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Ash Wednesday

February 13

Imposition of Ashes

7:00 AM (Chapel)

12:00 Noon (Chapel)

7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

*Lenten Worship each Wednesday during Lent
beginning February 20th at 7:00 PM
Soup & Bread meal at 6:00 PM prior to Worship*

Bold Women Sunday

February 17 during Worship

Results of Council Elections:

Council President: Mary Ann Landi

Council Vice-President: Gerard Tromp

Council Secretary: Nancy A. Leighow



Marriage Recognition

Sunday

*February 17th during
Fellowship Hour*

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The Widow's Mite

By Larry Troy

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:1-4

This message was so important to God, that he placed it in two different gospels of his living word. The two small copper coins were called mites. Two bronze mites, known as a Leptons, meaning small, are together, worth a quadrans, the smallest Roman coin. A lepton was the smallest, and least valuable coin in circulation in Palestine. At the time, it was worth the equivalent of six minutes of the average daily wage. It's safe to say the coins were two half-pennies.

At the temple of Jerusalem, the wealthy dropped large, heavy coins, very valuable, into the donation box. They made a loud noise when they landed in the box, calling attention to their donation. When the poor widow dropped her two half-pennies in, they probably made no sound.

During my time with you at Pine Street, some of you have lamented that you wish you could increase your tithes. Some of you have shared with me how you are embarrassed by your "small" gifts. I want you to know that God rejoices at your gift, no matter how small! He knows your heart, and your situation, and he rejoices at your faith! Never be ashamed of any gift! Rejoice!

This is so close to me, for this is where I live spiritually. I have often witnessed a visitor give his last dollar to the Lord. You bring a dollar store pack of cookies to fellowship, that's a mite, Rejoice! You give a jar of peanut butter to the food bank basket, that's a mite, Rejoice! A pan of mac and cheese for fellowship, that's a mite, Rejoice! You bring bread for communion, that's a mite, Rejoice! You have monetary wealth, and freely give to the Lord, Rejoice!

The widow's mite was equal to six minutes of labor. Short on money, but Love the Lord? Visit a shut-in, that's a mite, Rejoice! Hug someone who's having a rough time, that's a mite, Rejoice! Send a sympathy card with a Love message, that's a mite, Rejoice!

Love someone you don't like, that's a mite, Rejoice! Call someone in crisis or in mourning, that's a mite, Rejoice! Give six minutes a day/week/month to the service of the Lord, that's a mite, Rejoice! Call Deb, and volunteer to serve during worship service, that's a mite, Rejoice!

I love to encounter people's mites at the church. They mostly make no sound when they are given, but they make an impact every time. I want you to feel free to share the story of your mite with Pastor, me, and your church family. Together with you and the Lord, we will rejoice with you!

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

- † Harriet Rice, mother of Carl Rice who died December 18, 2012.
- † Nancy Orndorf, aunt of Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, who died January 17, 2013.

THRIVENT GIFTS

Thrivent Financial member directing Choice Dollars to our church is *Brenda Fischer-Dennehy*. We thank you for your generosity!

NEW MEMBERS

Roxanne L. Patton was Received into Membership and Robert A. Jenkins, was Received by Adult Baptism during Worship on December 23, 2012.

Although they have been Worshipping with us for some time, we welcome both Roxanne and Robert to our church family here at Pine Street.

GIFT

A gift was given to our church in honor of *Pauline Mackert* given by Felix and JoAnn Olshefski.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council minutes from the January 22nd Council meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex as soon as they are transcribed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

WORSHIP: I presided over 3 Sunday worship services.

VISITS: I had 4 visits (2 counseling, 2 pastoral).

MEETINGS: I attended 4 meetings.

CHRISTIAN

EDUCATION/CONTINUIN

G EDUCATION: Bible

Study continues and is working on the Letters in the New Testament. Pat and I jointly conducted the Breakfast with the Bible for December. Our joint youth group continues to meet monthly. Pat and I attend and participated however the program is provided by a member of Grace, Point Township. This gives us a good opportunity to interact with the youth in a more relaxed setting.

EVENTS: I participated with our youth at a food packing event at Camp Mount Luther.

GOGGY,PC Dates:

(Combined Youth Group of Grace, Point Twp., Trinity, Oak Grove, Pine Street, and Christ Lutheran, Milton.)

- **February 15-16: Rock-A-Thon at Grace Point Township (7 PM-7 AM Saturday)**
- **March 10: Trinity Oak Grove (6:30 PM)**

GOGGY,PC is for anyone in fifth grade, 11 years old, and up.

If any youth would like to attend and needs a ride, please call Pastor Keith at 951-2350.



Ready to tackle hunger? SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 3, 2013

Our Youth will be collecting canned goods and/or \$\$ at the entrances and exits of the church to help fight hunger. All donations stay in our area and will go to the Danville/Riverside Area Food Bank

Thank you for your support!



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

EAT AT

**MOM'S DUTCH KITCHEN
MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY
4:00 PM TO CLOSE**

10% OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO OUR YOUTH ACCOUNT FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE GOING TO THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

THANK YOU!



Lasagna Dinner

February 23

4-7 PM

Church social hall

\$8 age 12 to adult

\$4 ages 3-11

Free: children under 3

Menu: Lasagna, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert, and beverage.

Proceeds go toward Vacation Bible School and the Thomas Beaver Free Library.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

*Written by S. William Snover, MD
Financial Secretary*

"Who will give himself and all that he has to the Lord?" (1 Chronicles 29:5)

This verse from the Old Testament sounds like a very large and quite unreasonable request. If the leadership at Pine Street were to come to you with the expectation that you should give **all that you have** to your church to do God's work, I am sure that our membership roles would dwindle quickly and Sunday attendance at church would become quite sparse. But, this chapter of the Bible refers to David's efforts to raise money to erect the Jew's first temple to God. And, David himself set the example for generosity by using "every resource at my command" (v.2) and "all of my own private treasures to aid in the construction" (v.3). Through his example, others were motivated to likewise sacrifice, perhaps not as extensively as David, but enough to make a difference and finally see God's house completed.

Too often, we look upon the financial needs of the church from a business point of view. We adopt a budget, we do our best to give enough to meet that budget, and hope that others also "do their part". But, David's example shows us that giving should be regarded as a spiritual activity. It is part of our act of worship, not just a monetary exchange. Through financial stewardship we are not invited to give only of our material possessions, but rather to give of ourselves wholly to the Lord. Giving in response to obligation will always be limited. Giving as an act of prayer and worship allows us to grow in our devotion to God. Anything given that surpasses our own church's needs is then turned into a ministry of love to others, in our community, our

Synod, and our worldwide church body. It supports missions, ministries to the poor and disadvantaged, food for the hungry, warmth from the cold, and many other outreach activities.

"Who then will offer willingly, consecrating themselves today to the Lord?" (v.5) Generosity of time, talent, ability and treasure will bring us closer to God. It works. Trust me.

Yours in faithful service
Bill

GLScrip Order Deadline is February 10

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards. Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras. Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use. They work same as cash!!!

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR
WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT
WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG**



JUBILEE KITCHEN

This month is Jubilee Kitchen month for the Love Offering Envelopes. Free meals are provided every Saturday from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon at Mahoning Presbyterian Church except when they are closed during July and August. Donations are needed to purchase articles such as foods and paper goods to provide a decent meal for the people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Our church provides a meal twice a year.

If **Jubilee Kitchen** is a community project you would like to support, please use the special *Love Offering Envelope* enclosed in this *Newsletter*. Thank you!

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of December 31, 2012)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in December: \$325 from hoagie sales

\$1,120 from giving

\$1,435 total

Total on hand: \$5,046

Loan balance: \$48,210

We want to keep a minimum six month balance on hand to cover our monthly scheduled payment of \$578.56, or at least \$3,472.

Pastoral Care:

For Pastoral Care, please call Pastor Keith's home number (951-2350-if no answer, please leave a message).

Please do not leave a message on the church's answering machine.

(The answering machine at the office is not regularly checked if it is after hours, a weekend, or if Pastor is away.)

OYSTER SUPPER

The 79th Annual Men's Oyster Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall of Zion Lutheran Church in Turbotville. The approximate donation of \$13.00 per person will be requested at the door, the amount depending upon the cost of oysters just prior to the supper. Although reservations are not required, it would be helpful if you could give them an indication of how many may be attending so they can

adequately plan for the supper. Their phone number is 649-5195.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Strengthening marriage and family is more important than ever in today's world where broken relationships fuel so many problems. What have you done lately to deepen your love for your spouse? Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES and run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 5 PM. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of

you are included. The Spring weekends are **March 15-17, 2013 at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center, State College, PA** (peaceful resort nestled within 1500 wooded acres) and **April 26-28, 2013 at the Conference Center in Lutheran Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown, PA** (a motel-style retreat center located in the Laurel Highlands featuring the serenity of a lovely rural setting). **Or you may sign up for a fall Weekend September 13-15, 2013 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center in Ludlow or October 11-13, 2013 at Mountain Laurel Resort in the Poconos.** Don't delay; some Weekends fill fast, so sign up today. **To sign up,** simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card, or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email:

Give it to The Lord

By Dee Carr

*When your troubles make you feel like the weight of the world is driving you to your knees,
Stop and ponder if it's happening because that's where you need to be.*

*Maybe you feel there's not a soul to whom you can confide,
Just bend your knee and share it with Him, don't keep it all inside!!*

*No matter too small, or problem too big, your plea He won't dismiss,
He's always listening, all year long, don't think of Him just at Christmas!*

*Open your heart to Him, no other Love can compare!
It's so very easy to talk with Him, just start saying a prayer!*

*He'll never turn you away, your pain won't be ignored...
So, when you just can't take any more, just Give It To The Lord!!*

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie day will be
February 7th with the
deadline to order and pay
by February 3.

The cost is \$4.00 each with
90% of the proceeds going
toward our Restoration
Project and 10% going to a
charity or community project.
Thank you for your support!

RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people
for urgent medical care.

Volunteer drivers are:

- ◆ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ◆ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- ◆ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

Call any of the above
numbers or call the church
office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00
P.M. at 275-2110.

Simply Giving

Our congregation participates
in the Simply Giving program
for donations by electronic
funds transfer. The program
allows members to donate
regularly and automatically
on a schedule of their choice.
To apply or if you have any
questions, please see Gerard
Tromp or Bill Snover.



Bible Study

Thursdays at 1:30 PM

(Time may change occasionally.)

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*Dates for
Of the Land and
Seasons Worship:
April 7 '13 (Spring)*

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NOTIFY THE CHURCH:

- When a member of your family or a member of the church is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- When a member of your immediate or extended family passes away.
- When your home phone number or address changes - church records need to be corrected. It costs 89 cents every time a newsletter comes back because of an incorrect address.
- When a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- When a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When something good happens to you or your family that you would like to share.

(PLEASE NOTE:

If you've been in the hospital or have been ill and have not been visited by the pastor or anyone from the church, or if your name is not on the prayer list, it may be because no one told us you were ill or would like your name on the list. You or a family member should notify the church office with requests or information on illness or hospitalization.

**Please also get permission before sharing this information with the church office so we can share your information with others in our Church Family.
Thank you!)**

Audio tapes

of the service are available for homebound and others who can't make it to church. Contact Sue Baylor at 279-4766, if interested.

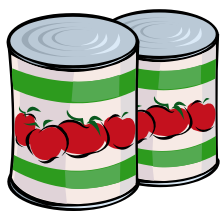


ADVERTISING

Mary Ann Landi handles church advertising. Some area newspapers will print this information free of charge as a news item. If you have an event coming up you would like advertised, please give as much information to her at least a month in advance to get the word out about what God is doing at Pine Street!

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission:

Are you 70 ½ and own an IRA, 401(k), 403(k) account, or other applicable retirement plan. If you do, you are required to take a distribution from those plans. By making a charitable gift, you may offset some of the income tax liability with a charitable tax deduction. By making a deferred gift using a Charitable Gift Annuity, you will receive a tax deduction, some tax free income for a number of years, and annuity income for a lifetime. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using retirement plans or other ways to make charitable gifts, call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo.



FOOD BANK NEEDS

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 from the list below or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

Jan: Canned Vegetables
Feb: Noodles & Macaroni
Mar: Canned Fruit
Apr: Soup
May: Tuna & Canned Meats
Jun: Cereal
Jul: Jell-O & Pudding
Aug: Peanut Butter & Saltines
Sep: Spaghetti & Sauce
Oct: Cereal
Nov: Noodles & Macaroni
Dec: Tuna & Canned Meats

It is also helpful to have such miscellaneous items as mustard, catsup, flour, sugar, boxed mixes (cake, muffin, etc.) and dry milk powder. Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use your a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 1-2 P.M. and 5:30-6:30 P.M. the 1st Thursday of the month

at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1st Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside.

Volunteers are always welcome.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Eric Snover
 10 - Cecily Tharp
 13 - Jeremy Tharp
 14 - Dee Carr
 20 - Charles Harner; Dale Stamm
 22 - Christopher Riley; Randi Lynn Wilson
 26 - Kara Blasko; Charles St. Clair
 27 - Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Brian Stamm; Steven Stamm
 28 - Michael Harner, Jr.; Michael Koons
 29 (or Feb 28) - Shirley Gamble



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6 - Roberta and Robert Recla
 11 - Judith and George Adams
 19 - Juanita and Craig Getz
 23 - Beverly and Larry Troy
 26 - Diane and Ralph Harner



Due to supplier increases, Altar Flowers in 2013 will be \$35.00.

SPONSORS

Due to cost increases, these will be the prices for 2013:

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$35.00 per week for **Flowers**;
- \$14.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

SCOUTING

Our Church sponsors:

- ▲ A Brownie Girl Scout Troop #600398 that meets every other Thursday at 6:30 P.M. For more information, please call Sharon Harner at 275-9077.
- ▲ Cub Scout Troop #47 that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Leader is Jenn Warner. Questions, see Caz Morgan.
- ▲ Boy Scout Troop #47 meets every Monday at 7:00 P.M. John Conrad is the leader. For more information call 275-7776.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude for your donation (\$36.00 from hoagie sales) to Geisinger Health System Foundation.

Thank you for sharing Geisinger's vision for comprehensive, innovative healthcare solutions. Your partnership will greatly impact advances in patient care and improve the quality of life many families can enjoy.

When you support our 97-year tradition of striving for perfection, you join the thousands of Geisinger donors and staff who are working every day to provide innovative research for specialized treatment options, community-based services throughout a 44 county area and compassionate care for those who need it most.

With heartfelt appreciation,

James H. Brucker, Ph.D.

To Choir and the Church Family:

A heartfelt thanks to all for you thoughtful gifts to me at Christmas. It is such a pleasure to be part of such a warm and generous worshipping community.

Brenda

Dear Pine Street Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Danville Area Diaper Bank, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of diaper donations. Your commitment to helping babies and toddlers in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Your donation comes at a crucial time. With the recession pressing down on so many families, the need to assist in keeping babies clean and healthy has become critical. Together we can make a difference for the families in our community. In spite of the difficult economic times that we all face, with your help we have enjoyed great success during our first few months in operation.

The goal of the Danville Area Diaper Bank is to continue to make a difference by ensuring that families living in poverty have an adequate supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers and to raise community awareness that "basic human needs" include diapers and that these needs are not being met for children living in economically disadvantaged homes.

Thanks again for your generous support of our efforts to keep our most vulnerable assets clean and healthy. With donations from supporters like you, we will continue to see our doors remain open for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kristin O'Rourke

The Danville Area Diaper Bank

Dear Friends,

I truly appreciate the gift cards for Christmas.

God's Blessings on another year together.

Sincerely,

Deb

Your Secretary



Ministries at a Glance!

(meeting times)

Administration – Tom Herrington, Bill Snover (Coordinator), Mary Sticklin, Burtell Metzger; Sandra Reibsome; Council liaison-Mary Ann Landi (meets as needed)

Caring Ministry – Sue Baylor, Coordinator (dates vary)

Family and Christian Education Ministry
FACE – Missi Bohner, Coordinator (2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM)

Finance Ministry – Michael Dennehy, Coordinator (2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM)

Hospitality Ministry – Larry Troy, Contact Person (1st Wednesday @ 11:00 AM)

Property Ministry – Nancy A. Leighow and Nancy K. Leighow- Co-Coordiators (2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM)

Women of the ELCA – Co-presidents: Sue Baylor & Mary Ann Landi (usually 1st Tues.)

Worship & Music Ministry – Council liaison is Ron Kline (2nd Monday @ 11:00 AM)



Pine Street Prayer List February, 2013

Tom Beiter; Bev Faux;
Lester Carr; Ray Fry; Bill
Rohrbach; Kathy Thomas; Kathy
Kreisher; Bonnie Reilly; Kate
Humbert; Lena Wetzel; Donald
Budmon; Mary Sudo; Julia
Kucher; Mary West; Martha
Knight; Mary Jane Mordan;
Shirley Hawley; Kim Azigian;
Dave Burns; Agnes Oyster;
Elizabeth (Libby) Fox; Sarah
Roberts; Margaret Tanner;
Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.;
Charlotte Rice; Carol Heim;
Linda Wetzel; Joyce Dawson;
Ann Marie Binder; Sue Neitz;
Spencer Vincent; David Harvey;
Cory Fenstermaker; Angie
Wilson; Dr. Kevin Shafer; Marvin
Fry; Cathy Dressler; Ruth Lehr;
Ryan Stevenson; Gladys Keller;
Kendra Hoover; Keith
Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien;
Greg Potter; Pete Zimmerman;
Autumn Kern; Tim Raup; Baby
Clive Stevenson; Todd Livziey;
Joan Bankus; Erica Miller; Lola
Kline; Virginia Frantz; Nancy
Curry; Melissa Thomas; Mike
Shoemaker; Cindy Gearhart;
Helen Smith; George Sudol; Art
Sticklin; Leann Achtenberg;
Edith Bender; Nicole Morgan;
Donna Brown; Carol Phillips;
Harvey Stauffer; Shirley
Crossley; Dolores Easton &
Family; Dorothy Hagenbuch;
Barry Balonek; John Crumb;
Brenda Kile; Dianna Ballinger;
Audrey Kunkle; Alan Springer;
Emily Sue Nilsson; Walt Rupert;
Sharon Arndt.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Nelena and
Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert;
Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow;
Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope;
Mildred and Paul Gemberling;
and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Emmitt Thomas; Sgt. Levi
Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory;
Emily Ebersole; Jordan Zander;
Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor
Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim
Moyer; Robert Carpenter; Trevor
Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn

Dyer; Shane Bergenstock;
SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL
Jason Lee Smith; Christopher
Perry, B.J. Dellinger; Tim
Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT
Steven Black Barr; Tristan
Winter.

*Please use an orange pew card for
Prayer requests & removals.*

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, prayer is
most effective when requests are
current and regularly updated.
Therefore, we would appreciate
it if you would check over the
prayer list, and if there is
someone that you put on that list
that is doing better and can be
removed, please contact Deb at
office. You can notify the church
office by emailing Deb at
pinestch@ptd.net or by calling
from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday through Thursday at
275-2110. Please keep this in
mind when you put other
relatives and friends on our
Prayer List.



*To activate the
Prayer Chain, contact
numbers are:
387-1795 or 441-5643.
No Emails please.*

(To have someone's name included
on the weekly Prayer List, please
email or call Deb separately at the
church office at 275-2110 or
pinestch@ptd.net).



*We want to open up and expand God's
presence by becoming more active in
the community. You can help!
Tell your friends--tell your neighbors--
come see--Come See what God is doing
at Pine Street! Invite everyone you
know to come to church.
Tell them we have a great fellowship
hour. Tell them that God loves them
and we do too.*

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## 2013 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**  
**Treasurer: David A. Doran**

Elizabeth Baylor  
Jean Crumb  
Michael Eyer  
Samuel Harrison  
Ronald Kline  
Mary Ann Landi  
Nancy A. Leighow  
Nancy K. Leighow  
William Snover  
Gerard Tromp  
Terri Wydra

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WEBSITE

www.

**pinestreetlutheran.
org**

**And, if you haven't
registered on the site,
please do so!
Check it out!**

Send any feedback or suggestions to Deb at
pinestch@ptd.net. Thanks!



Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:

Near Liberty Valley Golf
Course on Rt. 642, turn
right onto Klondike Rd. Just
after going under the I-80
bridges, turn onto the first
left. This is Oak Grove Rd,
(unmarked). The Church
and pavilion are at the
crossroads 4-way stop.



Fellowship Menus

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BOOK
TO BRING ITEMS FOR LUNCH
OR**

***You may bring any food gift of your
choice. Thank you!***

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3: Baked Potato Bar
Feb. 10: Sponsored by the Sunday
School Classes this month
Feb. 17: Meat Ball Sandwiches &
Tossed Salads
Feb. 24: Soup & Hearty Breads

MARCH

Mar. 3: Ham & Potato Casseroles;
Tossed Salads
Mar. 10: Covered Dish
Mar. 17: Sandwich Fixings & Veggie
& Dip Platters
Mar. 24: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked
Beans
March 31: Easter Breakfast leftovers
for anyone that wants to stay
for fellowship after the 10:30
AM Worship

***Each Sunday needs a Clean-Up
Crew. Please volunteer!***

**Families can still sponsor a
Sunday Fellowship meal
of their choosing—just pick the
date in the book on the small
podium in the social hall and write
in that you are sponsoring the
meal! Thanks!**

FELLOWSHIP HOURS

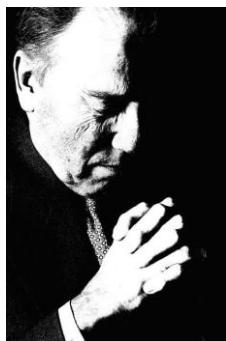
A loose leaf notebook is on the
podium in the social hall with
menus for each Sunday (except
the second Sundays of each
month when we have a Covered
Dish meal).

***Please look at the meals listed
above to see if you would be
able to bring in one of the
dishes. Then sign up in the
notebook. If you would like to
supply a dessert, please write
that down.***

Items needed regularly:

- ☺ Dessert plates (paper or Styrofoam)

- ☺ Coffee cups (Styrofoam)
- ☺ 100% fruit juice (no red drinks
please)
- ☺ A main dish, side dish or dessert for
any Sunday Fellowship Hour
- ☺ Any donations to "Hospitality
Ministry" to help fund our many
outreach and church events



**Read Romans 12
& Pray Daily**

ELECTION DATES FOR 2013: May 21 November 5

It would be appreciated if people do
not go into or through the social hall
the morning before until the morning
after election dates as there are
voting machines set up in the room.
Thank you for your cooperation!

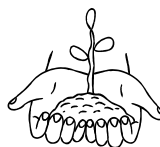
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...on the table in the narthex.

- The most recent copies of the
USS Ark, Upper Susquehanna
Synod *Currents*, and *Camp Mt.*
Luther Camel Tracks. If more
of these are needed, please
ask Deb.
- Devotional Booklets
- *Spark Family-Splash in God's
Word* magazine

They are free while supplies last—
take one for your family.

***Come Grow
With US at Pine
Street Lutheran***



Lyme Disease Support Group

7:00 P.M. 1st Thurs. of the month
at Trinity Methodist Church
306 Lombard Ave

For questions or information, please call
Angie Wilson at 570-441-6039.

GOOD SAMARITAN

Good Samaritan Mission Center
275-2500
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-5 PM



HOSPITALITY

*Hospitality is the way we
come out of ourselves. It is
the first step toward
dismantling the barriers of
the world. Hospitality is the
way we turn a prejudiced
world around, one heart
at a time.*

~Joan D. Chittister in
Wisdom Distilled

Newsletter Deadline

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the next edition
of the *Newsletter* is **February 15
for the March Newsletter**. All
articles submitted are subject to
editing; typewritten or emailed
articles are especially
appreciated. It may be necessary
to hold articles submitted after
the deadline date until the next
month.

If you have a loved one, family member or friend in the military and want them on the prayer list or to have members write to them, please be sure their names and addresses are given to the church office.

Thank you!

EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS

Food Bank/American Red Cross: 275-1441
Good Samaritan Mission Center: 275-2500
Women's Center: 784-6631
Child Abuse Hotline: 800-932-0313
Poison Center: 800-521-6110
Alcoholics Anonymous: 286-7436 or 654-0488 (Northeast Inter-group)
Al-anon: 800-628-8290 (National Hotline)
Narcotics Anonymous: 988-7177
Gambler's Anonymous: 717-652-4400



W/ELCA Highlights

CIRCLES

The Women of the ELCA will have their Circle meetings on February 5th:

- Ruth is at Muffin Man at 11:30 AM. Jean Crumb has the lesson.
- Martha is at John's Hibachi Restaurant at 6:00 PM

(IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS.)

RENEWAL

Day of Renewal will be held on February 23rd at United Lutheran Church, 7 Points Road, Sunbury.

MARCH QUARTERLY

On March 5th the Women will have their Quarterly meeting at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Terry Deiner will be speaking about Danville in the Civil War in uniform. Anyone from the congregation that is interested is welcome to attend.

Coming Up:

- ✓ March 9: Jubilee Kitchen
- ✓ March 16: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 AM (SH)
- ✓ Apr. 13: Chicken & Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM (SH)
- ✓ April 27: Day of Learning [Bethany Lutheran, Montoursville]
- ✓ May 8: Mother/Daughter Banquet
- ✓ June 4: Quarterly
- ✓ July 27: Convention [Camp Mt. Luther]
- ✓ October 6: Blanket Sunday
- ✓ October 19: Peace Pole Service [Synod Office]

WEATHER RELATED

NOTE:

When the Danville Schools are on delay or closed for the day because of winter weather, the office is on the same schedule.



The Thank You Corner

A Special Thank You To:

Bill Snyder – for snow shoveling.

To all volunteers - for decorating, poinsettia placement and deliveries to our shut-ins, and un-decorating.

Why and how do we use ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice which many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

In the Ash Wednesday liturgy from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pages 251-255, the confession and imposition of ashes follow the proclamation of the Word of God in biblical readings, sermon, and song. This confession marks the beginning of a season of penitence. The Maundy Thursday absolution is the structural response to the Ash Wednesday confession, marking off Lent as a penitential time. At the conclusion of the Ash Wednesday confession and imposition of ashes, a declaration of grace is used, coupled with a plea for mercy.