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Council Members

We thank *Joanne Williams*,
Alf Bashore and *Ryan Versluis*
for serving on Church Council.

We thank our 2016 Council Member, *Nancy K. Leighow*, who will begin her term in January.

Other current Council members are:
Richard Baylor, Darlis Dyer, Thomas Herrington, Mary Ann Landi, William Snover and Mary Jane Snyder.

Council Installation will be
January 10.

During the Season of Lent

February 10: Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM
Wednesday in Lent:
5:30 PM Bible Study
(bring a meal to Bible Study-microwave ovens available);
7:00 PM Lenten Worship

Council Retreat

Our Church Council will spend the day on Saturday, February 6 at Pastor Lois and her husband Tom's house in Belleville for a Council Retreat.

They will begin the day at 8:30 AM, enjoy brunch, and finish with dinner served by Pastor Lois and Tom.

Council will carpool from the church at 7:00 AM.

Snow date is February 13th.

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God

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Let's bring Christ into the forefront of our lives in 2016!

January, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Merry Christmas! Christmas Carols ring with joy at the Birth of the Messiah, families and friends gather on the occasion of celebrating the Birth of Christ. This is Christmas, and the Church will celebrate the Incarnation of Our God, Christmas, until January 6, The Epiphany. This is a time of new beginnings, a time for rejoicing in the love of Jesus the Messiah, and rejoicing in the love of one another, family, and friends. Tom and I give thanks that the Family of God at Pine Street and, Oak Grove Churches have taken us into your hearts, your lives, and for that we give thanks to God.

Many things have happened over these past four months since I was called to be your Interim Pastor. The Spirit of God is truly moving among you and has been visible in acts of kindness, trust, and love, as well as in ministry that has happened through your kindhearted and faithful work. I am particularly moved by the number of people who come to worship, mid-week Advent services, Sunday School, Choir, Bell Choir and the many Ministry Groups.

In this coming year, there will be opportunities for all people to witness to the love of God in Christ, through opportunities to continue the good ministry that has happened in the past, and new opportunities that will come forward. There will be opportunities to grow in Christ, grow in the Spirit, and grow in your understanding and love of one another.

It is a pleasure to be with you as your pastor, to watch the smiles and laughter on your faces, as well as the compassion and genuine care that you give to each other, and to strangers beyond this church. I feel certain that the love of God, as we witness in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, will continue to be visible in this Church, will continue to stir among you for the good of the whole, and will be made known in this year ahead in surprises of wonder from the God of Creation, known through his Holy Incarnation, the Babe of Bethlehem.

May this Christmas and New Year be blessed and peaceful, may we continue to serve God in Christ, and one another in his name.

*Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin*

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Marjorie Bassett, sister of Emily Curry, who died December 1, 2015.
- † Keith Buchhalter, brother of Mary Louise Kemp and Clara Hauck, who died December 8, 2015.
- † Ricky Shaffer, nephew of Sue Neitz, who died December 16, 2015.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

If you have someone on the Military Prayer List, please send an update of their addresses to Deb (pinestch@ptd.net) and to Sue Baylor (sueb123@ptd.net).

THRIVENT CHOICE

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

WEATHER REMINDER

During the winter when Danville School District



is on a delay or cancelled, the church office is *normally* on the same schedule.

Pastor's office hours:

Monday: 10:00 – 1:00

Tuesday: Afternoons by appointment

Wednesday: 10:00 – 1:00

Other times can be arranged with Pastor Lois.

Please note that meetings or pastoral calls may interrupt this schedule.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

Resolutions: where does your church fit in?

January is a time of new beginnings and good intentions. We are going to make more healthy decisions, be kinder, work harder, turn over a new leaf, pay more attention to our families, and the list goes on. Is generosity part of any of your resolutions? If so, does it include your church? I am not asking you to give more money (but heaven knows we could use it), rather I am asking you to be generous by sharing your time, your skills and knowledge; to spend time being a good listener; to offer to help before our poor church secretary needs to beg for help. Many of us respond only when there is a stated crisis. Many of us give (time, talent, skill, money) only when we are physically present when the need is expressed, and we easily ignore a need when it isn't smacking us directly in the face.

Can we resolve to be **INTENTIONAL** in our service and generosity to the church in 2016? Can we intentionally set aside time and money to be given to the church, without knowing up front what the specific need might be? Volunteer to serve. Sign up for *Simply Giving*. Follow through with your resolution to be intentional. You will receive blessings, and a sense of gratitude that cannot be equaled.

Wishing you blessings for the New Year,

Bill

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: Canned Vegetables

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.

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

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Children received their First Holy Communion after completing a preparation class with Pastor Lois are Owen Web Eyer on November 1, and Elizabeth Faith Morgan and Izabella Grace Morgan on December 13. *Congratulations* to Owen, Lizzie and Bella on receiving their First Holy Communion. We give thanks for the support of their family and teachers who have helped them to come to this day. Most importantly, we give thanks to God who gives new life in Christ, through his Body and Blood, Holy Communion.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Kelly Boyer
- 3 - Sharron Eyer
- 5- Allyson Mullen
- 9 – Corey Hummel
- 11 - Paul Dennehy
- 13 - Tristan Beiter; John Crumb, Sr.
- 15 - Barry Troy
- 16 - Angela Mullen
- 17 - Norman Troutman (91)*
- 26 – Gwyneth Beiter; Carol Riley
- 27 – Ronald Kline
- 28 - Marvin Fry (89)*
- 30 –Christine Koons
- 31 - Barbara Ezdebski



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Helena Kuivaniemi and Gerard Tromp
- 5 - Michelle and Harold Hack
- 15 - Elizabeth and Richard Baylor

- * Mr. Norman Troutman
345 Klein Rd; Danville, PA 17821
- * Mr. Marvin Fry
1212 Red Lane; Danville, PA 17821

CORRECTION:

Mr. Charles McWilliams
c/o Christ the King Manor
1100 W. Long Ave.
DuBois, PA 15801

MEETING OF COUNCILS

There will be a meeting of Councils from Trinity Oak Grove and Pine Street on Monday, January 18th at 7:00 PM at Trinity Oak Grove Church.



**YOUR CAR... YOUR MARRIAGE
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER
WITH A TUNE UP!**

Attention Married Couples: So you've done maintenance for your car—how about your marriage? Make 2016 the year you decide to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and have been enriching marriages of couples of all ages for 40 years! In addition to the \$100 per couple registration fee, you will be given an opportunity near the end of the weekend to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2016 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

- **April 8-10, 2016** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's"
- **April 22-24, 2016** at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel,

State College, PA, Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of Nittany Mountain

- **September 16-18, 2016** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown
- **October 21-23, 2016** at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, a stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion situated on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, an hour north of DuBois

Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. To sign up online, go to:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

HOAGIES

The January Hoagie making day will be January 21 with the deadline to order and pay by January 17.

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!!!

2015 Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Hoagie sale proceeds benefited the following community charities and church restoration:

- Gatehouse
- Camp Mount Luther golf sponsorship
- Pselc boy scouts
- Community diaper fund
- Montour historical society museum

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of November 30, 2015)

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

Donations received in November: \$642 from giving

366 from hoagie sales

\$1,008 total received

Total on hand: \$ 3,932

Loan balance: \$16,378

2015 church Restoration project
\$3758.00
2015 community charities \$376.00
2011-2012-2013-2014-2015 year-
to-date total \$18,765.85*
restoration project
2011-2012-2013-2014-2015
community charities year-to-
date total \$2283.00*

*total reflects net less expenses



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ♥ **January 5:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **January 6:** Martha Circle [Muffin Man] 6:00 PM; Jean Crumb has the lesson.
- ♥ **February 2:** Ruth Circle 11:30 AM [Muffin Man]
- ♥ **February 3:** Martha Circle 6:00 PM place to be determined.
- ♥ **February 18:** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM (Library)
- ♥ **Saturday in February:** Day of Renewal (TBA)
- ♥ **March 1:** Quarterly 1:30 PM (Social Hall) Ruth has the program; Martha hostess

Please note: January and February Circle Meetings will be cancelled if bad weather and will not be rescheduled.

Pine Street Prayer List January, 2016

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Kathy Thomas; Sherry Achey; Burtell Metzger; Anna and Carl Rice; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Shirley Gamble; Charles (Sonny) McWilliams; Marie Adams; Nelena Swank; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; Lois Oberdorf and Jane Beagle.



CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Valerie Snyder; Joan Greely; Shirley Hawley; Hunter Beasley; Norman Troutman; Judy Rogowsky; Jack Dyer; Aggie Oyster; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Marvin Fry; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Beverly Conrad; Caleb Shingara; Keith Knorr; Lucille Appleman; Charlie Dutt; Kay Swank; Idita Dennehy; Jeff Anselmo; Lois and John Clark; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; John Butkofsky; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Stan Davis; Roxanne Kerr; Doug Dawson; Pastor Brian Moyer; Brenda Kile; Connie Gibbs; Patsy Berns; Mike Shoemaker; Rhonda Brouse; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; John Stoker; Daymon Davis; Ralph Reedy; Elroy Neitz; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie

Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Brenda Lee Lunger; Abby Thomas; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern; and Emily Sue Nilsson.

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

Monthly Financial Stewardship report for November, 2015

In 2015 we need to average \$2,445 per week in giving to assure that we are able to meet all of our budgeted expenses. Our expense budget is something that we adopted and committed to.

Our weekly average church attendance during November was **59**.

Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$10,229, an average of **\$2,046** per week.

Our year to date attendance was **3295 (69/week)** and our year to date total giving was **\$106,638, (\$2,222/ week.)** We ended the month **\$10,722 behind** in the giving that we will need to meet our budgeted expenses.

Can each of us commit to being even more faithful in our attendance and intentional in our support? If you cannot attend as regularly as you'd like, please consider making regular contributions through the automatic *Simply Giving* program. Intentional regular giving through the *Simply Giving* program demonstrates your commitment and ongoing support of your church, even when you cannot attend services regularly. See Bill Snover for enrollment information.

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).

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **JANUARY 15 for the FEBRUARY, 2016 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.



Fellowship Menus

Please sign up to host a Fellowship Hour for your church family. If you don't like the suggested menu for the day, you may change it.

It would be ideal if each ministry as well as families would take a turn hosting.

Of the Land and Seasons for Winter will be the Liturgy for January 24th.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Thanks to Patricia Diehl for the donation of two books edited by her relative, John E. Knight.

The Pilgrim's Journey by Paul Bunyan, and *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis, can be found in our church library. Look for them and other resources to enhance your home study and devotions.

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

Simply Giving is:

.....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church.

- No more writing checks!
- No more remembering to bring your envelope!
- No more concern about your tithe if you can't be in church!
- It's Simply Giving! It's all done for you!

See Bill Snover for questions and to sign up.

GLScrip Gift Card Order

Gift Cards make great gifts and for everyday use!

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!!!

ORDER DEADLINE JAN. 10

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

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.

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.

Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:

8:30 AM Worship time

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.

THANK YOU NOTES

Pine Street Lutheran Church Members,

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville would like to express our sincere appreciation for your tab donation.

Our Grab-A-Tab Program has become a huge success thanks to your generosity.

Thank you,

Ronald McDonald House

SPONSORS

The new sponsor sheets for 2016 are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Most costs for the items stayed the same except for the Sanctuary Candle, which was increased to \$17 a month.



Now is the time to sign up to get your favorite dates. We appreciate your sponsorship of these important items for our Worship Services. It's also special to honoring someone or memorialize loved ones and friends. Sponsors are needed for January 3rd.

- **Bulletins** \$20.00 per week ;
- **Altar Flowers** \$36.00 per week
- **Communion Wine** \$10.00 per week
- **Sanctuary Candle** \$17.00 per month.

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 what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

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## 2016 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Interim Pastor:**

**Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

**Co-Treasurers:**

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Thomas Herrington

Mary Ann Landi

Nancy K. Leighow

William Snover

Mary Jane Snyder

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The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Bill Snover** – for delivering our Harvest Home food collection to the Food Bank.
- ♦ **Sandra McCarty** – for sponsoring the votive candles for the Memorial table in the rear of the sanctuary.



WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so!

Check it out!

Alf Bashore is updating the site please get material and announcements to him.

THANK YOU!



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.

Get more information at:

Camp Mt. Luther is online at
www.campmountluther.org

Symbols of Epiphany

Epiphany symbols generally relate either to the Wise Men or to the idea of the spreading of the Gospel. St. Matthew states that the Magi did not go directly to Bethlehem but went first to Jerusalem where they inquired about the Messiah and were told that the prophets had spoken of Bethlehem. They proceeded there and found the mother and Child. The five-pointed star usually associated with the nativity is actually proper to Epiphany. It symbolized the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The three chests reference the gifts presented to the Holy Child. The three crowns represent the Wise Men.

~adapted from Seasons & Symbols, a handbook on the church year