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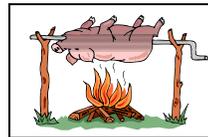
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 8

Doing God's Work with Our Hands will begin a new Sunday School year and other festivities on Sunday, September 8th. See more details about September 8th on Page 3.

September 1: Sunday School Teacher Installation



**The office will be closed on Monday,
September 2nd in observance of
Labor Day.**



PULLED PORK DINNER

**SEPTEMBER 21
4 PM – 7 PM**

Church Social Hall

*Menu: Pulled Pork, Sandwich Roll, Baked Beans,
Pickled Cabbage, Dessert and Beverage.*

Homemade ice cream will be available.

Adults 12 & Up: \$8; Children 3-11: \$4;
2 & under: Free

(90% of the proceeds will go toward the Restoration Project; 10% will go to Gatehouse)

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A GIFT FROM GOD

By Roxanne Patton

It's Thursday June 27 and I just finished reading the newsletter from Church. When I came to the letter that Larry Troy wrote I had tears running down my face, you see I was that sister in need that Sunday. I was that person who thought they didn't need Church to have God, but what I have come to realize is, I was wrong, so very wrong.

In 2007 my granddaughter was born with a heart defect and not expected to live long, but she fooled the doctors and came through her first surgery without complications, then at the sweet age of 6 months she went for her second surgery and she never recovered, I was very angry and bitter and already gone from Church, I didn't think I needed church to have God, I prayed and prayed for her to make it but she didn't. I sat in my home all alone with no one to share my pain with, I had to endure it myself, I was lost, I thought what kind of God would do this, I fell to my knees and asked God why. Later that year my daughter who had lost her child had to bring her son to scouts and it was here at Pine Street. She felt like she couldn't do it anymore and with her work schedule it became very hard so I volunteered to take him so I could spend time with him without his other sisters around. Never did I ever think that by doing this I would be taking my first steps to coming back to the Lord and realizing that I needed this church and this wonderful family here. In February we had Scout Sunday and I was elected to bring him to church so I did, to my surprise everyone was so wonderful to me and him and I felt something I never felt before. I joined Scouts later on so I could help out and spend time with my grandson. On the committee was a very nice lady who belonged to this Church and asked me why I hadn't come back to church, so I told her I would try. When I did come to church everyone welcomed me again and said they were glad that I came back and I felt this warmness like no other. I was coming for a while and then stopped because I thought you had to dress in a certain way to come to church and when we had a meeting she asked me why I stopped so I told her and to my surprise, she said you only need clothes to cover you, it doesn't matter what they look like and she genuinely meant it.

I started coming back on a regular basis, but what I didn't realize was God working in his wonderful way because before that I had gone to the Relay for Life as a survivor and there was a stand there in need of walkers, so I volunteered my son and I to walk for them only to find out she too belonged to this wonderful Church. And now a few weeks ago I lost my granddaughter's father to a tragic car accident and was devastated, but this time I had my new family to help me through it and I am so ever grateful that God steered me in this direction. It took a long time getting here, but I made it and it was truly a blessing what I felt that day when everyone came to me with prayers and hugs and words I needed to hear and I will always be so ever grateful that I found this family. Pine Street Lutheran Church is the most beautiful place to be; the people here truly do care about each other and not just saying it because they feel they should, but because they know they really care. Thank you God for helping me find my way home.

Very thankful,
Roxanne

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

† Eric Reeder, son of Vicki (Reeder) Baker, who died July 25, 2013.

GIFT

A gift was given by Mary Elizabeth Payne in memory of her mother, *Beatrice Yeager*, to our Restoration Project.

YOUTH REPORT

A check for \$191.00 was received from Mom's Dutch Kitchen as a result of the Youth Fundraiser held this past February.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The most recent transcribed Council meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



GOGGY,PC

See the Partnership of Saints on Page 13

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

GOGGY,PC is for anyone 5th grade, 11 years old, and up. Check out upcoming dates in September on Page 13.

REST & COMFORT

Saturday, September 7th, our church will be operating a rest area during the Fall Crafts Festival on Mill Street. We will operate from 9AM till 5PM. We will be giving out bottled water, fruit, and other gifts. We provide a place of rest for visitors, and Pray with anyone who asks God's help.

We ask you to spread God's Grace to all who attend. If you can devote any amount of time to serving God, please come. As little as 20 minutes, or several hours. We are located across from the Danville Post Office.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 8

Come to Pine Street Lutheran Church on September 8 and share the excitement and celebrations.

At 9:15 AM celebrate the kick-off of Sunday School as we Rally for the year. A light breakfast will be served. A sign-up sheet to provide breakfast items is in the social hall.

At 10:30 AM we will be enjoying Worship together.

A Covered Dish luncheon will follow when we will have a celebration of Faith with the Swank Family (*See next article*). Come and share (or give your stories to Sue Baylor) how Nellie

and Don have influenced your faith. Nellie was a Sunday School teacher at Pine Street for over 50 years and Don was active in Boy Scouting and Property Ministry!

September 8 is also an opportunity to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. One church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. It is a dedicated day of service when you can help make your community a better place. To celebrate this day you may bring donations of pet food, etc., for the Animal Resource Center.

At 2:00 PM the Women of the ELCA will have their Fall Cluster Gathering of the North Branch Conference Churches. Our program will include *Tales to Tails* Therapy Dog Program. The program will include how children improve their reading skills by reading to dogs. Registration is \$3.50 or you can bring a new children's book.

We look forward to seeing you in church on September 8th.

HONORING SWANKS

We will be having a celebration to honor Don and Nellie Swank for all their contributions to our church family. The plan at present is to have a program during fellowship time on *God's Work, Our Hands*

Sunday, September 8th.
(This hopefully will become an ongoing series of programs helping us to remember and tell our stories.)

Please think about your memories of the Swanks and prepare to share them either in writing or orally during the event. Please, also write them out and give them to Sue Baylor or any other member of the Transformational Ministry team. We will compile them into a keepsake for the Swank family and our family here at Pine Street.

(Team Members are: Sue Baylor; Christine Koons; Lorene and Ryan Versluis; Mary Jane and Bill Snyder; Roxanne Patton; Larry Troy; and Pastor Keith)

A THANK YOU + MORE

A very special thank you to all that have donated plastic bags to my project. Some have asked, "What are you doing with these bags?" I intend to make a mat for the homeless. You must realize that plastic won't absorb water, so better to sleep on that than blankets or other materials. It will be six feet long and I will display it so all can see. I'm sure it will take me quite a while to make. Again, thank you, and continue to bring in your bags.

Mary Jane Snyder



Watch out for School Busses!

SYNOD DAY AT KNOEBEL'S

*(Deadline to pre-order tickets
is Sept. 3)*

Join us at Knoebels' Amusement Park on Sunday, September 15, for Upper Susquehanna Synod Day! The park will be open from 12-7 p.m. The USS has reserved Pavilion P-5. Arrive at the park at your leisure, picking up your pre-ordered discount tickets at Pavilion P-5 beginning at 1:00 p.m., and spend your afternoon at the park. From 5:00-5:45 p.m., gather at Pavilion P-5 for refreshments and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ from congregations throughout the synod. From 5:45-6:15 p.m., join us for a Vespers service, led by Bishop Driesen at the pavilion. Pre-ordering tickets is only necessary if you would like a discount. We are also looking for congregations to bring snacks/refreshments to share at pavilion P-5 and for congregations to be hosts to welcome people at the pavilion and distribute the pre-ordered tickets, in one-hour increments from 1-5 p.m. To pre-order tickets or volunteer for hospitality or refreshments, contact Brenda Krouse at the synod office: 570-524-9778 or Brenda@uss-elca.org.

To download a flier to promote the event, click here: <http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/201307161406.pdf>



Let The Choirs Begin

On Monday, September 9th our Chancel Choir and will resume practices for the fall. Chancel Choir practice, under the direction of our Music Director Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, will be at 10:00 AM on Monday mornings in the Chapel of the Luther House.

Bell Choir practice, under the direction of William Snover, will be every Monday at 5:30 P.M. beginning September 16th at the front of the Youth Room in the Luther House.



Anyone interested in joining either of the Choirs, please come to the first practice. We can ALWAYS use more singers and ringers!

THRIVENT GIFTS

Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars to our church are *Harold Geiswite, Patricia Pittsnogle, Dennis DiOrio, Linda DiOrio, Darlis Dyer and Jack Dyer.*

We thank all of you for your generosity!

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of July 31, 2013)

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

Donations received in July: \$203 from hoagie sales
\$425 from giving
\$628 total

Total on hand: \$ \$4,114

Loan balance: \$42,873

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. We had a very successful Festival on August 3rd, which will be reported next month, and should allow us to make another extra payment to reduce our principal.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

Using God's gifts

Every Sunday we end our worship service by reciting together our church's mission statement: "We share our faith, hope and love through prayer, discipleship, ministry and worship". I find this to be reaffirming and comforting, to know that we, as a congregation in Christ, have agreed upon some specific purposes and methods for showing our unity in serving God.

How many of us accept the concept that we are all ministers? Isn't the minister that big fellow who stands up in front of us on Sunday morning and runs the liturgy, offers the prayers, reads the Gospel, and gives the sermon? Isn't our job simply to sit, listen, learn, obey, and give a contribution? I think everyone knows the answer, it is a resounding "NO".

Ephesians 4:7 says "But to each of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift (to us)." Verse 11 goes on to say "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some

prophets, some evangelists, and some pastor's and teachers". This means that God, through Christ, has given each and every one of us the ability to praise God through action, using our God given talents, our time and our treasure to serve others. This is what ministry is. It has nothing to do with seminary or ordination, and everything to do with serving others in God's name, the true definition of ministry. If you look at our Sunday worship liturgy guide, it states very clearly that the minister of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church is "the people of Pine Street".

Congratulations! You're a minister. Whatever your gift (and each and every one of us has at least one gift), go and use it to glorify God by serving others. Be a minister. Be a participant. Don't wait to be asked. Volunteer, show up, contribute your time, talent, ability and treasure, and watch God's kingdom at PSELC and in our community and world grow, thanks to you.

Humbly,
Bill

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.)



THIS MONTH'S

LOVE Offering Envelope is BLANKET SUNDAY

With Blanket Sunday so early in October, September will be **Blanket Sunday** month for the Love Offering envelopes.

For those of us who don't know how or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing is to give a donation to purchase quilts and blankets.

Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a much better price than we can, thus making our dollars do a lot more. It also costs money to ship them. It costs approximately \$2 to send each quilt overseas.

So, as you can see, money given is an important way you can support this outreach ministry!

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Please use your special Love Offering envelope in your packet for your donations or use a blue pew envelope and mark it "Blankets".
Thank you!

Monthly Love Envelopes are:

- Jan-Food Bank
- Feb-Jubilee Kitchen
- Mar-Gatehouse
- Apr-Synod Benevolence
- May-VBS
- Jun-Camp Mt. Luther
- Jul-Kathryn's Kloset (detergent)
- Aug-Hospitality Ministry
- Sep-Blanket Sunday**
- Oct-Disciples Fund (Pastor's Discretionary)
- Nov-World Hunger/LWR
- Dec-Good Samaritan Fund

You may contribute any time to any of these worthwhile causes. Thank you for your support!

HOAGIES

The September Hoagie day will be September 12 with the deadline to order and pay by September 8.

The cost is \$4.00 each (offering Tuna \$5) with 90% of the proceeds going toward our Restoration Project and 10% going to a charity or community project.

Thank you to all who purchase, take orders, and deliver hoagies!!!

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.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are all about deepening your love for your spouse wherever you are starting out! Weekends are filling fast, so sign up today for one of the final two 2013 Pennsylvania Weekends:

- * September 13-14 at the Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center which is located in the Allegheny National Forest, 20 minutes southeast of Warren PA
- * October 11-13 at the Mountain Laurel Resort in White Haven—in the Poconos, just off of Interstate 80 -- 2 hours north of Philadelphia

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 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, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. To sign up, go to the website:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and fill out the form. You may use your credit card or select the option to pay the \$45 with a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Chamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.



Dates for Of the Land and Seasons

Worship Services:

- September 22 '13 (Fall)
- February 2, '14 (Winter)

Simply Giving Simply Giving—it works!

Simply Giving will free you from writing checks, hunting for envelopes, and allow you to be faithful in your stewardship, even when you are away.

Give it a try, it works. And, it allows you to make a commitment of support and to honor that commitment. See Bill Snover or Gerard Tromp if you are interested.

GLScrip Order Deadline



is September 8 (Start shopping for Christmas now!)

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

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 vary from .65 to .89 cents depending on weight 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!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Dylan Long
- 8 - Terri Wydra
- 9 - Larissa Bohner;
Brenton Swartz
- 10 – Ashley Pittsnogle;
Daniel Staley
- 15 – Saundra Lees; Dennis
Staley
- 18 – Mary Louise Kemp
(86)
- 22 – Shirley Hawley (88);
Samantha Jordan
- 26 – Joan Greely; Valerie
Snyder
- 27 – Darla Gross
- 28 – Jon Curry, II
- 30 – James Hack

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 – Nancy and Rae
Leighow
- 16 – Barbara and Paul
Ezdebski, Jr.
- 21 – Terri and Michael
Wydra

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 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.



Pine Street Prayer List September, 2013

Carl Rice; Linda & Don Boudman; Shane Einsig; Martha Hartley; Jeff Murphy; David Gearhart, I; Kathleen English; Brooklynn Aleea Ann; Guadagno Family; Burtell Metzger; Elsie Shaffer; Connie & Mike Beagle; Mona & Kim Mellowship; Leo Halliday; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Elroy Neitz; Todd Livziey; Amelia Buckles; Eddie Chaney; John Reibsome; Shaen Alexa Neitz; Nikki Morgan; Malena Brown; Cindy Gearhart; Ken Enterline; Bill Fisher; Phyllis

Young; Rod Vincent; Edward Reilly; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Carl Rauch; Sandy Fausey; Bev Faux; Lester Carr; Bill Rohrbach; Bonnie Reilly; Lena Wetzel; Mary Sudo; Julia Kucher; Mary West; Martha Knight; Kim Azigian; Dave Burns; Agnes Oyster; Elizabeth (Libby) Fox; Margaret Tanner; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Joyce Dawson; Ann Marie Binder; Spencer Vincent; David Harvey; Gladys Keller; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien, Autumn Kern, Tim Raup; Erica Miller; Nancy Curry; Melissa Thomas; Mike Shoemaker; Helen Smith; Art Sticklin; Carol Phillips; Barry Balonek; John Crumb; Emily Sue Nilsson; Walt Rupert; and Sharon Arndt.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST: Marvin Fry; Nelena and Donald Swank; Arlene Hack; Pauline Mackert; Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST: Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; 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; 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).



THANK YOU

Dear Friend of Lutheran World Relief,

Thank you for your generous gift of 50 pounds of Personal Care Kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands – Quilts and soup, plus supplies for health, school and baby care – are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. Your care and compassion makes it possible for families and communities to keep themselves healthy, warm, educated and employed.

In the Philippines, Mission Quilts, School Kits and Personal Care Kits were distributed to people

displaced by conflict. One father, Joel Libradily, expressed relief that he could use his Quilt to cover his one-year-old daughter at night. "This is much nicer than relief blankets - thicker and more colorful," Joes explained. "This will help because it's cold up in the hills."

On behalf of Joel, his young daughter, and countless others in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution.

In Christ,
Melanie W. Gibbons
Built & Kit Ministry
Coordinator

I know we have never met...but I believe that is what makes the kindness you have shown me so beautiful!

Thank you very much for the care packages you sent me. I share the contents with my shipmates and it brought many smiles ☺. If anyone else was a part of them being sent, please give them my thanks! Especially the children who made the cards and pictures! I used to babysit and seeing those brought a huge smile to my face!!

With Love,
Emily Ebersole

Dear Friends,

On June 25, there were a group of people that came into the office. I thought maybe there was some kind of meeting that I didn't know about. I started chatting with everyone and began to wonder what this meeting was about. I soon found

out when they asked me to go to the Resource Room.

There was a chair in the middle of the room and they asked me to sit down. To my surprise, they did a laying-on of hands as a send-off for me before my surgery. Everyone who touched me with their hands, warmth, and spirituality sent a calming, loving feeling into my heart. It was such a wonderful, moving experience that I will never forget. I went into surgery knowing it was going to go well and that I would be alright. I knew that God was with me and I wasn't scared. Thank you to all of you!

Love,
Deb

Dear Friends,

I have many people to thank, but most of all **THANK GOD!!!** I am still here and back to work. And, I am doing fine.

Thank you to:

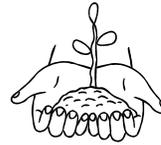
Everyone for the cards, telephone calls, visits, soup, bread, flowers and your never ceasing prayers!

Pastor Keith for your visits at the hospital and your phone calls.

To all the helpers to Pastor Keith to handle things at the office, and to Pastor Keith for doing my work and his own.

With Love,
Deb Munson
Secretary

*Come Grow
With US at Pine
Street Lutheran*



Ministries at a Glance!
(meeting times)

Administration – Tom Herrington, Bill Snover (Coordinator), Mary Sticklin, Burrnell 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 – Tom Herrington, Coordinator (3rd 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-Coordinators (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 & Pastor Keith (2nd Monday @ 11:00 AM)



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!

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**2013 COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**  
**Co-Treasurers: Roxanne Patton, & Roberta Recla**

Elizabeth Baylor  
Michael Eyer  
Samuel Harrison  
Ronald Kline  
Mary Ann Landi, President  
Nancy A. Leighow, Council Secretary  
Nancy K. Leighow  
William Snover  
Gerard Tromp, Vice-President  
Terri Wydra

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SAVE YOUR BAGS

Save your plastic bags for Mary Jane Snyder. They can be grocery, freezer, storage or any other type of plastic bag as long as they are clean and dry. Put them in the narthex. Thank you!

GOOD SAMARITAN
Good Samaritan Mission Center
275-2500
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-4:30 PM

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!

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: Sandwich Fixings, Veggie & Dip Platters
Sept. 8: Covered Dish
Sept. 15: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans
Sept. 22: Pasta Casseroles and Cold Salads
Sept. 29: Macaroni and Cheese & Tossed Salads

OCTOBER

Menus for October were not available.

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



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



**Read Romans 12
& Pray Daily**

**ELECTION DATE FOR 2013:
November 5**

It would be appreciated if people do not go into or through the social hall Monday, November 4th until Wednesday, November 6th as there are voting machines set up in the room. Thank you for your cooperation!



*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. The Church and pavilion are at the crossroads 4-way stop.



SPONSORS

Bulletin sponsors are needed for September 8 and November 3. The **Altar Flowers** are full. We have **Communion Bread openings** for the months of October and December. Bread suitable for Communion can be homemade or purchased at a grocery store. All months for the Sanctuary Candle are full. Thank you.

- \$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!

Available for Pick-up

...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.
 - *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets
 - *Spark Family-Splash in God's Word* magazine
 - *The Lutheran Magazine*—selected issues
- They are free while supplies last—take one for your family.

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.



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.



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!

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Lyme Disease Support Group

1st Thurs. of the month
at Trinity Methodist Church

306 Lombard Ave

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

**PROTECT YOURSELF FROM BEING INFECTED
WITH A TICK BORNE ILLNESS**

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**WOMEN
of the**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

W/ELCA Highlights

QUARTERLY

The Women's Quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:30 P.M. in the social hall.

FALL CLUSTER

The Women's Fall Cluster Gathering will be here at Pine Street on Sunday, September 8th at 2:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Annual Women's Retreat, sponsored by Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization, will be held on Saturday, September 14.

All women are invited (you don't have to be a member of the Women of the ELCA) to come for a day-long retreat to spend some quiet time with God and with your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation.

The day will begin with refreshments and end with singing and prayer. We'll have sessions during the morning and afternoon led by Rev. Carla Volland. The theme for the retreat is "*In the Footsteps of the Mothers of the Reformation.*" Registration deadline is Friday, September 6, 2013, at 3:00 PM.

To go online to get the registration, go to this link so print the form. <http://www.campmountluther.org/newsitems/Women's%20Retreat%20Flyer%202013.pdf> or you can call Camp Mt. Luther at 570-922-1587.

THANKOFFERING

The Women of the ELCA of Pine Street will be having their ThankOffering Service during Worship on Sunday, October 6.

Coming Up:

- ✓ October 6: Blanket Sunday
- ✓ October 19: Peace Pole Service [Synod Office]
- ✓ December 7: Christmas Program 2:00 PM (SH)
- ✓ July 20-24, 2014: Triennial Gathering [Charlotte, NC]

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



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Camp Mt. Luther Program booklets for the 2013 camping season are here! The brochure is also posted online at www.campmountluther.org.



Emergency Preparation for Families with Special Health Needs

The 2013 hurricane season began June 1, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts a very active season. Hurricanes and other disasters present a serious danger to anyone living in their path, but families with members who have special health needs face unique challenges when disaster strikes. These families need to make additional preparations in case the worst happens.

It's important to remember that families may have to rely on their own resources following a disaster. A common misconception is that government assistance is available immediately. It can take several days or even weeks for federal aid to arrive, depending on the size of the disaster and the number of people affected.

During emergencies, TRICARE sometimes waives referral and authorization requirements and allows beneficiaries to obtain extra doses of their prescription medication.

Sign up for state-specific TRICARE disaster alerts at www.tricare.mil/disaster .

The first step is to have a disaster plan. The plan should have information on meeting places, important personal information for each family member and locations for where family members are likely to be if a disaster strikes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a template families can use to build their plan at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan . All families should also have a disaster kit including water, food, extra batteries and a first aid kit. Visit www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit for more details on how to build a disaster kit.

Families with special health needs may have to consider what to do with medications that have to be refrigerated, and what to do if a family member requires a climate controlled environment if the power goes out.

If the disaster plans involves going to an emergency evacuation shelter, make sure to bring everything needed to support a family member with special needs. Don't assume the shelter will have medications, incontinence supplies, medical equipment or other items. Expect to sleep on a cot or on the floor and bring any necessary positioning

pillows or other specialty bedding. Families with a service animal should bring its tags, license, medication, food, water, bags for waste and other items it may need.

As with many other aspects of living with a family member who has special medical needs, preparing for a disaster requires additional thought and preparation. Each family's needs are unique, but some tips apply to most - pack light, bring an extra pair of reading glasses or hearing aid batteries and bring all relevant medical information, including a list of allergies and military IDs or insurance cards. Share emergency plans in advance to help family members with a communication disability and prepare emergency plan reminders in a form they can comprehend during a tense situation.

FEMA maintains a website, <http://www.ready.gov/> , with a wealth of information about preparing for disasters. A list of resources for families with special health needs can be found at www.disability.gov/emergency_preparedness . Always be prepared for a disaster, and if the worst happens, think safety first.

Preparing in advance can relieve a great deal of stress and make a big difference when facing an emergency.

The Thank You Corner

Christine Koons – for helping with the sale of *GLScrip* gift cards.

Sherry Achey – for helping with the sale of Giant and Weis Grocery gift cards.

Brenda Dennehy - for providing the instruments and inspiration for the kazoo band at the outdoor worship service.

Bill Snyder and Denny DiOrio – for replacing shingles on the church roof.

Hunter Beasley – for keeping the porches and the gazebo clean all summer—well done, Hunter!

Gardeners – thanks to those taking care of the Sunday School children's flowers in front of the church.

Gardeners – for each doing what you can for our Community Vegetable garden.

Nan Leighow – for staining the back porch and handicapped ramp in the rear of the Luther House.

All Council, Helpers, & Volunteers – to make this year's Festival a success. A special thanks to **Dennis Leeman**, from Trinity Oak Grove for his plant donations to the Festival.

God's Gifts to You

By Dee Carr

The morning birds' song, the hum of the bees, a butterfly's visit, a soft summer breeze, take a moment, listen, and just rest.

The smell of the grass, a thunderstorm's power, a Blue Bird in flight, a most lovely flower, enjoy them, and know that you're blessed.

A delicious meal, a fun time with friends, devoted pets, and love that never ends, simple things, yet Wonderful, too!

A newborn baby's smell, a small child's kiss, the Love of family, little moments of bliss, and each is God's gift to You.