

Parish Press

December 2019 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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December Schedule

December 1st

Light Fellowship Hospitality
First Day of Advent

December 8th

Light Fellowship Caring

December 15th

Light Fellowship Finance

December 22nd

No Fellowship

December 29th

No Fellowship
Lessons & Carols

December Love Envelope

World Hunger / LWR

Pastor's Hours:
Mondays 10am-12 noon

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FOOD BANK

NEEDS: Tuna & Canned Meats



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

DESPERATELY NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. Any groups interested must commit to one month of service.

If you have questions, please see **Roxanne Patton**, Our Food Bank Representative

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION HYGIENE GIVEAWAY

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the following items:

- ***Tooth Paste & Tooth Brushes***
- ***Shampoo***
- ***Soap, Body Lotion, Body Wash***
- ***Vaseline***
- ***Wash Cloths***
- ***Razors & Shaving Cream***

The Mission will be distributing these items every 3 months. Please help by donating items from the above list.

We have had 2 hygiene sign up and giveaways. We gave hygiene bags to 74 adults which included 44 children. Thank you for all your donations to help fill the bags to give to those in need. We need more shampoo, deodorant, and body lotion to fill the bags. Thank you again for your generosity.

Women's Night Out

The Pine Street Women of the ELCA is hosting Women's night out Tuesday, December 3 at 4 PM in the social hall. Women and girls of all ages are invited. Please come and if you are able bring a snack to share. We will be singing Christmas Carols and just having a fun time.

Christmas-at-Sea

A Holiday Initiative by Seafarers International House

Our port chaplains bring satchels filled with gifts to the ships for every holiday. Every crew member regardless of faith or nationality will open their satchels, each containing:

ITEMS NEEDED:

- One Sweatshirt: hooded or unhooded (M-XL)
- Three Pairs of Socks: thermal or white gym
- One T-Shirt: (M-XL)
- One Knitted Winter Cap: (matching scarf optional)
- One Can of Nuts or Larch Chocolate Bar
- A Holiday or Christmas Card from YOU!

You pick the colors, but please no substitutions from this list.

Donations are now being accepted in the church Narthex. Deadline is December 10th.

What's Happening

Dec 1 – Advent Begins – Hoagies Due

Dec 3 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore; Ladies' Night Out 4PM

Dec 4 – Iron Uke Benders (SH) 6-8PM

Dec 5 – Hoagie Preparation

Dec 7 – Saturday Night Sunday School (CE) 4-5:30 PM

Dec 9 – Worship & Music 11 AM; Finance 7 PM

Dec 10 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore
Christian Ed 6PM; Property 7PM

Dec 15 – Confirmation Class 5PM

Dec 16 – Caring 11 AM **Dec 17** – Council 6:30 PM

Dec 18 – Iron Uke Benders (SH) 6-8PM

Dec 24 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore; Christmas Eve Service 6PM

Dec 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY **Dec 29** – Lessons & Carols

MUSIC EDUCATION AT PINE STREET

Alf Bashore Instructor 570-437-2515 (home)

Text only cell: 570-380-4883 email: bennschtung@gmail.com

Beginner, novice, intermediate lessons on:
Mt Dulcimer, Mandolin, Ukulele, Guitar, Accordion,
Music Reading/Theory, Harmonica, Tenor Banjo, etc.

Tuesdays 9 to 5 (if interest Thursdays 1 to 8 pm)

Note: ACTIVE Pine St. Lutheran members receive 25% discounted lessons.

Our church receives tithe for use of facilities.

Pine Street Prayer List

PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

is most effective when kept updated. Please fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate. Thank you!

Homebound Congregation

Members

Irene Hinkle, Pauline Nedrow, Sherry Achey, Joan Greely and Lillian Stahl

Congregation Members:

Izabella Morgan, Tom Landi, Jean Lewis, Confirmation Class Members, Hunter Beasley, Rae Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Jennifer O'Brien, Roxanne Patton, Sandra Reibsome, Carl Rice, Jr., Art Sticklin, and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation

Members:

Connie Gibbs, Ryan Park, Family of Laina Haney, Sandy Cook, Francis Aikey, Barry C. Balonek, Nancy Bordner, Anthony and Chorine Bordner, Tessa Burk, Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Idita Dennehy, Chryl Easton, Judy Hare, Harold Hauck, Jackie Jackson, Kenneth Kauwell, Dottie Keeler, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox, Brenda Kile, Chris Linn, Joan Livziey, Mary Maneval, Pastor Lois Martin, Chet Miller, Kenne Miller, Emily Sue Nillson, Mark Pontiac, Dean Reedy, Carol Rehrauer, Dorothy Reilly, Ethen Renner, Annette Shalongo, Robert Shamp, Sherry Simon, Michael Slats, Betsy Smeltz, Jaide Torbush, Tyler Torbush, Daisy Trate, Lili Trate, Steve Wagner, and Bert Williams.

Special Military List

Shane Bergenstock; SGT, Shawn Dyer; SSG, Andrew Bauman; Tristan Winter, Steven Sees, Sgt. Levi Gearhart; David Gregory; Jason Brennan, Nicole and

Alejandro Hernandez; Jonathan Babb, Matthew Clark; Nate Hughes, Charlie Reedy; Cody Harper, AB Andrew Dougerty, Robert K. Torbush, Kelsy Jensen, Trevor Stone; B.J. Dellinger; Wesley Derrick, Eric Schneider



Please send updated Military addresses prayer list updates to the office or Sue Baylor at sueb123@ptd.net

Thank you to Dick Baylor and Nan Leighow for laying new floor and carpet in hallway behind Social Room.

Thanks to Alf Bashore for putting new batteries in security lights on first floor.

Recently, after one of our funerals, a member from years ago stopped me and said she could not believe how beautiful, clean, shiny and lovely PSLC is today. She loved the new pews and carpet. She went home and called her son to say you wouldn't believe how beautiful PSLC is today!

Thanks to Caz Morgan, Property Ministry and EVERYONE who helps keep Pine Street Lutheran Church looking so beautiful. THANK YOU!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Amelia Eyer 12/2
Quinn Eyer 12/2
Tiffany Dyer 12/3
Danielle Sticklin 12/6
Meghan Harner 12/7
Ryan Versluis 12/9
Lizzie O'Brien 12/10
Talulah Rice 12/10
Caz Morgan 12/18
Rex Hepner Jr 12/21

Desiree Hepner 12/22
Gisela Reedy 12/23
Sherry Achey 12/23
Larry Bohner II 12/23
Sue Baylor 12/25
Missi Bohner 12/31
Cora Wydra 12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Sue & Marlin Neitz
12/21



Please be aware that ALL main entrances/exits have been fitted with dusk to dawn LED lights.

Each bulb uses minimal electricity, costing about \$5/year. These lights are for property illumination, security and your safety after dark.

THANK YOU!

Dear Pine Street Lutheran Church W/ELCA:
Thank you for supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA with our recent gift of \$170.00. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference.

With gratitude,

*Women of the Evangelical Church
in America*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!

At Christmas—did you ever wonder what that joyous singing was about?

It certainly couldn't have been for Jesus.

Leaving the glory of heaven to inhabit a body that would get tired and hurt from a hard day working in the carpenter shop wasn't reason for joy. Then to preach the message he'd been sent to communicate not only to have the majority of folks not believe him, but to crucify him for it—no, the singing wasn't for Jesus.

It probably wasn't for the angels themselves.

It would give them no joy to watch for the next 33 years the incredible wonder of the Creator of the universe playing with little kids, speaking to the storm and quieting it like a child, watching him restore sight and wholeness to the hurting and life itself to a friend who had died, and to have all that love rejected. No, the angels weren't singing for themselves.

I think the angels were singing for us.

The celebration was because they knew Jesus was the true connection between people and God. They knew Jesus could quiet that empty place in each heart that God created and only He can fill. They knew Jesus came to earth to bridge the gap between God and man by his death on the cross. That's why we have Christmas and the angels sang.

Their song is for you if you know Jesus.

If not, if the place is your heart is still empty and without Jesus, this year consider filling it with him. But think carefully first. Though salvation in Jesus is a free gift, it isn't one without cost. You get it free, but Jesus died to give it to you. Also, if you accept Jesus' gift of salvation, know He takes it very seriously and you won't ever be the same. A new life will start in you, the very life of God. If you want God's gift in all His fullness, chances are that He might ask for some changes your life to make room for new things He'll want to bring in. Don't be afraid; you won't be losing out. You'll be gaining a whole way of life that will be more satisfying than you can imagine. You'll want to read the Bible; you'll want to talk to God in prayer; you'll want to go to a church and meet other members of your new family of God. You'll want to grow spiritually and become all your Creator meant for you to be. It will be scary.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Gretchen will be offering a first year confirmation class with Samantha Eyer as co-teacher.

The class will meet for a total of 12 Sundays from late September through late March.
(Approximately twice per month.)

A general guide for participation age is 7th grade through high school.

This class focuses on enhancing the understanding of the Bible and Lutheran church history and practices for our younger church participants. It also prepares them to be more independent and active church members.

SCHEDULE

December 15, 2019

(Family/Sponsor Meal) 5-7pm

January 12, 2020

January 26, 2020

February 9, 2020

February 23, 2020

March 8, 2020

March 22, 2020

*(April 5, 2020 make-up day
if needed)*

Classes will be held from 5-7pm in the
Youth Room on the 2nd floor of the
Luther House.

*Please contact Pastor Gretchen with
any questions. (570)394-0815*

Hark! Continued...

The first Christmas began with a glorious song from angels, but the song isn't over. Did you know the angels want to sing for you?

The Bible tells us that the angels today sing for joy whenever someone accepts the greatest gift of all—Jesus. If you want that gift, wherever you are, out-loud or in your heart, say something like this to him:

Dear Jesus,

I want the gift you want to give me. I want to be connected with my God this Christmas. I know that I'm not. I know there are things in my life, my sin, my pride, even some of my good deeds that I thought could take me to God, but I know on my own I won't make it. I realize Jesus came to earth that first Christmas to do what I could not do—to die for me, so I can live with you. I don't understand it all, but I want to ask you anyway to come into my life, to be my Savior, to be with me now and forever. Help me to learn what I need to learn and to grow and live a life that will be pleasing to you. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer, listen quietly.

The angels are singing—you may not hear them with your ears, but a song of joy that will never end has begun in your heart.

livelifebythebook.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/christmas-letter-for-ss-class-2012.pdf

Harvest Home Sunday a Success

Thank you to all who donated.



Financials as of End of October 2019

Aug Totals: Income \$6187.55/ Expenses \$9964.62 - **\$3777.07**

YTD Totals: Income \$75778.58 / Expenses \$85449.42 - \$9670.84

As Interim, Pastor Gretchen works 10 hours a week for Pine Street Lutheran Church.

Council Members:

Tom Herrington, President; Mary Jane Snyder, Vice President;
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, Council Secretary;
Roxanne Patton, Treasurer; Alf Bashore; Nancy Leighow

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.*

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

& Children's Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour

Organist: Ronald Kline

Sexton: Caz Morgan

Secretary: Heather Bieber

Ministers: All the people of Pine Street

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Gretchen

Johanson Phone: 570-394-0815

Church Office: 275-2110;

Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Fri. & Sun. Closed

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Website: www.pinestreetlutheran.org



In case of an emergency,
there is a defibrillator
in the social hall.



Memorials



Burtell Metzger

Mr. & Mrs. John Crumb, Theresa & Joseph Pagota,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baylor, Mary Jane Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ezdebski, Sandra McCarty,
Lillian Stahl, Sandra Reibsome, Harold & Ruth Metzger

Shirley Hawley

Rose & Carmen Rosa, Sandra Reibsome, Sandra McCarty,
Mary Jane Snyder, Rae & Nancy Leighow, Lillian Stahl,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baylor

June Livziey

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baylor, Gisela Reedy, Village Realty, Mr. & Mrs. Rae Leighow,
Sandra McCarty, Joan Greely, Sandra Reibsome, Lillian Stahl, Patricia Fry, Susan Long, Pat Diehl,
Mary Jane Snyder

