

Parish Press

November 2017 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Fellowship Hour **November Schedule**

November 5th

Property Ministry

November 12th

Worship & Music Ministry

November 19TH

Council

November 26TH

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Friday – Closed

Closed Thanksgiving – 11/23

Interim Pastor:

The Reverend John Koons

ph: 570-204-3153

Organist: Ronald Kline

Secretary: Nicole Cummins

Custodian: Caz Morgan

Council Members:

Mary Ann Landi, Pres.,

Tom Herrington, VP.,

Nan Leighow, Sec.,

Richard Baylor,

Alf Bashore, Michael Dennehy,

Roxanne Patton, Roberta Recla,

Mary Jane Snyder, Barbara

Wintersteen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Pine Street Lutheran Church:

I know – here you go again! Another Interim Pastor!

Allow me to introduce myself to you. I am the Rev. John R. Koons. I grew up in York, PA, graduated from Susquehanna University, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, served churches in Bethlehem, Easton and Harrisburg, Brooklyn and Queens before receiving a call to Good Shepherd, in Berwick, where I was pastor for 18 ½ years. I retired from there in 2014.

I now serve as Dean of the North Branch Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

I've gotten to know some of the members of Pine Street over the past year as we dealt with the severance of the agreement between Pine Street and Trinity, Oak Grove. I am aware of some of the struggles Pine Street has endured over the past year or so.

Now, we begin a *new* chapter in each of our lives. Bishop Collins has asked me to serve as your Interim Pastor for at least a year, unless you call a pastor before that time.

My hope and prayer is that we can work together to grow in our faith and our commitment to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. *That* is my only agenda – to restore hope, love and faith to this community.

But, I can't do that alone! It cannot happen without the desire and commitment of each member of Pine Street. Yes, there have been differences within the congregation. There have been hurt feelings. There have been arguments. There have been hurtful things said and done on and from all sides.

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Worship Schedule. 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion & Children's Sunday School

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

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.*

If our time together is to be fruitful, we must move beyond those things. We need to recommit ourselves to serving Christ. We need to look at the gifts and talents each member of Pine Street has, and how they can be employed in moving ahead to be a healthy congregation.

Disagreements and factions are not new in the Church. Read any of St. Paul's letters, and you will remember that he was dealing with many of them and be the church Christ intended us to be. We are many members with various gifts and talents the same problems that we face today. While you're doing that, hear his words of encouragement on how to overcome, but we are all part of the same body. Our task is to work to meld all those gifts, talents, and yes, opinions, into the Body of Christ!

I've shared some of my history with you. I've shared my hope, dreams and prayers with you. I look forward in our time together, to hear your histories (personal and as a congregation), and to hear your hopes and dreams for this congregation.

In Christ! Pastor Koons



Christmas Poinsettias

Each year at Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias. You are invited to help beautify our sanctuary for this special festival in honor of the Christ Child.

You may either donate one or more plants at a cost of \$12.50 each or you may make a donation in any amount. In either case, please complete the form below and return it with your contribution.

Your Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Your Address: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____ **Your Envelope Number:** _____

Amount Enclosed:

☐ In Memory of:

\$

☐ In Honor of:

After the Service:

☐ Give to the Sick or Shut-Ins.

☐ I will take it home.

☐ Leave for another Service.

☐ Other:

Please print this form and use a **Pew Envelope** and mark it ***Poinsettias OR***
mail the form back to the church at 621 Pine Street; Danville PA 17821

Make all checks payable to **Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Your contribution may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office (please do not mail cash).

The DEADLINE date for ordering is SUNDAY, November 19th

**THIS MONTH'S LOVE ENVELOPE
WORLD HUNGER/L.W.R.
(LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF)**



Every day in 35 countries, Lutheran World Relief (LWF) works to combat the causes of poverty and the dignity it robs from people's lives.

We advocate for Fair Trade that helps farming families and artisans earn a better income.

We teach people to better care for themselves their communities and the environment.

We teach people how to be less vulnerable to natural disasters.

We advocate with and for them for policy change that more fairly represents them. We counsel them after manmade and natural disasters, and help them recover with material aid.

We do all of this exclusively with partners from the communities we serve. Our partners help us remain incredibly efficient and effective. Our partners let us help people help themselves...for a day when they won't need us at all.

Please use your *Love Offering* envelope for World Hunger/Lutheran World Relief(LWR) in your envelope packet for your donations.

Thank you!

All Saints' Day – November 5th Service



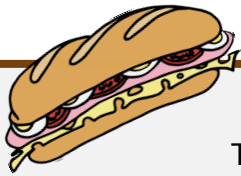
We are inheritors of what generations of Christians before us passed on to us; we are temporary caretakers of today's churches. But though they are gone, those who "died in the Lord" live very much in his care. The traditional terms for the deceased saints is the "Church Triumphant," while the believers who are alive today are called the "Church Militant." All Saints' Day celebrates the connection between the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant, the saints of the Lord Jesus on earth and those in heaven.

Since the earliest Christian martyrs (such as St. Stephen in Acts 6-7), the Church has remembered the saints who have gone on before. By the third century some 400,000 faithful had been martyred under Roman persecution. Each city and country commemorated the dates when its particular martyrs entered glory. In the ninth century the hundreds of saints days for local martyrs gave way to a single All Saints' Day on November 1st. The day was very popular throughout Europe in the Middle Ages.

Today the Christian Church's All Saints' Day competes with our secular Halloween (which originated in All Hallows' Eve, October 31.)

Still, to experience All Saints' Day as a walk among the saints on earth and in heaven is to sense our place in history. We are members of a chosen people, defended and preserved by our Lord, facing the world of today and awaiting our final redemption with the saints in heaven.

*~ I Love to Live the Story: A Guide to Understanding & Celebrating the Christian Church Year; 2006
Creative Communications for the Parish.*



HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **December 7th** with the deadline to **order and pay by December 3rd**

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 **November 12th**

Order forms can be found on the table in the Narthex or one can be mailed to you

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>

Stephen Ministry Caring

“I’m Committed to Care!”

Here’s what one Stephen Minister has to say about Stephen Ministry:

“I was kind of sitting on the sidelines in our congregation. Oh, I came to church every Sunday, but the rest of the week I was focused on myself. Then Stephen Ministry came along. When I said yes to God’s call to me for that ministry, I saw a lot of changes in my life. Now I’m committed to caring more about others than I do about myself. And you know what? I’m walking a lot closer with my Lord.”

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting soon. Is this a ministry opportunity for you? For more information, contact Stephen Ministry Leader, Ryan Versluis at 570-284-4411 today.

Property Ministry

In January 2016, Pastor Lois asked each ministry to do a project. Property chose to reside the garage and to build a new door. We bought the siding for the project and completed the project in October 2017. Thank you to the ladies of the W/ELCA for the materials and to Dick Baylor, Rae and Nan Leighow for putting the siding on.

Property Ministry





"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free."

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Noodles & Macaroni

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



DONATIONS FOR COMPUTERS

Appreciated!

Donations are being accepted towards a new office computer.

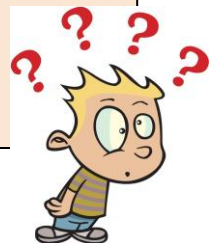
To make a donation, please use a blue pew envelopes and mark it "computer".



If you have any outstanding expenses for flowers, bulletins or candles we would appreciate payment by December 28th.

Please note on your check flowers, candles, bulletins.

Thank You



Election Day is November 7th. The Social Hall will be used for VOTING.



Calendar of Events for the ... Women of the ELCA



Martha Circle – Nov. 7th – 5pm @ Friendly's

Ruth Circle – Nov. 7th – 11:30AM @ Muffin Man

Board Mtg. PSELC Library – Nov. 30th – 10:00 AM

Quarterly Mtg. – Dec. 5th – 1:30 PM



Seafarers Gift Sacks Box is in the Narthex



Seafarers International House in NYC is a ministry to seafarers that serves the needs of crew members who spend their days on the dangerous oceans so we can enjoy food, clothing, timber, iron, and various other products imported overseas daily. Given our heightened “homeland security” many crew members cannot leave their ship. They often work under 9 to 10 month contracts during which time they are completely cut off from their families. In the past, committed Upper Susquehanna servants, like you, have filled many sacks for distribution. This year the goal is 500! Please consider a donation of the following:

- 1 Sweatshirt (Hooded L-XL)
- 3 Pairs of socks (thermal or white gym)
- 1 Casual pull over t-shirt M/L
- 1 knit heavy winter cap
- 1 can of nuts or lg bar of chocolate
- A Christmas card from you, and a message, if you wish

**The men enjoy sweatshirts/t-shirts emblazoned with logos of sports teams, NASCAR heroes, other celebrities, place or names from American culture*

THRIVENT DOLLARS

This month we received Thrivent Choice Dollars from *Jack Dyer*.

THANK YOU for directing your Choice Dollars to our church!



congratulations



Roxanne Patton on the birth of her grandson,
Kole Arthur Torbush who arrived October 11th

Our Deepest Sympathy

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

- † Audrey H. Buoy, aunt of Sharron Eyer, died 10/12/17
- † Anna Rice, wife of Carl Rice died 10/18/17



A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Nancy Leighow* by:

- † Stetler Insurance
- † Terri & Cora Wydra
- † Paul & Barb Ezdebski

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Ray Fry* by:

- † Sandra McCarty

† A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Anna Rice* by:

- † Sandra McCarty



We would like to thank Dr. & Mrs. Snover for coming to give Harold & I communion, Thanks for the visit & the lovely flowers from your garden. Clara & Harold Hauck

Council Members Needed!

Responsibilities include:

- Regularly attend Worship
- Actively participate in activities of the church
 - Regularly attend council meetings
 - Participate as a liaison of a Ministry
 - Serve as an Offering Counter

If interested, contact a council member.

Mary Ann Landi, Pres., Tom Herrington, VP., Nan Leighow, Sec., Richard Baylor, Alf Bashore, Michael Dennehy, Roxanne Patton, Roberta Recla, Mary Jane Snyder, Barbara Wintersteen



***PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE
WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS!***

**Pine Street Lutheran Church has a new address!
*621 Pine Street***

What We Are Looking Forward To...



Thanksgiving EVE Service

Wednesday November 22nd 7PM

November Dates

Election Day – November 7th

Martin Luther's Birthday – November 10th

Veteran's Day – November 10th

Congregational Meeting – November 19th

Thanksgiving Eve Service – November 22nd

Thanksgiving – November 23rd



Christmas Eve Service – December 24th AM & PM



Congregational Meeting

Sunday November 19th at 10:30 AM before Worship



COUNTERS TRAINING

November 12th Following the Service

Counters assignment will be for one Sunday in each rotation.

Trainers will be Art, Mike and Tom.

PINE STREET LUTHERAN Prayer List

Homebound

Congregation Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely, Burrnell Metzger and Lillian Stahl

Congregation Members

Hunter Beasley, Viola DeWald, Pat Fry, Shirley Hawley, Irene Hinkle, Ann Hummer, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Marlin Neitz, Jennifer O'Brien, Sandra Reibsome, Carl Rice, Jr, Art Sticklin, and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation

Members

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey, Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock, Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner, John Binder,

Neina Brady, Rhonda Brouse, Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Kady Curry Davenport, Cody Davenport, Mary Ann Davis, Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy, Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Joan Fulkroad, Connie Gibbs, Diane Hanson, Anna Hare, Harold Hauck, Jackie Jackson, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Cheanye McClincy, Gail Miles, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Britni Newman, Carl Pennell, Mark Pontiac, Linda Pritchard, Tim Raup, Ralph Reedy,

Iris Reibsome, Ron Shipe, Larry Shirk, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Kole Torbush, Steve Treon, Leann Ulrick, Rod Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay Warner, Bert Williams, and Teresa Yatko

Special Military List

Jay Brennan; 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; SGT Andrew Bauman; B.J. Dellinger; Tristan Winter, Wesley Derrick, SR Jensen,

Kelsey B

Please send updated Military addresses prayer list updates to Nicole at the office or Sue Baylor at sueb123@ptd.net



November Birthdays

Emily Curry-11/1
Rae Leighow-11/1
Amy Snover-11/1
David Snover-11/2
Arthur Sticklin-11/5
Nikki Greely-11/11
Christina Hauck-11/11
Thomas Landi-11/14
Irvin Reibsome-11/13
Tina Hauck-11/14
Janna Ward-11/16
Robin Adams-11/19
Allen Acor, II-11/22
Mary Beishline-11/23
Pauline Nedrow-11/24
Jaxson Romansik-11/27
Kathy Cashner-11/28
Steven Baylor-11/30

December Birthdays

Nancy Watts-12/1
Tiffany Dyer-12/3
Danielle Sticklin-12/6
Ryan Versluis -12/9
Colleen Snover-12/15
Harold Hack-12/16
Paul Sticklin-12/16
Ryan Styer-12/16
Stephen Rice-12/17
Caz Morgan-12/18

Jace Diehl-12/20
Rex Hepner-12/21
Desiree Hepner-12/22
Gisela Reddy-12/22
Sherry Achey-12/23
Larry Bohner-12/23
Viola Dewald-12/24
Elizabeth Baylor-12/25
Holly Berkey—12/29
Pete Dyer-12/30
Nicole Morgan-12/30
Missi Bohner-12/31
Cora Wydra-12/31



Anniversaries

Clara and Harold Hauck (65) -11/8
Mary Ann and Thomas Landi -11/17
Michelle and Brian Brady-11/26
Melissa and Larry Bohner, II-11/30
Sue & Marlin Neits-12/21
Kathi & Thomas Beiter-12/28



FEED A FRIEND

Good Samaritan Mission

Feed A Friend is designed to help provide a Thanksgiving meal to those who cannot afford one. You can help by donating canned vegetables, canned soup, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, and other non-perishable staples, or by giving monetary donations. Simply drop off donations in the Feed Friend Barrel located in the Narthex.

Good Samaritan Mission Center 275-2500

JUBILEE KITCHEN

Jubilee Kitchen is in need of dedicated volunteers to pick up baked goods at Dunkin Donuts, Weis & Giant then deliver them to Jubilee Kitchen at Trinity Lutheran Church, Church & E. Market Streets. Please contact Nancy Davies, Director at 570-594-2512 or stop into the Jubilee Kitchen any Saturday Morning. Volunteers will work on a rotating schedule so no one is committed to every week.



*Come &
Worship*

Where are you on Sunday Mornings?

God is with you 24/7

Answering Payers

Comforting You

Healing You

Protecting You

Meeting Needs

And so much MORE

Where are you on Sunday Mornings??

***“Come let us bow down in worship, let u kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his
care.” Psalm 95:6,7***

Mark your calendars for Sunday mornings to come and Praise our Lord!