

Parish Press

March 2020 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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March

Schedule

March 1st

Light Fellowship Christian Ed

March 8th

Light Fellowship W&M

March 15th

Light Fellowship Property

March 22nd

Light Fellowship Council

March 29th

Light Fellowship Hospitality

March Love Envelope

GateHouse

Choir: Mondays 10 AM

Bell Choir: Thursdays 7PM



Gutenberg's Printing Press helped enable the Protestant Reformation

It is arguable that the Protestant Reformation would not have happened, or at least nearly not as effectively, without the invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg in 1439. For most of the Middle Ages, books were hand-written by scribes in Latin, a language which only the most educated people could understand.

The printing press is considered one of the most important innovations of the Middle Ages because, as nothing before, it enabled the vast distribution of information. The spread of books, enabling a growth in higher education, had a clear impact on the Lutheran reformers. Now that more of the general population could read and know the teachings of the Bible, it was the reformers' affirmation, led by Martin Luther, that Christians should live in accordance with scripture and disregard non-biblical Catholic traditions.

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.



***Celebrating Fort Augusta Chapter DAR
127th birthday, pictured back row is
Sue Baylor, LeAnn Keefer Bechtel
and Deb Park, front row is
Izabella Morgan and Madison Morgan.***



**Gatehouse receives
cleaning supplies.**

What's Happening

March 3 – 1:30PM W/ELCA Bi-Annual Meeting

March 4 – 1:30 Lenten Tea; 6PM Lenten Supper; 7PM Holden Evening Prayer;
Iron Uke Benders 6-8PM

March 8 – 5PM Confirmation Class

March 9 – 11 AM Worship & Music Finance 7 PM

March 10 – 10AM Hospitality; 6PM Christian Ed; 7PM Property

March 11 – 1:30 Lenten Tea; 6PM Lenten Supper;
7PM Holden Evening Prayer

March 16 – Caring 11 AM

March 17 – Council 6:30 PM

March 18 – 1:30 Lenten Tea; 6PM Lenten Supper;
7PM Holden Evening Prayer
Iron Uke Benders 6-8PM

March 22 – Confirmation Class 5PM

March 23 – W/ELCA Executive Committee 11 AM

March 25 – 1:30 Lenten Tea; 6PM Lenten Supper;
7PM Holden Evening Prayer

March 23 – 4-7 PM W/ELCA Chicken & Waffle Dinner

March 29 – Youth Recognition

April 1 – 1:30 Lenten Tea; 6PM Lenten Supper;
7PM Holden Evening Prayer

THANK YOU to all who helped with baked goods, serving
and coming to the lasagna dinner. We raised
approximately \$900 for the front porch of the Luther
House. Thanks again! -Nancy

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

Jane Cullen, 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, Emily Sue Nillson, Mark Pontiac, Dean Reedy, 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**

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the nice cards you have sent me over the past year. And also thank you for the poinsettia plant for Christmas. It was so thoughtful of you to do that and I appreciate it so much. You're a very caring congregation. Thanks again!
Sincerely,
Kathy Cashner

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Snover 3/6
Mary Ann Landi 3/7
Geoffrey Lees 3/12
Roberta Recla 3/12
Dennis Leighow 3/15
Judith Adams 3/22
Kathi Beiter 3/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Lorene Versluis 3/27
Sandra & Irvin Reibsome 3/29



CELEBRATING RON KLINE'S 80TH BIRTHDAY!

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

We at Gate House wish to express our gratitude for your generous donation of cleaning supplies to The Gate House Shelter.

Over the past year we have offered shelter to 120 residents, including 31 children. The average stay here the Gate House is now only 47 days. With the continued support of caring individuals like yourself, we will be able to continue in our mission of assisting families in our community.

Thomas Dougher
Executive Director
The Gate House



Bell Choir

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

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*

W/ELCA
ALL YOU CAN EAT
CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER
March 28 - 4-7 PM



ALL YOU CAN EAT

Chicken & Waffles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pickled Cabbage and Dessert

Price is \$9 for adults \$5 for 6 and over

- LENTEN TEAS -

The Danville/Riverside Women's Federated Missionary Society will sponsor a series of programs during the Lenten season for 2020. All programs will begin at 1:30PM. The public is invited to attend.

Wednesday, March 4, will be at First Baptist Church, Rt 642 E, Danville. Program will be with Debbie Dower, Missionary in Germany.

Wednesday, March 11, will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. Hubert's Hall, Danville. Program will be Casa Materna, Mission in Guatemala presented by Allison Cotner and Erica McElroy.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 will be at Shiloh UCC, Bloom St, Danville. Program will be with Natalie Enterline.

Wednesday, March 25 will be at Hendrickson's UMC, Cameltown Hill Rd. Program will be God's Beautiful Country with Rev. Dwayne Nichols.

Wednesday, April 1 will be at Trinity UCC, Strawberry Ridge, 1 Cardinal Road, Danville. Program will be more about the mission of the Ronald McDonald House.

In case of inclement weather, please listen to WPGM radio station or call Donna Dreischer at 570-951-2518.

THANK YOU:

We thank Alf Bashore for his ongoing support of paying a month of internet service yearly, and 10% of lesson fee. This is in exchange for his use of the church to give music lessons.

We thank Mary Ann Landi for her service as chair of Hospitality Ministry.

We thank Janey Snyder, Barb Ezdebski, Pat Diehl, and Nan Leighow for serving on the ad hoc Memorials Committee. The group created a form to be used in requesting the use of Memorial monies. The form is available in the church office. Submitted forms will be reviewed by Council, and approved if appropriate.

We thank Pastor Gretchen for servicing us so generously. She had the goal of bringing laughter back to Pine Street, and she did it!!

We thank Pastor Tim for coming to serve as our interim at a very crucial time.

WHY NO ALLELUIAS DURING LENT?

Based on the Hebrew word, *hallelu yah*, meaning "Praise the Lord," alleluia has been a word of great praise to God in the life of the church and was prominent in early Christian liturgies. Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent in the Western church, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice.

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell, however, developed in the Middle Ages. The hymn "Alleluia, song of gladness" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #318) contains a translation of an 11th century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.

From *ELCA Worship Formation and Liturgical Resources Frequently Asked Questions: Why don't we use alleluias during Lent?*

Forms in the Office

The following forms are available in the office. Please use them as needed.

Memorial Money Request Form – Do you have an idea for use of memorial funds that would promote and benefit the mission of PSEL? That would memorialize a deceased loved one? That would benefit the work of Jesus Christ? Submit this form to Council for review.

Building Use Request Form – Would you like to use the church facilities for a personal event or for a group not associated with the church? Use is free of charge to active members. Complete this form and submit it to Chair of Property Ministry, Nan Leighow.

Fundraiser Form – Do you have an idea for a fundraiser to benefit PSELC? The event must be approved by Council before proceeding. Then use this form to report your expenses and profits. Submit it to Finance Ministry Chairman, Michael Dennehy.

Purchase Order – Are you buying a budgeted item and expect to be reimbursed for the purchase? Are you requesting a budgeted item be ordered by the secretary? You must complete this form to show that it is budgeted, and include the line in the budget it is to come from. Items cannot be ordered or reimbursed otherwise. The treasurer does not have authority to pay for unauthorized items, and is not responsible for managing the Ministries' budgets.

Financials as of End of January 2020

Dec Totals: Income \$5754.38/ Expenses \$6907.59 \$-1153.21

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Council Members:

Tom Herrington, President; Alf Bashore; Vice President;
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, Council Secretary;
Roxanne Patton, Treasurer; Valerie Snyder; Barb Wintersteen

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 Rev. Timothy W. Sadler, MDiv., BCC

Pastor's Address: 737A Lower Street,
Danville, Pa. 17821

Pastor's Cell Phone: 717.752.5832 after 5 PM

Church Office: 570-275-2110;

Mon.-Thur. 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

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Website: www.pinestreetlutheran.org



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