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Ice Cream CHURCH FESTIVAL

**Saturday, August 8
9 AM-2 PM**

We will have homemade Ice Cream, being made on August 4 beginning at 10:00 AM, see Bill or Jeannie Snover to help. Enjoy the various flavors!

There will be plenty of homemade soups, sandwiches, baked goods and beverages available to eat in or take out.

There will also be a Yard Sale, so please bring in your treasures during office hours. (Mon-Thu 9-1)
There will also be a Theme Basket auction.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**AUGUST 23
DURING WORSHIP**



Bring your backpacks (or other school/work related items) for Pastor Lois to do a Special Blessing to start off the new school year.

(Teachers and college students are welcome to bring items also.)

Pastor Lois's Office Hours

Pastor Lois will continue to serve part-time until August 15, at which time she will begin full time. **After August 15th she will be in the office Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and other times by appointment** (barring emergencies or other commitments).

In case of Pastoral emergencies or to make an appointment, please call Pastor Lois on her cell at 570-768-6299.

Please don't leave messages on the church phone or her home. Thank you!

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FESTIVAL – AUGUST 8 from 9AM to 2 PM

August, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

August is the month of summer when we see the yield of the harvest, from the planting of the fields and gardens in April and May to our tables. The abundance of fruit and vegetables at the farmers market and home gardens is outstanding. The growth from the tiny seeds is a mystery and wonder that we take for granted. Trees and vines that looked barren and dead are now rich with their fruit. I have a favorite farm stand I visit weekly in the summer, and a favorite orchard. I am always amazed at the productivity of the earth as the variety of food comes to harvest.

So it is with our life. The richness of the harvest of our gifts, our talents, our love for one another that comes from planting those small first ideas that generate into fullness of relationships, fullness that is realized in our communities of faith as love for God. Summer is a time to relax, to look around and to enjoy harvests of many kinds, to enjoy festivals, celebrations.

I am slowly getting acquainted with all the work of ministry that you do at Pine Street, and I see many examples of the work of Christ among you. I hear of feeding at the tables, not only on Sunday fellowship meals, but also food collections and gifts of food for the hungry and needy. Today I heard about the generosity of time you give in this community, the list of all you give outside of this church is amazing. And, I have experienced firsthand your welcoming of me and Tom into this family of God, your hospitality and generous openness.

What is God calling us to do, to be; what do we have to do it with; how shall we do it? These are questions that are before us in this transitional time. Ministry does not stop at the change of a pastor, nor does ministry get put on pause until a new pastor arrives. Ministry does continue, to give, to respond, to be for others as Christ has been for us, a presence for all times, in all places, in all seasons. I have sat in your gazebo and meditated on these questions, in that lovely space, apart from the business of town, yet within a few steps of the church. We will dwell in the Word of God together, we will receive God's mercy and forgiveness, we will rejoice in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus as we continue to be in wonder at the great love that holds us together.

I invite you to have conversations with me, either at the office or at your home, conversations regarding your hope and vision for Pine Street Lutheran Church, and for your continued journey in faith with Christ.

For this season of life, for this period of time, determined only by God, may we know his guidance, grace, and joy as together we give thanks and praise for times of planting, times for harvest, times of rest, times for hope.

In Christ,

*Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin
Interim Pastor*

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Donald Swank, husband of Nelen Swank, who died June 29, 2015.
- † Todd Livziey, nephew of June Livziey, who died July 6, 2015.
- † Pauline Mackert, sister of Felix (Joanne) Olshefski, who died July 7, 2015.

MEMORIALS

Gifts given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Donald Swank* have been given by:

- † Sharon (Pope) and David Grimm
- † Lillian Stahl
- † Nancy and Rae Leighow
- † Susan and Richard Herbster
- † Sandra McCarty
- † Judith and Harry Pope
- † Darlis and John Pope
- † Lois A. LeVan
- † Debby and Steve Roecker
- † Ronald Metzger

Gifts given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Pauline Mackert* have been given by:

- † Gerri and Paul Cashner
(designated for the Women of the ELCA)
- † Gloria Lizardi
- † Lillian Stahl
- † Sandra McCarty

MARRIAGE

Jamie Lynn Vegh and Andrew Stephen Nagle were united in Holy Matrimony at the Priestly-Savidge House in Northumberland on June 27, 2015 by Pastor Keith Pittsnogle.

We wish Jamie and Andrew many Blessings in their life together.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable..." 2 Corinthians 8:12

Take a few minutes and read 2 Corinthians chapter 8 in its entirety. Paul is commending the Christians of Corinth for their example in **wanting** to share their gifts with the church, and reminding them that their generosity helps others and sets an example of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for us.

We should all become examples of grateful and willing sacrifice. We need to share our time, talent, ability and treasure as gifts, **given freely and willingly**, to serve others as part of our ministry in Jesus' name. "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in your love for us—see that you also excel in the grace of giving." (v.7) Sharing should not be an onerous burden, but rather a privilege born from gratitude.

Blessings to you all,
Bill

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE PASTOR

It is my intention to have weekly office hours. Please know that you are welcome to come in at those times to speak with me. If you would like another time to speak with me, please make an appointment so I can be available to you.

At the present time, I am only part-time (ten hours a week) so my time in the office will be compressed. When I am full-time (August 15), I will be available for more hours in the office.

Pastor Lois

INVITATION TO DAILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

I invite you to join me in the mornings for Bible reading, a short reflection and prayer, Monday through Friday. We will be together electronically through email. Daily, I read the appointed lessons for the day, meditate and reflect on them, and then write a short reflection and prayer based on the scripture for the day. The scripture Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflects back to the scripture readings from Sunday. On Thursday, we begin to hear scripture that supports the readings for the coming Sunday. If you would like to participate in this daily spiritual discipline, please send me an email at Lo7mrt@aol.com and I will place your email on my list. If, at any time, these daily devotions are not meaningful to me, please let me know and I will remove your address from the list. I also welcome comments back to me, either by email, or in person. As we journey together for this time, I pray we can speak of spiritual matters, joys, concerns, and place these in the context of the Word of God and Prayer.

Pastor Lois

Does something look different in the Sanctuary?

This week, at the monthly meeting of Worship and Music Ministry, I initiated a discussion of the placement of the Communion Table as it was in the Nave of the Church. After discussion, I requested that the Table be moved back

into the Sanctuary area of the Chancel, in front of the Altar. From this space, I will consecrate the bread and wine, and then, distribution will be given in the Nave where it has been administered.

The banners which were on either side of the Chancel area in the front were also moved to the side walls. This will allow for more visibility of the architecture around the Altar and Communion Table area, as well as the Pulpit. The integrity of the architecture will not be compromised, as now the columns and the beautiful caps on those columns will not be hindered.

Pastor Lois



**Please use this month's
Love Offering Envelope to
support our
Hospitality Ministry.**

Hospitality is a command from
God. (*Romans 12:13b*)

**From the doors of the
church being unlocked
when we arrive for
services to the lights
being on, to the coffee we
drink, the food we eat, the
Love we share, the
Prayers we say, are
Hospitality.**

Hospitality is Love.

Love is what we do here at
Pine Street.

USS DAY AT KNOEBEL'S September 20, 2015:

The Upper Susquehanna Synod invites our congregation to gather for fellowship on Sunday, September 20 at Knoebel's. A 20% discount will be given on pre-ordered tickets (A \$20 book for \$16.) or you can purchase tickets there. Pre-ordered tickets must be ordered by September 4 and can be picked up at Pavilion P-5 beginning at 12:30 PM. The park is open until 7:00 PM for Upper Susquehanna Synod Day at Knoebel's Grove. Pavilion P-5 is also the meeting/gathering place for all who wish to meet during the afternoon from 5:00-5:45 PM, concluding with a vespers service at 5:45 PM. To pre-order discount tickets, or volunteer for hospitality or refreshments, contact Brenda Krouse at the synod office at 570-524-9778 or Brenda@uss-elca.org.

SOUL FOOD

When we had VBS, Eamon Shoff presented his ministry, SoulFood, to the kids. Eamon operates a truck and trailer that he sets up at different locations to serve the folks of our community and into Bloomsburg. Anyone that attended or helped with VBS was invited to help out on the food truck. To volunteer, please contact Eamon directly. Cell phone 210-387-2281 (he's originally from Texas) and he has a church phone at Bloomsburg Christian Church, 570-784-3740. He can also be found on Facebook (Soul Food) and his email is eamon.shoff@facebook.com.

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.

August: Peanut Butter & Saltines
(or any other non-perishable food items)

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex. 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 10:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. the 1st Saturday 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 needed. Please call Marysue Christian at 570-275-5403 or email her at marysu@ptd.net for more information.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

(Remember the chicken noodle & tomato soup challenge?)

Our 2015 campaign has come to a close, and it was another amazing year! **With your help, more than 7.9 million in cash and food items was collected and donated to over 5,000 charities.** We also celebrated our 25th anniversary! We are so appreciative of all our participants, donors and friends who have helped us out along the way. Here's to another 25 years!

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You for your prayers of support and the card I received in the mail. God Bless You for thinking of me and for praying for me after I was in an automobile accident on June

18. I had no broken bones, nor open injuries, but I was shook up and had aches and pains following the accident. My car was demolished and I thank God that I was not.

You have blessed me!
Pastor Lois

Pine Street Friends,

Our family wishes to express our deepest gratitude to all those who helped with Mom's service in any way, especially those who joined forces with Washingtonville Lutheran to serve the meal in May.

Also, thanks to those who visited Mom prior to her passing, those who gave our family spiritual and moral support whether in thought, word or deed.

The Family of
Mary Ellen Rovenolt and Valerie Snyder

GLScrip Gift Card

Order Deadline is
AUGUST 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!!!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG

VISIT LUTHERLAND **500 Years of Reformation** **Sept 26 – Oct. 5/October 8, 2017**

2017 will mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We think foremost of Martin Luther as being the leader of this movement to renew the Church, but he did not live and work in isolation. Many others came together to study, to pray, to discuss, to discern and to act.

The Ansbach Würzburg Partnership Committee of the Upper Susquehanna Synod invites you to come to Wittenberg to visit and learn of these events from 1517 and the years before and after. We will visit important sites that have religious and historical significance during that time.

We will travel with an experienced tour guide who lives in Wittenberg, knows church history and speaks impeccable English. Christian Eggert will be our guide for these days in Germany to make history more understandable and exciting for us. We will visit many important sites of the Reformation time, and will have a few opportunities to visit other German sites of historical significance. We invite you to join us.

For further information, please contact Pastor Lois,

chairperson of the Ansbach-Würzburg Committee of the USS, ELCA at lo7mrt@aol.com or call her at 570-768-6299.



THEME **BASKETS** **FOR** **FESTIVAL**

If anyone would like to donate theme/gift baskets ahead of time for the Festival (August 8), they would be available so folks could buy chances on them during Sunday's fellowship hour before the Festival date.

Theme basket ideas:

Kid's Toys, Doggie, Italian, Movie Night, Family Games, Cleaning, Campfire, Ladies toiletries/spa, Men's toiletries/gifts, Summer Fun, Candles, Snacks, Coffee/Tea, Grilling, Patriotic, Mickey/Minnie, Kitty, School Supplies, Craft Supplies. You can get some neat ideas for baskets online.

A big THANK YOU To Pastor Melody Sell for her expertise at our Historical Open House on July 18th. We appreciate your time and service!

Simply Giving is:

.....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church.

See Bill Snover to answer your questions.

No more checks to write! It's all done for you!

Congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod are urged



to support Solar Power at the Phebe Hospital in Liberia by raising awareness and funding for this project in the month of August 2015 *in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Liberia, the Women of the ELCA, and the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA.*

Funds may be sent to the Upper Susquehanna Synod and designated to "Phebe Hospital Solar Power".

(By action of the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly, June 20, 2015.)

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

It may seem far off to be thinking of fall, but facilities like to have a count early, so please check your calendar, and sign up now. Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage. The fall Weekends are:

- **September 18-20, 2015** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 16-18, 2015** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign

up today by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and paying the \$45 registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Eleanor Ann Hummer; Troy Patterson; Allen Snyder
- 4 - Allison Jordan
- 5 - Vicki Baker; Judith Rogowsky; William Snover
- 6 - Thomas James, Jr.; Sandra Reibsome
- 8 - Thomas Herrington
- 9 - Amy Adams; Eleanor Wray (93*)
- 12 - Nelena Swank (93*)
- 15 - Patricia Fry; Marin Leighow
- 18 - James O'Brien
- 19 - Gerard Tromp
- 22 - Tyler Patterson
- 23 - Michelle Brady; Clara Hauck
- 26 - Samantha Eyer
- 28 - Lillian Stahl (87); Matthew Sticklin
- 31 - Brenda Gregorowitz

(Did you all notice that Eleanor Wray is 3 days older than Nellie Swank?)

Help them celebrate...send a card.

* Mrs. Eleanor Wray
c/o Dot VonBlohn
717 E. Front St.
Danville, PA 17821

* Mrs. Nelena Swank
41 Woodbine Ln; Rm 221
Danville, PA 17821

* Mrs. Lillian Stahl
267 W. Mahoning St.
Danville, PA 17821

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Nicole and Caz Morgan
- 5 - Luahan and Thomas Herrington
- 13 - Mary and Arthur Sticklin
- 24 - Mary Jane and William Snyder (52)
- 25 - Brenda and Michael Dennehy
- 31 - Lin and Denny DiOrio

Pine Street Prayer List August, 2015



CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Norman Troutman; Judy Rogowsky; Irene Hinkle; Jack Dyer; Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Aggie Oyster; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Kevin Nungesser; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; Bill Fallon; Mark Bidelsbach; John Butkofsky; Jeff

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of June 30, 2015)

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

Donations received in May: \$340 from giving

299 from hoagie sales

\$639 total

Total on hand: \$ 6,100

Loan balance: \$23,875

Anselmo; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison; Bogart; Stan Davis; Roxanne Herr; Doug Dawson; John Lapetina; Pastor Brian Moyer; Nancy Sees; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Mike Shoemaker; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Ralph Reedy; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern, and Barry Balonek.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Sherry Achey; Anna & Carl Rice; Burtell Metzger; Shirley Gamble; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelenia Swank; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; 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 570-275-2110. 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).

Fellowship Menus



AUGUST

Aug. 2: Macaroni & Cheese & Tossed Salads
Aug. 9: Covered Dish
Aug. 16: Pasta Casseroles & Cold Salads
Aug. 23: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans
Aug. 30: Sandwich Fixings & Veggie & Dip Platters

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.

**Please make sure all the doors are locked (try them after locking) and lights out when leaving the buildings!
Thank you.**

SPONSORS

*Please help sponsor these important items for our Worship Services.
Thank you!*



- **Bulletin sponsor** openings are available for October 18 & 25, November 8, 15 & 22, and December 20, 26 and 27..
- **Altar Flowers** are full.
- **Communion Bread sponsors** are needed. The dates are August 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- **The Sanctuary Candle** is full. Thank you to all sponsors.

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$10.00 per week for **Wine (filled for the year)**
- \$15.00 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!

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Pastor Lois** for providing her personal Daily Devotions via email to those that chose to receive them.
- ♦ **Paul Ezdebski** for providing lawn care for the church's property.
- ♦ **Leaders, Helpers and Donors** who donated food and supplies to a successful VBS. The kids loved it. (from the VBS Committee)
- ♦ **Bill Snyder** for installing a new sump pump in the basement of the church.

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **AUGUST 15 for the SEPTEMBER, 2015 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.

**Available for Pick-up
on the table in the narthex.
The most recent copies of:**

- Upper Susquehanna Synod Ark, which includes Currents and Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
- Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets small and large editions
- 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 are needed, please ask Deb.

WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

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



Good Samaritan Mission Center
275-2500
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-4:30 PM

2015 ELECTION DATE

NOVEMBER 3: General Election
(Please refrain from using the social hall from Monday morning, November 2 through Wednesday morning, November 4 while the voting machines are on the premises. Thank you!)

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2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Lois Martin

Co-Treasurers:

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor
Darlis Dyer
Alfred Bashore
Thomas Herrington, President
Mary Ann Landi, Vice President
William Snover, Council Secretary
Mary Jane Snyder
Ryan Versluis
Joanne Williams

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OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



*Alf Bashore, Darlis Dyer, Mary
Ann Landi, Ryan Versluis &
Joanne Williams*

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.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Mt. Luther, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is an extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting that the camp provides. Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within a Christ centered Lutheran tradition. All persons regardless of race, creed, color, or special needs are welcome to attend this camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Get more information at:

Camp Mt. Luther is online at
www.campmountluther.org

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

Our Purpose Statement:

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

Guiding principles:

1. We pray daily for guidance and discernment of God's will for us.
2. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we study the Bible and proclaim the Good News in our church, community and world.
3. Trusting God, we serve all people following the example of Jesus.
4. We gather as one body in Christ to proclaim our faith, glorify God, and be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

**You vowed to serve
Christ, men know that you
did.**

**They're watching the
things that you do;
There isn't an action of
yours that is hid,
Men are watching and
studying you.**

**You say you're "no
preacher;" yes, but you
preach
A wonderful sermon each
day;
The acts of your life are
the things that you teach,
It isn't the things that you
say.**

**Oh, Christians,
remember, you bear His
dear name,**

Your lives are for others
to view
You are living examples;
men praise you or blame,
And measure all
Christians by you.

~Florence Belle Anderson