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Fellowship Hour



August Schedule

August 6th
Finance Ministry

August 13th
W/ELCA

August 20th
**Hospitality
Ministry**

August 27th
Caring Ministry

LOVE

**August Love
Offering
Envelope is
Hospitality
Ministry**

A Note From Pastor Lois



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This is the second article with a focus of one idea of the Reformation, this month, The Holy Bible. We look to October 31, 2017 as the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We think of all the major changes that occurred as a result of that Reformation and can hardly encompass the vast differences because of that event, and likewise, we can hardly begin to think of all the changes in the world in those 500 years.

When I think of the time of the Reformation, I think first of the Holy Scriptures. Very few people outside the learned scholars in the Church and academia were able to read the Holy Bible. Latin was the language used in the churches, Latin, Greek and Hebrew testaments were used in universities and seminaries.

"He (Martin Luther) was convinced that Christians and theologians should not only adhere to Scripture but live and remain in it." When I think of the risk to his life in the years following 1517 that he endured to bring sacred scripture, The Holy Bible, into the hands of the people, I am humbled. In 1522, he was kidnapped by his friends and taken to the Wartburg Castle for his own safety. The bounty on his head meant that he could be shot by anyone with no questions asked. For his protection, he was given a small room in a tower in the Castle, none of the few staff in the unused castle knew his identity.

After complaining of isolation and boredom, his friends brought his books and he began to translate the New Testament into the language of the people, German. He used original sources of the Greek. When he returned to his work at the University in Wittenberg the New Testament was quickly printed. Because of the invention of the printing press, these translations flew off the shelves of book stores. People were so eager to read for themselves the Word of God, presses could not keep up with demand.

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**OFFICE S HOURS:
8AM -NOON**

In 1534, Luther and his colleagues finished the translation of the Old Testament. Now the people could read the truth of scriptures, study them in their homes, teach them to their children, and hear them read in their own languages in the Churches. In later centuries, to have a Bible in homes of Christians seems like a common ordinary thing that most Church members would have, but in the 16th century, it was not common, it became a mark of freedom.

I am wondering what Christians of the 21st century have done with this freedom? Is the Word of God from Sacred Texts, The Holy Bible, still revered? Are Bibles still read, daily, weekly? Do we still live in it, and remain in it? So much was risked and so much gained to give us the truth, has it become old, passé, do people no longer care about the truth of God?

Looking forward to visiting again that room in the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, where Luther translated word by word the sacred Word of God, I pray that Christians everywhere might be stirred by the Anniversary of the Reformation, be renewed in their honor and trust of Sacred Scripture, and read daily from our Holy Bible. Many of our revered hymns are taken from sacred scripture. Psalms are meant to be sung. In Lutheran Churches, the norm on Sundays is to read four texts: Selections from The Old Testament, The Psalms, The Letters of the New Testament, and The Holy Gospels.

I pray we will continue to treasure the Word of God, and continue to be formed and shaped, freed and renewed by God's Word.

Blessings, Pastor Lois.

¹. From Conflict to Communion. Evangelische Verlagsanstalt GmbH – Leipzig and Bonifatius GmbH Druck – Buch – Verlag Paderborn. Hubert & Co., Göttingen, 2013, 4th edition, 2016. 72.



Stewardship Meditation for July 2017

“But do not forget to do good and share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased”. (Hebrews 13:16)

We continue to look at biblical references on stewardship. If we want our church and the church of our God and our Savior to continue to exist, we must all invest of ourselves in its life to insure its survival. We are not asking for money, although financial support remains a critical need, but we are asking for time, talent and ability. Do good, share yourself with the church, its members, with those in need, whether it be physical need, wellness need or spiritual need. Guide our young. Minister to the frail, the ill, the elderly, to each other. Be a vital part of the life of the church, not just a Sunday morning spectator. Above all, do this out of love and gratitude, not out of obligation.

Lovingly, Bill



If you have garage sale item for the festival, Please drop them off in the Conference Room at Pine Street Lutheran Church.

GLScrip Gift Cards

order deadline August 13th

They work same as cash, make great gifts and for everyday use! Weis and giant are now only available through glscrip.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE
<http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org>



Calendar of Events for the ...



Women of the ELCA

Board Meeting-August 22nd 12 noon – Pine Street Library
Quarterly Meeting-Sept. 5th – 1:30 PM

What We Are Looking Forward To...



Home Made ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

August 12th 9am-3pm

Yard Sale 8 am

Potted Plants

Good Eats

Live Entertainment

Yard Sale

Plants Available for purchase during the festival-While they Last!!

- ✿ Venus Fly Trap
- ✿ Pitcher Plants
- ✿ Fig Trees
- ✿ Lemon Trees
- ✿ Oak Trees
- ✿ Xanadu Philodendron
- ✿ Diefenbachia
- ✿ Jade Plants
- ✿ Wandering Jew
- ✿ Impatiens
- ✿ Pineapple Plants
- ✿ Football (pom pom) Mums



FOOD BANK NEEDS ~ Peanut Butter & Saltines

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 above 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

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be

August 24th

with the deadline to **order and pay by**

August 20th

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!!*



"Summer Fun at VBS!"



VBS 2017



This year's Vacation Bible School was filled with lots of "Wow God!" moments. The children, teen helpers, and adults

had a great time participating in activities that allowed them to both share and grow in their faith. The curriculum "Maker Fun Factory" focused on God being the most perfect "maker" of all and how he created each and every one of us with great love. We also learned about His unfailing love for us and how He created each one of us for a purpose. The children were encouraged to look for God all around them, not just in the beauty of His creation but for signs that He is still speaking through events that we witness in our lives. This core Christian message was shared and discussed through Bible stories, fun games, inventive crafts and projects, an even unique snack creations. Vacation Bible School was planned and enjoyed with our friends at Trinity Lutheran church and was truly a week filled with love and blessings. The children along with donations from both congregations will be sending over a \$500 donation to Empowering Lives Incorporated to support their clean water project in Tanzania. The children also brought in used crayons to donate to The Crayon Initiative in California, an organization that recycles used crayons to create brand new boxes of crayons for Children's Hospitals and other programs in need. Thanks to all for supporting our Christian Education ministry so that we can offer this very important faith stirring experience for the youngest members of our church!



PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

Homebound Congregation Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely, Sam Harrison, Burrnell Metzger, Lillian Stahl, and Kathy Thomas.

Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, Jean Crumb, Viola DeWald, Shirley Hawley, Irene Hinkle, Ann Hummer, Nancy A. Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Ann Rice, Carl Rice, Jr, Art Sticklin, Lorene and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation Members:

Francis Aikey, Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock, Maryanne Berkey, Patsy Berns, Dylan Bobb, Benny Bordner, John Binder, Neina Brady, Rhonda Brouse, Albert Churm; Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Kady Curry Davenport, Cody Davenport, Mary Ann Davis, Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy, Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Connie Gibbs, Bill Gibson, Randy Hart, Diane Hanson, Martha Hartley, Harold Hauck, John Herrington, Linda and Gary Inch, Jackie Jackson, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Cheanye McClincy, Gail Miles, Chet Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Britni Newman, Carl Pennell, Chris Perry, Mark Pontiac, Linda Pritchard, Tim Raup, Sandy Reabuck, Ralph Reedy, Iris Reibsome, Jack Reilly, 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.

MEMORIALS

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Lois Oberdorf* by Ryan & Lorene Versluis

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES!

Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage.

The fall Weekends are:

- **September 15-17, 2017** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA
- **October 6-8, 2017** at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee.

Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website:

www.Godlovesmarriage.org For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact **Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter**, **Fred & Julie Schamber**, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

You Can Play an Important Role

... 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!

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 or email sueb123@ptd.net*



ANNIVERSARIES

Caz & Nicole Morgan-8/3
Thomas & Luahan Herrington-8/5
Nora & Manuel Chico-8/6
Arthur & Mary Sticklin-8/13
Michael & Brenda Dennehy-8/25
Dennis & Linda DiOrio-8/31
Rae & Nan Leighow-9/7
Paul & Barbara Ezdebski-9/16

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Terri Wydra-9/8
Larissa Bohner-9/9
James Mullen-9/13
Saundra Lees-9/15
Mary Kemp-9/18
Brandon Synder-9/18
Jacob Snover-9/20
Shirley Hawley-9/22
Samantha Jordan-9/22
Kevin Romansik-9/23
Joan Greely-9/26
Valerie Snyder-9/26
Kenneth Eagan-9/30
James Hack-9/30



*Special Thank you Missi and Nan, as well
as all the leaders, helpers, cooks and
everyone from Trinity Lutheran for making
VBS a huge Success!
The kids had a great time and are looking
forward to next summer!*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

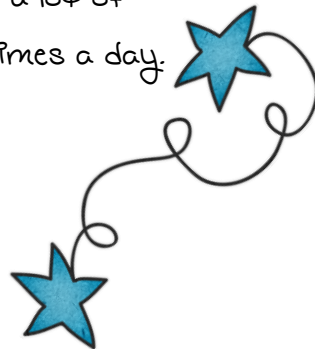
Eleanor Hummer-8/2	Marin Leighow-8/15
Troy Patterson-8/2	James O'Brein-8/18
Allen Snyder-8/2	David Williams-8/18
Madeline Hinkle-8/3	Gerardus Tromp-8/19
Allison Jordan-8/4	Tyler Patterson-8/22
Vicki Baker-8/5	Michelle Brady-8/23
Judith Rogowsky-8/5	Donald Hans-8/23
William Snover-8/5	Clara Hauck-8/23
Thomas James-8/6	Samantha Eye-8/26
Michelle Hack-8/8	Jamison Diehl-8/27
Tom Herrington-8/8	Jeff Hauck-8/28
Amy Adams-8/9	Lillian Stahl-8/28
Robert Recal-8/10	Matthew Sticklin-8/28
Nelena Swank-8/12	Desiree Shrawder-8/30
Patricia Fry-8/15	Brenda Gregorowicz-8/31

Thank You



*Dear Friends,
Thank you for your very generous donations of \$190.00 to the
Gate House Shelter. We rely on the kindness of folks like you in
helping us support the homeless in our community.
On behalf of the families and individuals who turn to the Gate
House in their time of need, thank you for your support.
Thomas Dougher, Jr. Executive Director
The Gate House*

*Thank you for sending me to camp!
It was very fun. We played a lot of
games and had worship 3 times a day.
Allen Snyder*





Preparing for Back to School

It is hard to believe that back to school is right around the corner. Before you know it, the kids will be heading out the door for school and you'll be asking yourself where the summer went. If you have a child who is just starting kindergarten, middle school, or high school there may be a lot of "new transitions" this year. Maybe this year is old hat for your kid and, therefore, it will be easy going. Either way, starting school can still bring anxiety for some kids-even when they are excited to head back and see all their friends and teachers.

Children take their cue from their parents. If you are calm, reassuring, optimistic and supportive, children will feel both confident and competent. In many cases, children will experience some separation anxiety and so will parents. Therefore, it is important for parents to take the lead and parent not burdening their children with their own anxieties. Be honest with your children: talk to them about their fears, and listen with empathy. Children will tell you more when you open yourself up and listen to them without judgement.

If attending a new school, try to visit your child's school in advance. Let your child get familiar with classrooms, hallways and important offices such as the principal and the nurse. Some of the local schools have open houses before school starts:

Liberty Valley-August 23rd from 4PM-6PM;

Middle School August 23rd from 5PM-7PM;

DPS - August 24th from 4PM-7:30(time depending on the grade)

High School Freshman Orientation – August 8th 6:30PM.

Remember, going back to school can be an exciting time for many. In the excitement of back to school shopping and preparations, try not to lose sight of some of the anxiety and fears that can sometimes also accompany back to school!

- Let your child know what his schedule will be like. Tell him what time school begins and ends each day.
- Ask your child about her feelings -- both the excitement and the concerns -- about starting school.
- Point out the positive aspects of starting school. It will be fun and she can make new friends.
- Let your child know that all kids are nervous about the first day of school.
- Leave a note in your child's lunchbox that will remind him you're thinking of him while he's at school.
- Reassure your child that if any problems arise at school, you will be there to help resolve them.
- Try to have your child meet a classmate before the first day of school so she will already have a friend when school starts.
- Arrange for your child to walk to school or ride together on the bus with another kid in the neighborhood.

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Mission Statement

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



Please remember to provide the office with your new address!

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

*Bell Choir Director: William Snover, MD

*Secretary: Nicole Cummins

*Custodian: Caz Morgan

Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Church Telephone: 570 – 275 – 2110

Worship Schedule: 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by
Fellowship Hour