

The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FEBRUARY, 2014

February Highlights:

**February 2: The Service of the
Land and Seasons**

February 9: Scout Sunday

February 9: Change to Setting 2
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
And **Healing Service** during Worship

**February 22: Mission Planning
Event**

At Holy Spirit Lutheran, Turbotville
Registration is 8:45 AM

Grades 3-6 Youth Overnight

Begins at 7:30 P.M.
Friday, February 14
At Christ Lutheran, Milton
(to 7:00 AM Saturday)

GOGGY, PC Sunday, February 16
6:30 PM at Trinity Oak Grove

Jubilee Kitchen

Our church will be preparing and serving a meal at Jubilee Kitchen on Saturday, February 8 at Mahoning Presbyterian Church. Please use your *Love Envelope* to donate to this free meal that is provided for folks less fortunate in our community. Serving from 11:00 AM to Noon every Saturday except July and August.
Thank you!

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With This Issue:

February & March Calendars and
February & March Schedules
Love Envelopes in your packet: **Jubilee
Kitchen**

MEN'S BIBLE SUPPER: A Men's Bible Supper with the men of the Roaring Creek Methodist Parish will be held on Friday, February 7th, at 5:30 PM. The church is located at 6 Orchard Drive, Catawissa. We will carpool from Larry Troy's house at 5:00 PM. A new study by NFL coach Tony Dungy will begin. Call 570-441-5643 for information and directions to Larry's.

Transformational Ministry

By Ryan Versluis

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Ps. 51:10)

We pray that God blesses your New Year. Examine your relationship with God. Look for ways for God to transform you and transform others through you.

MARTIN LUTHER PRAYER

Ah Jesus, holy child
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart. Amen

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

- † Patricia Wolfe, aunt of Valerie Snyder, who passed away on December 24, 2013.
- † Dorothy Bennick, sister of Jane Beagle, who passed away on January 6, 2014.
- † Eugene Spangler, cousin of Ronald Kline, who died January 15, 2014.
- † Janet Nicolosi, cousin of Richard Baylor, who died January 18, 2014.

MEMORIALS

Gifts to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Mary Berry* have been given by Sue and Dick Baylor.

Gifts to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Michael Wydra* have been given by:

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Kathryn and Steven Fisher
- ◆ Sue and Dick Baylor
- ◆ Susan and Thomas Dawson
- ◆ Saundra McCarty
- ◆ Luahan and Thomas Herrington

GREAT LAKE SCRIPS

NEEDED: Someone to coordinate this worthwhile program. Please see Bill Snover. Thank you!

WELCOME BACK!

Paul Dennehy transferred his Membership back to Pine Street Lutheran from Living Water Lutheran Church in Kilmarnock, VA. Welcome back, Paul!

THRIVENT CHOICE

People directing funds through the Thrivent Choice Double Direction Church campaign were *Dennis DiOrio, Linda DiOrio, and Gail James*. We thank you for directing these funds to our church.

Pastoral Care:

For Pastoral Care, please call Pastor Keith's home number (951-2350-if no answer, please leave a message).

Please do not leave a message on the church's answering machine.

(The answering machine at the office is not regularly checked if it is after hours, a weekend, or if Pastor is away.)

THE CURRENT COUNCIL MINUTES

AND

PASTOR'S REPORT will be posted on the bulletin board.

OYSTER SUPPER

The 80th Annual Men's Oyster Supper will be held Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall of Zion Lutheran Church, 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville. The approximate donation is \$13.00 at the door (depending on the cost of oysters). Although a reservation is not required, it sure would be helpful to let them know at least a week ahead of time if you are attending. Call 570-649-5195.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

*Written by S. William Snover, MD
Financial Secretary*

If you offer your food to the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs..." (Isaiah 58:10-11)

God gives us many gifts, yet He does not intend for us to keep any of them for ourselves.

The gifts we are given are meant to be shared in ministering to others. Our gifts of time, talent, ability and treasure only achieve their full value when shared. And whatever we share, it will return to us magnified. We can get dizzy in this circle of reasoning, or we can accept this fact as true. Let us resolve to become less focused on our physical wants and needs, and more focused on fulfilling our spiritual needs by serving others. Your church provides you with ample opportunity.

Bill

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? What better way for you and your spouse to spend a weekend than escaping from all the daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover an even warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship! The Pennsylvania spring Weekends are: **March 28-30, 2014** at Park Inn Radisson, West Middlesex, PA, where each couple has a king bed and their own hot tub -- an hour north of Pittsburgh, just off of Interstate 80 **April 25-27, 2014** at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College—Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of the Nittany Mountains

We are also accepting registrations for the fall Weekends: **September 12-14, 2014** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA in the heart of the Poconos and **September 26-28, 2014** at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, an hour north of DuBois. Weekends are for married couples whether you have been married only a few months or upwards of 50 years, and they run

from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward the continuation of the program. **Register now to avoid being disappointed!** Simply go to the website:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using a credit card to pay the \$45 registration fee, or mark the option to pay by check, and you will be notified where to send your check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

HOAGIES

The February Hoagie making day will be February 6 with the deadline to order and pay by February 2 AND February 20 with deadline to order and pay by February 16.

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!!!

CROP REPORT

Omar Rojas and Darlis Dyer walked in the CROP Walk and raised \$35.00 for the local Food Bank. *Thank you both!*

Good Samaritan Mission Center

275-2500

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-4:30 PM

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of December 31, 2013)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in November: \$ 302 from hoagie sales
711 from giving
\$ 1013 total

Total on hand: \$4819.71

Loan balance: \$35,944

GOGGY,PC

(Combined Youth Group of Grace, Point Twp., Trinity, Oak Grove, Pine Street, and Christ Lutheran, Milton.)

GOGGY,PC is for anyone 5th grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

GLScrip Gift Card

Order Deadline is

February 9.

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards.

Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras.

Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip.

Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use. They work same as cash!!!

NEEDED: Someone to take over this program.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT

WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG

Loved one, family member or friend in the military and want them on the prayer list or to have members write to them? Please be sure their names and addresses are given to the church office. Thank you!

RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

Volunteer drivers are:

- ♦ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Eric Snover
- 10 - Cecily Tharp
- 11 - Ryleigh Hepner
- 12 - Nathan Hepner



- 13 – Jeremy Tharp
- 14 – Dee Carr
- 20 – Dale Stamm
- 22 –Randi Lynn Wilson
- 26 –Charles St. Clair
- 27 - Brenda Fischer-Dennehy
- 28 - Michael Harner, Jr.;
- Michael Koons
- 29 - Shirley Gamble



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Roberta and Robert Recla
- 11 - Judith and George Adams
- 23 – Beverly and Larry Troy



FOOD BANK NEEDS

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 from the list below or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

Feb: Noodles & Macaroni

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**.

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 1-2 P.M. and 5:30-6:30 P.M. the 1st Thursday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1st Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always welcome.

Quilting Circle

Resource Room in Luther House
Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30

Contact Brenda Fischer-Dennehy for more information.



Pine Street Prayer List February, 2014

CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Clara Hauck; Patti Yeager; Anna Rice; Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Lena Wetzel; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin..

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Jody Raup; Patricia Einsic; Jean Neitz; Tracy Diltz; Kelly Wilson; Henry Tall; Kathryn DiOrio; Jim Pursel; Tonya Sellard; Aimee Bingaman; Janet Chapin; Kathy Diehl; Ronald Fisher; Carla Wetzel; John Beyer; Mark Pontiac; Sandy Fausey; Linda & Don Boudman; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Elroy Neitz; Todd Livziey; Malena Brown; Cindy Gearhart; Phyllis Young; Rod Vincent; Edward Reilly; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Carl Rauch; Bev Faux; Bill Rohrbach; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Mary West; Martha Knight; Kim Azigian; Dave Burns; Elizabeth (Libby) Fox; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; David Harvey; Gladys Keller; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien, Autumn Kern, Tim Raup; Melissa Thomas; Carol Phillips; Barry Balonek; Walt Rupert; and Sharon Arndt.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelena and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Emmitt Thomas; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Emily Ebersole Clark; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim Moyer; Robert

Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.

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 Deb at office. You can notify the church office by emailing Deb at pinestch@ptd.net or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mon-Thur. at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643. No Emails please.

(To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or pinestch@ptd.net).

LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY

Lutheran youth in grades 6-12, pastors, and advisors are invited to an annual day of fun, music, and exploration of the faith in large and small group settings at Lutheran Youth Day at Susquehanna University on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and a concert by City Harbor. For more information contact Nancy Musser, assistant to the chaplain, at musser@susqu.edu or call 570-372-4303.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your kindness, donations, calls, visits, hugs, thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Cora and Terri Wydra

Brothers and sisters in Christ of Pine Street Lutheran Church,

Thank you all so very much for your kindness and generosity to me and Pat at Christmas. I pray that our bonds of love in Christ Jesus will grow through this new year of 2014.

God bless all of you.

Love & Peace,
Pastor Keith and Pastor Pat

Many thanks for the thoughtful gifts from both the choir and the members of Pine Street Lutheran. I am richly blessed to serve as Music Director for such a loving and supportive congregation.

Love & Prayers,
Brenda

Greetings;

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Your recent donation of \$110.00 to Kathryn's Klotz is so appreciated. Thank you!

Blessings,
Lisa Yeager, Coordinator
Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Good Samaritan Mission for your generous donation. Your kind support allows us to provide assistance to over seven thousand of our fellow citizens yearly in the Danville and the surrounding area. Without your concern and generosity, our services to the community would not be possible.

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$165.00 to the Good Samaritan Crisis Fund.

Sincerely,
Cynthia L. Gearhart
Good Samaritan Board,
Chairperson

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the monetary gift and cards at Christmas. You are all so loving and generous. It's my pleasure to be your church secretary.

Love,
Deb

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$70.00 to the Transitional Housing and Care Center of Columbia and Montour Counties.

Your commitment to helping the homeless individuals and families in our community weather the crises in their lives is appreciated by those who help them and, most importantly, by those who benefit from our services.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Dougherty, Jr.
Ex. Director, The Gate House

LASAGNA DINNER

March 1 4-7 PM

Adults: \$8; Ages 3-11:
\$4; Under 3: Free

Menu: Lasagna, Applesauce;
Dinner roll; Dessert &
Beverage.

Proceeds benefit Vacation Bible
School and Thomas beaver
Library.

Camp Mt. Luther Summer Camp 2014

booklets are available on
the table in the narthex,
call 570-922-1587 or go to
cml@campmountluther.org for
more details.

PSELC Year to date Income vs. Expense Summary (Through 12-31-2013):

The income and expenses summarized here exclude those related to our shared pastoral services arrangement with Trinity Oak Grove, and reflect income and expenses related to the operations of Pine Street Lutheran Church only.

Total giving to our General Fund is:	\$118,586
Total expenses:	<u>112,077</u>
Income vs. expense excess/ (deficit)	\$ 6,509

While our total giving for 2013 did not meet our budgeted expenses for the year, we were able to keep our actual expenses under budget and ended the year with a small surplus.

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2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle

Co-Treasurers:

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Samuel Harrison

Thomas Herrington

Nancy K. Leighow

William Snover

Gerard Tromp

Ryan Versluis

Joanne Williams

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WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

**And, if you haven't
registered on the site, please do so!
Check it out!**

Send any feedback or suggestions to Deb at
pinestch@ptd.net. Thanks!

Fellowship Menus

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2: Baked Chicken & Side Dishes

Feb. 9: Covered Dish

Feb. 16: Not available

Feb. 23: Not available

Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:

Near Liberty Valley Golf Course
on Rt. 642, turn right onto
Klondike Rd. Just after going
under the I-80 bridges, turn onto
the first left. This is Oak Grove
Rd. The Church and pavilion are
at the crossroads 4-way stop.

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **FEBRUARY 15 for the MARCH, 2014 Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or e-mailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

SPONSORS

Bulletins are needed for February 9, 16, & 23. Communion Bread is needed for February. And a Sanctuary Candle sponsor is needed for February Please sign up to sponsor these important items for our Sunday Worship services. Thank you!



- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$14.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

Lyme Disease Support Group

1st Thurs. of the month at Trinity Methodist Church, 306 Lombard Ave. For questions or information, please call Angie Wilson at 570-441-6039.



2015 ELCA Youth

Gathering

July 15-19

Detroit, Michigan

Theme: *Rise Up Together.*

Multicultural Youth Leadership

Event and Definitely-Abled

Youth Leadership Event:

July 12-15.

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Calendar of Events

- ✓ February 4: Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ✓ February 11: Martha Circle [Local Eatery] 6:00 PM
- ✓ March 1: Day of Renewal [United, Sunbury]
- ✓ March 15: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 AM (SH); Guest speaker- Stephanie Lewis
- ✓ March 29: Chicken & Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM (SH)
- ✓ April 26: Day of Learning [First, Mifflinburg]
- ✓ May 6: Lutheran Day at the Capitol
- ✓ May 17: Mother/Child Dinner 2:00 PM (SH)
- ✓ July 20-24, 2014: Triennial Gathering [Charlotte, NC]
- ✓ August 2: USSWO Convention [Camp Mt. Luther]

Available for Pick-up

...on the table in the narthex.

- The most recent copies of:
- The USS Ark, This month the Ark introduces you to the staff members of the Synod.
- Upper Susquehanna Synod Currents.
- Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
- Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets
- Spark Family-Splash in God's Word magazine
- The Lutheran Magazine—selected issues

They are free while supplies last—take one for your family.

If more copies of USS Ark, Currents or Camel Tracks are needed, please ask Deb.





PARTNERSHIP OF SAINTS

These are activities sponsored by one or more of the four churches (Christ, Pine Street, Trinity Oak Grove and Grace Lutheran) under the pastoral care of Pastors Pat and Keith Pittsnogle. *All are welcome to attend any of these activities.*

- **FEBRUARY 8:** CONFIRMATION CLASS w/Mentors 10:00 AM at Trinity Oak Grove.
- **FEBRUARY 14/15:** Grades 3-6 Youth Overnight at Christ, Milton 7:30 PM
- **FEBRUARY 16:** Confirmation Class Trinity Oak Grove 5:30 PM
- **FEBRUARY 16:** GOGGY,PC at Trinity Oak Grove 6:30 PM
- **PINE STREET BIBLE STUDY:** This Bible Study is held weekly in the library of the Luther House on Thursday afternoon usually at 1:30 PM (occasionally at 3:30 PM due to worship conducted by Pastor Keith at Emmanuel and MJM nursing facilities) Feel free to call Deb Munson in the Pine Street office (9-1 Mon thru Thurs. 570-275-2110) for any changes or cancellations.

Transitional Ministry is learning more about how we feel about our faith and sharing it with others.

The Thank You Corner

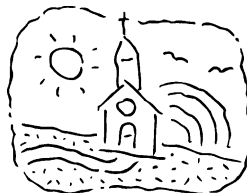
- ♦ **Ryan Versluis & Bill Snover** – for filling in for Pastor Keith at Bible Study.
- ♦ **Brenda & Nancy Dennehy** – for their music ministry at Emmanuel and Maria Joseph Manor.
- ♦ **Snow Shovelers**-thank you!



COMING IN MARCH:

- Mar. 1: Lasagna Dinner 4-7 PM
- Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes- 7:00 AM (Chapel); 12 N. (Chapel); 7:00 PM Worship all at Pine St.
- Wednesdays in Lent: (TBA)
- Mar. 8: Turn clocks ahead
- Mar. 15: Women's Lenten Breakfast 8:30 AM (SH)
- Mar. 29: Chicken & Waffle Dinner (SH) 4-7 PM

Children in Worship



"Let the children come to me," said Jesus. As a congregation, we have a

special responsibility to teach them to worship.

Here are some things we each can do:

- Make a special effort to make the church a place of joy.
- Warmly welcome everyone possible, especially the children.
- Help children participate by sharing bulletins, hymnals and Bibles as they are used. Point to the words as they are read or sung.
- However small their offering might be, let them place it in the offering plate. They will rejoice at being included. Also, let them sign their own name on the attendance registration pad or card.
- Be patient when children participate as a group in worship. Their singing or Scripture reading or little dramas mean a great deal to them. If they make mistakes, compliment them on their willingness to be in front of the congregation anyway.
- While parents should accept responsibility for a child that disrupts worship, the rest of us need to accept interruptions occasionally as part of the joy of having children in worship with us.
- Pray for the children. They need all of the blessings of God possible ... as do we all.

~ The Newsletter Newsletter 1999