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SEPTEMBER 11 *Celebration Day*

The Celebration will begin with the Kingdom Kidz Puppets at 9:00 AM.

During Worship at 10:30 AM and during Fellowship Hour we will be honoring all First Responders, which includes Firefighters, Police, Fire Police, EMT's, Paramedics and Ambulance Attendants.

Come Join the Celebration!!!

Sunday School Teacher Installation
will be on Sunday, September 4th
during Worship at 10:30 AM.

Confirmation Class

begins on Sunday, September 11th
at 5:30 PM, thereafter, every Sunday morning and
the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM. If you
have any questions, please contact Pastor Lois.

YARD SALE

SEPTEMBER 10

8 AM to 3 PM

Set up will begin September
6th in the Social Hall.

Questions, see Brenda Fischer-Dennehy
or Roxanne Patton.

Proceeds go toward
Youth Programming.

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God
Loves
You
and
So
Do
Well

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The office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day!

September, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you hearing the gospel of Luke for the fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost still in my head and in my heart. The woman was in the presence of Jesus, among the crowd, she was bent over, she had been bent over for eighteen years. The text tells us that it was a spirit that kept her bent over. Was she depressed, was she so weak that she could not stand straight, had she been so shamed that she could not look in people's faces anymore, was she so lonely, or poor, or oppressed, or in pain, that she did not want to engage in life?

We don't know what caused her to be so bent over. We do know that she did not seek Jesus for healing, she did not ask it from him. He saw her, he called to her, and simply said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' (Luke 13. 12) But those who were at the scene did not give acclamation to Jesus, or rejoice with the woman, they only criticized Jesus because, it was the Sabbath. He cured her on the Sabbath!

I have noticed that the long protracted political campaign and its endless criticism, the manner in which candidates speak about each other and the situations we face, seems to be taking a toll on the spirits of people. There seems to be only a contest, and that is about who will win, it doesn't seem to be about healing, about unbinding, about grace, although those words are occasionally hinted. And, in this long summer drought and heat, the flowers and shrubs, even the trees, seem to be leaning down, the heavy weight of their foliage and flowers without water taking a toll on their beauty, perhaps even their life.

The Word of Life, Jesus the Messiah, came to the woman, nameless though she remains, and he offered her hope, healing, life. He unbound her. Only the critics noticed, and they had a different agenda. My thought dwell with this anonymous woman, the gift she was given. My heart rejoices with her, with all who are given hope and new life, with all who are unbound and set free by that which binds them and keeps them from seeing the beauty of each day, from seeing sunsets and sunrises, the moon through the fog before daybreak, the smile on the face of a beloved that never changes.

Jesus brings us freedom, it is up to us to enjoy it, it is our decision to make known that which has been given to us. The critics will always be among us, the nay-sayers will always be on the look-out for something to keep others in oppression and confusion, but, thanks be to God, we have been watered with life-giving water of Baptism, and nourished with the Cup of Salvation, we have been blessed with life. Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and Praise His Holy Name!

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

- † Louise W. Kemp, sister-in-law of Mary Louise Kemp, who died July 21, 2016.
- † Elizabeth Buckley, daughter of Sam Harrison, who died July 21, 2016.
- † Michael Shoemaker, son of Viola DeWald, who died July 29, 2016.
- † Eleanor Wray, who died August 21, 2016.

MARRIAGE

We extend our best wishes to Nora Dennehy and Manuel Chico on their marriage on August 6, 2016. They were married in Maryland.

MEMORIAL

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Emily Stookey by the Women of the ELCA.

GIFT

A gift from the Estate of Beatrice Yeager has been given by Mary Elizabeth Payne to our Restoration Fund.

Come join our Adult Discussion Group continues every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Beginning September 11 Sunday School will also be at 9:00 AM.

We'd love to have you!

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

Are we focused on the right priorities?

We are nearing the time when we focus on our budget for the new year. We focus on year-to-date attendance, year-to-date giving, and the all-important question: "Are we going to be able to meet our budget?"

Any of us involved in the "business" of the church remain concerned about our finances and attendance. Unfortunately, this robs us of the peace we need to truly see God as the provider of all of our needs, and to relax and rejoice in His presence, worshipping him as we ought.

We should focus instead on the needs and the deeds of our ministries, and the fulfillment received when we participate in these activities. These joys cannot be measured in dollars. In gratitude for the works of our ministries, we contribute so that these works may continue to grow. We will have a budget, but we will try to focus on doing the Christian works we need to do, and not so much on keeping the lights lit and the heat turned on in the winter. Please come, belong, participate, be grateful, and see how God is working at Pine Street.

Gratefully,
Bill



Let The Choirs Begin

On Monday, September 12th our Chancel Choir will resume practices for the fall.

Chancel Choir practice, under the direction of our Music Director Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, will be at 10:00 AM on Monday mornings in the Chapel of the Luther House.

Bell Choir practice, under the direction of William Snover, will be every Monday at

5:30 P.M. beginning September 12th in the sanctuary of the church.



Anyone interested in joining either of the Choirs, please come to the first practice.

We can ALWAYS use more singers and ringers!

THRIVENT DOLLARS

This month we received Thrivent Choice Dollars from Denny DiOrio and Sue Neitz. THANK YOU for directing your Choice Dollars to our church!

MAGAZINES AVAILABLE

Living Lutheran magazine (formerly *The Lutheran*) are available in the Library for your reading pleasure.



THIS MONTH'S LOVE Offering Envelope is BLANKET SUNDAY

With Blanket Sunday so early in October, September is **Blanket Sunday** month for the Love Offering envelopes.

For those of us who don't know how or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing is to give a donation to purchase quilts and blankets.

Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a much better price than we can, thus making our dollars do a lot more. It also costs money to ship them. It costs approximately \$3 to send each quilt overseas.

So, as you can see, money given is an important way you can support this outreach ministry!

Thank you in advance for your donations!

**BLANKET SUNDAY IS
OCTOBER 2.**

**Please use your special
Love Offering envelope
in your packet for your
donations or use a blue
pew envelope and
mark it "Blankets".
Thank you!**

**FLY YOUR
FLAG
PROUDLY ON
PATRIOT DAY
September 11**



Calendar of Events Women of the ELCA

September 1: Board meeting (Library) 7:30 AM

September 6: Quarterly Meeting 1:30 PM (Social Hall). Martha Circle is hostess; Ruth Circle has the program. The speaker will be Abigail Ritchie from *Your Loving Choices*.

October 2: Blanket Sunday

October 4: Ruth Circle 11:30 AM [Muffin Man]

October 5: Martha Circle 6:00 PM [Muffin Man]

October 9: Fall Cluster Gathering at Pine Street (SH) at 1:30 PM

October 11: Blanket Drop Off [St. Matthew, Shamokin Dam]

October 15: Mission Action Day 11:00 AM [Synod] Program – *Entitlement an American Nightmare??* Panel Discussion. Cost: \$3.00 bring a lunch; dessert provided

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Terri Wydra
- 9 - Larissa Bohner; Brenton Swartz
- 13 – James Mullen
- 15 – Sandra Lees
- 18 – Mary Louise Kemp (89*)
- 22 – Shirley Hawley (91*); Samantha Jordan
- 23 – Kevin Romansik
- 26 – Joan Greely; Valerie Snyder
- 30 – Kenneth Eagan; James Hack

* Mary Louise Kemp
22 Lower Mulberry St.; Apt. 10
Danville, PA 17821

* Shirley Hawley
315 Alton St.
Danville, PA 17821

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 – Nancy and Rae Leighow
- 16 – Barbara and Paul Ezdebski, Jr.

Monthly Financial Stewardship report for July 2016

In 2016 we need to *average* **\$2,679** 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 June was 253. (average 51/week)) Our gifts to the General Fund totaled \$10,956 an average of **\$2,191** per week.

Year to date we are **\$16,744 behind** in the giving that is needed to meet our budgeted expenses.

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. See Bill Snover for enrollment information.

ELECTED

Jean Crumb has been elected to serve as an President of the Upper Susquehanna Women's Organization of our Synod.

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.

Sep: Spaghetti & Sauce

(or any other non-perishable food items)

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**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Food Bank needs volunteers on the first Saturday of each month at Shiloh Church. The Food Bank distribution is from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. If you have questions, please see Roxanne Patton, our FB Representative.

Fellowship Hours

The various ministries of the church are providing meals for Fellowship Hour. Feel free to grace the table with any food donations. Thank you to all!

Pine Street Prayer List September, 2016

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Kathy Thomas; Sherry Achey; Burrnell Metzger; Anna and Carl Rice; Sam Harrison; Shirley Gamble; Charles (Sonny) McWilliams; Marie Adams; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; and Lois Oberdorf.

CONGREGATION MEMBERS: Bill Snover; Daniel Love; Ann Hummer; Joan Greely; Hunter Beasley; Jack Dyer; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Marvin Fry; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Tresha Sudol; Anna Hare; Vicki Housner; Chad Myers; Noah Quinn Horikoshi; Mary Sweetra; Ed Sudo; Estelle Deem; Damien Diotte; Kelli Lambert; Ron Shipe; Melissa Baker; Kady Curry Davenport; John Herrington; Theresa Conrad Norman; Gladys Wetzel; Irvin Reibsome; Albert Churm; James Bergenstock; J.T. Stoker; Jeff Anselmo; Linda and Gary Inch; Pauline Snyder; Keith Knorr; Charlie Dutt; Idita Dennehy; Lois and John Clark; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Steve Treon; Roxanne Kerr; Pastor Brian Moyer; Brenda Kile; Connie Gibbs; Patsy Berns; Rhonda Brouse; Tim Raup; John Stoker; Daymon Davis; Ralph Reedy; Elroy Neitz; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; Joan Livziey; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern; and Emily Sue Nillson.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

John Matunis; Robert K. Torbush; Cody Harper; Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jeremy Weikel; Robert Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; Tristan Winter.

Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

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).



Good Samaritan Mission Center
275-2500
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday 9-12 Noon

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Property Ministry** – for all the work, painting, cleaning and moving the pastor's office and conference room.
- ♦ **Pastor Lois** – for the practice organ in the fellowship hall.
- ♦ **EVERYONE** – who helped make Ice Cream (especially Bill), donated baskets, baked goods and food, and a special thank you to Dennis for all the plants. We appreciate everyone's help and hard work to make this year's Festival a huge success!

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of July 31, 2016)

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

Donations received in July: \$360 from giving
 \$388 from Bea Yeager estate
 \$402 from hoagie sales
 \$1150 total

Total on hand: \$ 5,867

Loan balance: \$12,157

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me with flowers, cards, phone calls, food, concern and monetary gifts. But most importantly I want to thank you for your gift of time in helping with my healing and well-being.

Sincerely,
Daniel Love

To the good folks at Pine St. Lutheran Church,

Both Karin and I would like to express a "Thank You" for the warm and welcome affection you've shown to us. Last Sunday (8/7) and the Ice Cream Festival were a joy to be a part of! Again thank you all!

Jim McClincy
(The Singing Mailman)
& *Karin Garner*

Newsletter Deadline

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

Pastor's office hours:

Monday: 9:30 – 12:30

Tuesday: Afternoons by appointment

Wednesday: 9:30 – 12:30

Other times can be arranged with Pastor Lois.

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

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be

SEPTEMBER 29

with the deadline to

order and pay by

SEPTEMBER 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!!

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## 2016 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Intentional Interim Pastor:**

**Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

*Co-Treasurers:*

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Thomas Herrington, Pres.

Mary Ann Landi, V-P

Nancy K. Leighow

William Snover, Secretary

Mary Jane Snyder

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Partners in electronic giving since 1998.



Simply Giving is:

.....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church. All you do is give Bill Snover a blank check and tell him how much and when you want your donations to be deducted from your bank account and that's all there is to it! You'll never have to remember your envelopes or writing the check, it'll all be done for you! And, you'll be saving on the cost of the checks you write. See Bill Snover and take advantage of this smart way to tithe your offerings to your church.

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 full until October.
- **Altar Flowers** \$36.00 per week- sponsors are filled until October.
- **Sanctuary Candle** is full. Thank you!

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 SEPT. 11

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE!

CHECK IT OUT AT

WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Oh Lord, you watched over me while I spent my summer with family and friends.

You showed me a special kind of love that I know will never end.

Please continue to give me the knowledge I need for this school year.

Follow me with your hand extended and I will have no fear.

I'm sure with your help it will be a bright and happy time. You are the shining star in my family's life and mine.

Written by Deb

Picture Pages



The new practice organ.

ICE CREAM MAKING DAY



Busy ladies (and Bill) preparing to make batches of homemade ice cream.



Ice Cream Making



Dick taking a break while the machines are running.



All the children taste testing the ice cream.
YUM!



Theme Baskets for auction at the Festival!

Forward pictures in an email to Deb at pinestch@ptd.net to have them put in our newsletter.
Permission is needed from the subjects.



Your Prayers and Presence are Requested
On The Eve of Reformation Sunday

Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
for the

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

for

THE REVEREND

BARBARA JEANNE COLLINS

as Bishop of

The Upper Susquehanna Synod
Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

5th and Market Streets, Sunbury, PA 17801

*A time of fellowship and light refreshments
will follow the service downstairs in the social hall.*

*Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.*

*Please RSVP no later than October 15, 2016
by calling the Synod Office at 570-524-9778
or by e-mailing directly to: brenda@uss-elca.org*

*Additional parking available in city lot between 4th and 5th
streets and one block north on 5th street.*

OCTOBER Events

October 2: Blanket Sunday
October 9: Women of the ELCA Fall Cluster Gathering here at Pine Street (SH)
October 15: Women's Mission Action Day at the Synod
October 16: Service *Of the Land and Seasons*
October 16: CROP Walk – See Darlis Dyer, CROP Recruiter
October 29: Installation of Bishop Barbara Collins 1:30 PM [Zion, Sunbury]
October 30: Reformation Sunday & Beginning of collection for Harvest Home.

Ministry Meeting Times

(subject to change)

- **Administration:** As Needed
- **Caring:** Varies
- **Christian Education:** 1st Tuesday @ 6:00 PM (LIB)
- **Council:** 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM (CR)
- **Finance:** 3rd Monday @ 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Hospitality:** 2nd Wednesday @ 11:00 AM (LIB)
- **Property:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Worship & Music:** 2nd Monday @ 11:00 AM (LIB)

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

(If you are going to be away, please get a Substitute and let Deb know.)

OCTOBER 2

Acolyte: Sharron Eyer **Crucifer:** Thomas Martin
Ushers: Roxanne Patton
Communion Helper: Mary Jane Snyder
Offering Counters: Mary Jane Snyder; Elizabeth Baylor
Sound System: Cora Wydra
Flower Care: Mary Jane and William Snyder

Lector: Joanne Fox
EL ENT: Cora and Terri Wydra
Assisting Minister: William Snover

Altar Care: Sharron Eyer; Christine Koons
Greeters: Patricia Fry; Patricia Diehl

OCTOBER 9

Acolyte: Cara Bohner **Crucifer:** William Snyder
Ushers: Roxanne Patton
Communion Helper: Jeannie Snover
Offering Counters: Michael Eyer; Darlis Dyer
Sound System: Michael Eyer
Flower Care: Mary Jane and William Snyder

Lector: Glen Leighow
EL ENT: Cora and Terri Wydra
Assisting Minister: Mary Jane Snyder

Altar Care: Sharron Eyer; Christine Koons
Greeters: Patricia Fry; Patricia Diehl

OCTOBER 16

Acolyte: Mary Jane Snyder **Crucifer:** Devon Beyer
Ushers: Barbara Wintersteen
Communion Helper: Thomas Martin
Offering Counters: Rae Leighow; Thomas Herrington
Sound System: William Snyder
Flower Care: Jeannie and William Snover

Lector: Richard Baylor
EL ENT: Luahan and Thomas Herrington
Assisting Minister: Sharron Eyer

Altar Care: Roberta Recla; Sue Neitz
Greeters: Viola DeWald; Irene Hinkle

OCTOBER 23

Acolyte: Allen Snyder **Crucifer:** William Snover
Ushers: Barbara Wintersteen
Communion Helper: William Snover
Offering Counters: William Snyder; Denny DiOrio
Sound System: Roxanne Patton
Flower Care: Jeannie and William Snover

Lector: Sue Neitz
EL ENT: Luahan and Thomas Herrington
Assisting Minister: Sue Neitz

Altar Care: Roberta Recla; Sue Neitz
Greeters: Viola DeWald; Irene Hinkle

OCTOBER 30

Acolyte: Devon Beyer **Crucifer:** Roxanne Patton
Ushers: Sandra Reibsome
Communion Helper: Mary Jane Snyder
Offering Counters: Joanne Fox; Joanne Williams
Sound System: Cora Wydra
Flower Care: Elizabeth and Richard Baylor

Lector: Danielle Sticklin
EL ENT: William Snyder; Richard Baylor
Assisting Minister: William Snover

Altar Care: Mary Jane Snyder; Roxanne Patton
Greeters: Valerie and Allen Snyder