

Parish Press

MARCH 2019 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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March Schedule

March 3rd

Lite Fellowship Christian Ed

March 6th

Ash Wednesday Service 7PM

March 10th

Lite Fellowship Worship & Music

March 17th

Hoagies Due

Lite Fellowship Property

March 24th

Lite Fellowship Council

March 31st

Lite Fellowship Hospitality

BELL CHOIR – Every Thursday 7 PM

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Monday 10 AM

Social Hall

March Love Envelope
GateHouse

Making Lent Meaningful

Lent is a time when we pay attention to God's will for us. Most of us think about what we are to give up: chocolate, caffeine, or whatever. I see Lent as a time for personal reflection.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. Therefore, remember the disciplines of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.

Let us remember that we are created to experience joy in relationship with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But we are human and many times forget what is good for our relationship with God and think only of ourselves and our comfort.

So let us take that time to reflect. **Ash Wednesday** service is on Wednesday, March 6th. Then on the following **Wednesday evenings** we will meet together at 6 for a light meal and at 7 for quiet worship.

Lovingly Pastor Gretchen



A group of frogs were traveling through the forest when two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs ignored their comrades and proceeded to try to jump out of the pit. However, despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up as they'd never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed of what the others were saying and he gave up, jumping even deeper to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the group of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and to just die.

He ignored them, and jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf and that he thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Moral of the story: People's words can have a huge effect on the lives of others. Therefore, you should think about what you're going to say before it comes out of your mouth – it might just be the difference between life and death



Roxanne Patton gave out Food Bank Certificates of Appreciation.

L-R: Mary Jane Snyder council VP Brenda Fischer Dennehy secretary. Roxanne Patton PSELC food bank representative



Roxanne Patton gave out Certificates of Appreciation from the Food Bank.

L-R: Roxanne Patton, Lizzie Morgan, Larissa Bohner, Missi Bohner and Nan Leighow.

FOOD BANK

NEEDS: Canned Fruit



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

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.

Preparing Valentine Cookies to share at Fellowship



Mental Health Support Group

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Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church

68 Center Street, Danville

2nd Floor Meeting Room

(Building has an elevator and is accessible)

For more information, contact the church
at

570-275-2512

ALL ARE WELCOME!



March 5—W/ELCA 1:30 (SH)

8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

March 6—Iron Uke Benders (SH)

March 11 — Worship & Music 11 AM

Finance 7 PM

Mar 12 — 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

Hospitality 10 AM

Christian Education 6 PM

Property 7 PM

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day

Hoagies Due

Mar 19 — 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

Council 6:30 PM

March 20 —Iron Uke Benders (SH)

March 21— Hoagie Preparation

March 23— Chicken & Waffle Dinner

Mar 26 — 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

WHY NOT GREAT LAKE SCRIPS?

We all buy groceries, gas for the car; make trips to Target and Walmart; and need gifts for family and friends. Great Lake Scrip gives us an opportunity to prepay for these ongoing expenses and support our church at the same time. For every card sold, the church receives a portion of the sale price, anywhere from 2% to as much as 10%. Over time, this starts to add up. Presently, the proceeds from the sale of these cards are used to cover the cost of maintaining our church's internet web site. To order, please see Sue Baylor on the second Sunday of each month. Order forms with hundreds of choices are on the table in the Narthex.



Easter Flowers



An order form for Easter Flowers will be in the weekly bulletin:

White Lilies - \$12.75

Yellow Daffodils - \$10.00

Pink Tulips - \$10.00

Purple Tulips - \$10.00

They may be *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* someone. Deadline for ordering will be **Sunday, March 24th.**

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, 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, 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, Jackie Jackson,
Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr,
Kelly Kettlewell, Phyllis
Knight, Alex Knox, Brenda
Kile, Joan Livziey, Nathan
Lubeski, Mary Maneval, Chet
Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer,
Gene & Kay Mull, Debbie
Neitz, Jim Neitz, Elroy Neitz,
Emily Sue Nillson, Paul
Oyster II, Paul Oyster III,
Shirley Phesant, Mark
Pontiac, Iris Reibsome, John

Reibsome, Scott Reibsome,
Lou 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



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
sue123@ptd.net**



***A special Thank You to some Pine Street angels for braving
the snow, sleet and ice on Thursday, February 21, 2019 to
come help make hoagies! Couldn't have done it without
you: Mary Beishline, Sue & Dick Baylor, Janie Snyder and
Mary Ann Landi. God Bless, Nan***



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Harner-3 /4
Jaren Diehl-3/6
Omar Rojas-3/6
Alexis Snover-3/6
Sarah Klein-3/7
Mary Ann Landi-3/7
Hunter Beasley-3/11
Geoffrey Lees-3/12
Roberta Recla-3/12
Dennis Leighow-3/15
Samantha Koons-3/16
Judith Adams-3/22
June Livziey-3/25
Charles Rice-3/26

Judith Romanot-3/26
Kathi Beiter-3/30
Anna Schlott-3/30
Wilma Stevenson-3/30

Tyler Hack 4/1
Jack Dyer 4/3
Leah Carr 4/6
Justin Oberdorf 4/6
Alexa Spicer 4/7
Chris Smith 4/8
Michael Eyer 4/9
Harold Hauck 4/9
Lorene Versluis 4/11
Alexis Hepner 4/15
Madison Morgan 4/16

Todd Baney-4/20
Darlis Dyer 4/22
Sarah Hughes 4/26
Tina Cavaliere Leighow 4/29
Marlin Neitz 4/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Lorene Versluis-3/27
Sandra & Irvin Reibsome-3/29
Dick & Anna St. Clair – 4/18
Skip & Anna Rice Sr – 4/22



We would like to thank you for your kind and loving words of sympathy following the death of our father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Seth had a long, healthy and happy life. He felt very welcome at Pine Street after his return to PA in 2016.

The Snover Family

Thank You very much for the goodies from The Muffin Man. They made my day and my kids loved them.

Deserie Hepner

Dear Pastor,

Mine is a letter expressing sincere thanks for your congregation's efforts to pack "Christmas-at-Sea" gift sacks last year. They provided warm clothing, snacks and holiday greetings to crew members of cargo ships forced to sit out the Christmas season in New York harbor.

"You should have seen the look on the seafarer's faces when our six port chaplains distributed 670 gift sacks from Upper Susquehanna congregations," so said Rev. Marsh Drege, executive director of Seafarer's International House. This ministry to ships' crews dates back to 1837 when the service was limited to Swedish ship's crews and immigrants headed west to the American heartland.

I hope your congregation's response might act as a catalyst to the 87 USS churches who were unmoved or uninformed of this program to respond in 2019 as generously as you did in 2018.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert L. Bradford

Upper Susquehanna Synod

Council Meeting Highlights

February 19, 2019

Property Ministry is busy keeping the place from crumbling. The leaky roof over the church building has been repaired. There is damage to the upstairs restroom which will be repaired after its sure no more leaking is happening.

Finance Ministry reports that we finished 2018 in the black - with a positive balance. It wasn't by much, but still worthy of praise for God keeping us fit to continue in ministry for Him.

Observance of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Gather with your friends at Pine Street for Soup Supper followed by Evening Vespers each Wednesday during Lent. Set aside this extra time for fellowship and to offer thoughtful prayer in song through the Evening Holden Service. (No Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday.)

Council will be getting an update from Synod regarding the procedure for our Calling a pastor. It is assumed that we will need to join with two other Congregations to share a pastor due to finances.

Federated Missionary Lenten Teas

March 13: Pine Street Lutheran Church, 621 Pine Street, Danville
Program: World Prayer Day

March 20: Mooresburg Presbyterian Church, 21 Church Rd, Mooresburg
Program: Loving Choices

March 27: Iron Mill Church, Churchill Rd, Danville
Program: Alliance Missionary in Uruguay

April 3: Strawberry Ridge United Church of Christ, 1 Diehl Rd, Danville
Program: Kevin Mertz-Father's Hope

April 10: Grove Presbyterian Church, 376 Bloom St, Danville
Program: TBA

Lenten/Easter Dates

Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday (WM), 7:00

Wednesday, March 13 - Lenten Tea/Word Day of Prayer (W/ELCA), 1:30

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 - Soup Supper followed by Lenten Vespers (Evening Holden Service) (H/WM), 6:00 Soup Supper, 7:00 Evening Vespers

Sunday, April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday (WM)

Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday (WM), 7:00

Friday, April 19 – Good Friday (WM), 7:00

Sunday, April 21 – Easter (WM) Sunrise Service 6:30 AM Easter Breakfast (C) Easter Service 10:30 AM

Financials as of End of JANUARY 2019

Jan Totals: Income \$ 6,464. / Expenses \$ 6,258. +205.

YTD Totals : Income \$ 6,464. / Expenses \$ 6258

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

Council Members:

Tom Herrington, first term of two years, President; Mary Jane Snyder, Vice President;
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, first term of two years, Council Secretary;
Roxanne Patton, Treasurer; Jean Crumb, first term of two years; 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

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