

Parish Press

February 2020 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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February Schedule

February 1st

Lasagna Dinner 4-7 PM PSEL

February 2nd

Light Fellowship Caring

February 9th

Light Fellowship Finance

February 16th

Light Fellowship Christian Ed

February 23rd

Light Fellowship W/ELCA

February Love Envelope *Jubilee Kitchen*

Pastor's Hours:

Mondays 10 am-12 noon

Choir: Mondays 10 AM

Bell Choir: Thursdays 7PM

What is Faith?

The writer of Hebrews gives us the biblical definition of faith by stating in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Also, faith is a prerequisite for hope and love, "Now these three remain-faith, hope, and love... (1 Corinthians 13:13). So in a sense, faith is a belief in something and a requirement to possess other things.

So, what must one believe in order to have biblical faith. The second half of Luke 6:45 says, "...For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." Thus, when Romans 10:9 says, "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Thus, being saved is synonymous with having faith.

Faith is hard and does not come easily. Just like the muscles of the body, faith must be exercised to grow. You may go one inch the first day, two inches the second day, three inches the third, etc. Just like with any other activity into which you are growing, faith must be exercised every day.

As Jesus said in Matt 17:20 "...if your faith as small as mustard seed..." you can accomplish amazing things for God. The mustard seed needs to be watered each day for it to grow. Seemingly, nothing happens for a very long time, but one day the seed bursts into the biggest tree in the garden.

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

DESPERATELY NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. Any groups interested must commit to one month of service.

If you have questions, please see **Roxanne Patton**, Our Food Bank Representative

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.



WEATHER REMINDER

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

LASAGNA DINNER

FEBRUARY 1, 4- 7PM

Pine Street Lutheran Church

Meal includes; lasagna, apple sauce, dinner roll, dessert and beverage.



Adults - Age 12
\$9.00

Ages 11-5 \$5.00 Under 5 eat free

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

Proceeds benefit PSELCH Porch Restoration
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

What's Happening

Feb 1 – 4-7PM Lasagna Dinner - \$9/Ticket. Benefits Luther House Porch Project

Feb 4 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore; 10 am Hospitality;
W/ELCA Biannual Meeting 11AM; 6:30 PM Oyster Supper

Feb 5 – Iron Uke Benders (SH) 6-8PM

Feb 9 – Confirmation Class 5PM

Feb 10 – 11 AM Worship & Music Finance 7 PM

Feb 11 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore;
6PM Christian Ed; 7PM Property

Feb 17 – Caring 11 AM

Feb 18 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore; Council 6:30 PM

Feb 19 – Iron Uke Benders (SH) 6-8PM

Feb 23 – Confirmation Class 5PM

Feb 24 – W/ELCA Executive Committee 11 AM

Feb 25 – 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

MUSIC EDUCATION AT PINE STREET

Alf Bashore Instructor 570-437-2515 (home)

Text only cell: 570-380-4883 email: bennschtung@gmail.com

**Beginner, novice, intermediate lessons on:
Mt Dulcimer, Mandolin, Ukulele, Guitar, Accordion,
Music Reading/Theory, Harmonica, Tenor Banjo, etc.**

Tuesdays 9 to 5 (if interest Thursdays 1 to 8 pm)

Note: ACTIVE Pine St. Lutheran members receive 25% discounted lessons.

Our church receives tithe for use of facilities.

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

Irene Hinkle, Pauline Nedrow,
Sherry Achey, Joan Greely and
Lillian Stahl

Congregation Members:

Jean Lewis, Confirmation Class
Members, Hunter Beasley, Rae
Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki
Morgan, Jennifer O'Brien,
Roxanne Patton, Sandra
Reibsome, Carl Rice, Jr., Art
Sticklin, and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation

Members:

Joshua Snyder, Wendy Horn,
Wendy Hendrickson, Shirley
Whitmer, Sutherland family, Jeff

Baylor, Connie Gibbs, Ryan Park,
Family of Laina Haney, Sandy
Cook, Francis Aikey, Barry C.
Balonek, Nancy Bordner,
Anthony and Chorine Bordner,
Tessa Burk, Ruth Crum, Nancy
Curry, Idita Dennehy, Cheryl
Easton, Judy Hare, Harold Hauck,
Jackie Jackson, Kenneth Kauwell,
Dottie Keeler, Autumn Kern,
Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox, Brenda
Kile, Chris Linn, Joan Livziey,
Mary Maneval, Pastor Lois
Martin, Chet Miller, Kenne
Miller, Emily Sue Nillson, Mark
Pontiac, Dean Reedy, Carol
Rehrauer, Dorothy Reilly, Ethen
Renner, Annette Shalongo,
Robert Shamp, Sherry Simon,
Michael Slats, Betsy Smeltz,
Jaide Torbush, Tyler Torbush,
Daisy Trate, Lili Trate, 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, Trevor
Stone; B.J. Dellinger; Wesley
Derrick, Eric Schneider



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

*To the congregation of Pine
Street Lutheran Church:*

*Thank you for your
continued support of the
Good Samaritan Crisis
Committee. Your
faithfulness to us is as much
appreciated as we give
assistance to our community
members during their time
of need.*

*Sincerely,
Natalie Kupas
(Treasurer)*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Eric Snover 2/4
Ryleigh Hepner 2/11
Nathan Hepner 2/12
Dee Carr 2/14
Lorene Binder 2/18
Dale Stamm 2/20
Dick St. Clair 2/26

Brenda Fischer-Dennehey 2/27
Michael Koons 2/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Roberta Recla 2/6
George & Judith Adams Jr 2/11



The Lutheran Church is primarily based on the teachings and beliefs of the 16th-century German friar, church reformer and theologian, Martin Luther. While there are many distinct bodies of the Lutherans throughout the world, each one to a certain extent follows the theology of Martin Luther and his Protestant Reformation from the Catholic Church.

Lutherans promotes the concept of justification "by grace alone through faith alone on the basis of Scripture alone", the belief that the Bible is the ultimate authority on all issues of faith. Today, it is estimated there are over 70 million members of different Lutheran denominations all around the world.

Martin Luther's family actually benefited economically from the Black Death.

At the start of the 16th century, Europe had seen large changes in the arrangement of social classes in the last hundred years. The severe drop in population from the Black Death created new economic opportunities and mobility for the lower classes of society. New technologies were invented to offset labor shortages and increase productivity, which then established new classes of society to facilitate manufacture and trade.

Hans Luther, the father of Martin Luther, was a benefactor of this new middle class as he earned a living leasing and operating copper mines and smelters. The Luther family made a sufficient income to provide a university education for his son, helping Martin to become a renowned theologian, contributing significant reformations, leading to the creation of Lutheranism.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Gretchen will be offering a first year confirmation class with Samantha Eyer as co-teacher.

The class will meet for a total of 12 Sundays From late September through late March. (Approximately twice per month.)

A general guide for participation age is 7th grade through high school.

This class focuses on enhancing the understanding of the Bible and Lutheran church history and practices for our younger church participants. It also prepares them to be more independent and active church members.

SCHEDULE

February 9, 2020

February 23, 2020

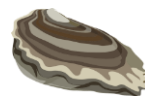
March 8, 2020

March 22, 2020

*(April 5, 2020 make-up day
if needed)*

Classes will be held from 5-7pm in the
Youth Room on the 2nd floor of the
Luther House.

*Please contact Pastor Gretchen with
any questions. (570)394-0815*



February 4 86th Annual Oyster Supper

6:30 PM

\$17/Donation (*Price subject to change*)

Reservation suggested.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Turbotville, PA
570-649-5195

Thank You!

We give thanks to all who have helped us in our time of sorrow and loss of Tom, for everyone who supported us through phone calls, messages, visits and words of encouragement and prayers. Special thanks to Pastor Gretchen, Pastor Lois and Pastor Sadler.

We are grateful to the Women's group for serving a delicious meal.

During a time like this we realize how much our church family really mean to us....

Blessings Mary Ann Landi and family

Thank You!

Ms. Baylor,

Thank you and your church for thinking of our family this Christmas. The gift card was a wonderful blessing and was used to finish up our Christmas shopping.

Thank You,

Sarah, Steven, Emily & Claire Sees



The Thomas Beaver Free Library

A public library plays a vital role in the community it serves and the Thomas Beaver Free Library is no exception. For 130 years, it has stood in the heart of Danville; an essential resource and source of pride for the community.

In 1886, Thomas Beaver contributed \$100,000 for the construction of the library, which now bears his name. The Thomas Beaver Free Library was dedicated in 1888 and has served since then as the library for Danville, Montour County, and Rush and Riverside Townships. It offers educational and cultural enrichment opportunities by providing materials, services and programs for all ages. It is a place of lifelong learning and enhances the quality of life for all of us.

The Library provides its users with a broad range of books including fiction, non-fiction, large print and audio books. Patrons regularly read newspapers and check out magazines and DVDs from the library's collections. Residents also have access to computers, the internet and databases for conducting research. Wi-Fi is available for people looking for a quiet space to write or work. Its programs promote a love of reading and exploration for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

The Thomas Beaver Free Library provides free space for educational programs and is a gathering place for community groups. It is where people come together to connect with neighbors and where parents, grandparents, and children can share the joy of reading as a family. It is where adult learners gather to improve their reading and language skills. The library has built community bonds beyond its walls by reaching out through Little Libraries, reading to children at preschool and dropping off book at assisted living facilities for seniors to enjoy.

Financials as of End of December 2019

Dec Totals: Income \$12030.49/ Expenses \$7683.29 **\$4347.20**

YTD Totals: Income \$93625.54 / Expenses \$102234.91 **-\$8609.37**

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

Council Members:

Tom Herrington, President; Mary Jane Snyder, Vice President;
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, Council Secretary;
Roxanne Patton, Treasurer; Alf Bashore; Nancy Leighow

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. & Sun. Closed

Church e-mail: pinestch@ptd.net

Website: www.pinestreetlutheran.org



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