

# *The Parish Press*

OF

**PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, November 25  
7:00 PM**

We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We have so much to be thankful for and this is one way to celebrate that thankfulness with your brothers and sisters in Christ by sharing in Worship on Thanksgiving Eve.

Include your family and friends in the celebration.

## ***Congregational Meeting***

**Sunday, November 15**

*On the agenda:*

*Vote on 2016 Proposed Budget; Election of  
Council Members.*

**Holden Evening Prayer  
Every Wednesday in Advent  
December 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 7:00 PM**

## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 1**

*On All Saints' Sunday we remember the entire church, those who have died and those who still live.*

*Each year we especially remember the lives of those in our own congregation who have died since the previous All Saints Day. This year we commemorate:*

*Mildred M. Gemberling, who died  
April 16, 2015*

*Janice St. Clair, who died June 13, 2015  
Donald C. Swank, who died June 29, 2015*

*Pauline L. Mackert, who died  
July 7, 2015*

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## **With This Issue:**

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Schedules  
*Love* Envelopes in your packet: **World  
Hunger/Lutheran World Relief**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** for Sound System. If anyone is interested, please see Michael Eyer.

November, 2015

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;*

*We are coming to the end of another church year, and beginning a new church year together, the year C from the Lectionary. In this new church year we will read predominately from the Gospel of Luke with additions from the Gospel of John.*

*But first, there is this month of November. We begin with the celebration of All Saints' Sunday, and end with Christ the King Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent. In between, we have the great American feast of Thanksgiving.*

*When I think of Thanksgiving, I think of trees holding on to those final few brown dried up leaves, making silhouettes on the early sunsets, sentinels guarding the gathering darkness on the horizon. I think too of the growing cold and warm cozy kitchens, brisk winds and a sense of closure to the autumn season, and, waiting for the arrival of winter. Trust, hope, faith, are key for November as one settles in, knowing there will be more darkness than daylight, knowing that the darkness will continue to increase before the days lengthen again.*

*These feelings surround me and nudge me into thinking about the ways God provides for us in this growing darkness. Just as the world was in darkness before the birth of Jesus, God provided prophets, signs, to show the way, and to guard the faithful in their watching and waiting. God still provides comfort, guidance, and peace to those whose trust is in Christ. How does God speak to you on these late days of days Autumn?*

*We know also that in the darkness of the encroaching November and Winter, God is nourishing roots, bulbs, tiny seeds buried in the ground, and that in this rest in the darkness, they are not dead but alive. We know that at times when we feel the darkness densely around us spiritually, that God is preparing us, nurturing us, giving us rest, for the 'Spring' that will follow.*

*Pine Street Lutheran Church is being nourished by God's life, as we travel together, spiritual partners, reaching out to the world from the strength that is within us. Even in this 'Interim' time, this church is not dormant, it is not in darkness waiting, but is alive in Christ, hearing and doing the Gospel message, not closed down because of a change of season.*

*As your Pastor, I encourage you to rejoice in the changing seasons of our place in the Northern Hemisphere, and I encourage you to continue to blossom and grow with God's agenda in your life, in your Church.*

*Blessings in Christ,*

*Pastor Lois D. Martin*

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Community Harvest Home Service Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 PM at Grove Presbyterian Church

In keeping with the Harvest Home tradition of blessing the fruits of the harvest, please bring your offering of canned fruits and vegetables. The offering will be laid at the altar and then delivered to the Danville Riverside Area Food Bank.

We will be sharing a meal following the service with pies for dessert provided by Trinity, Danville.

Please join the joyful celebration!

### **PASTOR'S VACATION**

Pastor Lois will be away from November 3-24. Presiding for worship on November 8 will be Rev. Alfred Bashore, Sr.; November 15 will be Todd Baney; and November 22 will be Rev. MarthaSue Moll.

Covering for Pastoral Care in case of emergencies will be Rev. Trevor Hahn (office: 570-275-0283 or 570-486-3792), and Rev. Melody Sell (office: 570-437-2652 or 570-916-8835)

### **THRIVENT CHOICE**

We thank *Darlis Dyer* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

### **A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE**

Written by S. William Snover, MD  
Financial Secretary

***"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ...There were no needy persons among them."***

This passage begins at Acts 4:32. The tale ends at Acts 5:11. In it we see an early Christian community that possessed one heart and soul, to put the welfare of others first, by laying gifts of their own money and property at the feet of the apostles, allowing them to distribute that wealth to meet the needs of others and the community as a whole.

Pine Street would never ask, nor even consider asking any of its members to make such sacrifices. What this passage reminds us of is that it is within the Christian fellowship and family that we call church that God's salvation is experienced. Giving is not the primary focus. The relinquishing of our real and perceived advantages allows us to enter into true solidarity with others. To be part of a true Christian community, we are asked to be of one heart and soul with each other and with God. Contribute your time, your talent, your abilities and your treasure and become one with your church and all of God's kingdom. It is in giving that we shall receive.

Your servant,  
**Bill**

### **HOUSECLEANING**

Please look over the items in the Fellowship Hall that have been gleaned from Pine Street Lutheran's ongoing house cleaning. Please take home your treasures FREE. New items added weekly.

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want to thank you so much for the wonderful tribute you gave to me on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The cards, the roses, the prayers, the cake and the food, and all the kindness you gave to me were overwhelming. It is my privilege to be among you as your Pastor at this time and this place. I continue to pray for you, and ask your prayers for me as well. May our service to Christ and to each other give glory to God.*

***Blessings, Pastor Lois***

### **THIS MONTH'S LOVE ENVELOPE WORLD HUNGER/L.W.R.**

**(LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF)**

Every day in 35 countries, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) works to combat the causes of poverty and the dignity it robs from people's lives.

We advocate for Fair Trade that helps farming families and artisans earn a better income.

We teach people to better care for themselves their communities and the environment.

We teach people how to be less vulnerable to natural disasters. We advocate with and for them for policy change that more fairly represents them. We counsel them after manmade and natural disasters, and help them recover with material aid.

We do all of this exclusively with partners from the communities we serve. Our partners help us remain incredibly efficient and effective.

Our partners let us help people help themselves...for a day when they won't need us at all.

**Please use your Love Offering envelope for World Hunger/Lutheran World Relief(LWR) in your envelope packet for your donations.  
Thank you!**

## 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.

### **November: Noodles & Macaroni**

(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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:marysu@ptd.net) for more information.

## Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **NOVEMBER 15 for the DECEMBER, 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.

## 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!)

### Pastor's office hours:

**Monday: 10:00 – 1:00**

**Tuesday: Afternoons by appointment**

**Wednesday: 10:00 – 1:00**

Other times can be arranged with Pastor Lois.

*Please note that meetings or pastoral calls may interrupt this schedule.*

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Emily Curry (90); Rae Leighow; Amy Snover
- 2 – David Snover
- 5 – Arthur Sticklin
- 6 – Charlotte Mitchell (88)
- 11 – Nikki Greely; Christina Hauck
- 14 – Thomas Landi
- 16 – Janna Ward
- 19 – Robin Adams
- 22 – Allen Acor, II
- 23 – Mary Beishline
- 24 – Pauline Nedrow
- 27 – Jaxson Romansik
- 28 – Kathy Cashner
- 30 – Steven Baylor

*Cards for Emily and Charlotte may be sent to help them celebrate their birthdays:*

Emily Curry  
118 W. Market St.  
Danville, PA 17821

Charlotte Mitchell  
408 Lombard Ave.  
Danville, PA 17821

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 - Clara and Harold Hauck (63 yrs)
- 17 – Mary Ann and Thomas Landi
- 26 – Michelle and Brian Brady
- 30 – Melissa and Larry Bohner, II

*To send a card to the Haucks to celebrate their anniversary:*

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hauck  
21 Steltz Rd.  
Danville, PA 17821



## W/ELCA Calendar of Events

- ♥ **November 4:** Martha Circle [place TBA] 6 PM
- ♥ **November 10:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **November 19:** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM
- ♥ **December 1:** Advent Quarterly 1:30 PM (SH) More information coming.
- ♥ **January 5:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **January 6:** Martha Circle [TBA] 6:00 PM

**Please note:** January and February Circle Meetings will be cancelled if bad weather and will not be rescheduled.

### Monthly Financial Stewardship report through 8-31-2015

In 2015 we need to *average* **\$2,445** per week in giving to assure that we are able to meet all of our budgeted expenses. Our expense budget is something that we adopted and committed to.

Our weekly average church attendance in September was 58. Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$7,739, an average of **\$1,935** per week.

Our year to date attendance was 2743 (70/week) and our year to date total giving was \$88225, (\$2,262/ week.) We ended the month \$7,130 behind in the giving that we will need to meet our budgeted expenses.

**Can each of us commit to being even more faithful in our attendance and support? If you cannot attend as regularly as you'd like, please consider making regular contributions through the automatic *Simply Giving* program. Many of our members have stated that they have been "thinking about" making the commitment. Now is the time to "get around to it" and join those who have taken the step. Presently we receive about 35% of our needs through this program. See Bill Snover to enroll.**

## Pine Street Prayer List November, 2015



### CONGREGATION

#### MEMBERS:

Ann Hummer; Hunter Beasley; Norman Troutman; Judy Rogowsky; Jack Dyer; 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:

William Kauwell; Idita Dennehy; McKenzie Riley; Jeff Anselmo; David Temple; Lois and John Clark; Kayla Moore; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; John Butkofsky; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison; Bogart; Stan Davis; Roxanne Herr; Doug Dawson; Pastor Brian Moyer; 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; Elroy Neitz; 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; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern, and Barry Balonek.

### HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Sherry Achey; Anna and Carl Rice; Burtell Metzger; Shirley Gamble; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelen 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](mailto: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](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net)).

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

### Fellowship Menus

#### NOVEMBER

Nov. 1: Crock Pot Surprise & Fruit Platters  
Nov. 8: Covered Dish  
Nov. 15: Macaroni & Cheese & Tossed Salad  
Nov. 22: Pasta Casseroles & Cold Salad  
Nov. 29: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans



## **SCRAPBOOKERS WANTED**

Boxes of treasures from Pine Street Lutheran's history are piling up. We need someone who enjoys scrapbooking to grab them and GO! Please speak to Brenda Frischer-Dennehy or Secretary, Deb Munson.

## **Simply Giving is:**

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

- ***No more writing checks!***
- ***No more remembering to bring your envelope!***
- ***No more concern about your tithe if you can't be in church!***
- ***It's Simply Giving! It's all done for you!***

**See Bill Snover to answer your questions and to sign up.**

### 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.

**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.

## **The Thank You Corner**

- ♦ **Caz Morgan** for donating some of the cleaning supplies he uses.
- ♦ **Bill Snyder and Rae Leighow** for laying new electric wire from the driveway to the Gazebo, installing a new pole for handicapped parking in the rear parking lot and to Bill for removing the air conditioners.
- ♦ **Nan Leighow** for painting the pastor's office and conference room.

## **GLScrip Gift Card Order**

**Deadline is NOVEMBER 8**

## **Christmas is coming....get your shopping started early!**

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](http://WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG)**

### ***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.

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Friends at Pine Street Lutheran Church,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent generous monetary gift of \$72.00 to the Danville Area Diaper Bank. We have been in operation for almost three years and our program continues to grow. We currently provide an average of 100 families per week with diapers that they need for their young babies and toddlers. What a joy it is to be able to provide this assistance to so many families who are struggling!

Our program would not be able to succeed without contributions and support from members of our gracious and generous community. Thank you for being part of our efforts to help those in our area and to spread the love of God through your actions.

Sincerely

Kristin O'Rourke  
The Danville Area Diaper Bank

We want to thank Larry Troy for his leadership in the work of Christ that he has initiated and developed here at PSEL. Larry has relinquished his responsibilities on Hospitality Ministry, Kathryn's Kloset, and Sunday School. Thank you Larry, for serving us and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## **NEW ACOLYTES**

A very special Thank You to our new acolytes: All Snyder, Devan Beyer and Thomas Martin. We are grateful for your willingness to serve our Lord in worship.

## **SPONSORS**

*Please help sponsor these important items for our Worship Services for honoring or memorializing loved ones and friends. Thank you!*



- **Bulletin sponsor** openings are available for November 22, and December 20, 24, 25 and 27.
- **Altar Flowers** are full.
- **Communion Bread sponsors are needed for** December 13, 20 and 27.
- **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!

## **Financial Status of the Restoration Project:**

(as of September 30, 2015)

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

Donations received in August: \$340 from giving  
296 from hoagie sales  
\$636 total received

Total on hand: \$ 3,339

Loan balance: \$17,398



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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



**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](http://www.campmountluther.org)

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

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**WEBSITE**

[www.pinestreetlutheran.org](http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org)

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

**Check it out! Alf Bashore is updating the site please get material and announcements to him.**

**THANK YOU!**

**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.

**All Saints' Day**

We are inheritors of what generations of Christians before us passed on to us; we are temporary caretakers of today's churches. But though they are gone, those who "died in the Lord" live very much in his care. The traditional terms for the deceased saints is the "Church Triumphant," while the believers who are alive today are called the "Church Militant." All Saints' Day celebrates the connection between the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant, the saints of the Lord Jesus on earth and those in heaven.

Since the earliest Christian martyrs (such as St. Stephen in Acts 6-7), the Church has remembered the saints who have gone on before. By the third century some 400,000

faithful had been martyred under Roman persecution. Each city and country commemorated the dates when its particular martyrs entered glory. In the ninth century the hundreds of saints days for local martyrs gave way to a single All Saints' Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The day was very popular throughout Europe in the Middle Ages. Today the Christian Church's All Saints' Day competes with our secular Halloween (which originated in All Hallows' Eve, October 31.)

Still, to experience All Saints' Day as a walk among the saints on earth and in heaven is to sense our place in history. We are members of a chosen people, defended and preserved by our Lord, facing the world of today and awaiting our final redemption with the saints in heaven.

*~ I Love to Live the Story: A Guide to Understanding & Celebrating the Christian Church Year; 2006 Creative Communications for the Parish.*

