

The Parish Press

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PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lenten Worship Schedule:

Ash Wednesday: February 10.

7:00 am: Prayer and Imposition of Ashes

Noon: Simple Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes

7:00 pm Eucharist, Liturgy, Imposition of Ashes

Weekly Worship: Wednesdays 7:00 pm: February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23

Soup and Word: 5:30 pm February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16. (no meal Weds.23)

Palm Sunday, March 20

10:30 a.m. Blessing and Procession with Palms

Holy Week:

Wednesday: Vespers 7:00 pm (no meal)

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm: Word and Sacrament, Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: March 25, Cross Walk: details will be announced in March

Noon: Reading of Passion, Meditation

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Silent Meditation

7:00 p.m. Prayers, Scripture, Procession of the Cross (in the church)

Holy Saturday: March 26

Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm

Day of Resurrection – March 27 - Easter

6:30 - Sunrise Worship

8:30 – Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:30 - Worship

**EAT AT
FRIENDLY'S
MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY 8
ALL DAY
(YOU MUST HAVE A VOUCHER)**

20% OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO OUR CHURCH

PROCEEDS ARE GOING TO KATHRYN'S
KLOSET.
THANK YOU!

God

Loves

You

and

So

Do

We!

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The Office will be closed Easter Monday, March 28th.

February 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Lent begins February 10, on Ash Wednesday. Lent was originally a time of preparation for Baptismal candidates, and a time for penitence and reflection. Our readings will remind us that discipleship is a matter of taking up one's cross and following Jesus. We are reminded of the Covenant our God has made with us, acting on our behalf, giving us the commandments, offering for the world its' salvation and showing us that the way for the world's salvation is through the death and Resurrection of the Jesus the Christ.

As we worship and live through these six weeks of Lent, we realize, as always, that in our Northern Hemisphere winter turns to spring, bringing new life to our earth. This new life is a very visible sign of the promise God makes with us of new life in the resurrection. As we wait patiently through this winter, we wait to witness the new life that God will bring to us.

Spring will bring a freedom from the extremes of this winter, a freedom, we hope, from ice, frozen mix of precipitation, some snow, and as I write this, biting strong cold wind. We eagerly wait to see new growth in our gardens and fields as it emerges from the frozen dormant state into the growth of grass and early spring bulbs and flowering shrubs and trees.

So too, Lent prepares us to live anew in the Baptismal Covenant we have made with our Lord. This covenant enables us to live lives that reflect new growth that is possible only because God loves us so much that he gave Jesus his son to be our sacrifice, to become the 'new covenant.' This new growth from our God comes at every age, whether we are continuing to grow careers, or whether we are looking at retirement, slowing down and down-sizing our habitats.

I urge you to enter the Lenten discipline of Alms Giving, Fasting, and Prayer as we begin this Lenten Season. Our Gracious God supplies our needs in so many ways; the discipline of Lent is a way in which we can look again at the new person God intends us to be.

Wednesday evenings give us the opportunity mid week to Worship God, and to be in community and communion together. Evening worship, upstairs in the sanctuary, will follow a meal of soup and bread. This will be a time to be together as family, to be God's family in a unique way that feeds body, mind, and spirit; restores, refreshes, and acknowledges that we are all dependent on God through Christ.

In a world where sin and secrets bind, in a world which seems to promote the individual over family and community, in a world which promotes half-truths, more stuff, and personal kingdom over God's dominion, where violence erupts unexpectedly and fear is present in new ways, Lent is a time for this family of God to gather together, to share a simple sufficient meal, and then to worship and pray to God together. Through these times of Lent, we can realize love, grace, forgiveness, through Christ, and we can receive renewal of spirit, and strength for the journey.

In His Service,

Pastor Lois

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

† Raymond Neitz, brother of Marlin Neitz, who died December 23, 2015.

MEMBERS RECEIVED

On Sunday, December 27, 2015, Rev. Dr. Lois Martin and her husband, Dr. Thomas Martin were Received into Membership by our Council President, Thomas Herrington. Welcome back, Pastor and Tom, to your Church family.

MEMORIAL

Memorial gifts have been given to our church in memory of *Donald Swank* by Pamela and Mark Swank (Organ & Restoration) and by Jeannie and William Snover.

Memorial gifts have been given by Jeannie and William Snover in memory of *Ruth Millard, Lena Wetzel, Minnie Troutman, Mike Wydra, Ray Fry, Pauline Mackert, Janice St. Clair* and *Judy Stamm*.

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.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father..." James 1:17

Spend a few minutes and read the first two chapters of James. The reading teaches us that if we are doing what God has called us to do, then our time, talent, energy and treasure should be used to bless others; to make the world a better place for family, friends, neighbors, and more importantly for strangers and for all in need. God calls us to share our abundance, unselfishly. It is through giving that we receive and grow in God's promises.

Bill

THIS MONTH IS JUBILEE KITCHEN

MONTH FOR THE *LOVE*
(*SPECIAL*) OFFERING
ENVELOPES

Jubilee Kitchen

Our church prepares and serves a meal at Jubilee Kitchen two Saturdays a year at Mahoning Presbyterian Church. This year we will be serving on April 16 and in the fall. Please use your *Love* Envelope to donate to provide a free meal for folks less fortunate in our community. Serving is from 11:00 AM to Noon every Saturday except July and August.

Thank you!

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED

A Certificate of Appreciation was received for our church from the Danville/Riverside Food Bank for our donations and heartfelt support within the past year. The certificate, delivered by Linda Shoup, is displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex.



BIRTH

A daughter, Savanna Mae, was born January 4, 2016 to Lacie and Michael Bauman. She joins a sibling, Nevaeh. Great-grandmother is Joan Greely.

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

Feb.: Noodles & Macaroni

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

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

THANK YOU to Roxanne Patton for volunteering to represent us at the Danville/Riverside Area Food Bank.

LENT

Lent had its origins in the church first in its preparations for the great Pascha, a great festival of Saturday into Sunday in which the passion and resurrection of Christ was commemorated.

By the early Third Century, this festival was expanded to become Holy week. During that time, there was fasting and the celebration of Saturday into Sunday, the Paschal Feast, Easter. This week then extended into six weeks, the Forty Days of preparation of candidates for baptism at Easter.

In the Fifth Century, Good Friday and Holy Saturday were separated from the Easter event and were also days of preparatory fasting. This made six weeks of six days each. (Sundays are never considered fast days, Sundays are always Feast Days.)

In the Sixth Century, the four week days before the First Sunday in Lent were added to the calendar of Lent, bringing the total number of the days of Lent to 40.

By the Seventh Century, the Wednesday before the First Sunday in Lent was called, 'the beginning of the fast'.

As the Centuries passed, and after the Reformation, many Protestants kept this calendar for Lent but fasting became a matter of personal discipline,

although Good Friday fast was nearly always kept as a day of fasting.

The Lenten discipline of giving alms, fasting and prayer is still to be desired. Alms giving is not just the giving of money, but giving of ourselves, our time, and even our financial resources for others in order that they might see the goodness of the Lord.

Fasting is a personal discipline in which we decide what it is that we can do without in our indulgent society. It does not always have to take the form of giving up food alone. Each of us should examine our lives and determine what it is that draws us away from God's commands and God's love.

The discipline of Prayer is one which we should all have, but perhaps in Lent this discipline could be expanded in order that we might understand with new awareness what this season prepares us to witness and how we are to respond to the awesome gift of Jesus the Christ.

Imposition of Ashes comes from the Sixth Century in Gaul where ashes were sprinkled on the heads of penitents. In the Tenth and Eleventh Centuries, the custom was that the faithful would voluntarily receive ashes on their forehead as a sign of penitence and as a reminder of their mortality. In the Twelfth Century it became a rule that the ashes were to

be obtained by burning the palm branches left over from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Gail Acor; Eric Snover
- 11 – Ryleigh Hepner
- 12 – Nathan Hepner
- 14 – Dee Carr
- 18 – Lorene Binder (86*)
- 20 – Dale Stamm (85*)
- 22 – Randi Lynn Wilson
- 26 – Charles St. Clair
- 27 - Brenda Fischer-Dennehy
- 28 - Michael Harner, Jr.;
Michael Koons
- 29 - Shirley Gamble

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

* Lorene Binder
111 Kashner Rd.
Danville, PA 17821

* Dale Stamm
1601 Blooms St.
Danville, PA 17821

OYSTER SUPPER

Zion Lutheran Church, Turbotville, will be having their annual Men's Oyster Supper on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$15.00 a person depending on the cost of the oysters just prior to the supper. Please reserve your place by calling 570-649-5195 at least a week before the supper.

W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ♥ **February 2:** Ruth Circle- Sharron Eyer has the lesson- 11:30 AM [Muffin Man]
- ♥ **February 3:** Martha Circle 6:00 PM place to be determined.
- ♥ **February 18:** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM (Library)
- ♥ **Saturday in February:** Day of Renewal (TBA)
- ♥ **March 1:** Quarterly 1:30 PM (Social Hall) Ruth has the program; Martha hostess
- ♥ **April 9:** Chicken and Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM. A portion of the proceeds benefit GateHouse.

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

Pine Street Prayer List February, 2016



HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL

PRAYER LIST: Kathy Thomas; Sherry Achey; Burrnell Metzger; Anna and Carl Rice; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Shirley Gamble; Charles (Sonny) McWilliams; Marie Adams; Nelena Swank; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; Lois Oberdorf and Jane Beagle.

CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Joan Greely; 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; Marvin Fry; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS: Pastor Keith; Pauline

Snyder; Tara Redcay; Beverly Conrad; Caleb Shingara; Keith Knorr; Lucille Appleman; Charlie Dutt; Kay Swank; William Kauwell; Idita Dennehy; Jeff Anselmo; David Temple; Lois and John Clark; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; John Butkofsky; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison Bogart; Stan Davis; Roxanne Kerr; Doug Dawson; Pastor Brian Moyer; Brenda Kile; Connie Gibbs; Patsy Berns; Mike Shoemaker; Rhonda Brouse; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; John Stoker; Daymon Davis; Ralph Reedy; Elroy Neitz; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Brenda Lee Lungler; Abby Thomas; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern; and Emily Sue Nillson.

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; 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).

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **FEBRUARY 15 for the MARCH, 2016 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.

Fellowship Menus

Please sign up to host a Fellowship Hour for your church family. If you don't like the suggested menu for the day, you may change it. It would be ideal if each ministry as well as families would take a turn hosting. *Suggested meals are in the notebook:*

Feb. 7: Crock Pot Surprise & Fruit Platters

Feb. 14: Covered Dish

Feb. 21: Soup & Hearty Breads

Feb. 28: Taco Fixings & Baked Corn

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of December 31, 2015)

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

Donations received in December: \$541 from giving
282 from hoagie sales
\$823 total received

Total on hand: \$ 4,176

Loan balance: \$15,864

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 for questions and to sign up.

THANK YOU NOTES

To the Congregation of Pine Street Lutheran,

Thank you for your donation of \$175.00 to the Good Samaritan Crisis Fund. Your monetary gift will assist the crisis committee when we sit down and meet with needy residents of our Danville-Riverside community. We continue to assist people with rent, utility payments and car repairs as well as miscellaneous needs that arise.

Your kindness and generosity

is much appreciated. We wish your congregation many blessings in 2016.

Sincerely,
Good Samaritan Crisis
Committee

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your generosity toward my Christmas Gift Cards. They will all come in handy.

New Year's blessings to each and every one.

Love,
Deb
Secretary

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$374.00 to the Gate House Shelter.

The number of families and individuals needing shelter in Montour and Columbia Counties continues to grow.

For the past 18 years, with the help of supporters like you, the Gate House has been here for homeless neighbors. Your contribution is especially important to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe place to call home and the support they need to get back on the road to independence.

On behalf of the families and individuals who turn to the Gate House in their time of need, thank you for your support.

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

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be February 25 with the deadline to **order and pay by February 21.**

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!!!

GLScrip Gift Cards

make great gifts and for everyday use!

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!!!

ORDER DEADLINE FEB. 10

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

Monthly Financial Stewardship report for December 2015

In 2015 we needed 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 total church attendance during December was 407. (Most of this during Christmas week.)

Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$12,994, an average of **\$3,248** per week.

Our total attendance for 2015 was **3702** (71/week) and our year to date total giving was **\$120,014, (\$2,308/ week.)** We ended the month **\$7,896 behind** in the giving that was needed to meet our budgeted expenses.

In 2016 Can each of us commit to being even more faithful in our attendance and intentional in our support? If you cannot attend as regularly as you'd like, please consider making regular contributions through the automatic *Simply Giving* program. Intentional regular giving through the *Simply Giving* program demonstrates your commitment and ongoing support of your church, even when you cannot attend services regularly. See Bill Snover for enrollment information.

**PASTOR, BECAUSE I
HAVE TWO PAGES OF
MARCH SCHEDULES
TO GO IN THE
NEWSLETTER, THE
REST OF THE STUFF
BEYOND THIS POINT
WILL NOT BE PRINTED
THIS MONTH. IT WILL
BE PAGES 1-6 NEWS,
7, 8, AND 9 WILL BE
SCHEDULES, 10 AND 11
CALENDARS, AND 12
WILL BE THE MAILING
PAGE.**



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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The Thank You Corner

◆ **Everyone** – for delivering poinsettias to our shut-ins.

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

WEATHER REMINDER

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

*Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:
8:30 AM Worship time*



SPONSORS

We appreciate your sponsorship of these important items for our Worship Services. It's also special to honor someone or memorialize loved ones and friends.

- **Bulletins** \$20.00 per week- Sponsors are needed for all of February.
- **Altar Flowers** \$36.00 per week- sponsors are needed for March 20-27.
- **Sanctuary Candle** \$17.00 per month-April and May are open.
- **COMMUNION BREAD** sponsors are usually needed. Bread can be homemade or round store-bought loaves work best.

Apple Butter Sales Report

We thank the group of women for making the apple butter again this year. \$50 went to *Hand-to-Hand Ministry* and \$317 will be used for our Community Garden of Life (where the gazebo is located). Thank you to everyone who purchased or sold apple butter.

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.

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

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!

Alf Bashore is updating the site please get material and announcements to him.

THANK YOU!

FACILITY REQUEST FORMS are available on a clipboard on the narthex bulletin board. Please fill it out for the date of building use and put it in Deb's mailbox or take it to the office.



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