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A Note From Pastor Lois

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Holy Week is within a few days, the celebration of the Resurrection following closely. It seems we have just embarked on our Lenten discipline of Prayer, Fasting, Acts of Mercy and Charity. In the confines of our own spiritual life, we ask, 'How did I do?' How has this discipline made a difference in my life this year? What did I give for Lent?



These questions, meant for our own spiritual growth and reflection, give a personal insight to our spiritual life. Good intentions we have, good follow-through, well, not always. But, thank God, who knows us, who understands us, and loves us anyway, is ready to listen to our confession yet again. Can we really imagine such a great love that God has for us? Can we really begin to search the magnitude of God's dominion, in our lives, in the cosmos? Can we really take in the fact that God so loved the world, that he sent Jesus to effect our salvation? And what a cost it was for Jesus. Can we really imagine being loved that unconditionally?

We can only imagine as much as our minds will take us, we can only think so far, and then, the remainder, if we still pursue this query, will rely on faith ... Faith in God through the faithfulness of Jesus, the Christ. This is the Easter story, the Easter message. What we cannot understand, we submit to faith. What we cannot probe, we submit to God's dominion. Of course, none of this has anything to do with Easter bunnies, or colored eggs, or cute little chicks, or chocolate peanut butter eggs. But, as traditions seem to settle in and take hold, Easter will inevitably bring images of bunnies, eggs, baskets filled with fake grass, and hard boiled eggs, jelly beans, and candy. Yum, Yum! What images will you have this Easter? What traditions do you have, and how do they speak to the story of the gift of God in the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ? Tell your stories to others, tell them to me, and let us together remember that Easter is about love and life in the Resurrection of Jesus our Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Lois Martin



Fellowship Hour

April Schedule

April 2

W/ELCA

(Covered Dish Meal)

April 9 (Palm Sunday)

Finance Ministry

(Lite Fellowship)

April 16th (Easter Sunday)

Council

Serves Breakfast

April 23rd

Hospitality Ministry

Lite Fellowship

April 30th

Caring Ministry

Lite Fellowship

April Love Offering

Envelope is

Synod Benevolence

*Christ
is
Risen!*

**The Office Will Be Closed Monday, April 17th
in Observance of Easter**

Stewardship Meditation for April '17

We are focusing on biblical references to stewardship and giving. This month I share two passages from Proverbs: "A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Pr. 11:25), and "A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." (Pr 22:9)

We do not need to be wealthy or especially blessed with worldly goods to be generous. Generosity is in sharing whatever we have, no matter how meager or abundant, to improve the condition of those who are even less well off. We actively support the Good Samaritan Mission, The Gate House, Haven Ministries, Ronald McDonald House and many other organizations that offer support and comfort to the needy, the homeless, and those that are in pain or suffer from illness. We give from our Christian love and concern, and not from our abundance. Let us remember to continue to share whatever we have that might be needed by others, so that WE can grow, prosper, be refreshed and blessed.

With a generous heart, Bill

Support As We Grieve

Coping with the loss of someone or something you love can be very challenging. Often, the pain of loss can feel overwhelming. You may experience many kinds of difficult and unanticipated emotions, from shock or anger to disbelief, guilt, and intense sadness. The pain of grief can also disrupt your physical health, making it difficult to sleep, eat, or even think straight. These are typical reactions to significant loss. However, while there is no "typical" way for someone to grieve, there are healthy ways to cope with the pain that, in time, can ease your sadness and help you come to terms with your loss, find new meaning, and move on with your life. Some things you can do to help cope:

1. Acknowledge your pain
2. Accept that grief can trigger many different and unexpected emotions
3. Understand that your grieving process will be unique to you
4. Seek out face-to-face support from people who care about you
5. Learn how taking care of yourself physically can support you emotionally
6. Understand the difference between grief and depression

Seeking support from others may also include reaching out to support groups. There are several in our area who host monthly meetings to provide support. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge, unless listed.

- **Compassionate Friends** (1st Monday of each month at 7PM)-for parents or grandparents who have lost children. They meet at the Geisinger Henry Hood Research Center.
- **Men's Breakfast Club** (1st Wed. of each month at 8:30 AM) – for men who have lost a love one. Held in Danville. \$6.00 cost.
- **Left Behind Group** (2nd Thursday evening at 6:30PM) for those who have lost a loved one by suicide. Call Sandra
- **Living with Grief** (2nd Friday at 10:30) at Geisinger Spiritual Care Center
- **Living with Grief PM** (3rd Thur. 7PM) at Geisinger Spiritual Care Center
- (Call Bob at 473-2473 for more information on any of the groups.)

COMMUNITY CROSS WALK



JOIN US COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF JESUS WITH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALONG THE WAY

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14 10 AM

BEGINS at St. *Joseph Catholic Church*, Danville and ends
at Pine Street

WALK THROUGH THE BOROUGH OF DANVILLE
MEDITATION PRAYER REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP

Women of the ELCA ~

Calendar of Events

April 5th 5PM Martha Circle – Friendly's
DAY OF LEARNING – APRIL – 29th St. Michael's
Lutheran Church- Cogan Station, PA 9:30am
May 2nd 11:30 AM Ruth Circle – Muffin Man
May 3rd 5 PM Martha Circle – Friendly's
May 24th Executive Board Meeting
June – 1:30 PM- Quarterly Meeting
June 27th 6PM – Picnic



FOOD BANK NEEDS ~SOUP

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.

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 distribution is on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. If you have questions, please see Roxanne Patton, our Food Bank Representative

Pot Pie ~ Chicken or Sausage

(take out ONLY)

April 22nd 9am – 1pm

\$8.00 / Quart

Orders – call Nan 570-380-313

Stephen Ministry . . .

You Can Play an Important Role in Our

. . . Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with our Stephen Leader: Ryan Versluis. He can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



A Week That Changed The World!

We Invite You To Worship With Us.

April 9th: 10:30 am Palm Sunday, Holy Communion with procession with palms

April 12th: 5:30 pm Lent Study, **7:00 pm** Holy Communion

April 13th: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday, Confession and Forgiveness with Laying on of Hands; Footwashing; Holy Communion; Stripping of Altar

April 14th: 10:00 am Community Cross Walk- start at St. Joseph Catholic Church and end at Pine Street, Reading of Passion, Prayer, **1:00** Quiet Meditation until **3:00 pm**, **7:00 pm** Reading of Passion; Bidding Prayer; Veneration of the Cross

April 15th 7:00 pm Easter Vigil

April 16th: 6:30 am, Sunrise Service with Holy Communion **8:00 am** Easter Morning Breakfast **9:00 am** Sunday School

10:30 am The Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion

CML Spring Open House and Future

Directions Meeting

Have you ever wanted to see Mount Luther's site and facilities? Do you miss camp and want to visit in the springtime? Are you interested in coming to camp this summer but want to get more information and see the place first? Well, this is your chance. The Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it's like to be a camper! First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a \$25 discount on their summer registration! More details will be shared on their website at www.campmountluther.org!

Following the Open House (at 4:00 p.m.), there will be a future directions meeting at the camp. The Camp Mount Luther Board of Directors has begun a process to look forward to the future of the synod's outdoor ministry and to build a vision and ministry plan to serve children, families, congregations and our greater community for generations to come. The board is holding several "cabin meetings" in various areas of the synod to talk about opportunities, challenges, and a new vision for Camp Mount Luther. At those meetings, the process will be outlined, questions will be answered, and the opportunity will be given for folks to fill out a survey to help the board as they plan for the future. Your advice and counsel are vital to the camp ministry's future. Please plan to attend and give your input.



Signing up for Bulletins, Altar Flowers, Communion Bread & Sanctuary Candle is a special way to remember and honor someone special in our lives.

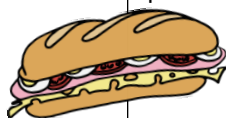
The sign up board is at the bottom of the stairs at the Narthex. Or feel free to contact Nicole at the office at 570-275-2110 to sign up.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **April 27th** with the deadline to **order and pay by April 23rd**

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!!



CML Spring Work Day and Youth GROW in the Son

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at their Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 12 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

NEW THIS YEAR! We are inviting youth to stay overnight on Friday night, May 19, through Saturday afternoon. We call it GROW In the Son and we'll have a short campfire program, complete with S'mores, you'll sleep in the cabins, help with our work day, and then we'll have GROW Time for you after lunch. The GROW Time will be a chance to reflect on how God calls us to serve one another! We will finish around 3:00 p.m. Cost for GROW in the Son is \$20. You must register by May 12, 2017, by e-mailing cml@campmountluther.org or calling 570-922-1587. We ask that each registered youth group provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented.



Thank You Corner:

The family of Marvin E, Fry would like to thank those who sent flowers, food, and cards. Also, those who visited and said prayers. It was really appreciated.

Thank you Pastor Lois for your visits.

God Bless all of you,

PAT FRY AND FAMILY

We acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation of \$560.00 which we will use to buy food for your ministry. We thank you for your much needed support of our effort to provide food to our less fortunate residents of our community. Without thoughtful supporters like you we would never be able to continue this effort.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Maryann Richards - Danville-Riverside Food Bank

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent contributions as well as the additional folding chairs to the Jubilee Kitchen. Your generosity is really appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda Prichard, Director

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to
*Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church in
recognition of your donation and heartfelt
support with the past year to Danville/Riverside
Food Bank ~ 3/8/17*

Mission Support 2016

Thank you to the members of Pine Street Lutheran Church from the upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In grateful appreciation for giving **\$5669** for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Barbara Collins ~ Synod Bishop &
Elizabeth Eaton ~ Presiding Bishop

MEMORIALS

- A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Charles McWilliams by James Diehl.
- A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Sue Reibsome by Saundra McCarty
- A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Marvin Fry by Mary Jane Snyder.

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Shirley Gamble by

- † Saundra McCarty
- † Mary Jane Snyder

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Carolyn Taylor by

- † Saundra McCarty
- † Mary Jane Snyder

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of Bill Snyder by:

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| † James Diehl | † Nancy Leighow |
| † Ethel Gardner | † John & Jean Crumb |
| † Paul & Barbara Ezdebski | † Darlis & Jack Dyer |
| † Dick Snyder | † Saundra McCarty |



Congratulations to Ann Hummer on the birth of her great-grandson, Gunner David Vanderslice. He was born on February 17, 2017 to Ana-Leisha & Zachary Vanderslice and is the grandson of Angela Wilson.

SYMPATHY

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

- † Shirley Gamble, sister of Sandra McCarty, who died on February 26th
- † Carolyn Taylor, member of W/ELCA, who died March 2nd
- † Marvin Fry, husband of Patricia, who died on March 9th.

THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Gail & Tom James* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

ADDRESS FOR - JOAN GREELY:

**SUNBURY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
SKILL CARE REHAB
350 NORTH 11TH STREET
RM 204
SUNBURY, PA 17801**



Marriage Encounter Weekend



When is the last time the two of you did something to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Make 2017 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter **Weekends** run from Friday night at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday around 3:00 p.m. and have been enriching marriages for over 40 years! There is a \$100 per couple registration fee; plus, toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2017 Northeast US Weekends are:

- April 28-30, 2017 in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- September 15-17, 2017 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- October 6-8, 2017 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT.

To sign up online, go to: www.Godlovesmarriage.org and pay the \$100 registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net. Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice!

Gettysburg Seminary Spring Academy

The year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation calls for a new examination of the church's mission and task in the world. This Spring Academy, under the theme "Re-Formation is Local" brings the question home to each believer and congregation. What is our mission and task in this world, right here? Our "Re-formation" is in our own hands; we have what we need right here and now to follow God's call to us in this place. The week will offer everything from biblical vision to practical work sessions on the neighbor and what the Gospel means to those nearby sojourners. Preaching Perspectives, a Croquet Tournament, and great food and fellowship are also part of the week. Check this page often:

www.ltsg.edu/springacademy as schedule, registration and presenters' details are soon posted.

Wednesday evening worship will recognize the years of the seminary being LTSG with Michael Cooper-White preaching.

PINE STREET PRAYER LIST April 2017

Homebound and special prayer list:

Sherry Achey, D., Jean Cope, Joan Greely,
Sam Harrison, Ann Hummer, Burrnell Metzger,
Lois Oberdorf, Lillian Stahl, and Kathy Thomas.

Congregation members:

Hunter Beasley, Jean Crumb, Nancy A.
Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan,
Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Anna
and Carl Rice, and Art Sticklin.

Friends of congregation members:

Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock,
Maryanne Berkey, Patsy Berns, Benny
Bordner, Rhonda Brouse Cathy Butkofsky,
Albert Churm; Nancy Curry, Kady Curry
Davenport, Mary Ann Davis, Idita Dennehy,
Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Connie
Gibbs, Bill Gibson, Diane Hanson, John
Herrington, Linda and Gary Inch, Jackie
Jackson, Mary Kemp, Autumn Kern, Roxanne
Kerr, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey,
Nathan Lubeski, Pastor Brian Moyer, , Emily
Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Theresa Conrad
Norman, Chris Perry, Alex Pogorelova, Mark
Pontiac, Tim Raup, Ralph Reedy, Iris
Reibsome, Ron Shipe, John Stoker, Mary
Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Steve Treon, Leann
Ulrick, Rod Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay
Warner, Bert Williams, and Teresa Yatko.

Special military list:

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

THE PRAYER LIST is most effective when kept
updated. Please also fill out an orange card to
have someone's name added or removed and
put it in the collection plate or email the church
at pinestch@ptd.net. You may also call the
church office at 570-275-2110.. Thank you!

*If there is an urgent need for Prayer, please call
the Prayer Chain at 570-479-4766 To activate
the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are:
570-279-4766 or email sueb123@ptd.net.*



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Hack 4/1
Jack Dyer 4/3
Lois Oberdorf 4/3
Leah Carr 4/6
Justin Oberdorf 4/6
Alexa Spicer 4/7
Chris Smith 4/8
Michael Eyer 4/9
Harold Hauck 4/9
Samuel Harrison, Sr 4/10
Lorene Versluis 4/11
Alexis Hepner 4/15
Madison Morgan 4/16
Darlis Dyer 4/22
Sarah Hughes 4/26
Tina Cavaliere Leighow 4/29
Marlin Neitz 4/30

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dennis DiOrio 5/3
Karen Dyer 5/3
Joanne Williams 5/4
Mary Sticklin 5/6
Delaney Bloom 5/9
Jean Crumb 5/9
Glen Leighow 5/9
Sarah Romansik 5/12
Shirley Riley 5/14
Cara Bohner 5/15
Max Sticklin 5/15
Riley Davis 5/17
Nicholas Klein 5/18
Sarah Mullen 5/21
James Diehl 5/24
Trevor Patterson 5/25
Roger Watts 5/25
Corey Brady 5/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Anna Rice-4/22
Kimberly & Clifford Morgan-4/25
Jack & Darlis Dyer-5/9
Dennis & Ellen Leighow-5/10
Steven & Mara Diehl-5/24
William & Jeanine Snover-5/26
Matthew & Rachel Sticklin-5/28
Glen & Tina Leighow-5/27



*Happy
Anniversary*

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Mission Statement

God's mission for Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope, and love through prayer, discipleship, ministry, and worship.

Change of Address – Please Notify Us!

(If you are MOVING or if there is a CHANGE in your MAILING ADDRESS, please notify us.)

It costs the church for each ADDRESS CHANGE we receive through the U.S. Postal Service. Call the church office (570-275-2110) with address changes or complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate at worship. Also, if there is someone you would like to have placed on our mailing list to receive **THE PARISH PRESS** Newsletter, simply call us or complete the form below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Intentional Interim Pastor: **The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

Organist: Ronald Kline * Music Director: Brenda Fischer-Dennehy * Bell Choir Director: William Snover, MD

Secretary: Nicole Cummins * Custodian: Caz Morgan

Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Worship Schedule: 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion
10:30 A.M. Holy Communion - Followed by Fellowship Hour

Church Telephone: 570 – 275 – 2110

