

# Parish Press

January 2018 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fellowship  
Hour

January 1<sup>st</sup>

No Meal – Happy New Year

January 7<sup>th</sup>

Christian Ed. Ministry

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Property Ministry

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Council

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Hospitality

January Love Envelope  
Food Bank



## *Happy New Years!*

*Yes – New Years – with an “s”. On 3. December, the First Sunday of Advent, we began a new church year. On 1. January 2018, we begin a new calendar year. So, at least in this case, the church gets a jump on the secular world.*

*Many people at this time of the year, consider making New Year’s resolutions. Some are kept. My hunch is that many are not. I gave up making them years ago, since most of them fell by the wayside as life went on.*

*What would happen if we, as the congregation of Pine Street Lutheran Church, made resolutions as we begin a new church year?*

*I share a few of mine as your interim pastor with you:*

- *Continue and complete the Mission Sight Profile.*
  - *So that we may get it to the synod, and begin to see what lies ahead for PSLC.*
- *Continue to seek leadership in the music program*
- *Get the catechetical instruction program restarted.*
- *Coordinate with Caring Ministry visitations to the homebound members.*
- *I would hope that the members of PSLC would also consider thinking about resolutions for their participation in the life of this congregation. Perhaps I could suggest a few:*
  - *Continue or even improve my attendance at worship, where we gather as a family!*
  - *Continue or step up my participation in the life of this church.*

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- Offer to help in a new and creative way.
- Speak well of this congregation to people we know and people we meet. (this is the way to attract new members)
- Let the past be the past, and with a faithful and hopeful eye, look to a bright future where this congregation truly is committed to serving our Lord,
- Consider making amends with someone with whom you have had differences and disagreements.

*My hope and goal, as your interim pastor, is to bring healing to this congregation, and help you set your sights and goals on your future. The brightest future can be when we come together and discuss our hopes and dreams for Pine Street Lutheran Church.*

*Working together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this can certainly be **Happy New Years** for Pine Street Lutheran Church.*

*In Christ!*

*Pastor Koons* ✝



*Children's Sunday School  
putting manger scene together  
on Christmas Eve.*



## **Mental Health** **Support Group**

### **Topic: "Forgiveness"**

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

St. Joe's

68 Church St. Danville

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Rm.

*Our Mental Health Support Grp. aims to provide spiritual/emotional support and fellowship for persons with mental health issues and their families with Jesus Christ as our model. This group is ecumenical and nondenominational.*

*Confidentiality is required.*

*For more information contact*

*Andrew Matragrano*

*570-2785-0972 [ematra@ptd.net](mailto:ematra@ptd.net)*



*Children preparing hears with pictures of Jesus to go  
along with their Advent song, "Lord, Jesus, Come."*



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*The Food Bank Board of Directors is in Need of Volunteers...*

The Danville Food Bank is set up to collect, and distribute, food to Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries, Shelters etc. The Food Bank supplies the food to various locations and they in turn provide that food to the individuals that need assistance.

The Food bank runs with the help of a board of directors and volunteers. They are currently in need of people to sit on the Board of Directors. If you have some time once a month, consider giving an hour or two of your time to the food bank. Currently, they meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9 am, however that may be changing the meeting time. See Roxanne Patton for more information, if you think you may be interested!



## FOOD BANK NEEDS

### Canned Vegetables



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

## WEATHER REMINDER

**During the winter when Danville School District is on a delay or cancelled, the church office is normally on the same schedule.**





# Ministry News

## Stephen Ministry



### GOD'S NOT DEAD WHO NEED'S A STEPHEN'S MINISTER

**Mina** – dealing with a lot  
As a caregiver to her mother  
As the wife of Professor Jeff Radisson

**Professor Radisson** – anger at God for  
mother's death

**Josh Wheat** – support for his stance as being  
a Christian

**Kara** – Josh's girlfriend - understanding  
Josh's mission

**Marc** – need's a lot of help – lack of belief –  
lack of compassion for his girlfriend, Amy,  
his mother, Mina and sister, Mina, \$, power  
and worldly success are most important

**Amy** – struggle with cancer and faith

**Martin** – classmate of Josh's – as he seeks  
answer to his faith

*We need God and people as God works  
through us*



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

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* ( Muffin Man)

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* ( Muffin Man)

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** 12:00 *Board Mtg.*

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* ( Muffin Man)

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** 1:30 PM *Lenten Tea*

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* ( Muffin Man)

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** *Chicken & Waffle Dinner*

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* ( Muffin Man)

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** *Semi Annual Mtg.*

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM *Picnic*

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** *Convention @ Camp Mt. Luther*

**GLscrip Gift Cards** order deadline **January 7<sup>th</sup>**

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>

# **Thank You!**

## **Dear Friends,**

Caring. It's a simple idea and our primary focus at Geisinger. Chances are that's the reason you have chosen to support us with your recent gift of \$108. You have graciously recognized our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for those we serve. Geisinger could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community, and for that, we cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely, *Jeramie Barber*

## **Dear Pine Street Lutheran Church,**

Please accept my personal thanks and that of the staff and board of Trustees of the Thomas Beaver Free Library for the very generous contribution of \$1084.23 to the library which was forty percent of the Festival proceeds. The donation will enable us to continue to

provide services to our community of users. Thank you for your kindness in remembering the library and in helping us in every way possible to fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,

*Edward C. Oberholtzer, Director, TBFL*

## **Dear Pine Street Lutheran Church,**

Thank you for your faithful support of Empowering Lives International. We continually thank God for the amazing partnership of people like you who are committed to helping us bring hope to Africa.

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we work to empower lives in East and Central Africa.

Sincerely,

**Empowering Lives International**

Funds-Tanzania Ministry

Received - \$355.00



## **What will your New Year's Resolution Be?**



In December/January, many people all over the world will make New Year's resolutions. Many of these include resolutions such as to stop smoking, be nicer to people, or lose weight. Others good resolves may include to honoring God, furthering His Kingdom, and helping spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here are some resolutions you may want to consider:

**Pray More** - Too many times, when we are struggling, our *last* resort is to pray. It *should* be our first resort, but we often try to fix things ourselves without bothering God;

**Read the Bible Through** - The Bible has one Author; it has many writers, but one Author. From the first page to the last, it speaks to our hearts;

**Study the Bible More** - There is no other book as important as the Bible. No book of philosophy, science, mathematics, medicine, or any other human discipline is as foundational to everything as the Bible. The importance of studying this Word cannot be overstated;

**Love Your Family More** - we get so wrapped up in our jobs, careers, hobbies, even church, that our family time suffers.

**Be A Better Employee** - Strive to live out your faith at the workplace in order to honor God.

**Take Care Of Your Body Physically** - As you get older, your body is not as resilient as it once was.

# Pine Street Prayer List



## Homebound

### Congregation Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely,  
Burtell Metzger and  
Lillian Stahl

### Congregation Members

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

### Friends Of Congregation

#### Members

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey,  
Susie Curry Balonek, Ethel  
Bashore, James Bergenstock,  
Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner,  
John Binder, Neina Brady,  
Tom Bady Sr., Rhonda Brouse,  
Robert Buehner, Albert Churm,

Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry,  
Kady Curry Davenport, Cody  
Davenport, Mary Ann Davis,  
Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy,  
Kathryn DiOrio, Ivadene  
Fischer, Cathi Flanagan, Joan  
Fulkroad, Connie Gibbs, Diane  
Hanson, Anna Hare, Harold  
Hauck, Jonah Inch, Jackie  
Jackson, Autumn Kern,  
Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox,  
Brenda Kile, Helen Kuivaemi  
Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey,  
Nathan Lubeski, Cheanye  
McClincy, Gail Miles, Chet  
Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer,  
Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue  
Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Britni  
Newman, Mark Pontiac, Linda  
Pritchard, Pat & Tom Puckey,  
Tim Raup, Ralph Reedy, Iris  
Reibsome, Ron Shipe, Larry  
Shirk, John Stoker, Mary

Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Steve  
Treon, Leann Ulrick, Rod  
Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay  
Warner, Bert Williams, and  
Teresa Yatko

### Special Military List

Shane Bergenstock; SGT,  
Shawn Dyer; SSG, Andrew  
Bauman; Tristan Winter, Steven  
Sees, Sgt. Levi Gearhart; David  
Gregory; Jason Brennan, Nicole  
and Alejandro Hernandez;  
Jonathan Babb, S.R. Matthew  
Woods, Matthew Clark; Nate  
Hughes, Charlie Reedy; Cody  
Harper, AB Andrew Dougerty,  
Robert K. Torbush,  
Kelsy Jensen, Jeremy Weikel;  
Trevor Stone; B.J. Dellinger,;  
Wesley Derrick, Eric  
Schneider

The prayer list is most effective when kept updated. Please fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate. Thank you.

*Please send updated Military addresses prayer list updates to Nicole at the office or  
Sue Baylor at [sueb123@ptd.net](mailto:sueb123@ptd.net)*

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## EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS

- Al-anon : 800-628-8920  
(National Hotline)
- Narcotics Anonymous: 655-7177
- Women's Center: 784-6631
- Gamblers Anonymous: 717-652-4400
- Poison Center: 800-521-6110
- Child Abuse Hotline: 800-932-0313



- Good Samaritan Center: 275-2500
- American Red Cross: 275-1441
- Alcoholic Anonymous: 286-7436  
or 654-0488 (Northeast Inter-group)
- American Cancer Society 1-800-ACS-2345

## DECEMBER & JAN. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Amanda Quinn-1/2  
Kelly Boyer Forney-1/2  
Sharron Eyer-1/3  
Allyson Mullen -1/5  
Corey Hummel-1/9  
Paul Dennehy-1/11  
Tristan Beiter-1/13  
John Crumb-1/13  
Eric Nelson-1/21  
Carol Riley-1/26  
Gwyneth Beiter-1/26  
Carol Riley-1/26  
Ronald Kline-1/27  
Martin Fry-1/28

Christine Koons-1/30  
Samuel Baylor-1/30  
Olivia Sticklin-1/30  
Barbara Ezdebski-1/31  
Gail Acor-2/4  
Cassie Smith-2/4  
Eric Snover-2/4  
Ryleigh Hepner-2/11  
Nathan Hepner -2/12  
Nichole Lambert-2/13  
Dawn Carr-2/14  
Lorene Binder-2/18  
Dale Stamm-2/20  
Randi Wilson-2/22

Brandon Hixson-2/23  
Charles St.Clair-2/26  
Brenda Fischer-Denehy-2/27  
Crystal Lambert-2/27  
Michael Koons-2/28

### ANNIVERSARIES

Gerardus Tromp & Helena  
Kuivaniemi -1/3  
Richard & Elizabeth Baylor-1/15  
Harold & Michelle Hack-1/15  
Robert & Roberta Recla-2/6  
George & Judith Adams 2/11

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Jarred Conrad and Sara Curry, Danville, are the proud parents of a son, Sawyer John Morris, born Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017. Great Grandmother is Emily Curry  
Maternal grandmother is Deborah Morris  
Paternal grandmother is Kay Drumm

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Don't forget to sign up for **BULLETINS, ALTAR FLOWERS,**  
**COMMUNION BREAD & SANCTUARY CANDLE!**

The sign up board is at the bottom of the stairs at the Narthex.

Or feel free to contact the office at 570-275-2110 to sign up.

## MEMORIALS



A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Felix Olshefski* by:

† Sue & Richard Baylor

† Mary Jane Snyder

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *James Diehl* by:

† Patricia Fry

† Mary Jane Snyder

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:  
Felix Olshefski, husband of Joann, brother of Carol Snyder and the son of  
Pauline Mackert (deceased), who died on November 18, 2017.  
James Diehl, wife of Patricia Diehl, who died on December 15, 2017



*The Children's Choir*

### **Current Council Members:**

Mary Ann Landi, Pres., Nan Leighow, Sec., Art Sticklin

Alf Bashore, Michael Dennehy, Roxanne Patton, Roberta Recla,

Mary Jane Snyder, Barbara Wintersteen

Congratulations to our newly elected council members, and Alf Bashore

Thank you to Tom Herrington and Richard Baylor who will be ending their term January 2018.

**Organist:** Ronald Kline \* **Sexton:** Caz Morgan \* **Secretary:** Nicole Cummins

**Ministers:** All the people of Pine Street

**Interim Pastor:** The Reverend John Koons \* Phone: 570-204-3153

**Church Office:** 275-2110; **Mon.-Thur.** 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. **Fri.** Closed

**Church e-mail:** pinestch@ptd.net \* **Website:** [www.pinestreetlutheran.org](http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org)

**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.*

**Worship Schedule.** 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion & Children's Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour