

Parish Press

July 2017 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fellowship Hour

July Schedule

July 2nd

Happy 4th - no Fellowship

July 9th

Worship & Music

Outdoor Picnic

July 16th

Christian Education

July 23rd

Property Ministry

July 30th

Council

July Love Offering

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Haven Ministry

Haven Ministries is a 501(c)(3) public nonprofit organization that provides the basic needs of emergency shelter, food, life skills education, nurturing and advocacy for homeless individuals and families.

A Note From Pastor Lois

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 31, the Anniversary of the Reformation will be commemorated around the world; indeed, many events have already begun to commemorate this historic time. As Lutherans, we are taking special notice of the Reformation, in particular of Martin Luther who is hailed as the reformer whose theology we espouse, whose name we take. A first look at the Reformation will focus on music. Other foci will follow in the months leading up to October 31.

Martin Luther held a high esteem for music in worship. His desire in reforming the Church was not to abolish the Mass, but to make it more understandable and accessible to worshippers. He translated the words of the liturgy into German and for the first time, people could hear, understand, and worship, in their native language.

Luther was a musician. He played the flute and the lute, he sang, wrote polyphonic music, chants, liturgical music, and hymns. Among his hymn compositions, either text or tune, there are nineteen in our hymn book ELW including: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, and *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*. He composed chants for the liturgy including the lessons, Creed, and various parts of the liturgy.

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The Adult Discussion Group will continue during the summer at 9:00 AM!

A Note From Pastor Lois continued

“In the thought and writing of Martin Luther, there clearly are certain themes to which he returns again and again, certain ‘paradigms of praise’ that helped to shape his understanding of the role of music in the *cultus Dei* and in the total life of the Christian.”¹ Music, for Luther, had a prominent role in the praise of God. He believed music should serve God and pointed to the Old Testament writings of the prophets and kings singing praises to God. From the New Testament he cites letters of St. Paul where the new Christians are encouraged to sing spiritual songs and psalms.²

Other paradigms, models, for church music according to Martin Luther include music as God’s creation and gift, liturgical song, a sign of continuity with the whole Church. In our time, music retains a strong character of teaching truths about God and the theology of the Church.

Unlike later reformers, Zwingli, Calvin, and others, Luther never abolished the use of instruments in worship, particularly the organ. He encouraged the people to sing and held musicians in high esteem. He believed that singing helped with one’s spirit and mood, as well as a means of teaching theology. Luther kept the sung liturgical parts of the Mass and encouraged good music and musicians, especially choirs. Some of his favorite composers of the day were JohannWalter, George Rhau and Josquin des Prez. Luther strongly encouraged of teaching music in the schools to children and in the seminaries.

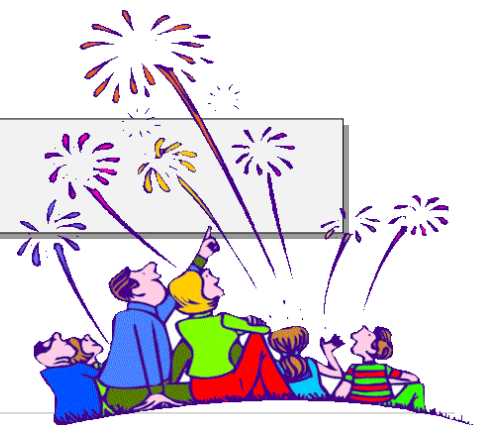
“I am not satisfied with him who despises music, as all fanatics do; for music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful; one forgets all anger, unchasteness, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise.”³

As we think about the time of the Reformation, the Reformers and the Church that continued in faithful worship and praise of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are grateful to all who sacrificed their lives, their time, to hand on to us the treasures of this faith. May we continue in our faithfulness to our God, in Christ, as we pass on this faith to the generations who rise and follow us.

Blessings, Pastor Lois

1. Paradigms of Praise, Carl F. Schalk. 1998, St. Louis, Concordia Publishing House. 31.
2. Table Talk, as quoted in What Martin Luther Says, Compiled by Ewald M. Plass. Tenth Printing, 1994. St Louis, Concordia Publishing House. 980.
3. Ibid.

**OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:
8AM -NOON**



Stewardship Meditation for July 2017

“Let them do good works, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share”. (1 Timothy 6:18)

We continue to look at Biblical references to stewardship. In this letter from Paul to Timothy, we are reminded that stewardship does not mean just money. The time and effort we put in, the talents and abilities we share in helping our church to fulfill its mission, are all contributions of faith and riches, and are every bit as important as our regular financial contributions. Our experience is that people who get involved with the life of the church beyond Sunday worship joyfully become emboldened to do even more. Church becomes something that you *live*, and not just something that you *attend*.

Joyfully, Bill

Bible Study

Beginning on Wednesday, July 12, we will begin the study of the Book of Romans. Romans was an important book for the Reformation thought and subsequent theology of Martin Luther. We will look at the book through the lens of the Reformation as well as its impact for the Church today.

We will gather in the gazebo, bring a lunch if you like. Our brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity Lutheran have been invited to join us. We will continue this study through July and August.

What We Are Looking Forward To...



July 9th Picnic in the Backyard after Worship



August 12th Home Made Ice Cream Festival



Calendar of Events for the ...

Women of the ELCA

- July 22, 2017. Convention

Theme -ANEW: Renewal of Hope & Spirit@ Camp Luther – registration 7:30–8:30

Please contact Sue Baylor at sueb123@ptd.net/570-279-4766 or

Sue Neitz at sneitz50@yahoo.com / 570-473-8810

if you'd like to attend.





Vacation Bible School



July 9th – July 13th

Family Meal: 5:15–5:45 PM

VBS Activities: 5:45–8:00 PM

Pine Street Lutheran Church

A joint venture of Trinity Lutheran Church
Church

& Pine Street Lutheran Church

For ages 3 years to 6th grade

Call the office to request a registration form or pick up one in the Narthex.



Jaw-Dropping Experiences

Kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God. On this interactive adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God-the ultimate Maker-in new and creative ways!



Easy-to-Learn Bible Truths

Kids discover important truths-and dive right into the Bible. At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids learn one important Bible Point each day, and it's reinforced often through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on explorations that help children know they were created by God and built for a purpose!



Interconnected Lessons

Like gears in a machine, every part of Maker Fun Factory VBS works together to produce an experience that really connects kids with Jesus. It will be an experience to change kids' lives forever!

FOOD BANK NEEDS ~ Jell-O & Pudding

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month above or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. If you have questions, please see

Roxanne Patton,
our Food Bank Representative



GLScrip Gift Cards

order deadline July 9th

They work same as cash, make great gifts and for everyday use! Weis and giant are now only available through glscrip.

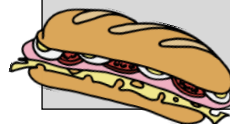
PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE
<http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org>

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **July 27** with the deadline to **order and pay by July 23rd**

The cost is \$4 for regular; \$5 for Tuna (90% of the proceeds goes to our Restoration Project and 10% goes to a charity or community project).

Thank you to all who purchase, take orders, and deliver hoagies!!





You Can Play an Important Role

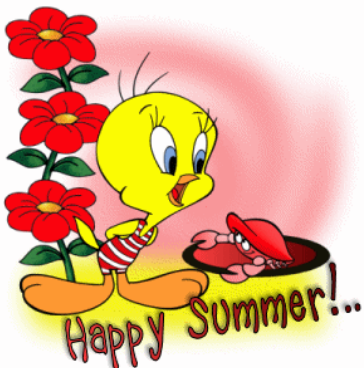
... Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with our Stephen Leader: Ryan Versluis. He can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

Feeling Overwhelmed?

Call Ryan Versluis at 570-284-4411

Memorial Ministry:

A memorial ministry has been formed to oversee memorial funds and the use of those memorial monies. The ministry members are; Pat Diehl, Darlis Dyer, Nan Leighow, Nancy Leighow, Mary Jane Snyder, and Barbara Ezdebski. For the use of unspecified memorial funds, a Memorial Fund Request Form will be available in the church office and in the narthex. The Memorial Ministry will review a request and, with approval, it will be sent to council.



PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

Sherry Achey, D., Jean Cope, Joan Greely, Sam Harrison, Burrnell Metzger, Lois Oberdorf, Lillian Stahl, and Kathy Thomas.

Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, Jean Crumb, Ann Hummer, Mary Kemp, Nancy A. Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Ann Rice, Carl Rice, Jr, Art Sticklin, Lorene and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation Members:

Francis Aikey, Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock, Maryanne Berkey, Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner, Neina Brady, Rhonda Brouse, Albert Churm; Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Kady Curry Davenport, Cody Davenport, Mary Ann Davis, Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy, Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Connie Gibbs, Bill Gibson, Diane Hanson, Martha Hartley, Harold Hauck, John Herrington, Linda and Gary Inch, Jackie Jackson, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Cheanye McClincy, Gail Miles, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Britni Newman, Chris Perry, Mark Pontiac, Linda Pritchard, Tim Raup, Ralph Reedy, Iris Reibsome, Ron Shipe, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Leann Ulrick, Rod Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay Warner, Bert Williams, Emma Woll, and Teresa Yatko

Special military list:

Jay Brennan; John Matunis; Robert K. Torbush; Cody Harper; Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Jeremy Weikel; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; B.J. Dellinger; Tristan Winter.

THE PRAYER LIST is most effective when kept updated. Please also fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate or email the church at pinestch@ptd.net. You may also call the church office at 570-275-2110..

Thank you!

If there is an urgent need for Prayer, please call the Prayer Chain at 570-479-4766 To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are:

570-279-4766 or email sueb123@ptd.net

Happy Anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

Lorene & John Binder 7/2
Roger & Nancy Watts 7/7
Michael & Christine Koons 7/17
James & Jennifer O'Brien 7/20
John & Jean Crumb, Sr. 7/27
Caz & Nicole Morgan 8/3
Thomas & Luahan Herrington 8/5
Nora & Manuel Chico 8/6
Arthur & Mary Sticklin 8/13
Michael & Brenda Dennehy 8/25
Dennis & Linda DiOrio 8/31

JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Lambert 7/1
David Doran 7/2
Paul Ezdebski 7/3
Kathleen Thomas 7/3
Thomas Martin 7/4
Gabriel Carr 7/5
Irene Hinkle 7/5
Roxanne Patton 7/12
Richard Thomas 7/12
Nancy Dennehy 7/14
Anthony Davis 7/15
Mark Fry 7/15
Luahan Herrington 7/15
Brittany Schenck 7/15
Jennifer Jennings 7/16
Katelyn Quinn 7/18
Malakye Wilson 7/19
Saundra McCarty 7/22
Lauren Swartz 7/23

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Eleanor Hummer-8/2
Troy Patterson-8/2
Allen Snyder-8/2
Madeline Hinkle-8/3
Allison Jordan-8/4
Vicki Baker-8/5
Judith Rogowsky-8/5
William Snover-8/5
Thomas James-8/6
Michelle Hack-8/8
Thom Herrington-8/8
Amy Adams-8/9
Robertta Recal-8/10
Nelena Swank-8/12
Patricia Fry-8/15
Marin Leighow-8/15
James O'Brein-8/18
David Williams-8/18
Gerardus Tromp-8/19
Tyler Patterson-8/22
Michelle Brady-8/23
Donald Hans-8/23
Clara Hauck-8/23
Samantha Eye-8/26
Jamison Diehl-8/27
Jeff Hauck-8/28
Lillian Stahl-8/28
Matthew Sticklin-8/28
Desiree Shrawder-8/30
Brenda Gregorowicz-8/31

Thank You Notes:

*Thank you for all the get well cards everyone sent
after my recent fall.*

Kathy Cashner



Dear Pine Street,

*James and I want to thank you for the flowers that were brought to us on
Sunday for my birthday and our anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. James Diehl*

Thank you Dennis Leeman for helping with the VEGETABLE GARDEN

On behalf of the board of directors, staff and clients of Haven Ministry, I would like to thank you for your interest and very generous donation in the amount of \$52.00 on 5/13/17 to our shelter. I feel blessed to be in a position of Executive Director and I am amazed at God's grace. With the help of generous donations and community support, we are currently housing, feeding, and clothing area individuals and families, as well as supplying emergency food to those in need. Sincerely, Christy

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Retirees' Luncheon!

We give thanks to all of our volunteers who give time and commitment to Christ. We live our promises of baptism as we gather each week to worship God and to serve God by serving the needs of this church and each other. **THANK YOU**

Plants Available for purchase during the festival on August 12th While they Last!!

- ✿ Venus Fly Trap
- ✿ Pitcher Plants
- ✿ Fig Trees
- ✿ Lemon Trees
- ✿ Oak Trees
- ✿ Xanadu Philodendron



- ✿ Diefenbachia
- ✿ Football (pom pom) Mums
- ✿ Jade Plants
- ✿ Wandering Jew
- ✿ Impatiens
- ✿ Pineapple Plants

14 Red Flags for Elder FINANCIAL Abuse

1. Unusual Activity in your bank accounts, including large, frequent or unexplained withdrawals
2. Changing from a basic account to one that offers more complicated services that you do not fully understand or need.
3. Withdrawals from bank accounts or transfers between accounts you cannot explain
4. A new “best friend” accompanying you to the bank
5. Sudden non-sufficient fund activity or unpaid bills
6. Closing CDs or accounts without regard to penalties
7. Uncharacteristic attempts to wire large sums of money
8. Suspicious signatures on checks, or outright forgery
9. Confusion, fear or lack of awareness
10. Checks written as “loans” or “gifts”
11. Bank statements that no longer go to the customer’s home
12. New powers of attorney the customer does not understand
13. A caretaker, relative, or friend who suddenly begins conducting financial transactions on behalf of an older person without proper documentation
14. Altered will and trusts

Retirees' Luncheon



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Mission Statement

*God's mission for us at Pine Street Lutheran Church
is to share our faith, hope, and love through prayer,
discipleship, ministry, and worship.*

Change of Address – Please Notify Us!

(If you are MOVING or if there is a CHANGE in your MAILING ADDRESS, please notify us.)

It costs the church for each ADDRESS CHANGE we receive through the U.S. Postal Service. Call the church office (570-275-2110) with address changes or complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate at worship. Also, if there is someone you would like to have placed on our mailing list to receive **THE PARISH PRESS** Newsletter, simply call us or complete the form below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Intentional Interim Pastor: **The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

Organist: Ronald Kline * Bell Choir Director: William Snover, MD

Secretary: Nicole Cummins * Custodian: Caz Morgan

Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Worship Schedule: 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion

Followed by Fellowship Hour

Church Telephone: 570 – 275 – 2110

