

Parish Press

September 2017 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A Note From Pastor Lois

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The time has come for me to say a farewell to this congregation at Pine Street. I came to you two years ago as an Interim and then was Called as your Intentional Interim by Synod Council at the request of Bishop Driesen, and the Congregational Council.

As an Intentional Interim, I have done the work of a regular Pastor; Providing Worship Leadership, Preaching the Word of God, Teaching (Bible and book studies, Confirmation, providing Council and Ministries with information on best practices and procedures) Visiting the sick and homebound, Burying the dead, Baptizing, Counseling, having oversight of day to day activities of the church, being a part of the congregation and its ministries both in church and in the community. And, I have done the tasks of an Intentional Interim, working with the Executive Committee and Congregational Council to discern where blockages exist, where improvements in ministry can be made, and encouraging and supporting the work of lay leadership to continue the successful work being done.

I have worked with your Council, hosting two Retreats for them, in 2016 and 2017 with the goal of discerning: 'What is God calling this Congregation to do, What do we have to do it with, How shall we do it?' Over the course of those two retreats and in discerning the future of this church, questions were asked such as 'what are your strengths, what are your weaknesses, what should be kept the same, what needs to be changed, what needs to be fixed, what needs to be eliminated.' It is interesting that both retreats highlighted the same issues and answers to the questions. It was the Council members who identified for me where the good work needed to continue, what needed to be fixed, and what needed to end.

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Fellowship Hour



September Schedule

September 3
LABOR DAY
**No Fellowship
Meal**

September 10
Council

September 17
**Property
Ministry**

September 24
**Christian
Education**

September
Love Offering
Envelope is
Blanket



First Responders Sunday **SEPTEMBER 10th**

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.

THE OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSED for Labor DAY

Monday, September 4th

At this point, I feel I have done all I can do for this Church. Good work was accomplished by the Councils. Worship was focused on Christ our Lord, and Advent and Lent Vespers were added to the opportunities for worship in this church. Ministries continued to do their work, and while some Ministries have continued to offer opportunities for members to work in their discipleship calling, other Ministries have resisted changes, particularly those ministries identified by Council in the two Retreats as needing to be 'fixed', and by a Synod Panel of the Reconciliation Team, called to listen to concerns.

There is much work to be done. Yet, there are a group of dedicated people here who work tirelessly for Christ and the Church. Hoagies are made each month and a portion of profit given to charity each month; Dinners and after worship hospitality offer a chance for conversation and mutual sharing; The Confirmation Class which met regularly on Sunday mornings and evenings, will need to continue to offer faith formation to our Confirmands on their journey to Confirmation. The Adult Discussion Group on Sunday mornings continues to have a rotation of discussion leaders as they look at the Sunday morning texts. There is a group who has been faithful at mid-week study, most recently studying the Letter of Paul to the Romans. The Property Ministry has done an outstanding job of keeping the buildings beautifully maintained. The Christian Education Ministry continues to be faithful in their oversight of Sunday School and the annual Vacation Bible School, sharing that ministry with Trinity Lutheran, Danville. Hospitality Ministry seeks to provide for special events during the year and leading us in offering friendly welcoming for all members and visitors, and extending into the community. The Caring Ministry helps with

visiting the shut-ins and taking Communion to them. They send cards for important events in the lives of church members. There is a group of dedicated people who prepare the Altar for each worship service and who look after the vessels, linens, bread and wine. Women of the ELCA continues to meet regularly and contribute to the life of this church and of the members.

The Memorial Committee, a newly formed Ministry, has made accurate records of Memorial donations and has a written policy regarding the use of those donations. This Church is now represented on DRAMA, Danville-Riverside Area Ministerial Association which was reactivated in these past two years. The Congregational Council has been meeting to discern the first sections of the Ministry Site Profile which must be completed as the first step to looking to Call a Pastor.

There continues to be a need for unanimity among groups of people, to work for forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. This cannot be dictated by the demands and threats of one group or person over another. It must be a response to the command of our Lord to love one another. Loud voices, threats, and inconsiderate domination of conversation, deny others the respect to be heard. Honesty and transparency in all situations lead to greater understanding. Back-biting accusatory statements do no one good, but lead to condemnation and failure of the whole.

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Fly Your Flag Proudly On Patriot Day September 11



The need for unity among factions was present when I arrived, it abated for a time and is now a problem again. These issues have been present for many years, throughout other pastorates. The time is perilous for this church it will not survive if these conditions persist. As stated in the Synod report, factions and silos are present. And, I will add, as we talked about in Council Retreat, factions and silos have no place in

the church. There is only one to whom all power and adoration belong, that is Our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May The Lord Bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you, may he look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Blessings,

Pastor Lois

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Children Sunday School Classes will
resume September 10, 2017
9:15-10:00 AM**



We invite all children to join us for
the following classes:

Primary Class (K-2nd grades)

Luther House 1st floor

Intermediate Class (3rd-6th grades)

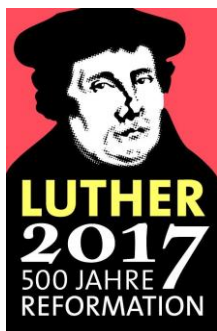
Luther House 1st floor

Just a reminder that students can be dropped off
and enter through the Luther House front door
(left side) for the quickest route to
classrooms. Look for our welcome sign!

The Adult Discussion group will continue in their
same meeting place in the Social Room.

Please consider joining us and bring a friend!

The **500th Anniversary of the Reformation** is
celebrated this year on Oct. 29. We want extra



singers and musicians to add
extra power to a festive special
music service the church is
planning. All the music
chosen are hymns that Martin
Luther for which wrote text or
music, and so are not
complicated in

themselves. Please consider joining our festival
choir or offering another musical spark to our
celebration. More information including the
hymns and rehearsal times TBA.

Contact Kathi Beiter 570-275-8611



Good Samaritan Mission Sock & Underwear Drive

Pine Street Lutheran Church
donated **76 pairs** of socks and **72**

pairs of underwear to Good Samaritan Mission's
sock and underwear drive. The clothing collected
will be given to children in the Danville School
District. Thank you for the donations.

**Good Samaritan Mission Center
275-2500**

DONATIONS FOR COMPUTERS Appreciated!

**Donations are being accepted towards
a new office computer.**





Calendar of Events for the ...



Women of the ELCA

Quarterly Meeting-Sept. 5th - 1:30 PM

Blanket Sunday - Oct. 1st

Ruth Circle - Oct. 3rd - 11:30AM @ Muffin Man

Martha Circle - Oct. 3rd - 5pm @ Friendly's

Women's Retreat - Oct. 7th Mount Luther

Blanket Drop off - Oct. 14th Buffalo Valley Commons-Lewisburg

Mission Action Day - Oct. 21st - 11:30AM @ Synod

With **Blanket Sunday** so early in October, (**October 1st**) September is Blanket Sunday month for the Love Offering envelopes. For those of us who don't know how to, or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing is to give a donation. Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a reduced price; making our dollars go further. Shipping is also a great expense as it cost approximately \$3.00 per blanket to ship overseas.

Please consider making a donation of goods or money.

Thank you in advance.

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!

THRIVENT DOLLARS

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

FOOD BANK NEEDS ~ Spaghetti & Sauce

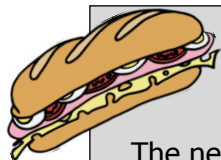
The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month above or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

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

September 21st

with the deadline to **order and pay**

by

September 17th

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).

PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

Homebound

Congregation Members

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

Congregation Members

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

Friends Of Congregation

Members

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey, Susie
Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock,
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,
Joan Fulkroad, Connie Gibbs, Bill
Gibson, Randy Hart, Diane
Hanson, Anna Hare, 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, Ron Shipe, 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; 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; SGT Andrew
Bauman; B.J. Dellinger;
Tristan Winter, Wesley Derrick

Our Deepest Sympathy



In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection, we commend Nancy Leighow to our Lord Jesus Christ who claimed her as his own in her Baptism. Nancy served Christ throughout her life and was active in this church. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends. Nancy died on August 20th and was buried August 27th. May she rest in peace.

Thank you to the following who provided food and helped serve the funeral dinner:

MaryAnn Landi	Mary Beishline	Sue Neitz
Mary Jane Snyder	Lorene Versluis	Wendy Rehm
Nan Leighow	Michelle Brady	
Roberta Recla	Jean Crumb	

Thank you to the following who provided food and helped serve the funeral dinner:

	Jeanine Snover	Christine Koons
Sharron Eyer	Barbara Ezdebski	Barbara Wintersteen

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

† Vincent Zampetti, Sr.

† Barry Feudale

† Nan & Rae Leighow

Anniversaries

Rae & Nan Leighow-9/7
Paul & Barbara Ezdebski-9/16
David & Collen Snover -10/8
Pamela & Daniel Spicer-10/10
Charles & Dawn Carr-10/11
Sarah & Nicholas Klein-10/11
John & Betsy Hack-10/16
Sharron & Robert Eyer-10/18
Kelly & Steven Boyer-10/23
Michael & Samantha Eyer-10/23



September Birthdays

Terri Wydra-9/8
Larissa Bohner-9/9
Agnes Oyster 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

October Birthdays

Burrnell Metzger-10/1
Pamela Spicer -10/2
Joanne Fox -10/3
Gail James -10/6
Clifford Getgen-Morgan, Jr -10/7
Sheila Kuhn -10/10
Isabella Morgan -10/12
George Adams, Jr.- 10/15
Robert Eyer -10/15
Elizabeth Morgan -10/16
Sue Neitz -10/16
Anna Rice -10/17
Linda Diorio -10/20
Troy Brady -10/23
Emily Leighow -10/24
Charles Carr -10/26
Robert Jenkins -10/28
Michael Dennehy -10/29
Robert Koons -10/30

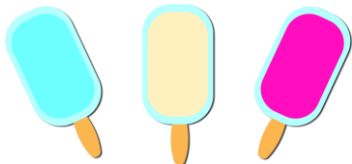
Thank You



Dear Pine Street Church,
Thank you For the beautiful flowers
brought by Janie Snyder and the visit.
They were appreciated.
Thanks again – *Clara Hauck*

**Thank you to The Danville Iron
Uekele Benders for entertainment at
The Homemade Ice Cream Festival.**

THANK YOU to Everyone who helped make the Festival a success. There was a huge outlay of planning and work by many people. The most valuable part of the festival is people coming together for people. The work and effort is not just about making money, it is about relationships and Christ. Thank you to each of you for your individual effort for the good of the whole.



Seafarers Gift Sacks



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*

What We Are Looking Forward To...



Shiloh Fall Round Up

September 16, 2017

11:00 am-4:00 pm

Shiloh UCC – Bloom Street, Danville PA

Round Up begins at 11am with a brunch in Fellowship Hall followed by activities including crafts, music, storytelling and science wizardry.

Children may participate with their family as a unity or children ages 3 and older may be accompanied by Shiloh Round Up leaders. Register by September 9th at christianed@shilohucc.org or 570-275-1943

GLScrip Gift Cards

order deadline September 10th

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>

Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Service

Join fellow worshippers in a Community Choir
3 practices(Sundays at 2PM) – 3 songs – 1 Free Fair Ticket

Book Fair Coming to Pine Street

Interested in reading up on Reformation times?

Augsburg Fortress will provide 20 books for our perusal. All books will be 50% off. They will be here for 2 weeks in Sept. The church library will keep the books after that time. They will be donated (free) from

Augsburg/Fortress.

Books will be here September 10th
through September 24th.

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

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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

*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