

# Parish Press

DECEMBER 2018 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

621 Pine Street; Danville PA 17821 \* 570-275-2110

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## ***December Schedule***

### **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Hoagie Orders Due*

Lite Fellowship Hospitality

### **December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Lite Fellowship Caring

### **December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Lite Fellowship Finance

### **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

No Fellowship

### **December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Eve Service – 8 PM

No Fellowship

### **December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day Service – 10 AM

No Fellowship

### **December 30<sup>th</sup>**

No Fellowship

*BELL CHOIR – Every Thursday 7 PM*

*CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Monday 10 AM*

*Social Hall*

**December Love Envelope**  
*Good Samaritan Crisis Fund*

## ***Making Memories***

It was cold and raining, but that didn't dampen our spirits. My brother and I crept down the stairs and turned at the bottom, not to the right and the living room, but to the left and the wall. You see we needed to wake our parents before we could go into the living room and see the tree with all the gifts packed under it. It was so very exciting. A good memory.

Throughout our lives we make memories and store them up for later. Our memories are funny things; they aren't an actual recording of the events. They are made up of the real event plus the retelling of family members. They grow stronger at each retelling or remembering. In the remembering of the event, they contain sights, sounds, smells and laughter—the feeling of goodness.

At different times in our lives we build new memories. As parents, there are the memories of staying up late on Christmas Eve and putting together bikes or doll houses. Santa's time of building and

decorating. At our house Santa didn't wrap the packages. We could always tell his presents. They were the first gifts we went to. Ah, wonderful memories.

As our lives mature, the people at the Christmas table change. As you become grandparents, people may still come to your house for the Christmas meal. Then you start going to your children's home and so forth. For many who live alone or with a companion, there might not be a family or friends to share the Christmas with because people move around. That is why I always invite people to a simple

gathering at the church to share Christ's meal with song and stories of those Christmas's of long ago. It is then that memories of times past fill you with joy as if you are still that young person sneaking down the stairs for Christmas morning.

Make wonderful memories this Christmas season. Remember that it isn't the gifts we receive or even give; it is the memory of that first Christmas so long ago. Jesus really is the reason for the season.

***Pastor Gretchen +***



***Recognizing Our Veterans***

# FOOD BANK

**NEEDS: Tuna & Canned Meats**



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.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION HYGIENE GIVEAWAY**

*There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the following items:*

- ***Tooth Paste & Tooth Brushes***
- ***Shampoo***
- ***Soap, Body Lotion, Body Wash***
- ***Vaseline***
- ***Wash Cloths***
- ***Razors & Shaving Cream***

The Mission will be distributing these items every 3 months. Please help by donating items from the above list.

We have had 2 hygiene sign up and giveaways. We gave hygiene bags to 74 adults which included 44 children. Thank you for all your donations to help fill the bags to give to those in need. We need more shampoo, deodorant, and body lotion to fill the bags. Thank you again for your generosity.

## **Emergency Hotline Numbers**

- Al-anon : 800-628-8920
- 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
- American Cancer Society  
1-800-ACS-2345



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

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**Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:00 PM**

**St. Joseph Church**

68 Center Street, Danville

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

(Building has an elevator and is accessible)

For more information, contact the church  
at

**570-275-2512**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## **What's Happening**

**Dec 4** —Martha's Circle — 5 PM  
Friendly's

Ruth Circle -11:30 AM Muffin Man

**Dec 5** — Ladies Night Out

**Dec 6** — Hoagie Preparation

**Dec. 10** — Worship & Music 11 AM

Finance 7 PM

**Dec. 11** — Christian Ed 6 PM

Property 7 PM

**Dec 12** - Hospitality 10 AM

**Dec.18** - Council 6:30 PM

**Dec 24** — Pine Street Christmas Eve  
Service 8 PM

**Dec 25** — Pine Street Christmas Service  
10 AM (informal)



## **Ladies Night Out**



**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m.**

A night of Christmas caroling,  
conversation and hors d'oeuvres.

Please wear red or green!

### **THE GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION CRISIS FUND**

This month's Love offering envelope in your packet. The Good Samaritan Fund was started In January of 1996. Over the years many families in the Montour County/Riverside Area have been helped through a crisis. This could be an illness in the family, job loss, car problems, a move to a new location or separation/divorce. As Good Samaritans, you can help by;

- ★ Prayer: Pray for the families in need, and pray for the Good Samaritan to meet the need.
- ★ Financial Support: Give generously. Every contribution to the fund is needed and appreciated.
- ★ Furniture: Donate your good used furniture/appliances. Dressers, tables, chairs, mattresses and box springs are always needed.
- ★ Clothes: Donate your good used clothing. Drop off clothing at the Center.

Please use your Love Offering envelope in your envelope packet for your donations to the Good Samaritan Crisis Fund.

# Pine Street Prayer List

## PINE STREET 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!

### Homebound Congregation

#### Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely,  
Burrnell Metzger, Seth Snover,  
and Lillian Stahl

#### Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, Corey Brady,  
Kathy Cashner, Shirley Hawley,  
Irene Hinkle, Ann Hummer, Tom  
Landi, Rae Leighow, Daniel Love,  
Pastor Lois 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, Barry C.  
Balonek, B.J. Bennett, James  
Bergenstock, Patsy Berns, Nancy  
Bordner, Anthony and Chorine  
Bordner, Benny Bordner, John  
Binder, Neina Brady, Rhonda  
Brouse, Terri Chayko, Albert  
Churm, The Family of Jeremy  
Clark, Jeff Creveling, Ruth Crum,  
Nancy Curry, Mary Ann Davis,  
Idita Dennehy, Lisa Eiswerth,  
Cathi Flanagan, Mildred Fisher,  
Joan Fulkroad, Helen Gething,  
Connie Gibbs, Anna Hare, Fred  
Harner, Harold Hauck, Nancy  
Haefner, Jackie Jackson, Autumn  
Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Kelly  
Kettlewell, Phyllis Knight, Alex  
Knox, Brenda Kile, Jill Kuhns, Kelli  
Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan  
Lubeski, Mary Maneval, Chet  
Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer, Gene  
& Kay Mull, Debbie Neitz, Jim  
Neitz, Elroy Neitz, Emily Sue

Nilsson, Paul Oyster II, Paul  
Oyster III, Shirley Phesant, Mark  
Pontiac, Iris Reibsome, John  
Reibsome, Scott Reibsome, Lou  
Reilly, Bonnie Reilly, Dorothy  
Reilly, Ethen Renner, John Stoker,  
Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas,  
Crystal Torbush, Paytyn Torbush,  
Leann Ulrick, and Bert Williams.

### 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,  
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



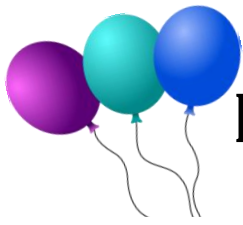
The prayer list is most effective when kept updated. Please fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate. Thank you.

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

## **DANVILLE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Danville Area Community Christmas Tree Committee is in need of donation, either monetary or non-perishable food items. Toys and winter clothes for men, women and children are also accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the Danville Ballroom starting Dec. 4 (Tues-Fri 3 pm -7pm and Sat from 9am-4pm. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed to Santander Bank, 101 Mill Street, Danville, PA.. Monetary donations are needed by Dec 8 so food can be ordered on Dec. 10.  
Call Nancy K. Fritz at 570-275-2525 with any questions.





## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARIES

Tyler & Margarita Lila  
Bottesch Yeager 12/13  
Sue & Marlin Neitz 12/21  
Kathi & Thomas Beiter 12/28

### BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Watts 12/1  
Amelia Eyer 12/2  
Quinn Eyer 12/2  
Tiffany Dyer 12/3  
Danielle Sticklin 12/6  
Meaghan Harmer 12/7

Ryan Versluis	12/9	Larry Bohner II	12/23
Lizzie O'Brien	12/10	Viola Dewald	12/24
Talulah Rice	12/10	Seth Snover	12/24
Coleen Snover	12/15	Sue Baylor	12/25
Howie Hack	12/16	Gloria Hans	12/26
Paul Sticklin	12/16	Lois Martin	12/26
Ryan Styer	12/17	Holly Patterson	12/29
Stephen Rice	12/17	Pete Dyer	12/30
Caz Morgan	12/18	Nicole Morgan	12/30
Jace Diehl	12/20	Missi Bohner	12/31
Rex Hepner Jr	12/21	Cora Wydra	12/31
Desiree Hepner	12/22		
Gisela Reedy	12/22		
Sherry Achey	12/23		

May the beauty of this season bring you peace and joy  
Now and throughout the coming year.

Peace be with you,

Your church council

Mary Ann Landi, Mike Dennehy,

Mary Jane Snyder,

Nan Leighow, Alf J. Bashore II,

Roberta Recla, Roxanne Patton

*Merry Christmas*

## **NOVEMBER 13 2018 PINE STREET COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

November 28 Congregational Meeting Council responsible for fellowship

November 21 check list of other services. Pine Street will not have service

November 25 No Fellowship

December 2 Sunday Services Pastor Gretchen Hoagie Orders Due

December 5 Ladies Night Out 5:30PM Christmas Carols and Conservation

December 6 Prepare Hoagies Bell Choir 7:00 pm

December 16 10:30 Service

**December 18 Council Meeting 600 pm RIC MAR RESTAURANT INVITATION TO SPOUSES NEW COUNCIL**

December 20 Bell Choir 7:00pm

December 23 10:30 Service

December 24 Christmas Eve 8:00pm

December 25 Christmas Day Informal Service 10:00 am

December 30 10:30 Service

PRAYER ROLL CALL Attending: M.Landi, M.Snyder, R.Patton, M.Dennehy, N.Leighow Pastor Gretchen, Alf Bashore

APPROVE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING no meeting

STEPHENS MEETING INACTIVE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (2) 4'x2' folding tables w/adjustable legs were donated to the childrens area in the fellowship room. Advent gathering with Trinity Lutheran Children. A light meal, cookies and hot cocoa will be served 4-6PM December 8<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> 6PM

MEMORIAL MEETING REPORT NOV. 5 MEETING. It was reported MSnyder and BEzdebski reviewed numerous designated funds going backs years. It was decided we will begin from William Snyder's death. Starting with September 2018 \$8105.00 have been received for designed for various projects and ministries within the church (this amount includes \$3,000 that Pat Diehl has offered for the Luther House roofing). \$20.00 memorial Jeff Greely. Next meeting January 7, 2019 1:30pm

FINANCE MINISTRY \$14,400 plus \$14,700 insurance money. \$10,000 paid to the contractor for supplies

TREASURES REPORT: Mike share councils will collect information from supply worship leader before payment of Sunday services. Mike is developing this information piece.

HOSPITALITY REPORT NOVEMBER 7 Veterans will receive 12 Long stem carnations with R/W/B ribbon. December 5, 5:30 Ladies Night Out .Trinity Lutheran & Trinity Oak Grove invited. Next Meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM Library

PROPERTY MINISTRY REPORT No meeting was held. Conflict with Council Meeting

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY: Services Christmas Eve 8PM, Christmas Day 10:00 am will be informal.

PASTORS REPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Mike Dennehy, Mary Ann landi, Roberta Recla will be going off council. Tom Herrington and Brenda F Dennehy will be on the ballot. Many others declined for the position.

OLD BUSINESS NEED PHOTOS & ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER BY NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>.

Alf will start music lessons January 8<sup>th</sup> in the conference room from Noon- 3PM

NEW BUSINESS none ADJOURNMENT 8:10pm

## Financials as of End of OCTOBER 2018

OCT Totals : Income      \$ 6,852. / Expenses   \$6,731.    \$   +121.

YTD Totals : Income      \$98,679. / Expenses   \$79,552.    \$+19,127.

*\*\* monthly YTD income total represent a \$14,700. , insurance check for repairs to the Luther house leaving = \$4427.*

*As Interim, Pastor Gretchen works 10 hours a week for Pine Street Lutheran Church.*

### **Council Members:**

Mary Ann Landi, Pres., Michael Dennehy, VP, Mary Jane Snyder, Sec.  
Alf Bashore, Nan Leighow, Roxanne Patton, Roberta Recla

**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

Organist: Ronald Kline \* Sexton: Caz Morgan  
Secretary: Heather Bieber

Ministers: All the people of Pine Street

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Gretchen Johanson

Phone: 570-394-0815

Church Office: 275-2110;

Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Fri. & Sat. Closed

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Website: [www.pinestreetlutheran.org](http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org)



**In case of an emergency,**  
**there is a defibrillator**  
**in the social hall.**





## *Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God by:*

*Tom & Luahan Herrington in memory of their parents, Jack & Clem Herrington and in honor of their children, Lauren, Benton, Sarah & granddaughter Claire Swartz*

*Bill & Jeannie Snover in memory of Donald Dulaney & in honor of Seth Snover*

*Nancy & Rae Leighow in memory of Helen & Marlin Vought and Pearl & Moe Leighow and in honor of Hunter, Cara and Larissa*

*Tom & Mary Ann Landi in memory of Our Parents*

*Kelly Boyer Forney & Michelle Brady in memory of Raymond Boyer*

*Pauline Nedrow in memory of Gerald & Greg Nedrow*

*Terri & Cora Wydra in memory of Mike Wydra, John & Elizabeth Wydra and Arlene Hack*

*Sandra McCarty in Memory of Jeff and in honor of Joan Greely*

*Michael Dennehy & Brenda Fischer-Dennehy in memory of Marl & Roxie Hall, George & Nora Fischer, Edward & Ida Toole, and John & Winifred Dennehy*

*Lillian Stahl in memory of Loved Ones*

*John & Jean Crumb in honor of Members of PSELC*

*Valerie Snyder in memory of Allen Snyder and Mary Rovenolt*

*Sandra Reibsome in memory of Loved Ones and in honor of Children & Grandchildren*

*Shirley Hawley in memory of George S Crumb Jr, Mr & Mrs George S. Crumb Sr, Mr & Mrs George D. Kauwell, Alice, James & David Crumb and in honor of the Crumb children & my grandchildren*

*Sheila Kuhns in memory of Peg Lyter*

*Sue & Dick Baylor in memory of Kim, Chris and Amanda Morgan and Richard & Anna Kerr, Ralph & Anna Baylor*



***Christmas Eve Service - 8 PM***

***Informal Christmas Day Service - 10 AM***

# From the Archives...

## A History of Pine Street Lutheran Church

Mrs. Catherine Vanderslice, Instructor; Mark Swank – May 1973

*Continued from October...*



Pastor Brown kept few written records or organized accounts of the congregation's accomplishments during his years at Pine Street Lutheran Church. Sometime during this period, the church purchased the house and property at 407 Pine Street. This is located directly adjacent to the church building and was used as a parsonage until 1968. The facts concerning the definite date and the amount of money involved in this transaction were not found in any of the church records.

After almost 33 years of devoted service and leadership at Pine Street, Rev. Brown retired to a small Lutheran charge in McAllisterville, PA.

On May 8, 1955, the Rev. Robert E. Picking was installed. He was a native of Newark, New Jersey having received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. At the time of his arrival, the second and third floors of the parsonage building were remodeled.

In March, 1957, the church purchased the property at 409 Pine Street, which is adjacent to the parsonage building and remodeled it for educational purposes. The first and second floors were both designed with folding doors to make single large meeting rooms or three smaller classrooms each. New plumbing and heating lines and new electrical facilities were installed. The cost of purchase and remodeling totaled \$17,800. It was dedicated in the name of the Rev. Elias Schwartz and was commonly known as the Schwartz Building until 1971 when it was rededicated the Luther House.

During the week of October 19, 1958, the congregation celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the present church building. The stone was laid May 4, 1858 during the ministry of the Rev. M.J. Stover. Rev. Walter Brown returned to deliver the sermon at the Sunday morning service, which kicked off the anniversary week. The 50 year members of the congregation were honored at a special service held Wednesday evening. On Sunday October 26, the Rev. Dwight F. Putman, President of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America was guest preacher. Dr. Putman conducted a most appropriate rededicatory service, which served as the conclusion to the anniversary week.

*To be continued next month...*

## ADVENT ACTIVITY

### Saturday 12/8/18 from 4-6pm

**In the Luther House for Children and Teens**

*Join us for a light meal, crafts, and a service project.*

*All are welcome*

**Call Missi Bohner for additional info: 570-897-7321**



## *In Preparation for Advent*

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for the future: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. The Scripture readings we hear in church during Advent remind us that we are called to be attentive in our spiritual lives as well. We are to wait in hope so that the coming salvation will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters. As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor stopping by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this surprise guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one but the Father knows when the Son of Man will come in glory. Read what Jesus told his disciples about this in Mark 13:33–37. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. As a concluding prayer read Paul's words to the Corinthians found in 1 Corinthians 1:3–9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

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The Caring Ministry will be sending gifts to the following military members for Christmas:

Robert K Torbush  
Kelsy Jensen  
Ann Lowe  
Jerry Marquez  
Steven Sees  
Jason Brennan  
Levi Gearhart  
David M Gregory  
Nicole Brady Hernandez  
Mr. & Mrs. Shane Berrgenstock  
Andrew Bauman  
Shawn Dyer  
Tristan Winter  
Tim Mekosh  
Jonathan Babb  
Matthew Clark  
Sarah and Nate Hughes  
Charlie Reedy  
Cody Harper  
Andrew Dougherty



## **Christmas Lights**

One of my favorite things about this time of the year is experiencing the beauty of Christmas lights. Ordinarily only dimly lit by dull street lamps, towns are now awash in brilliant displays of holiday cheer. So much more joyful than the rest of the year!

Eventually, however, those lights will be taken down, packed up, and put away again until next December. One of my least favorite times of the year is when those lights—and the accompanying joyful attitudes—are hidden for 11 months. Too bad! Wouldn't it be great if they stuck around all year long!

Even more sadly, some Christians only let their lights shine during special occasions. Currently there is a surging wave of good will toward our fellowman as we all seek to do something good for those in need. But what if we didn't just drag our Christian lights out only for holidays?

Jesus told His disciples that they were the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). Accordingly, He told them, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Certainly we should do all the good we can during the holiday season, but let's refrain from packing up our Christian lights and putting them away for the rest of the year. The world needs the light of the church and God's word shining in the darkness! Will you be a light for Christ 365 days in the coming year?

*Matt Clifton, McCrory, AR*

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