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Healing Service

A Healing Service will be incorporated into the regular Worship Service on Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 AM. The format for the healing service will be: Confession, Scripture, Prayers, Laying on of Hands and Blessing with Oil for all who wish to come forward. This will be followed with the Hymn, Prayer of the Day, and continuing with the readings, following the usual pattern of worship.

Please feel comfortable in coming forward, or if you desire, to remain in your pew.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 4

We will be honoring Pastor Lois with a card shower and a special cake during fellowship.

Although she hasn't been here long, let her know she is appreciated and thank her for her spiritual guidance.

Bishop Driesen to Retire

At the September 15th Upper Susquehanna Synod Council meeting, Bishop Robert Driesen announced his intention to retire effective September 1, 2016.

Bishop Driesen served as the synod's second bishop for nine years and as a pastor of the church for more than 37 years.

A special task force will lead the call process for the synod's third bishop. The election will take place at synod assembly June 17-18, 2016.

To read the bishop's entire letter follow this link: <http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Bishop-Driesen-Letter.pdf>

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October 29: Our Hospitality Ministry will provide a Meal at 5PM before the Halloween Parade and the church will be open until 10 PM.

October, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

The new moon has left us with a very dark sky at night, but the good part is the brilliance of the stars, the constellations, the International Space Station, airplanes, other 'traffic' in the sky are more visible. As I drove home last evening, the hymn, O Praise the Gracious Power, ELW 651, was singing in my head. The text and tune were written by seminary professors I studied with at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. The match of text and tune present a powerful hymn to God. I thought about this Church and its people, its worship, its ministry.

I have been with you for three months, and I am beginning to see who you are as a Family of God, I am beginning to know more of your faith stories, more of your life stories, which are intertwined with your faith stories. As we travel together in our faith life here at PSELC, we are gathered together in the love of God through Christ. It is the gracious power of God that tumbles walls of fear, that enables us to trust one another, that empowers us to have courage to walk together in the ministry of Christ which unites us.

What are the walls of fear that we name? What is the particularity of the gospel that we are to announce to the world? What is it that God has for this church to do, we, all of us together? How shall we determine what God is calling Pine Street Lutheran Church to do, and how we shall do it, and of course, what resources do we have to go forward into the months ahead. Discernment through prayer and honest conversation will guide the next steps of this Church. We will have opportunities to live into our faith together regarding forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, learning, and serving. We will have the opportunity to come together as a family for a Healing Service on October 11 during Sunday morning worship; and we can come together to learn of God's Word during Sunday School; we will have opportunities to learn about Church during weekly study with me on Wednesdays at 6:30; and the weekly Fellowship Meal every Sunday morning where there is time for conversation and fellowship. We will have opportunities to speak and to listen, times of worship and times for reflection, and times for laughter and joy.

As we gather together in these varied venues, to hear God's Word and to affirm that Christ has made us one through his Cross, I can feel God's Spirit among you and I know there is a desire and eagerness here to do the work of the Church. How are you, we, together in prayer about that? What are the walls of fear that might keep this church from following what God has called it to do? How do we praise the gracious power that will tumble those walls of fear?

As we continue this journey together, may we remember that we are made one in Christ and that all we plan, all we do, is in the name of Christ, and brings glory to God alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Lois Martin

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Francis S. Getgen, Sr., grandfather of Cliff Getgen (Morgan), who died September 2, 2015.
- † Harold M. Krum, uncle of Gail Acor, who died September 4, 2015.
- † Charles L. DiOrio, Sr., brother of Denny DiOrio, who died September 4, 2015.
- † Glenn Swank, brother-in-law of Nelena Swank, who died September 8, 2015.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 15

On the agenda:

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

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.

Halloween Parade

Night:



Our Hospitality Ministry will have our church open on Thursday, October 29th during the parade beginning with a meal at 5:00 PM and will remain open until 10:00 PM. Come enjoy a meal, fellowship and watch the parade.

SEAFARER BAG COLLECTION

We will be collecting items for seafarer's bags. Items on the list will be on the bulletin board in the social hall. Questions, please see Sue Baylor.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

"God doesn't want more from you, He wants more of you."

I'm not sure what the origin of this quote is. I saw it posted on the sign board of one of our neighboring churches. It suggests to me to *participate* more in the life of our church and in the spiritual lives of others, and to focus less on what things cost, how much do I need to give, and why is the church always asking for money? It isn't until you begin to participate that you realize the effort that goes into the daily operations of our church, our staff, and our ministries. It is not until you participate in the life of the church that you receive the joy that comes from these efforts. Joy breeds gratitude. Gratitude breeds generosity. Generosity of time, talent, ability and treasure breeds growth in our individual spirits, and in the life of our church, our discipleship and our ministries. Be a player, not a spectator. There is a role for you.

Faithfully,
Bill

THRIVENT CHOICE

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

Safe Child Policy and Clearances

A Big Thank You to Mike Dennehy, Esq., for his recent presentation to PSEL Council on the new law regarding mandated reporting of suspected child abuse and the need to have clearances for all staff and volunteers who have contact in any way with children in the church. At the present time, the Governor of Pennsylvania has waived the fee for clearances for Volunteers, including Sunday School teachers, and other church members who are involved with children.

Mike gave Council an excellent overview of the law as it is currently written, and the needs of PSEL in order to be in compliance with this law. In good faith and leadership, Council members have agreed to have their clearances approved in a timely manner. Other members, particularly Sunday School teachers and any others who have contact with children will be asked to have clearances. Mike will provide links to the appropriate agencies where the paperwork can be done online. He assured us it will take less than a half hour of time and, in some cases, certificates will be given immediately and can be printed. These certificates will be reviewed by Tom Herrington, President of Council, and Pastor Lois and then kept in a secure locked file in the office.

A short training for all Staff and Volunteers will be scheduled in the near future. This training session will include when to report, what to report, and to

whom. The only risk to volunteers and staff is the risk of not reporting and not being in compliance with this law of Pennsylvania. There is significant risk to the Church, Council members, and individuals if these steps are not taken. We want to provide protection for all involved in child activities here at Pine Street, and to protect volunteers and staff.

We believe that this Church has always been a safe environment, a safe haven for children and wish for it to remain safe. Council will have oversight on the drafting of a Safe Child Policy for PSEL which will incorporate good common sense and measures to secure the safety of children and volunteers, according to the laws of Pennsylvania.



HOME COMMUNIONS

The Caring Ministry met with Pastor Lois about schedule planning for doing home communions for our shut-ins. Pastor will visit half one month and half the next. The home communion teams will visit on the alternate months. Members besides Pastor Lois that give home communions are Sue Baylor, Mary Jane Snyder, Mary and Art Sticklin, Bill and Jeannie Snover.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays now
through October 28th
at 6:30 PM

Blanket Sunday

On October 4th we will be donating blankets for people in disasters, people in third world countries and people here in the United States that are in need of warm blankets.

You may also donate money to purchase blankets by using your LOVE envelope in your September packet.

Thank you!



CROP WALK

**October 18 Hess Field
Registration 1:00 PM; Walk
1:30 PM**

CROP Walks are neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. 25% of the money raised stays in our community, the other 75% will go to help people struggling to feed their families here in our community and around the world.

Please join our team with our Coordinator, Darlis Dyer, in Walking to help change the world with Food, Water, and Shelter. Step up!

**We need you!
Ending hunger one step
at a time!**

THIS MONTH'S

LOVE Offering Envelope is DISCIPLES FUND

Following the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus the Church made sure to take care of those who were brothers and sisters in Christ. As we read from the book of the Acts of Apostles:

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:44-47)

In order for Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church to follow the example set down by the apostles, and in order to care for the members of the Church, we created a fund called the *Disciples Fund* to care for members of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church who are in need.

The guidelines for use of the fund are as follows:

- 1) Contributions to the fund can be made by anyone through our normal offering process. Gifts that are not anonymous will be accounted for and donors will be given an accounting of their gifts at the end of the year.
- 2) Distributions for the Fund will be under the full discretion of the pastoral staff, and will be confidential for the sake of those receiving help.
- 3) A confidential recording of distributions of the fund will be made in the Disciples Account Record Book for accounting purposes and confidential review.
- 4) The pastoral staff may not use such funds to benefit the pastor or his/her/their family.
- 5) The Disciples Account will be accounted for within the General Fund.

Gifts can be made by using the *Love Offering* envelope in your packet.

**TURN CLOCKS
BACK OCTOBER
31ST.**





THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Sunday, November 22
Community Harvest Home Service
4:00 PM

Grove Presbyterian Church
There will be a canned food collection for the Danville/Riverside Food Bank
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Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
7:00 PM
Here at Pine Street
With Pastor Lois

CHRISTMAS SHOW TRIP

Trinity Lutheran, Danville, has opened their invitation to members of Pine Street for a bus trip to the American Music Theatre Christmas Show in

Lancaster on November 21st. It will be a first-come first-serve seating at a cost of \$80 for adults and \$52 for children 4-12. This includes the bus driver's tip. The bus leaves at 8:00 AM and arrive in Lancaster at 10:00 AM. To inquire about available seats, please call Donna at Trinity Lutheran at 570-275-0283.

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.

October: Cereal

(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.



Pictured: Bill Snover, Pastor Lois, Donna Cush (MHHO) and Mary Ann Landi

Pine Street Lutheran Church presented a check to Many Hands Helping Others (MHHO) recently. The money is from the proceeds of our homemade ice cream festival back in August. MHHO is a school program that sends bags of food home with Danville Area School District students providing nutrition on the weekend. An average of 260 bags are sent home each weekend. This is the second year our church has supported this valuable program.

Newsletter Deadline

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

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 August was 67. Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$10, 758, an average of **\$2,192** per week. We ended the month with a year to date deficit of \$5,089 needed to support our budget.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES

Socks and Underwear: The Good Samaritan Mission thanks your church and its members who adopted children for the “new socks and underwear for school program” Many churches donated large bags of miscellaneous sizes also. The churches helped 180 children and we know that there will be other children who will benefit during the year with the extra donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sandy O'Rourke
Good Samaritan Mission
Center



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ♥ **October 4:** Blanket Sunday
- ♥ **October 6:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **October 7:** Martha Circle [Edith's] 6 PM
- ♥ **October 11:** Fall Cluster Gathering 2 PM [St. John's, Espy]
- ♥ **October 14:** Blanket Drop-off at St. Matthew, Bloomsburg
- ♥ **October 17:** Action Day [Synod Office] 9 AM
- ♥ **October 19:** Women preparing a meal for the Getting Ahead Program at Mahoning Presbyterian Church
- ♥ **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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Burtell Metzger
- 2 – Pamela Spicer
- 3 – Joanne Fox
- 6 – Gail James
- 7 – Helena Kuivaniemi
- 12 – Izabella Morgan
- 15 – George Adams, Jr.
- 16 – Elizabeth Morgan; Sue Neitz
- 17 – Anna Rice; William Snyder
- 19 – Owen Troy
- 20 – Lin DiOrio
- 23 – Troy Brady
- 24 – Emily Leighow
- 26 – C. Bradley Carr
- 28 – Robert Jenkins
- 29 – Michael Dennehy
- 30 – Robert Koons



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 – Coleen and David Snover
- 10 – Pamela and Daniel Spicer
- 11 – Dawn (Dee) and C. Bradley Carr
- 18 – Sharron and Robert Eyer
- 23 – Samantha and Michael Eyer

Pine Street Prayer List October, 2015



CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Hunter Beasley; Norman Troutman; Judy Rogowsky; 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:

Kayla Moore; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; Bill Fallon; Mark Bidelspach; John Butkofsky; 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; 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 and Carl Rice; Burtell Metzger; Shirley Gamble; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelena 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



OCTOBER

Oct. 4: Baked Potato Bar
 Oct. 11: Covered Dish Meal
 Oct. 18: Taco Fixings & Baked Corn
 Oct. 25: Apple Dumplings will be provided.

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.

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

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(As of August 31, 2015)

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

Donations received in August: \$476 from giving

270 from hoagie sales

1,536 from the Festival

\$2,282 total received

Total on hand: \$ 3,282

Loan balance: \$17,906

We made an extra \$5,000 payment in August to reduce our outstanding loan principle.

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.

GLScrip Gift Card Order

Deadline is OCTOBER 11

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

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

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Samantha Eyer** for serving as our Interim Music Director.

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 and 27.
- **Altar Flowers** are full.
- **Communion Bread sponsors are needed for** October 4 and 18, December 6, 13 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!

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!)

WEBSITE

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!

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.

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.



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



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.