bread Supper at 6:00 PM) **at Pine Street** (Pastor Don Miller)

**March 14: Wed. in Lent 3-Out of Egypt I have Called My Son at White Hall**

**March 21: Wed. in Lent 4-Exile and Return from our Babylons-at Washingtonville**

**March 28: Wed. in Lent 5-The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus at Hidlay-**(Pastor Keith)

**Maundy Thursday, April 5: The New and Better Passover (Meal of Meals) at Pine Street-**Covered dish meal (Pastor Sell) Seder Meal

**Good Friday, April 6: Christ the First Born is Sacrificial at Washingtonville-**(Pastor Keith)

**The BLOODMOBILE  
is coming ....  
Wednesday March 14th  
1 pm to 6 pm  
Social Hall  
Come out and give !!!!**

### *Bible Study in March:*

March 6 & 27: 6:00 P.M.

March 8 & 22: 2:00 P.M.

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## LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Traditionally, for many of us, Lent has been a time of “giving up” something. Some people “give up” eating sweets or chocolates, for example. Others “give up,” or at least attempt to “give up” certain bad habits that they may have acquired over the years, like smoking or excessive drinking. The idea of “giving up” something or another for Lent, or for any period of time for that matter, is not all bad. However, often, the types of things we decide to “give up” are self-serving. They tend to benefit only us when we give them up.

Maybe, this year, instead of “giving up” something—no, even better yet—in *addition* to “giving up” something, we should discipline ourselves to do something extra, or take on something else. Is there a neighbor that needs your help? Is there a volunteer organization that you’ve been wanting to become more involved in? Have you been saying that you’re going to start coming to worship more often and participating more fully in the life of your church? Do you have some spare pocket change or maybe a stash of cash that you could give to a person(s) or charitable organization as a special Lenten offering of yourself? These are just *some* ideas you might consider for your Lenten Discipline.

Lent is a time of repentance for our, often, hardened, callous attitudes toward others, toward ourselves, and sometimes even toward God. In the gift of Holy Baptism we are cleansed of sin and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live lives that glorify God. Yes, we still struggle daily with sin and evil, but as we daily remember the waters of our baptism, we are renewed and restored to a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are called once again in this season of Lent to be followers (disciples) of Jesus as we journey with him to the cross on Calvary and through His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. God’s blessings for your Lenten Discipline, whatever it may be!!

Peace and Love,

Pastor Keith

Pastor Keith

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**READ ROMANS 12 AND PRAY DAILY**

# NEWS AND NOTES

## FINANCIAL UPDATE, SANCTUARY/ORGAN PROJECTS:

Through: 2/18/07

**Sanctuary Project:** Total cost is \$44,692. Pledged amount is \$23,560.

Given to date: \$24,077 (\$11,995 pledged and \$12,082 unpledged and memorials) Unpledged contributions still needed to pay in full: \$8,220

**Organ Restoration:** Total cost is \$80,972. Pledged amount is \$5,800.

Given to date (all sources) \$37,599 (\$3,920 pledged, \$10,109 unpledged and memorials, and \$23,570 from insurance) Unpledged contributions still needed to pay in full: \$41,493

**Loan amount: \$70,000.** Loan principle repaid to date: \$9,302.

### SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Goldie Henrie, mother of Sue Neitz, who died February 5, 2007.

### BAPTISM

During the worship service on Sunday, February 25, 2007, we will welcome Brandon David Park through Holy Baptism. Brandon, born June 10, 2006, is the son of Betsy and David Park and grandson of Mary Jane and William Snyder. We welcome Brandon to his new church home.

### MEMORIALS

A gift to our Memorial Fund in memory of **Kenneth and Lillian Watts** has been given by Ned and Connie Marsch (their daughter and son-in-law) to be used for new ELW Hymnals.

A gift to our Memorial Fund in memory of **Goldie Henrie** has been given by Donald and Nelena Swank for the Organ Restoration Project.

### Treasurer's Report

*Jan. Only - General Fund:*

Income \$ 7,691.34  
Expenses \$ 12,639.76  
**Shortfall** \$ 4,948.42

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### SYNOD GIVING REPORT

The following figures are our contributions from Pine Street Lutheran Church to the Upper Susquehanna Synod in 2006:

Synod Benevolence	\$6000.00
Blanket Offerings	232.00
Camp Mt. Luther	65.00
Gettysburg Seminary	45.00
Domestic Disaster	1050.00
Viking & Marissa Dietrich	665.00
<u>World Hunger</u>	<u>291.38</u>
TOTAL	\$8348.38

### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Keith will be in Washington, D.C. for Continuing Education from March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 12. He will be back Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13 and 14. Then, he will be on vacation from March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Pat Pittsnogle will cover for Pastoral Care while he is away at Continuing Education. She can be reached at her office at 742-7473 or at home at 768-6705.

Pastor Sell will be covering during his vacation. You may contact her at her office at 437-2652 or home at 437-2652. Todd Baney will preach March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER & LENTEN TEAS

The Danville/Riverside Women's Federated Missionary Society announce the 2007 Lenten Schedule.

The World Day of Prayer Service entitled, *United under God's Tent* will be Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 P.M. at Grove Presbyterian Church.

**Lenten Tea Schedule follows.  
All services are at 1:30 P.M.**

- Mar. 7: at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Lois Gensil and William Klink has the program "GateHouse". Solo by the Rev. David Simon.
- Mar. 14: at St. James UCC Ridgeville. Carol Harrison has the program "Tanzania". Solo by Jaque Wetzel.
- Mar. 21: at Mahoning Presbyterian. Jessica Owen has the program "Campus Ministry". Solo by Joanna Klein.
- Mar. 28: at Pine Street Lutheran. Richard Estock and Wendy Adelsberger have the program "Honduras & Nicaragua". Songs will be by the Children from St. Joseph's Church.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **March 15**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

## GATEHOUSE

**This month is Gatehouse month for the Love Offering Envelopes.** The Transitional Housing and Care Center of Columbia and Montour Counties provide the Gatehouse to address the basic needs of all God's people who are temporarily homeless in our community.

The Gatehouse, an outreach of our church, is a three story high building surrounded by lovely grounds and situated on the southern boundary of the Danville State Hospital grounds. The director is Maggie Groves. They will provide coordinated support programs of education, counseling, and spiritual guidance with the goal of developing self-esteem, self-discipline and self-help.

If you need more information, please call the church office.

If Gatehouse is one of the community projects you would like to support through our church, please use the special *Love Envelope* enclosed in this *Newsletter*. Thank you so much for your much-needed support.

## M/D TICKETS

Tickets are available for the Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 7, 2007 here at our church. This will be a covered dish dinner. Only 90 tickets will be available at a cost of \$3.00 each for people over 6 years of age; under 6 are free. Sarah Hoyes will provide the entertainment. Questions, please contact Sue Baylor.

## COLLECTION OF KITS

The Women's Center is collecting material for Anti-Stalking Kits. These kits are given to victims of stalking to give them a place to start to increase the successful prosecution of a stalker. Authorities encourage documentation and evidence collection because often the victim is the only one who know what is happening.

*Items being collected are:*

- Small notebooks (3x5 or 5x7 size)
- Pocket planners
- Blue or black pens
- Whistles with cord
- Disposable cameras
- Ziploc bags (various sizes)
- Sterile gloves
- Reclosable plastic file folders to hold the contents

*They could use items to make Moms and children more comfortable when coming in for appointments such as:*

- washable markers (1-2 packs)
- crayons (2-3 packs)
- word searches/crossword puzzles for preteen/teen children
- children's videos or DVD's (no more than 10)
- diapers
- baby wipes
- disposable changing pads (we don't have baby changing table)
- always in need of day planners, empty ink cartridges, and cell phones.

Please place your donations on the bookshelf in the social hall (behind the piano) by **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please see Sue Baylor. Thank you in advance for your donations.

## NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

Volume # 28 of the series called *Lutheran Voices, Living Lutheran*. This volume includes chapters entitled, A Changing Church for a Changing World, The Basics of a Lutheran Voice; God Has a Dream; The Church—God Prefers Not to Work Alone!; Looking for a Vision; Developing Your Guiding Principles; and How Do Guiding Principles Work.

There are 27 other volumes in this series that are available to members to borrow. Please sign it out in the notebook that is on the counter top near the door.

### **Congratulations to Brenton Swartz**

for being placed on the Dean's List at Temple University for the fall semester. His major is Tourism and Hospitality Management. Good job, Brenton!

## FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. This month the Food Bank would appreciate donations of **Canned Fruit**. Donations of any other food items would also be appreciated. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

## **CROSS WALK**

**The Good Friday Cross Walk this year will begin at St. Joseph Catholic Church and end at Grove Presbyterian Church. The service will be at Grove.**

## NEW DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 2007

In 2005, Congress passed a law extending daylight saving time in the United States beginning this year. The change, which starts in March instead of April, is intended to help conserve electricity.

**NEW** Daylight Saving Time begins the second Sunday in March (turn clocks back Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> before going to bed) and ends the first Sunday in November.

**OLD** Daylight Saving Time began the first Sunday in April and ended the last Sunday in October.

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, *prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated.* Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would check over the prayer list, and if there is someone that you put on that list that is doing better and can be removed, please contact the Deb at office. You can do that by emailing the church office at [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net) or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. daily at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List. Thank you!

## LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$10/person includes lunch and entertainment by**  
***The Pool Boys***

## CARING CONVERSATION

The Art of Caring Conversation classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Spiritual Care Center just below on the hospital on March 6, 13, 20 and 27. The fee is \$10.00. To enroll, please call 271-3700. For more information, see the fliers on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## KITCHEN SUPPLY LIST

If you would be able to donate some supplies to the kitchen, here is what is used regularly:

- ☺ 100% fruit juice
- ☺ Hot/cold cups
- ☺ 6 inch dessert paper plates
- ☺ Plastic forks
- ☺ Decaf and regular coffee
- ☺ 12 inch paper plates
- ☺ Paper towels
- ☺ Quart or gallon size Zip-lock bags

## DAFFODIL SUNDAY

This year Daffodil Sunday is March 25, 2007. The daffodil is the first flower of spring, and with spring comes the eternal hope of a world free of cancer. The hope that we can “wipe out cancer in our lifetime” is the spirit behind the American Cancer Society’s *Daffodil Days*. We are participating in *Daffodil Sunday*. You may order your daffodils (even though it is late) by signing up on the bulletin board as soon as possible. Thanks to Jean Lewis, our Pine Street coordinator.

## GOOD SAMARITAN RPT.

*During January we helped:*

- 281 families (285 adults; 138 children; 58 persons donated clothing; 5 persons received uniforms; 7 received winter coats)
- 36 families received 74 pieces of furniture; 9 families donated 28 pieces of furniture

*Two families needed Crisis help:*

1. Helped a mother of 2 with title transfer and start-up car insurance so she can continue to work and find a better job. (\$327.00)
2. Helped a couple on disability who ran out of heating oil and have not received help from us before. We are helping them with budgeting. (\$299.00)

**HYGIENE COLLECTION:** The Good Samaritan Mission Center is collecting hygiene items to be given away at the Center on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon to our community. *Items needed are:* Soap; Towels; Washcloths; Deodorant; Shampoo; New Underwear for Men (sizes Large and Ex-large) and Women (sizes 8-14). Please take your donations to the Good Samaritan Mission Center on Ferry Street across from Cole’s Hardware during the hours listed below. Thank you!

### Mission Center Hours:

Tuesdays: 9 AM to 5 PM  
Wednesdays: 9 AM to 12:00 Noon  
Thursdays: 9 AM to 5 PM

If your student, child, grandchild or relative has a similar significant event, such as being listed on the Dean’s List, please call or email Deb in the church office so we can share their good news.



**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**  
Camp Mt. Luther Program booklets for the 2007 camping season are here! They are located in the brochure rack in the narthex. For more information go to [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)

## SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed for **Bulletins** for April 15 and 29; **Flowers** for April 15 and 22; and **Communion Bread** for ALL of April. Communion Bread can be store bought from the bakery or homemade. Please sign up on the designated list on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

When signing up for Altar Flowers, Bulletins or Sanctuary Candle, please write your name and *in honor of* or *in memory of* message on the appropriate poster in the narthex or speak to Deb at the church office. The costs are:

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$28.00 per week for **Flowers**;
- \$14.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Thank you to everyone who sponsors these important supplies for our worship services.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Words can not express the comfort we received from the members of Pine Street, during the loss of our loved ones Goldie Henrie and Marilyn Wertman.

We appreciate all the prayers, cards and donations of food, for the dinners, after the funerals.

We especially want to thank Pastor Keith for his kindness, prayers and the lovely

homilies at Mom and Marilyn's funerals. Special thanks to Pine Street's Women of the E.L.C.A. for coordinating and servicing both dinners.

Thank you all and God Bless,  
*Sue & Marlin Neitz  
& Family*

Thank you for flowers, kindness and tapes through the year. Especially the persons who deliver. I enjoy their visit. God Bless,

*Dorothy Yocum*

## BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Helen Riley
- 4 - Sharon Harner
- 5 - John Domanski
- 6 - Alexis Snover
- 7 - Jane Beagle (84); Sarah Hauck; Mary Ann Landi
- 9 - Blake Remensnyder
- 12 - Geoffrey Lees; Roberta Recla
- 14 - Douglas Yocum
- 15 - Dennis Leighow; Jackson Reed
- 16 - Samantha Koons; Pastor Pat
- 17 - Leona Kroh (86)
- 19 - Marie Adams (89); D. Jean Cope (80)
- 20 - Jane Fegley
- 21 - Robert Beyer (85)
- 22 - Judith Adams; Martha Hack
- 24 - Heath Dyer; Richard Maye
- 25 - June Livziey
- 28 - Karen Domanski; Ronald Raup
- 29 - Riley Reed
- 30 - Kathi Beiter

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Patricia and Marvin Fry (53)
- 20 - Rev. L. Keith and Rev. Patricia Pittsnogle (8)
- 29 - Sandra and Irvin Reibsome (49)

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be rehearsing for Easter every Monday in March from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

### **Pastor's Report from January 15 to February 19**

- **WORSHIP**— I presided over 5 regular worship services with Holy Communion.
- **VISITS**—I made 6 home visits, administering Holy Communion at 4 of them.
- **COUNSELING**—I counseled 3 people for a total of 2 hours.
- **MEETINGS**—I attended 4 meetings.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**—Our Bible Study groups continue to meet on Tuesday and Thursday, twice a month. The evening group is studying a book on Christian Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and Discipleship. The afternoon group is studying book of Romans. Our Lutheran refresher course/catechism classes continue during the Sunday School time.
- **EVENTS**—I participated with the youth from Pine Street and Christ Lutheran in our Valentines Day Love Bags project for the children's hospital. We had pizza before and went bowling afterwards. I attended game night.

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### 2007 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle

- Elizabeth Baylor
- Danielle Bloom
- Christina Hauck (Council Secretary)
- Thomas Herrington (President)
- Christine Koons
- Dennis Leighow
- Glen Leighow
- S. William Snover (Vice-President)
- Mary Jane Snyder
- Larry Troy

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David A. Doran - Church Treasurer

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## W/ELCA Highlights

by *Mary Jane Snyder*

### LENTEN BREAKFAST

The Women's Lenten Breakfast will be Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 A.M. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Cheryl Berner (Trinity, Milton). Set-up will be Friday, March 2 at 9:00 A.M.

### QUARTERLY MEETING

The Women's Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel in the Luther House at 7:30 P.M. The speaker will be massage therapist, Karen Bordner.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Women's Executive Board Meeting will be held

March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the Luther House.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ Mar. 3: Lenten Breakfast
- ❖ Mar. 6: Quarterly
- ❖ Apr. 14: Chicken & Waffle Dinner (Cooking & set up is April 12)
- ❖ Apr. 28: Day of Learning [Trinity, Milton]
- ❖ May 7: Mother/Daughter Banquet
- ❖ Jun. 5: Quarterly
- ❖ Jul. 11: All Circles Picnic
- ❖ Jul. 28: USSWO Convention

### PARISH NURSE NEWS

*By Sue Baylor*

Your Parish Nurses are currently organizing a Health Cabinet to oversee the Parish Nurse program. Several people have been asked to join us in this ministry. Our aim is to improve the physical and spiritual health of the congregation. We are also in the process of applying for a grant to improve our outreach to the congregation and community. One of our aims is to be able to advocate for our members during crises in their lives. Older members of the congregation in particular may have many hurdles to overcome regarding medical care or access to the care they may need. We do not intend to take the place of paid providers, but to assist in obtaining the care or in asking the right questions.

This is a new ministry in our church, and we may direct some questions to the members of the congregation in order to better meet your needs. Some of the needs already expressed are assistance with transportation to doctor's appointments and respite care for care givers in the home. Time permitting your nurses would also be willing to accompany you on your

appointment and help you ask the right questions. We will also be continuing to take blood pressures after church on select Sundays, and continuing with home visits to the shut-ins. If you have other questions about the Parish Nurses or other needs that could be met with the grant money, please address them to Mary Jane Snyder, Sue Baylor or Pastor Keith.

Advocacy by women is nothing new in the church. Following is an article from the Women of the ELCA's E-zine. This is accessible to anyone on the WELCA web-page, it is an electronic magazine for young women of the church, but the articles on faith could apply to all of us.

### Faith Reflections

*by Anne Edison-Albright*

**Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.**

*Proverbs 31:30-31*

### Ode to the "in-between" woman

Quinn E. Gorges writes that Women's Equality Day is about celebrating accomplishments and recognizing a continuing struggle. With both success and struggle in mind, I'd like to introduce you to the Woman of Valor, a character from Proverbs who can be read as a perpetuation of old stereotypes, an example of women's equality, and also as something in-between.

The NRSV gives the end of Proverbs 31 the title, "Ode to a Capable Wife." Julie Faith Parker, the teaching assistant for my Old Testament

Interpretation class, translates it "Ode to a Woman of Valor." Parker's title seems apt because the woman described in this passage is a capable wife and much more: she's a businesswoman, farmer, philanthropist, and teacher. Her "capableness" reflects boldness and a pragmatic, real-world wisdom: She is prepared for every contingency; she is practical and alert: "Her lamp does not go out at night" (v. 18).

My first thought when I met the Capable Wife was, "Oh great, another impossible ideal." She's not just capable . . . she's *superwoman!*

Whether she is called the Capable Wife or the Woman of Valor, the woman portrayed in Proverbs 31 seems too good to be real. Then and now, women are often characterized in terms of polar opposites: virgin or whore, Mary or Eve, saint or sinner. The "good woman" is an unattainable image of pure perfection; real women can't measure up. The only alternative — the "bad woman" — demonizes female sexuality and represents infidelity, evil cunning, and a threat to the patriarchal order.

The book of Proverbs offers such a dichotomy in the images of Woman Wisdom and the Loose Woman. Woman Wisdom, also called Sophia, is a divine figure present since creation: "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago" (8:22-23). The Loose Woman is described as an adulteress luring fools "down to death" (2:18). Proverbs takes the dichotomy a step further and pits these two women against each other: "Say to wisdom, 'You are my sister,' and call insight your intimate friend, that they may keep you from the loose woman, from the

adulteress with her smooth words" (7:4-5).

Lutherans resist this kind of either/or thinking: we think in terms of both/and — ideas are not dichotomized, but in constant tension and conversation. After spending more time with the Woman of Valor, I find hints of both/and possibilities. Near the end of the Proverbs passage we learn that "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (31:30). Since "to fear the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (1:7), the Woman of Valor may not have arrived at the pinnacle of wisdom, but she's getting there. Not quite wisdom incarnate and not an adulteress, here is a woman bold enough to live in the real-world middle, in between the extremes.

Our Woman of Valor is defined both by what she is not (neither a Wise Woman nor a Loose Woman) and by what she is: a homemaker who takes care of business ("She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household," v. 15) and an entrepreneur who takes care of business ("She makes linen garments and sells them," v. 24).

I believe the Woman of Valor can be seen as an example of equality. I can see her as Katerina "Katie" Von Bora, wife of Martin Luther, "who considers a field and buys it" (31:16). She is a Women of the ELCA participant, raising grant money for women and children living in poverty: "She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy" (v. 20). She is my grandmother, whose strength and sewing I miss: "She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong," and "she makes herself coverings;

her clothing is fine linen and purple" (vv. 17, 22).

Proverbs is generally a book of dichotomies — people are either good or wicked, rewarded or punished. As Parker, my teaching assistant, told our Old Testament class: "The real world isn't so tidy." Women aren't either wise or loose, Sophia or Jezebel. When we find parallels to the Woman of Valor in the both/and women in the Bible and in our own lives, we realize that the Woman of Valor is a real woman, and a real model of biblical equality. May God bless our faithful attempts to live into our real-world, in-between, both/and, women-of-valor possibilities.

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*What we are  
is God's gift to us;  
what we make of  
ourselves is our  
gift to God!*

*-Snappy Sentences*

**Read Romans 12  
& Pray Daily**

***What if Pine St. Lutheran Church Youth Group  
earned a penny every time you  
searched the Internet?  
Well, now we can!***

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Pine St. Lutheran Church Youth Group is now one of those charities! You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church as the charity you want to support. Each time you do a search and designate us as the recipient agency, money will be added to Pine St. Lutheran Church Youth Group's account. If 500 of us search four times a day we will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! So tell your family and friends and help us raise money without taking any out of your pocket.

You can also make it even easier by downloading the GoodSearch toolbar (go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbars.aspx>) and make GoodSearch your homepage on all your computers (go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/MakeHomepage.aspx>)

***The Thank You Corner***

*Thank You to everyone who volunteers in our church to help accomplish the mission and ministry God has called us to here at Pine Street. We would like to share with you some of the names of the people who do the work and ministry of this Church. This is only a portion of the many people who are so generous with their time and abilities.*

*If you know of someone in our church who could use a pat on the back for a job well done, and for ministry that was meaningful to you please let us know at the church office. When you see these people remember to thank them for helping to make Pine Street a church that ministers in Jesus name.*

- **Bill Snyder; Bill Snover; Richard Baylor & Jack Dyer** – for shoveling snow and clearing our sidewalks and driveway.
- **Richard Baylor & Bill Snover** – for cutting in and installing the new door to connect the sides of the second floors of the Luther House.
- **Richard Baylor** - for changing Deb's flat tire and getting it repaired.
- **Arlene Hack** – for providing Tax Aid for our church members.