

Parish Press

MAY 2018 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fellowship Hour *May Schedule*

May 6th

Graduate Recognition
Worship & Music
Lite Fellowship

May 13th

Happy Mother's Day
No fellowship meal.

May 16th

12 Noon Retirees' Luncheon

May 20th

The Day of Pentecost
Property Ministry
Lite Fellowship

May 27th

Council
Lite Fellowship

May Love Envelope
VBS

Pentecost ! Spirit Filled! Huh?!?

The Day of Pentecost (20. May 2018) celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Holy Spirit filled everyone gathered in Jerusalem, and they began "speaking...about the great things that God has done!" [Acts 2:11c]

The following verse, Acts 2:12, reflects the confusion of those people in 30 AD, and many people today: *Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, "What does this mean?"* [TEV]

Today, we continue to observe and celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, and many of us simply say, "Huh?!? What does this mean?"

The Holy Spirit is an elusive concept. We do more or less okay with God the Father and God the Son. We can sort of grasp what they mean. But God the Holy Spirit – huh?!? What does that mean?

As in Genesis 1:1b...*and the spirit of God was moving over the water*, and Acts 2, it is God's Holy Spirit that brings order out of disorder. It is God's Holy Spirit that makes things happen. It brought order out of the "formless and desolate" earth "in the beginning". It empowered the faithful to give testimony about "the great things that God has done".

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It is the Holy Spirit that continues to empower the church and its people. It is the Holy Spirit that brings order out of the disorder of the fractious Christian Church. It is the Holy Spirit that calls us to be faithful – and to continue to bear witness to the great things that God has done, *and IS doing* in our midst.

It is the Holy Spirit that when we ask the question, “Why are there so many empty seats in church?”+urges us to get excited and actually do something about it, rather than sitting back and complain, “It’s the minister’s job, it’s someone else’s task, somebody really ought to do something!”

It’s the Holy Spirit that makes it clear that each of us *IS* a minister of the church. Each of us is that “somebody”. Each of us is a part of the *priesthood of all believers* that has been filled with and empowered by the Holy spirit to proclaim, invite and welcome God’s people into our midst.

It is the Holy Spirit that has made Pine Street Lutheran Church a welcoming place to all who come, members and visitors. Many newcomers come with apprehension fearing they would come and end up talking to no one. When they come, it is the Holy Spirit that drives us to welcome them and make them feel at home.

That, sisters and brothers in Christ, is the work of the Holy Spirit right here in our midst. That is how God welcomes people into his Family – through us! I give thanks for God’s Holy Spirit at work among us!

Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

In Christ!

Pastor Koons+

The Day of Pentecost – 20. May 2018

The Day of Pentecost in 2018 is observed on Sunday, 20. May, Fifty days after Easter, hence the name Pentecost.

On this day, three young women of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church will affirm (confirm) the promises made by their parents and sponsors at their baptisms. They are: Delaney Bloom, Cora Wydra, Cara Bohner



As the article on page one notes, Pentecost observes and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church. The color of the day is **Red**. There will be red geraniums in the church. Members are encouraged to wear something **Red** for Pentecost. **Red** is the color of the Holy Spirit, as it recalls the tongues of fire that came upon the crowd on that first Pentecost Day. Celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our church and in our lives.....wear something **Red**!

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

Danville/Riverside Food Bank Information

The Danville Riverside Food Bank seeks to provide for the needs of our community by giving several bags of fresh foods, meats, canned and dry goods, milk, eggs, and breads monthly to many of our clients.

In 2017, we served 2654 family units or 43 individuals. In 2018, we will have even more families served. Monetary donations are used to buy the foods that we give to clients. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please come on a Saturday or call our president, Joe Neizer at 570-441-6867.

Stephen Ministry



Ministry News

IN MEMORY OF KIMBERLY MORGAN

She was loved by, all including those she cared for at Vintage Knolls. She was very kind and caring. She will be missed.

Love Will Remain by Henri Nouwen

Hope and faith will come to an end when we die. But love will remain.

Love is eternal. Love comes from God and returns to God. The love which we lived our lives is the life of God within us. It is divine. This love not only will remain but will bear fruit from generation to generation. When we approach death let us say to others, "Don't let your hearts be troubled".

Stephen ministers are here to provide Christ's love.

Christian Education Ministry



June 24-28 Vacation Bible School
sponsored by Trinity Lutheran, Pine
Street Lutheran, and Christ Episcopal
Churches.

Hosted on-site at Trinity and led by
Camp Mount Luther.



- ★ May 6th – Graduate's Sunday
- ★ May 13th – Mother's Day
- ★ May 15th - Voting
- ★ May 20th – The Day of Pentecost
- ★ May 20th - Confirmation
- ★ June 9th – 160th Anniversary of Pine Street Lutheran
- ★ June 10 - Anniversary Celebration
- June 10 - Children's Recognition
- ★ June 17th – Father's Day



Summer 2018

Awesome God, Awesome Love. June 17th – August 16th

July 21 Women's Convention

Camps vary in topics and lengths.

Register on-line at

www.campmountluther.org



Calendar of Events for the ...

Women of the ELCA



May 1st 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* (Muffin Man)

May 1st 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

June 12th *Semi Annual Mtg.*

July 10th 6:30 PM *Picnic*

July 21st *Convention @ Camp Mt. Luther*

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION HYGIENE GIVEAWAY

There is a basket in the Narthax 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

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, Kathy Cashner, Joan Greely, Burrnell Metzger, and Lillian Stahl

Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, Shirley Hawley, Irene Hinkle, Ann Hummer, Tom Landi, Daniel Love, Pastor Martin, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jim Neitz, Jennifer O'Brien, Sandra Reibsome, Carl Rice, Jr., Judy Rogowski, Art Sticklin, and Ryan Versluis.

Friends Of Congregation

Members:

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey, The Billig Family, Ethel Bashore, Jeff Baylor, James Bergenstock, Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner, John Binder, Neina Brady, Sr., Rhonda Brouse, Terri Chayko, Albert Churm, Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry, Mary Ann Davis, Idita Dennehy, Gerald Dewald, Kathryn DiOrion, Cathi Flanagan, Joan Fulkroad, Connie Gibbs, Diane Hanson, Anna Hare, Harold Hauck, Jonah Inch, Jackie Jackson, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livzey, Nathan Lubeski, Chet Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Mark Pontiac, Linda Pritchard, Pat & Tom Puckey, Ralph Reedy, Iris Reibsome, John Reibsome, Scott Reibsome,

Connie Reich, Ron Shipe, Molly Shultz, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Leann Ulrick, Kay Warner, 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, 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

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



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



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Darlis Dyer-5/9
Dennis & Ellen Leighow-5/10
Steven & Mara Diehl-5/24
William & Jeanine Snover-5/26
Matthew & Rachel Sticklin-5/28
Glen & Tina Leighow-5/27
Thomas & Gail James Jr 6/14
Thomas & Lois Martin 6/20
Rex & Desiree Hepner Jr 6/22

BIRTHDAYS

Dennis DiOrio 5/3
Karen Dyer 5/3
Joanne Williams 5/4

Mary Sticklin 5/6
Delaney Bloom 5/9
Jean Crumb 5/9
Glen Leighow 5/9
Sarah Romansik 5/12
Shirley Riley 5/14
Cara Bohner 5/15
Max Sticklin 5/15
Riley Davis 5/17
Nicholas Klein 5/18
Sarah Mullen 5/21
James Diehl 5/24
Trevor Patterson 5/25
Roger Watts 5/25
Corey Brady 5/26

Dick Baylor 6/1
Scott Leighow 6/1
June Doran 6/4
Sophia Greely 6/4
Jennifer O'Brien 6/4



June 10th
National
Child
Recognition
Day



SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

Kimberly Morgan who died on April 10, 2018.

Sheila Kuhns. Her mother passed away April 12, 2018.



Please consider sponsoring the **BULLETINS** or **FLOWERS** for a week, or the **SANCTUARY CANDLE** for a month. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex by the stairs. You may dedicate them in honor of, or in memory of, a person or persons. To facilitate the bookkeeping, we would appreciate if you would pay promptly for these sponsorships.

You may also call the office at 275-2110 to sign up.

Annual Church Festival

will be held August 11



Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Roberta Recla

Dear Partner in Ministry,

Mount Luther is so very grateful for all the gifts that congregations donate to us each year. These gifts come in many forms, and we would like to say thank you for your support by presenting your congregation with a certificate of appreciation.

Congregations qualify for a certificate from the camp if the church gives at least \$250 during the course of the year. Congregations can give either through direct donation to the camp or through the synod. Gifts given to the Annual Fund, Campership Fund, Evergreen Center Debt Reduction, Endowment Fund, Adopt-A-Building program for other Designated Gifts are all regarded.

In Christ,

Chad

Chad Hershberger
Executive Director
Camp Mount Luther

Thank you to Dick Baylor, Alf Bashore, and Nan Leighow for painting and laying a new floor in the room behind the kitchen.



Children provided a song and thank you to the congregation for Volunteers



Larissa Bohner. Isabella Morgan & Sarah Eyer



Owen Eyer & Madison Morgan

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

Ministers: All the people of Pine Street

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

Church Office: 275-2110;

Temporary Hours Mon.-Thur. 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. **Fri.** Closed

Church e-mail: pinestch@ptd.net * **Website:** www.pinestreetlutheran.org

Council Members:

Mary Ann Landi, Pres., Michael Dennehy, VP, Nan Leighow, Sec.,

Alf Bashore, Roxanne Patton, Roberta Recla, Art Sticklin, Mary Jane Snyder, Barbara 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.*

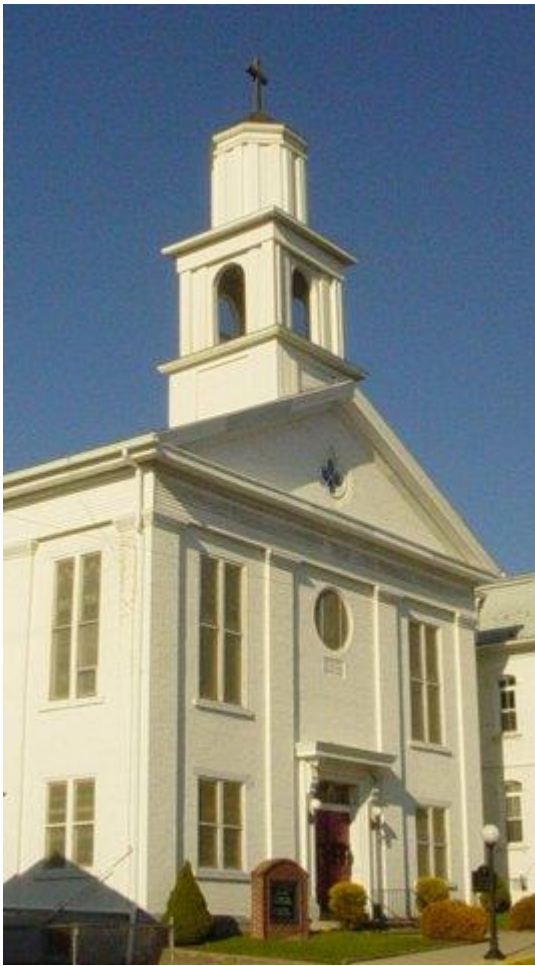
Worship Schedule. 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion & Children's Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour



In case of an emergency,

there is a defibrillator in the social hall.



Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Celebrates 160 Years

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In 1944 the first Lutheran Church building in Danville was the Evangelical Lutheran Church, later St. John's Lutheran Church. This building was behind where the high school was built on First Street. It later became the maintenance building for the school. This congregation eventually swelled to 370 members and a new larger house of worship was needed. One group proposed bidding an English Lutheran church on the same site. This upset the German speaking members. The congregation decided to build on a new property. One group sought to build on one side of the canal (North side) and another on the South side of the canal. In 1856 the majority faction purchased a lot on Pine Street near Lower Mulberry Street. Pastor M.J. Stover began to serve the North Ward congregation. (Pine Street)

The cornerstone for the church was laid on May 4, 1858. If you stand on the sidewalk in front of the church and look up, you will see a block that reads "English Evan. Lutheran Church erected A.D. 1858". In 1859 Trinity Lutheran Church was organized and located on the South side. Therefore in 1859 there were three Lutheran Churches in Danville, Pine Street Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and St. John's German Lutheran Church. In 1860 the Rev. Eli Hulper tried to reunite Trinity and Pine street but failed.

There were four different pastors from 1861 to 1874 when the Rev. Martin Shindel began his call of 32 years. The Rev. Lloyd Walters served from 1906-1909. Under the ministry of the Rev. J. H. Musselman from 1909-1919 there was extensive remodeling done. Rev. David Burnite served from 1919-1922. In July of 1922 the Rev. Walter E. Brown began his 32 year ministry. During his time there was extensive remodeling due to fire damage and the sanctuary was rededicated. Also during Rev. Brown's ministry, the property at 407 Pine Street was purchased and used as a parsonage until 1968.

Rev. Robert E. Picking was called to Pine Street in 1955. The church purchased the property at 409 Pine Street to be used for education purposes. It was dedicated as the Schwartz Building until 1971 when it was rededicated as the Luther House.

In 1958 Pine Street celebrated its centennial with special services. In 1965 Pastor Hans B. Jentsch was called and served until October of 1967 when he suffered a heart attack. The Rev. Herbert D. Cressman was called in 1968. During his ministry a new parsonage was purchased at 11 Maple Avenue and the church building was remodeled and a new pipe organ was purchased.

In 1976 the Rev. Ray E. Jones began his ministry of 14 years. The church was in financial difficulty when Pastor Jones resigned. The Rev. Deane Shively served as interim until the Rev. Edwin K. Rehrauer began his ministry in May of 1990. Under his leadership the church managed to come back in good standing. Major renovations were completed in the Luther House. After Pastor Rehrauer left Rev. David R. Hauck served as interim until the call of the Rev. Jeffrey G. Bohan in 1997. During pastor Bohan's pastorate we had to do major repairs to the steeple/bell tower because the beams were rotting and water was leaking onto the sanctuary ceiling. Pastor Bohan resigned in June of 2004. Pastor Melody Sell served as our interim for 13 months and brought us through more renovations. Rev. L. Keith Pittsnogle came to Pine Street in August of 2005. While he was here the two sides of the Luther house were connected on the second floor making the whole building handicapped accessible. He transferred to St. Matthews in Selinsgrove in July of 2014.

The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin served as interim from July of 2014 until July of 2017, when Rev. John R. Koons became the current interim.



Robert A. Reid was born in Scotland in 1842 and moved to Pottsville at the age of 12. While a member of the 48th Pennsylvania Regiment during the Civil War, Reid captured a Confederate Flag at Petersburg, VA in June of 1864, and received a Congressional Medal of Honor. Reid was a superintendent of the Montour Rolling Mill and lived in Danville for 25 years. A directory has his family living at 407 Pine Street [our current Luther House] in 1895-96.

In October of 1896, he was manager of the mill when a boiler exploded. Several men were killed and Reid was among the injured. Reid also served on the Danville School Board. Returning to Pottsville, he died April 25, 1929 at the age of 87.