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PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Annual LARC Vespers Service
(LARC: Lutheran, Anglican, and Roman Catholic)

Sunday, January 19, 2014
At Grace Lutheran Church in Shamokin
At 5:00 PM

Light reception to follow. All are welcome!

Grace Lutheran Church is at 10 South 7th Street in Shamokin
(corner of West Chestnut St. and South 7th St.) Church phone:
570-648-7534

Worship leadership by local Lutherans, Episcopalians,
and Roman Catholics. Preacher: Bishop Robert L. Driesen of the
Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA.

Theme: "Has Christ Been Divided?" (1 Corinthians 1:13)

Sponsored by the Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, Episcopal Diocese of
Pennsylvania, and Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, who share a long-
standing ecumenical covenant.

Free
Venison Fellowship Dinner
Wednesday, January 22
Serving begins at 5:00 PM
In the church social hall

Council Members

Thank You to our outgoing
Council Members. They are:
Elizabeth Baylor; Michael Eyer;
Ronald Kline; Mary Ann Landi;
and *Terri Wydra.*

Welcome and Thank You to our
new Council Members. They
are: *Richard Baylor; Darlis Dyer;*
Thomas Herrington; Ryan Versluis;
and *Joanne Williams.*

Council Installation: January 12

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(Library)

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With This Issue:

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January Schedule
Love Envelopes in your packet: **Food
Bank**

The office will be closed Wednesday, January 1
in observance of New Year's Day.

The Crucifer Ministry

By *Larry Troy*

The crucifer is the person who carries the processional cross to the altar during worship services. The lighting of the altar candles signifies the presence of God in the sanctuary. The presence of the processional cross signify the presence of Jesus in the sanctuary.

The cross is raised to its highest point at the beginning of the processional hymn. It is respectful at this time to turn and face the cross as it passes.

During the service the cross is placed at the altar. During the sending song at the end of the worship service, the crucifer lifts high the processional cross, and carries it to the rear of the sanctuary. It is respectful to turn and face the cross as it passes to the rear of the sanctuary. The cross remains held high until the altar candles have been extinguished.

With twenty minutes of orientation, you may serve as crucifer. Family members who have served have told me of feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit as they carried the cross. I, too, feel the same thing when I carry it. The crucifer ministry exists to honor and glorify God, and his son Jesus. Also to inspire and remind our family that Jesus is with us! Please serve God in this important ministry. Talk with Larry to volunteer.

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Michael Wydra, husband of Terri Wydra and father of Cora Wydra who died December 2, 2013.
- † David Dulaney, MD, brother of Jeannie Snover, who died November 30, 2013.

MEMORIALS

Gifts to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Mary Berry* have been given by:

- ♦ Linda and Roy Buck
- ♦ Barbara B. Steen

Gifts to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Michael Wydra* have been given by:

- ♦ Nancy and Rae Leighow
- ♦ Diann and Dan Jordan
- ♦ Patricia and Richard Vreeland
- ♦ Pamela and David Salwocki
- ♦ Gina L. Steele
- ♦ Carol and David Amsden
- ♦ Carol and Don Jones

- ♦ Dawn and Howard Woodruff
- ♦ Darla and Scott Sidler
- ♦ Deann Jones
- ♦ Deb and Pat Enright
- ♦ Linda Ammerman
- ♦ Nancy and Jack Bloskey
- ♦ Eileen and Dick Shaffer
- ♦ EdJRoth Rod & Gun Club

THRIVENT GIFTS

Thrivent Financial member directing Choice Dollars to our church is *Pastor Pat Pittsnogle*.

We thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Vacation

December 25-January 4

Pastor Sell is covering for Pastoral Care. She can be reached until noon at 570-437-2652 (Office) or 570-916-8835 (cell).

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.)

GREAT LAKE SCRIPS

The Great Lake Scrip program produces revenue that supports our website. We are in need of someone to take responsibility for the program. Jennifer O'Brien has done a wonderful job in establishing the program and running it for the past several years, but can no longer dedicate time to do this. Sherry Achey was set to take over, but health concerns have interfered.

If you think you can offer an hour or two of time once a month to coordinate this valuable program, please contact Jennifer or Sherry, or the church office.

CROP REPORT

Omar Rojas and Darlis Dyer walked in the CROP Walk and raised \$35.00 for the local Food Bank. *Thank you both!*

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of November 30, 2013)

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

Donations received in November: \$ 371 from hoagie sales
\$ 328 from giving
\$ 699 total

Total on hand: \$ 4,397

Loan balance: \$ 36,815

**THE CURRENT PASTOR'S
REPORT** will be posted on the
bulletin board.

FOUND: A pair of women's
glasses. Frames are pink tint.
Call or come into the office to
claim (570-275-2110 Mon-Thu
9-1).

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Written by S. William Snover, MD
Financial Secretary

I Resolve to...

"But do not forget to do good
and to share, for with such
sacrifices God is pleased",
(Hebrews 13:16)

Many resolutions are made at
the beginning of a new year, and
almost as many are soon
forgotten.

A resolution that is easy to
keep is one that makes us
happy, not ones that force us to
deprive ourselves of a pleasure,
or that require physical exertion,
pain, or indebtedness.

In 2014, let us all resolve to
remember these five simple rules
to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

May everyone have a blessed,
happy and peaceful year.

Your servant,
Bill

GOGGY, PC

(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. Any questions,
please see Pastor Keith.

HOAGIES

Hoagies will not be made in
January. The February Hoagie
making day will be February 6
with the deadline to order and
pay by February 2.

The cost is \$4 for regular; \$5 for
Tuna (90% of the proceeds goes
to our Restoration Project and
10% goes to a charity or
community project).

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

Good Samaritan Mission Center

275-2500

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-4:30 PM

GLScrip Gift Card Order Deadline is January 12.

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!!!*

NEEDED: Someone to take over
this program.

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



Pastor Keith and Pastor
Pat have a new address.

They now live at 354
Cameron Avenue, Milton,
PA 17847. They've
downsized to a smaller,
more manageable home.
Phone numbers are the
same.

Transformational Ministry

*God's mission. Prepare for
discipleship*

What transforms you?
Devotions, Bible Study,
Pastor's sermons, prayers,
music, fellowship, service to
community? Jesus said, "If
you love me feed my sheep.
Read John 21:15-17. Read
book "Multiply" by Francis
Chan.

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Kelly Boyer
- 3 - Sharron Eyer
- 9 - Corey Hummel
- 11 - Paul Dennehy
- 13 - Tristan Beiter; John
Crumb
- 15 - Barry Troy

16 - Justin Pittsnogle
 17 - Norman Troutman (89)
 22 - Kenneth Oberdorf (87)
 26 - Gwyneth Beiter; Carol Riley
 27 - Ronald Kline
 28 - Marvin Fry (87)
 30 - Christine Koons
 31 - Barbara Ezdebski



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Helena Kuivaniemi and Gerard Tromp
 5 - Michelle and Harold Hack
 15 - Elizabeth and Richard Baylor
 20 - John and Rachel Tharp

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!

THIS MONTH IS FOOD BANK MONTH FOR THE LOVE (SPECIAL) OFFERING ENVELOPES

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: Macaroni & Noodles

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.

Quilting Circle

Resource Room in Luther House
 Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30

Starting on January 8, 2014

We will be making quilts to share with Lutheran World Relief, to be distributed to refugees and disaster victims. The quilts will be made of **repurposed fabrics**. All skill levels are welcome. We will learn together! Donations are needed. **Don't buy new**, but check around your house for:

- cotton fabrics for squares for top,
- gently used light blankets or batting for fill
- sheets for back
- thread, needles, fabric pins
- embroidery floss (for tying)
- sewing machine
- quilt frame
- fabric scissors

Contact Brenda Fischer-Denney for more information



Pine Street Prayer List
 December, 2013

CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Clara Hauck; Patti Yeager; Anna Rice; Jean Crumb; Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Lena Wetzel; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; Art Sticklin; John Crumb, and Charles McWilliams.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Thomas Brady, Sr.; Henry Tall; Kathryn DiOrio; Ella Blackburn; Robert Cross; Jim Pursel; Tonya Sellard; Aimee Bingaman; Janet Chapin; Daisy May; Kathy Diehl;

Ronald Fisher; Carla Wetzel; John Beyer; Mark Pontiac; Helen Rhawn; Sandy Fausey; Linda & Don Boudman; Jeff Murphy; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Elroy Neitz; Todd Livziey; Malena Brown; Cindy Gearhart; Phyllis Young; Rod Vincent; Edward Reilly; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Carl Rauch; Bev Faux; Bill Rohrbach; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Mary West; Martha Knight; Kim Azigian; Dave Burns; Elizabeth (Libby) Fox; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; David Harvey; Gladys Keller; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien, Autumn Kern, Tim Raup; Erica Miller; Melissa Thomas; Carol Phillips; Barry Balonek; Walt Rupert; and Sharon Arndt.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Marvin Fry; Nelenia 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:

Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; 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. Mon-Thur. 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

Just a note to say **THANK YOU** for the "treats" from your wonderful free garden !!

God Bless you for all the labor ♥

Anonymous

We thank you for your kind donation to our program. It is only because of people like you that we can continue.

The MHHW Team
(Many Hands Helping Others)

Seasons Greetings!

I just wanted to take a minute and thank you so much for your help with Feed A Friend 2013! Your help provided 986 people in need (395 families) a wonderful Thanksgiving basket. We received many thank you notes from families that were extremely grateful for the help this Thanksgiving (see bulletin board in the social hall). I also included a very nice article the Daily Item published about the project this year along with some great pictures of people having fun

working. Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Feed A Friend Montour County and we hope to have your support again. Our project proved once again that when people in our community come together for a cause wonderful things can and do happen.

Have a great rest of the year,

Jon Eckhart

Director

Deed A Friend, Montour Co.

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## 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**

**Co-Treasurers:**

**Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla**

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Samuel Harrison

Thomas Herrington

Nancy K. Leighow

William Snover

Gerard Tromp

Ryan Versluis

Joanne Williams

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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!

Fellowship Menus

JANUARY

Jan. 5: Soups & Hearty Breads

Jan. 12: Covered Dish

Jan. 19: Bar-b-q, Rolls & Veggie Tray

Jan. 26: Crock Pot Surprise & Fruit Platters

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.

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.

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **DECEMBER 15 for the JANUARY, 2014 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.

SPONSORS

Due to an added fuel charge for delivery, the cost of Altar Flowers will increase to \$36.00 beginning January 1, 2014.



The 2014 lists are posted.

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**-beginning January 1st.
- \$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!

PSELC Year to date Income vs. Expense Summary (Through 11-30-2013):

The income and expenses summarized here exclude those related to our shared pastoral services arrangement with Trinity Oak Grove, and reflect income and expenses related to the operations of Pine Street Lutheran Church only.

Total giving to our General Fund is:	\$105,145
Total expenses:	107,171
Income vs. expense excess/ (deficit)	\$ (2,026)

W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ✓ January 7: Ruth Circle 11:30 AM [Muffin Man] weather permitting
- ✓ January 14: Martha Circle 6:00 PM [Friendly's] weather permitting
- ✓ January 30: Executive Board Meeting 8:00 AM (LIB)
- ✓ March 1: Day of Renewal [United, Sunbury]
- ✓ March 15: Lenten Breakfast 8:30 AM (SH); Guest speaker-Stephanie Lewis
- ✓ March 29: Chicken & Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM (SH)
- ✓ April 26: Day of Learning [First, Mifflinburg]
- ✓ May 6: Lutheran Day at the Capitol
- ✓ May 17: Mother/Child Dinner 2:00 PM (SH)
- ✓ July 20-24, 2014: Triennial Gathering [Charlotte, NC]
- ✓ August 2: USSWO Convention [Camp Mt. Luther]



Available for Pick-up

...on the table in the narthex.

- The most recent copies of:
 - The USS Ark,
 - Upper Susquehanna Synod Currents,
 - Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
 - 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.
- If more copies of USS Ark, Currents or Camel Tracks are needed, please ask Deb.

PARTNERSHIP OF SAINTS

These are activities sponsored by one or more of the four churches (Christ, Pine Street, Trinity Oak Grove and Grace Lutheran) under the pastoral care of Pastors Pat and Keith Pittsnogle.
All are welcome to attend any of these activities.

- JANUARY 11: CONFIRMATION CLASS w/Mentors 10:00 AM at Christ, Milton.
- JANUARY 24/25: ANNUAL YOUTH ROCKATHON to raise money for the youth group – begins at 7:00 PM on the 24th and ends at 7:00 AM on the 25th at Grace, Point Township. Bring a snack to share, sleeping bag, and overnight personal items you will need. You may bring a cell phone, but PLEASE no other electronics. Cell phone “island” will be in effect when we have group discussions.
- PINE STREET BIBLE STUDY: This Bible Study is held weekly in the library of the Luther House on Thursday afternoon usually at 1:30 PM (occasionally at 3:30 PM due to worship conducted by Pastor Keith at Emmanuel and MJM nursing facilities) Feel free to call Deb Munson in the Pine Street office (9-1 Mon thru Thurs. 570-275-2110) for any changes or cancellations.

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FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULE & CALENDAR WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST UNTIL PRINTING IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.



The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Sandy Reibsome** – our Bulletin folder and assembler.
- ♦ **The Snovers, Bill Snyder and Choir Members** – for getting the Christmas tree, decorating and placing the Poinsettias in the church when they are delivered.
- ♦ **Snow Shovelers** – thank you for clearing our sidewalks and parking areas.
- ♦ **Home Communion Teams** – for taking Communion to our Shut-ins.

2013

**PINE STREET
LUTHERAN CHURCH
HOAGIE REPORT**

Hoagie sale proceeds benefited the following community charities & church restoration

- YOUTH TRIP
- LITTLE LEAGUE
- CAMP MOUNT LUTHER GOLF SPONSORSHIP
- KATHRYN'S KLOSET
- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
- HELPING HANDS
- THOMAS BEAVER LIBRARY
- HACKY HOUSE
- MARIE LAMEY ENDOWMENT

2013 church restoration project \$4006.62

2013 community charities \$417.00

2011-2012-2013 yr. To date total

\$11,108.85* restoration project

2011-2012-2013 community charities yr. To date total \$1,408.00*

**total reflects net less expenses*



*Have a safe and
Happy New Year!*

Don't Drink & Drive! If you are going to drink, please have a designated driver.