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PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity*
(LARC: Lutheran, Anglican, and Roman Catholic)

**EVENING PRAYER
For the Feast of
The Conversion of Saint Paul**

*Sunday, January 25, 2015
At
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
125 South Spruce St; Annville, PA
At 7:00 PM*

Sponsored by the Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, who share a long-standing ecumenical covenant.

**Free
Venison Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday, January 14
Serving begins at 5:00 PM
In the church social hall**

SPAGHETTI DINNER

All you can eat
**Saturday, January 31
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Social Hall**

Menu: Homemade sauce, meat balls,
tossed salad, garlic rolls, dessert and
beverages.

**Adults: \$8; Children 7-12: \$4;
Six and under: Free**

Proceeds benefit the Disciples Fund and
Pack 2 Go program at GateHouse

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God

Loves

You

and

So

Do

We!

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The office will be closed Thursday, January 1
in observance of New Year's Day.

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † David W. Billman, Jr, husband of Vicki Billman, who died November 25, 2014.
- † Nancy D. McWilliams, wife of Charles (Sonny) McWilliams, who died December 8, 2014.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1)

We are one with God. We often "want" for things that are not necessarily our "needs". God promises that if we have faith, our "needs" will be met.

In the coming year, can we resolve to be grateful for this assurance? Can we return to God just a little more of our most precious asset, our time? Can we be more regular in our attendance? Can we serve on a ministry, a committee, participate in our worship service, help at a meal, a festival, at Sunday School? Can we sing, read, ring, carry a torch, light the candles, call or visit the shut ins, carry communion, wrap gifts for the military, or any other ministry to others that may arise?

Can we give more of our talent and ability?

Can we resolve to be more faithful and regular in our financial support? Signing up for our electronic giving program can make that task easy to accomplish.

In 2015, let us all resolve to trust God for our needs, and to thank Him regularly.

In service to God and to you,
Bill

Let's Celebrate Our Baptism

Baptism Certificate Sunday

**Sunday, January 11,
2015**

The Baptism of Our Lord

THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Jack Dyer, Irene Hinkle* and *Sue Neitz* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

I would like to thank everyone who came to have their photograph taken for our new church directory. If you couldn't make it to any of the previous sessions, you can contact me to schedule an appointment for our last date, Saturday, January 10th at our sister church, Trinity Oak Grove. Photos will be scheduled from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Thank you so much, Nan Leighow, Roxanne Patton and Brenda Dennehy for serving as hostesses for our three days of photography here at Pine St. Your help is very much appreciated!



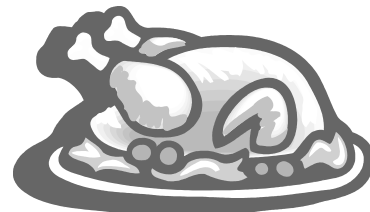
*We live in a fantasy world, a
world of illusion. The great task
in life is to find reality.*

~Iris Murdoch, Anglo-Irish author
and philosopher (1919-1999).

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.)*



Turkey Benefit Dinner

Celebrating

**Ben Franklin's Birthday
Sunday, January 25, 2015
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Mount Luther ~ Evergreen
Center**

Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of our country. We thought it would be fitting to have a turkey dinner to honor his January birthday! You are invited to come to his birthday party and enjoy a winter evening at camp!

The price is free!

A freewill offering will be collected to help defray the cost of the dinner.

The menu will consist of turkey and all the trimmings. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the camp office at (570)922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org.

Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

Proceeds benefit the 2015 Annual Fund Appeal.

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

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

When is the last time the two of you did something to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Make 2015 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and have been enriching marriages for almost 40 years! 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 continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2015 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

- **March 13-14, 2015** at the lovely Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel located in a peaceful setting 6 miles from the Pittsburgh Airport.
- **April 10-12, 2015** at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.
- **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 tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$45 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact

Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

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

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



Alf Bashore, Darlis Dyer, Mary Ann Landi & Joanne Williams

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Kelly Boyer
- 3 - Sharron Eyer
- 9 - Corey Hummel
- 11 - Paul Dennehy
- 13 - Tristan Beiter; John Crumb
- 15 - Barry Troy
- 16 - Justin Pittsnogle
- 17 - Norman Troutman (90)
- 26 - Gwyneth Beiter; Carol Riley
- 27 - Ronald Kline
- 28 - Marvin Fry (88)
- 30 - Samuel Baylor; Christine Koons
- 31 - Barbara Ezdebski



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Helena Kuivaniemi and Gerard Tromp
- 5 - Michelle and Harold Hack
- 15 - Elizabeth and Richard Baylor
- 20 - John and Rachel Tharp



This picture, featured in last month's newsletter, in case you didn't realize it is a picture of the back of our church.

THIS MONTH IS FOOD BANK MONTH FOR THE LOVE (SPECIAL) OFFERING ENVELOPES



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.

Jan: Canned Vegetables
(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 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.



GAZEBO DEDICATED

(Michael Wydra is the late husband of Terri Wydra.)

On Friday, December 5, Geisinger Family members and friends gathered for the dedication of the Michael J. "Mike" Wydra Gazebo, situated in the newly created Geisinger Employee Memorial Garden on Geisinger's Danville campus. As a long-time friend of Geisinger with more than 30 years in the Maintenance Department, Mike left an unforgettable, lasting impression on those who had the privilege to know him. The Geisinger Employee Memorial Garden, located near the Donald P. Vrabec House of Care, is a tribute to our Geisinger Family members who have gone before us. Names of employees to be remembered will be honored on memorial bricks added to a walkway ending at the Michael J. Wydra Gazebo. The first brick dedication memorialized Alan R. Myers, another long-time friend of Geisinger from the Facilities Department.

**Simply Giving is:
....the most convenient
way to send your tithe
to the church.
See Bill Snover to
answer your questions.**



Pine Street Prayer List January, 2015

CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Charlotte Mitchell; Eleanor Wray; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

David Blanenberger; Leonard Seroskie; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Harley David; Roger Sellard; Michelle Gibbs and children, Austin, Zachary and Tonia Rishel; Doug Cropf; Mary Ellen Rovenolt; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Clyde Diehl; Patricia Fox; Mike Shoemaker; Judy Davis; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Jeanne Cross; Thomas Brady, Sr.; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Bill Beitz; Ralph Reedy; Sylvia Morgan; Bob Knight; Gary Loss; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Danny S. Fisher; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Kathy Diehl; Carla Wetzel; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Todd Livziey; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien; Autumn Kern; Barry Balonek; and Walt Rupert.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelenia and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and 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; Halley Dillon; 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 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).

RELAY FOR LIFE

We are starting early for our Relay for Life 2015. This year is the first that there is no fee to join. Please join our team and help us raise more money to be able to give someone another Birthday. Please see Nan Leighow to join to make this year our biggest team ever.

HEATING/COOLING

The temperature settings will be 68° for heat and 72° for cooling.

Please dress accordingly.

A sweater or shawl may be folded and kept in the pew so it is available to you each Sunday.



WEATHER REMINDER

During the winter when Danville School District is on a delay or cancelled, the church office is normally on the same schedule.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be January 29 with the deadline to order and pay by January 25.

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!!!

THANK YOU

To Boy Scouts of Troop 47 & Crew 47 of Pine Street Lutheran Church,

The Food Pantry of St. Peter's U.M. Church wishes to thank you for the generous amount of food collected. We are pleased to help those in need each month with the help of your food collection.

Thank you,
*St. Peter's Food Pantry
Workers*

We acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation of nonperishable food items from your Harvest Home Ingathering which we will use for our ministry.

We thank you for your support of our effort to provide food to the less fortunate residents of our community. Without supporters like you we would never be able to continue this effort.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Very truly yours,
Maryann Richards
Corresponding Secretary
Danville-Riverside Area Food Bank

Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness when you donated a monetary donation of \$50 to our organization.

When the community supports our work with victims of interpersonal violence and other serious crimes, everyone benefits. Clients benefit from enhanced services made possible through additional resources. Families and neighborhoods benefit by having violence and abuse issued addressed in a timely manner which promotes personal safety and the prevention of further acts of violence. The organization benefits from knowing that community members are willing to become stakeholders in the mission of the agency.

Knowing that others value the work we do is a tremendous blessing to agency's personnel and volunteers. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support.

In Peace,
Zabrina Finn
Executive Director
The Women's Center, Inc. of
Columbia/Montour Counties

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and inquiries after my surgery and during my recovery.

Thank you also to Ron Kline and Mary Jane Snyder for

office sitting for me in my absence.

Your love and caring concern means a lot to me.

Thanks again,
Deb Munson



Fellowship Menus

JANUARY

Jan. 4: Baked Chicken & Side Dishes
Jan. 11: Covered Dish
Jan. 18: Crock Pot Surprise & Fruit Platters
Jan. 25: Taco Fixings & Baked Corn

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.

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### 2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**

*Co-Treasurers:*

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor  
Darlis Dyer  
Alfred Bashore  
Thomas Herrington  
Mary Ann Landi  
William Snover  
Mary Jane Snyder  
Ryan Versluis  
Joanne Williams

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ATTENTION LECTORS

It would be appreciated if Lectors were present at the Lectern before it's time to read the lessons and are also requested to adjust the mic closer to their mouth and speak clearly so people can hear them.

SPONSORS

The new charts are up for the 2015 year. Some prices have increased and we have an additional need for sponsoring the Communion Wine each week for \$10.00.



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

- The Bulletins are \$20 a week;
- A Flowers are \$36.00 a set;
- Communion Bread sponsors are needed for each week.
- Communion Wine is \$10.00 each week. The wine used to be donated, but this generous person can no longer do this.
- The Sanctuary Candle is now \$15.00 a month. Thank you sponsors!

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**
- \$10.00 per week for **Wine**
- \$15.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

The new charts will be up soon.

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

- ♦ **Dick Baylor and Bill Snover** for clearing the sidewalks and parking areas.
- ♦ **To ALL** who helped place and deliver poinsettias.

GLScrip Gift Card

Order Deadline is JANUARY 11

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



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

(Also printed in the W/ELCA program booklet on the table in the narthex.)

- ✓ **January 5, 2015:** Ruth Circle; Muffin Man @ 11:30 PM
- ✓ **January 14:** Martha Circle; Muffin Man @ 6:00 PM
- ✓ **January 15:** W/ELCA Executive Board Meeting; LIB @ 7:30 AM
- ✓ **February 28:** Day of Renewal [Messiah, South Williamsport]; Registration 9:30 AM
- ✓ **March 3:** Women's Quarterly; SH @ 1:30 PM
- ✓ **March 12:** W/ELCA Executive Board Meeting; LIB @ 7:30 AM
- ✓ **April 11:** Chicken & Waffle Dinner (SH) 4-7:00 PM
- ✓ **April 18:** Day of Learning [St. Stephen's, Licking Creek Valley]



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.

GOGGY,PC

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

GOGGY,PC Youth Group is for anyone 6th grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

All are welcome to attend any of these activities.

- **January 9:** Bible Buddies (K-5th) 5:30-7:30 PM [Christ, Milton] Light meal, Bible Story, Craft & Games
- **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.

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **JANUARY 15 for the FEBRUARY, 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 Currents,
- 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*, *Currents* or *Camel Tracks* are needed, please ask Deb.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Mondays in February:

Fundraiser at Mom's Dutch Kitchen. 10% of all sales between 4 PM and Close will be directed to our church.

February 18: Ash Wednesday

March 8: Daylight Savings Time begins

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 5: Easter Sunday

RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

Volunteer drivers are:

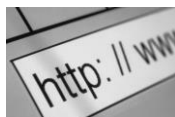
- ♦ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

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

WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

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



A Note from Pastor Keith

I am generally in the office on Monday (following choir-11 AM to 1 PM sometimes until 4 PM or so), Wednesday (10:30 AM until 2 PM sometimes 3 PM), Thursday (10 AM to 3 PM [with Bible Study from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM]). These times are tentative depending whether I have been called out or have an evening meeting either here or at Trinity Oak Grove, or possibly worship at one of 3 or so nursing homes. I work from home on Tuesdays after Breakfast and Bible Text Study (Pericope) with colleagues. Due to the need to have this flexibility, I would suggest calling me to arrange an appointment. My number is 570-951-2350. Please feel free to call me for pastoral care needs, emergencies or if you just need to talk. I would rather hear about a need or situation 5 times (or more) than to not hear about it at all. I would be glad to meet in my office at the church, in your home, or at a local eatery or gathering place. Just let me know. The days and/or times are not limited to those specified above. If you ask or tell me something before worship or at fellowship on Sunday, (especially if it involves something I need to do or someone I need to go see) please follow up with a phone call, text or email on Sunday evening or Monday. It takes a bunch of brain cells to prepare for worship and to mingle, network, "converse and console"—(Luther's terms) and sometimes there are not enough brain cells to go around . . . a friendly reminder would be greatly appreciated. (prkeith@ptd.net) If you are (or are going to be) or you know of someone in (or going into) the hospital, please call and let me know.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

~Hannah More, English author and social reformer (1745-1833)

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.



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.

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



Happy New Year!

A HOUSE is built of
logs and stones,
Of tiles and posts and
tiers;
A HOME is built of
loving deeds
That stand a thousand
years.