

# Parish Press

March 2017 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Fellowship

### Hour

### March Schedule

#### **March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Christian  
Education  
Ministry  
(Covered Dish  
Meal)

#### **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Music &  
Worship  
Ministry  
(Lite Fellowship)

#### **March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Property  
Ministry  
(Lite Fellowship)

#### **March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Council  
(Lite Fellowship)

## A Note From Pastor Lois

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;*

*“Do you not know that you are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person, for God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (1 Corinthians 3. 16-17)*

*On March 1, Ash Wednesday, we enter Lent, a time marked by the church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, a time of penitence, reflection and meditation. The schedule for study and worship of this church family follows in this newsletter. The times for your personal reflection, meditation and prayer will be for your discernment.*

*I would like to remind all of us that God has called us to be holy, as God is holy, and that we are dwelling every day with God’s Spirit in us. Lent offers a special time to be more intentional and attentive to our holiness as God is dwelling in us. The scripture readings from the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany are particularly inviting as they call us to remember who we are and to whom we belong. The readings from Leviticus 19 and Matthew 5 remind us how to be in relationship with one another and with God.*

*The usual ‘what shall I give up for Lent’ reminds me again that there are always opportunities to give up those things that keep us from the realization that we are called to be holy. Anything that one would not associate with the divine holy God would be a good thing to give up. Anything that takes away the focus on the goodness of God’s Spirit within, anything that we allow to have priority before God is suspect. The only one who can assess the spiritual needs of one’s own life is oneself and God. An inventory and honest evaluation of habits, actions, activities, will reveal where one can improve.*

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## *March Love Offering Envelope is **Gatehouse***

Gatehouse provides shelter for residents of Montour and Columbia Counties who find themselves without a home and often facing personal crises--such as abandonment, divorce, illness, or accident such as fire, flood, rent increases, or evictions. Keeping families together is a major goal of the Gate House. By providing shelter for both homeless men and women, along with their children, the Gate House enables many homeless families to remain intact during their period of transition.





*Likewise, there is the question of ‘what shall I give for Lent.’ Giving oneself more time for meditation and prayer, more time for Bible reading, giving of one’s time, talent, and alms fit with the discipline of Lent. But the true question is how shall one make an honest quest this Lent to be more attentive to God, and the holy self, the goodness within, the Spirit of God that is with us now, and forever. This same Spirit calls us into relationship with one another and unites us forever in the holiness of the One God.*

*Lent is an opportunity for the family to be together, to study and to worship together midweek, and on Sundays. As we begin this Lenten season together, my prayer is for you, and a blessed acknowledgement of yourself as God knows you. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be in you now, and always.*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Lois Martin*

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## Lent

Lent was first celebrated by the church as the final weeks of preparation of catechumens for their Baptism. Lent varied in length, but now is six weeks beginning on Ash Wednesday. (Sundays are not ‘of Lent’, but ‘in Lent’) The scripture readings these past weeks, both on Sundays and daily lessons, have stressed that we are to love God, and one another. Our love for God is reflected and shown in our relationships with each other. Therefore, as we enter Lent, let us come together, as the family of God, brothers and sisters, into worship before God.

This year, Wednesday Vespers will have scripture readings that illumine ‘faith’. Scripture will be read and a brief meditation on the faith of: Noah, Abraham, Moses, the Israelites, Jesus the Perfecter of Our Faith. Sunday Mornings the scripture readings will focus on the gospels which stir in us crucial questions about our own faith. How shall we examine our own faith life, how shall we be ‘self-suspicious’? The gospel readings will present for our discerning and spiritual perusal the account of Jesus in the wilderness being tempted by the devil;

Nicodemus who was afraid to come openly, in the light of day, to Jesus; The Samaritan woman who misunderstands, at first, the living water of Jesus; the blind man and his encounter with the questioning of the Pharisees; and finally the death of Lazarus, the

dearly loved brother of Martha and Mary, friends of Jesus.

Each of these gospel accounts presents for us a time to ponder our own security and insecurities about our faith in Jesus the Christ. Each of these gospel accounts speaks to emotions and attitudes that we know and hold in tension with our witness of Jesus as the Christ. As we hear these gospel accounts, particularly in the gathered assembly of our brothers and sisters, we are called to wrestle with them, to know them, and to live into them, because they also name us, and our fears, and our struggles, on the way to the Resurrection.

We do not get to the Resurrection without going through Good Friday, and we come to Good Friday only after Ash Wednesday, the weeks of Lent, Palm Sunday, and Maundy Friday. Let us together, brothers and sisters, witness to the unconditional love of God in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord, our Christ.

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## Lenten Worship Schedule:



Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday

March 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM

### Weekly Worship:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

Lent Study:

Wednesdays 5:30 pm: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

*Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*

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

### Holy Week:

*Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm: Word and Sacrament, Footwashing,  
Stripping of the Altar*

*Good Friday: April 14<sup>th</sup>, Cross Walk: Begins at 10:00 - St. Joseph Catholic Church  
and end at Pine Street.*

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: April 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm*

*Day of Resurrection – April*

*16<sup>th</sup> - Easter*

*6:30 - Sunrise Worship*

*8:30 – Breakfast in Fellowship Hall*

*10:30 - Worship*



## Stewardship meditation for March '17

“A good man deals graciously and lends; he will guide his affairs with discretion.” (Psalm 112:5)

We have been looking at biblical references about stewardship. In this Psalm, we are reminded that as good people of God, we are mindful of the needs of others, and offer what we can from our own resources to address that need. We “loan”, but not with the expectation of in kind repayment. Our goodness will be repaid by our God, and by renewed and strengthened faithfulness of both the giver and the recipient.

Your church actively “loans” our financial, physical and talent resources as we support many community aid agencies, including Gate House, Good Samaritan Mission, Jubilee Kitchen, the Community Christmas Tree, and many others. The Pastor’s Disciples Fund has been used to help our own members who find themselves in financial difficulty, with no expectation of payback other than their ongoing faithfulness. We “loan” not only money, but also the time, talent and ability of our members in supporting these ministries. Are you an active lender?

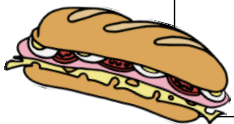
**Faithfully, Bill**

### HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
with the deadline to **order and pay by**  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

order deadline March 12<sup>th</sup>

*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/>

# Confirmation News:

Our Youth, Confirmation Class, spent the evening of Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> chopping, and assembling three roasters and three crock pots of various soups. After worship Sunday, February 5th, they invited the congregation to have a lunch of soup and hearty bread. Many people stayed to participate in the soup lunch and to support our kids who were supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring.

The youth served the soup, cleaned up, and were delighted to raise **\$365.00** to support the local food needs. Their awareness of hunger and poverty was raised, as even in this small town there is

poverty, hunger, and a need for awareness to help alleviate the suffering of hunger.

*God Bless them for their work for others!*



## Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class has finished their study of the Ten Commandments. They discussed how the Commandments are relevant in their lives and the difficulties in keeping them. They also discussed God's grace in having mercy and forgiveness when one admits and confesses the shortcomings of breaking these Commandments.

Our studies will continue with the Creeds. We say either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed each week in worship. Where shall we find new understanding of these words for our Faith Journey? As you see these young ladies in worship, usually in a role of actively serving as Acolyte, Greeter, Usher, Cantor, Lector, Communion Assistant, Sound System Operator, please be generous in your praise of them and as an example for them of your own Faith Journey. Remember, when we are on a 'Journey', there is movement, one does not remain in the same place, the Journey takes us to new surprises, new understanding, new knowledge. God Bless them for their faithfulness!

### March 25<sup>th</sup> Chicken & Waffle Dinner

Sponsored by the women of ELCA

At Pine St. Lutheran Church

4:00 PM - 7:00PM

\$9.00 Adults / \$5.00 Children (ages 6-12)

### April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pot Pie (take out ONLY)

4:00PM – 7:00PM

\$9.00 Adults / \$5.00 Children (ages 6-12)



### Women of the ELCA ~ Calendar of Events

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am: Polish silver & Thank offering service – lunch provided.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Lenten Tea at Pine Street @ 1:30 PM

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 9:00: Cook chicken for dinner

**March 25<sup>th</sup> - Chicken & Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM**

**DAY OF LEARNING – APRIL – 29<sup>th</sup> location TBD**



### It's Time to Start Thinking About *Easter Lilies!*

Each year we decorate the chancel with lilies. You may either donate one or more plants at a cost of \$12.50 or you may make a smaller contribution in any amount. Please complete an order form found in your bulletins - starting the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> or call the office to order. 570-275-2110

# Ministry News

## Hospitality News

### The Nudge of the Holy Spirit

Have you ever felt that Spirit-led nudge that pulls you to talk or pray with a stranger about their spiritual life?

This kind of nudge is more than an intuition. It's the voice of God inviting you to join Him in His redemptive work. It's God speaking to you through the Holy Spirit. I think it starts off as a feeling of "there is something to do, but I'm afraid of taking that step." "I'm not sure this is of the Lord, so I'll just go on with my life." This kind of nudge grows heavier. It is a sense of intense spiritual heaviness that God is underlining this person for you. The longer you reflect on it, that feeling moves to "I think I have to do something and I better do it now." The Spirit of God is inviting you to participate in the work of drawing a person to Jesus. You might call it prompting, a leading, a nudge, but it clearly seems to be "not you."

Let us take the opportunity when we feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit. Blessings,

*Mary Ann Landi*

## Council

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO JOIN COUNCIL FOR A  
FAMILY-STYLE LUNCH  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Come share your thoughts and goals for  
2017 while enjoying good company and  
good food!



## **FOOD BANK NEEDS ~ Canned Fruit**

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



## **You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry . . .**

. . . 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**

## **PINE STREET PRAYER LIST**

**March 2017**

### **Homebound and special prayer list:**

Sherry Achey, D., Jean Cope, Marvin Fry,  
Shirley Gamble, 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:**

Allen Acor, 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, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Brenda  
Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan  
Lubeski, Pastor Brian Moyer, , Emily Sue  
Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Theresa Conrad Norman,  
Jaide Nungesser, 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, and Bert Williams.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Anna Schlott-3/3  
Sharon Harner-3 /4  
Omar Rojas-3/6  
Alexis Snover-3/6  
Sarah Klein-3/7  
Mary Landi-3/7  
Hunter Beasley-3/11  
Geoffrey Lees-3/12  
Roberta Recla-3/12  
Dennis Leighow-3/15  
Samantha Koons-3/16  
D (Jean) Cope-3/19  
Judith Adams-3/22  
June Livziey-3/25  
Charles Rice-3/26  
Judith Romanot-3/26  
Kathi Beiter-3/30

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Marvin & Patricia Fry-3/12  
Ryan & Lorene Versluis-3/27  
Sandra & Irvin Reibsome-3/29  
Carl & Anna Rice-4/22  
Kimberly & Clifford Morgan-4/25



## MEMORIALS

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Susan Reibsome* by Mary Jane Snyder.

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

- † Ethel Gardner
- † Bob Buehner, Jr
- † Thomas & Lynn V. West
- † Albert & Phelomena Churm
- † Viola Dewald
- † Lillian Stahl
- † Mary Ann & Tom Landi
- † Ryan & Lorene Versluis
- † Tom & Gail James
- † Rae & Nan Leighow
- † Shirley Hawley
- † Kim Bush & Family
- † Cora & Gail Park
- † Cathy & Jennifer McGee
- † Kelly & Jeff Ward
- † Irene Hinkle
- † Kay & William Bower
- † Dennis & Ellen Leighow
- † Paul & Barbara Ezdebski
- † Dick Snyder



## NEW MEMBER

† Seth Snover was welcomed into the Family of God at Pine ST. Ev. Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Seth comes to us from Cape May Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you among us!

## BAPTISM

† Jacob James Snover was received by Baptism on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Jacob is the son of David and Coleen Snover. Welcome Jacob!

† Amelia & Quinn Eyer were received by Baptism on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Amelia & Quinn are the children of Samantha and Mike Eyer. Welcome Amelia & Quinn!

## Thank You Notes:

*Pastor Martin,*

*Thanks for hosting our Confirmation students.*

*They enjoyed being at your church.*

*Deacon Thomas Conlin*

*To my Borthers and Sisters in Christ of Pine Street,  
Thank you for your thoughts and cards for Gail and I during  
my surgery and recovery. The peace I experienced can only  
come from the prayers and God's grace. Thank you again,*

*Allen & Gail Acor*

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your amazing gift of \$56.00 to Camp Victory  
from your pulled pork fundraiser. Your donations will make it  
possible for us to continue to provide a camping experience  
of a life time to hundreds of campers with special needs!  
Because of the generosity of folks like you, Camp Victory has  
been able to make this special camping experience come true  
for more than 25,00 children over the past 23 years! I Hope  
you know how much your gift means to your special campers  
and their families! On behalf of everyone at Camp Victory, I  
want to extend our heartfelt thanks!*

*Warmest Regards,*

*Jamie Huntley – Executive Director*



*Many thanks to the children of Sunday School, for the  
papers they gave me from their writings about my  
husband, Bill. It made my heart feel good to know they  
recognized who he was and what he did in the church.*

*Thank you so much. I will cherish them.*

*~Mrs. Snyder*

Thank you for your generous donation of \$20.00 received 12/30/16 which we will use to buy food for our ministry. We thank you for our much needed support of our effort to provide food to our less fortunate residents of our community. Without thoughtful supports 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*

***Mr. & Mrs. James Diehl would like to  
thank everyone for all the nice cards that  
are sent to us.***

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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.*

### **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.

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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

