

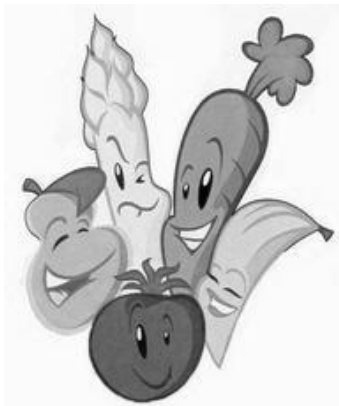
The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE, 2015



Vacation Bible School

Join us for

Taking Root:

Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes

The children will learn what the Bible has to say about hunger
and helping your neighbor both here and around the world.

Trinity and Pine Street Lutheran Churches

Sunday, June 28 through Thursday, July 2

At Pine Street Lutheran Church

5:15 PM Family Meal; 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM VBS

For ages 3 years to 6th grade

*Watch for Registration Forms in the Sunday bulletins
or on the table in the narthex.*

Synod Assembly

Friday and Saturday

June 19 & 20

at Susquehanna University

Representing Pine Street besides

Pastor Keith will be Roxanne

Patton

and Alf Bashore.

First Holy Communion

will be Sunday, June 7th.

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Mount Luther**

**Next Service *Of the Land and Seasons* – July 19
for Summer**

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Mildred Gemberling who died April 16, 2015.
- † Mary Ellen Rovenolt, mother of Valerie Snyder, who died May 3, 2015.

THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Dennis DiOrio, Jack Dyer* and *Sue Neitz* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduates to be honored on Sunday, June 7th on Graduate Recognition Sunday will be *Tristan Beiter* and *Samantha Koons*.

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



Alf Bashore, Darlis Dyer, Mary Ann Landi & Joanne Williams

Simply Giving is:
.....the most convenient
way to send your tithe to
the church.

See Bill Snover to answer
your questions.

No more checks to write!
It's all done for you!

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

Obligations

In Genesis 1:28 and in Psalm 8:6, we read that God gave us "dominion" over all of His creations. This does not mean that we are granted the right to rule and use God's works for our pleasure or personal gain. It tells us that we are given an **obligation** by God to care for, to nurture, and to enhance His creations in gratitude and in glory to God who made us all.

The term "obligation" makes many of us nervous. Who wants to labor under an obligation that must be repaid or fulfilled? But, an obligation born of gratitude is a different matter. Look all around you. Do you see fear, squalor, shame or unfulfilled want, an empty garden, or do you see safety, comfort, satisfaction, beauty and needs that are being met, a garden of abundance? God calls us to keep that garden of plenty, and like Adam in Eden we have a responsibility to nurture, to preserve, to invest our time, talent, ability and resources to make God's garden grow and prosper. A vital part of this garden is your church, your place of spiritual renewal and a source of service to God and all of God's creation.

Psalm 24 starts with "The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it." We would do well to remember the truth and the associated obligation—that the earth is the LORD's, not ours, and to live accordingly, as good stewards to all that has been entrusted to our care.

May God continue to bless us
all.

Bill



June Love Offering Envelope is Camp Mount Luther!



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Mt. Luther, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is an extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting that the camp provides. Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within a Christ centered Lutheran tradition. All persons regardless of race, creed, color, or special needs are welcome to attend this camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

June 8, 2014: Mount Luther Summer Kickoff

Come and celebrate summer and help kickoff this year's summer camping program at Mount Luther on Sunday, June 8, 2014. The day includes the following:

Starting at 2:00 p.m.- Open House & Hike: Time to walk around camp, visit with friends, swim, Frisbee golf, play volleyball, or walk our nature trail. You can also meet the summer staff and ask questions about our program. The open house is perfect for those new campers who are a little apprehensive about leaving home for the first time to come to camp! The youngsters will be able to see the camp facilities and experience a little of the "camp life" before

attending this summer. First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a \$35 discount on their summer registration! You can also participate in our Hike-A-Thon.

4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.- Buffet Picnic Meal: There will be no charge for the meal; however, freewill donations towards the meal will be accepted. Reservations must be made for the meal by **June 1**, as tickets will be required. You may pick up your tickets upon arrival at camp that day.

6:30 p.m.- Worship Service with Holy Communion: The worship service is planned for the outdoors, and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information, view this flyer/bulletin insert:
<http://campmountluther.org/newsitems/2014%20Summer%20Kickoff.pdf>.

Camp Mt. Luther Program booklets for the 2015 camping season are here! The brochure is also posted online at www.campmountluther.org.

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.

June: Pudding & Jell-O

(or any other non-perishable food items)

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex. 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 10:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. the 1st Saturday 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 needed. Please call Marysue Christian at 570-275-5403 or email her at marysu@ptd.net for more information.

THANK YOU NOTES

To My Friends at Pine Street Lutheran Church,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the many loving thoughts and prayers while I was ill.

May God Bless you richly for your compassion.

Love You in the Lord,
Daniel Love

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to the Jubilee Kitchen. You've been a great supporter of our Mission financially and volunteering to make meals.

I truly appreciate you.

Sincerely,
Linda Pritchard
Jubilee Kitchen

We acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation

of \$142.00 which we will use for our ministry.

We thank you for your much needed support of our effort to provide food to the less fortunate residents of our community. Without thoughtful supporters like you we would never be able to continue this effort.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Maryann Richards
Corresponding Secretary
Danville-Riverside Area Food Bank

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$159.00 to the Transitional Housing and Care Center (Gate House) of Columbia and Montour Counties.

Your commitment to helping the homeless individuals and families in our community weather the crises in their lives is appreciated by those who help them and, most importantly, by those who benefit from our services.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Dougher, Jr.
Executive Director
The Gate House

Dear Members of Pine Street Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for your generous donations to my Pack 2 Home charity.

There are currently ten children residing at Gate House. With

support like yours I will be able to provide a filled personalized backpack to each child as they leave the shelter for their new home. I have also raised enough money to start doing some fun programs for the kids while they are staying here.

Again, thank you for your help showing the Gate House families our generous and caring community!

Sincerely,
Cindy Powers
Pack 2 Home

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the East Central Division staff and volunteers of the American Cancer Society, I graciously thank you for your continued contributions. Your most recent gift of \$941.00 through Relay for Life® makes you a member of *The Society*, an elite group of the American Cancer Society's most dedicated supporters.

Together, we are saving lives and creating a world with more birthdays – where cancer never steals another year from anyone's life. Every day, we're helping people stay well with prevention and early detection information, helping people get well by guiding them through every step of the cancer experience, finding cures and better treatments by funding and conducting research, and fighting back by working with lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer.

To learn how we're saving lives from cancer, how you can

get involved, or how we can help you, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org anytime, day or night. Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to saving lives.

Kathleen M. Bond
Chair of the Board
American Cancer Society

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Richard Baylor; Scott Leighow
- 4 - June Doran; Sophia Greely; Betsy Hack; Jennifer O'Brien
- 6 - Nancy A. Leighow
- 8 - Finn Logan Tharp
- 10 - Ellen Leighow
- 11 - Angelica Kipp
- 12 - Carl Rice, Sr.
- 15 - Sarah Eyer
- 18 - Patricia Diehl; Owen Eyer
- 21 - Alison Snover; Ana-leisha Wilson; Angela Wilson
- 23 - Warren Troy
- 24 - Vicki Billman
- 25 - Connor Troy
- 28 - Emma Beiter; Rowan Beiter
- 29 - Cason Morgan; Mary Jane Snyder

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Gail and Thomas James, Jr.;
- 14 - Nelenia and Donald Swank (70 years)*
- 18 - Patricia and James Diehl (55 years)
- 22 - Desiree and Rex Hepner, Jr.
- 28 - Sarah and Kevin Romansik
- 30 - Martha and James Hack

* Mr. & Mrs. Donald Swank

Vintage Knolls
41 Woodbine Ln; Rm 221
PA Danville,
17821



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.)

Pine Street Prayer List June, 2015



CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Irene Hinkle; Jack Dyer; Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Aggie Oyster; Tom Landi; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison; Bogart; Stan Davis; Jim Cero; Roxanne Herr; Skip Cramer; B.J. Bennett; Doug Dawson; John Lapetina; Pastor Brian Moyer; Sissy Long; Nancy Sees; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Mike Shoemaker; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Ralph Reedy; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Todd Livziey; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern, and Barry Balonek.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Sherry Achey; Anna & Carl Rice; Burtell Metzger; Shirley Gamble;

Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelenia and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; 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 570-275-2110. 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).

Fellowship Menus



JUNE

Jun 7: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans
Jun 14: Covered Dish
Jun 21: Pasta Casseroles & Cold Salads
Jun 28: Macaroni & Cheese & Tossed Salads

GLScrip Gift Card

Order Deadline is

JUNE 14

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. Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip.

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

**Good Samaritan Mission Center
275-2500**

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

2015 ELECTION DATES

NOVEMBER 3: General Election

(Please refrain from using the social hall from Monday morning, November 2 through Wednesday morning, November 4 while the voting machines are on the premises. Thank you!)

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

Please help sponsor these important items for our Worship Services. Thank you!



- **Bulletin sponsor** openings are available **for August 23 and 30.**
- *There is only one Altar Flower opening for November 22.*
- **Communion Bread** available dates are for July and most of August..
- *The Sanctuary Candle is full. Thank you to all sponsors.*

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$10.00 per week for **Wine (filled for the year)**
- \$15.00 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!

Please make sure all the doors are locked (try them after locking) and lights out when leaving the buildings!
Thank you.

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of April 30, 2015)

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

Donations received in April: \$340 from giving

655 from hoagie sales

\$995 total

Total on hand: \$ 5,821

Loan balance: \$24,830



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

(Also printed in the W/ELCA program booklet on the table in the narthex.)

- ✓ **June 2:** W/ELCA Quarterly Meeting 1:30 PM (SH)
- ✓ **July 7:** All Circles Picnic 6:00 PM at the home of Gail James
- ✓ **July 16:** W/ELCA Executive Board Meeting (Luther House Library)
- ✓ **July 25:** Upper Susquehanna Women's Convention [Camp Mount Luther]

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Bill Snyder, Larry Bohner and Nan and Rae Leighow** for repairing the spouting on the Luther House.
- ♦ **All Gardeners** for beautifying the Community Garden where the gazebo is and for preparing and planning God's Vegetable Garden near the back alley.

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **JUNE 15th for the JULY 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.

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.

- **PINE STREET BIBLE STUDY** will resume September 10th.

**Available for Pick-up
...on the table in the
narthex.**

The most recent copies of:

- Upper Susquehanna Synod *Ark*, which includes *Currents* and Camp Mt. Luther *Camel Tracks*.
- *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets small and large editions
- *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* are needed, please ask Deb.

WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

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



July 19: Land & Seasons
July 25: Trinity Oak Grove's Festival
July 26: Joint Outdoor Worship at TOG
August 8: Ice Cream Festival; Making Ice Cream Day is August 4

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.

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

Our Purpose Statement:

God's mission and our purpose for Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope and love through prayer discipleship, ministry and worship.

Guiding principles:

1. We pray daily for guidance and discernment of God's will for us.
2. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we study the Bible and proclaim the Good News in our church, community and world.
3. Trusting God, we serve all people following the example of Jesus.
4. We gather as one body in Christ to proclaim our faith, glorify God, and be filled with God's Holy Spirit.



Be like Jesus?

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait."

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Love, our foundation and calling

At a recent Bible study, Pastor Keith shared something that he had learned which impacted those in attendance deeply. We look at the Bible as being long, deep, complex, mysterious, and open to much debate, discussion and disagreement. Yet, Pastor condensed it to a few basic truths: God created everything, including us. God loves us. God wants all of us to be with Him in heaven. All God wants is for us to love Him, and to love each other. This is the Bible's message. The stumbling block seems to be the loving each other part.

Gossip, criticism, resistance to change or new ideas, disgruntlement, anger at Pastor, Council, the organist, the custodian, the secretary, another church member, the people who live in our neighborhood, all accumulate to create an environment of mistrust, meanness, and dissatisfaction with our church and with each other. Council and church staff members are often confronted with serious questions from members: Why are we doing this? Why aren't we doing that? Why did we change this? Whatever happened to something else? Why doesn't so and so stop/start doing something that really bothers me? Usually the concern or question is valid and even answered easily, sometimes not so easily. On occasion, Council, personnel or administrative action is warranted. But, we cannot respond effectively to criticism that is not backed with personal involvement.

Council is considering a "Covenant of Communication" for responding to concerns about the church arising from within the church. If any member has a concern, criticism, or question, please bring it to a Council, staff, appropriate ministry or committee member. We will want to know what action you would like to see taken; an explanation? Council action? A policy or procedure change? We will ask if the bearer of the concern would like to present that concern in person. If not, may someone present the concern in your name(s)? If you do not want to be identified, then the concern falls into a category of anonymous complaining which is impossible to deal with and usually is never resolved. There will be no retaliation. We need to know where there are problems, real or imagined. Our church's life depends on it.

No church is perfect. Internal stress actually fosters growth through change. But, stress left unresolved will eventually lead to the demise of our church. Stand up, state your peace, listen for answers, pray for God's guidance and that His will be done, but most of all, love each other!

Pastor Keith's Availability

- I'm generally in the office on Monday (following choir-11 AM to 1 PM sometimes until 4 PM or so), Wednesday (10:30 AM until 2 PM sometimes 3 PM), Thursday (10 AM to 3 PM [with Bible Study from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM]). These times are tentative depending whether I have been called out or have an evening meeting either here or at Trinity Oak Grove, or possibly worship at one of 3 or so nursing homes.
- I work from home on Tuesdays after Breakfast and Bible Text Study (Pericope) with colleagues. Due to the need to have this flexibility, I would suggest calling me to arrange an appointment. My number is 570-951-2350. Please feel free to call me for pastoral care needs, emergencies or if you just need to talk. I would rather hear about a need or situation 5 times (or more) than to not hear about it at all. I would be glad to meet in my office at the church, in your home, or at a local eatery or gathering place. Just let me know. The days and/or times are not limited to those specified above.
- If you ask or tell me something before worship or at fellowship on Sunday, (especially if it involves something I need to do or someone I need to go see) please follow up with a phone call, text or email on Sunday evening or Monday. It takes a bunch of brain cells to prepare for worship and to mingle, network, "converse and console"—(Luther's terms) and sometimes there are not enough brain cells to go around . . . a friendly reminder would be greatly appreciated. (prkeith@ptd.net) If you are (or are going to be) or you know of someone in (or going into) the hospital, please call and let me know.

~~~~~ **2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle

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