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Lenten Worship Schedule:

Weekly Worship: Wednesdays 7:00 pm: March 2, 9,
16, 23

Soup and Word: 5:30 pm March 2, 9, 16.
(no meal Weds.23)

Palm Sunday, March 20
10:30 a.m. Blessing and Procession with Palms

Holy Week:

Wednesday: Vespers 7:00 pm (no meal)

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm: Word and Sacrament, Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: March 25, Cross Walk: Begins at St. Joseph Catholic Church and end at Pine Street.

Noon: Reading of Passion, Meditation
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Silent Meditation
7:00 p.m. Prayers, Scripture, Procession of the Cross (in the church)

Holy Saturday: March 26
Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm

Day of Resurrection – March 27 - Easter
6:30 - Sunrise Worship
8:30 – Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:30 - Worship

Our Brothers and Sisters from Trinity Oak Grove and the community are always welcome to join us!

Informal Adult Discussion Group every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the casual seating area of the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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The Office will be closed Easter Monday, March 28th.

March, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

The time has come, the calendar page has been turned and, we are immersed in Lent and shortly at Holy Week, The Three Days, and the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter. If the truth be known within each of us, the Resurrection is something we simply do not understand completely. We cannot understand why the God who created the universe, could not have found another way to reunite fallen humanity, another less painful, less public humiliating way to have the Savior, the Messiah, the Incarnate One bring salvation to the world. But, as good Christians, we proceed to mark off the days of the calendar, come to worship, and go through the traditions we have come to expect, know, and love regarding this most holy event.

When we read the account of the crucifixion from the gospel of John, we read that Jesus gave himself up on the cross, he was in control, from Pilot's hall to his death. He did not stumble, he carried his own cross, he did not cry out from the cross except to provide for his mother in a society that would have marginalized her.

Jesus was in control through it all. What have we to learn from this? Yes, we realize that our salvation has been effected for us, yes, we realize this is a God event, not ours to determine or decide. Jesus has much more to speak to us. Jesus teaches us from the time of the supper, the meal, how to love. Love is the operative word for him under harsh conditions from which we would no doubt run, or have much to say in condemnation.

Judas, the betrayer, was also treated with love. Judas for all of history since that time has been demonized and characterized as a most despicable character. The disciples did not see him that way, until the kiss of betrayal in the garden. Jesus did not treat him differently, even though Jesus alone knew of the deed to be done. Judas, you see, was one of the interior circle of Jesus most trusted friends. Even among the twelve, he was trusted with the money, he witnessed the miracles with Jesus, traveled everywhere with him, was taught by him with the love of God. How, could he have turned on Jesus? Why?

We do not know these answers. But we know this. Jesus knew and did not exclude him from the inner circle. Jesus knew and continued to teach him, love him. It was Judas for whom the love of Jesus was too much. Perhaps Judas had another agenda, disappointed by the life of love that Jesus taught. Perhaps Judas wanted for himself and for others the perks that come from hanging around with this man who was being identified as someone capable of exacting miracles and power. Perhaps Judas could not tolerate Jesus' love of all people, especially those who were considered low on the status meter. Perhaps..... any number of theories. In the end, it was Judas who decided to leave the group. He showed no advance warning, he just went quietly and made his deal. John's gospel tells us that Judas went out into the night, the darkness. Judas made the choice to go away from the light of Christ, the only light that can bring life into abundance, into the fullness of righteousness with God. Judas chose to leave.

We have much to learn from this passage before the Resurrection account. We have much to learn about our own human propensity for power, control, ego, sin. We have also much to learn about the infinite love of Christ, and that, finally, it is we who leave the room, excluding our own spirit from the light and love of Christ.

This time, the time of Lent into Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil, we have time to dwell on these things. We have time to meditate on the love of God in Christ, and also to meditate on the love of God in Christ for each individual. How shall we continue in our walk with Christ? What shall we say to the needs of our human spirit, mind, soul, and body?

May the God of Grace and Glory, be with you as you continue to walk with Christ in this most holy time of the year.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Robert E. Hinkle, nephew of Irene Hinkle and Viola DeWald
- † John Reibsome, brother-in-law of Sandra Reibsome and brother of Irvin, died January 25, 2016.
- † Dr. James S. Bates, father of Ellen Leighow, who died January 27, 2016.
- † Mary Victoria "Vickie" Robbins, sister of Jane Beagle, who died January 30, 2016.
- † Pete Zimmerman, cousin of Nancy K. (Rae) Leighow, who died the week of February 20, 2016.

GIFT

A gift to our Restoration Fund has been given by Mary Elizabeth Payne from the estate of her mother, *Beatrice Yeager*.

NEW MEMBER

Jonathan Freezer, MD was welcomed into the Family of God at PSELCA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Jonathan comes to us from St. Peter's, Grovania. He is the son of Joanne Williams. We are delighted to have you among us!

TRANSFERRED

Gail and Allen Acor, II have transferred their membership to Washingtonville Lutheran Church. We wish Gail and Allen many blessings in their new church home.

Todd Baney has transferred his membership to Washingtonville Lutheran Church. We thank Todd for his years of service and dedication as a Sunday School Teacher, as a Council member, as a member of the Choir and for serving as a Worship Helper. Many blessings in your new church home.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Written by S. William Snover, MD
Financial Secretary

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?....Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Luke 18: 18-22)

When this question was asked of Jesus by a person of means, the response of Jesus was direct and allowed little room for negotiation. Jesus was forcing the questioner to decide where his ultimate values lie. "No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and money" (Matthew 6:21,25).

Trust me, Pine Street does not expect you to give up everything for the church. In fact, we don't ask you to give up anything. What your church and your God ask is that you decide where your values lie, and if you find that there is value in your faith, your spiritual and your religious life, that you dedicate time, talent, ability and treasure proportionately to maintaining and fulfilling those values.

Are you a disciple, a follower of Jesus, or just a spectator on the side of the road, watching the parade pass by? Will you join in, or get left behind? What are your values?

May God's blessings be upon you,

Bill

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.

GATEHOUSE

This month is Gatehouse month for the *Love Offering Envelopes*. The Transitional Housing and Care Center of Columbia and Montour Counties provide the Gatehouse to address the basic needs of all God's people who are temporarily homeless in our community.

The Gatehouse, an outreach recipient of gifts from our church, is a three story high building surrounded by lovely grounds and situated on the southern boundary of the Danville State Hospital grounds.

They will provide coordinated support programs of education, counseling, and spiritual guidance with the goal of developing self-esteem, self-discipline and self-help.

If Gatehouse is one of the community projects you would like to support through our church, please use the special *Love Envelope* included in your envelope packet. Thank you so much for your much-needed support.

TAX AID FOR SENIORS

If you are 60 or above, you can get tax aid by calling Ron and Carol Merrill at 570-275-2986 to make an appointment Mondays or Wednesdays from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Taxes will be done at the Senior Center at 500 W. Mahoning Street.

WEATHER REMINDER

During the winter when Danville School District is on a delay or cancelled, the church office is normally on the same schedule.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4 - Sharon Harner
6 – Alexis Snover
7 - Jane Beagle (93)*; Sarah Hauck Klein; Mary Ann Landi
11 - Hunter Beasley
12 - Geoffrey Lees; Roberta Recla
15 - Dennis Leighow
16 - Samantha Koons
19 - Marie Adams (98)*; D. Jean Cope (89)*
22 - Judith Adams; Martha Hack
25 - June Livzley
30 - Kathi Beiter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

12 - Patricia and Marvin Fry (62)*
27 – Lorene and Ryan Versluis (45)
29 - Sandra and Irvin Reibsome (58)*

Mrs. Jane Beagle
50 1st St. Apt. 600
Danville, PA 17821

Mrs. Marie Adams
Emmanuel Ctr.
600 School House Rd; Rm 131
Danville, PA 17821

Mrs. J. Jean Cope
Emmanuel Ctr.
600 School House Rd; Rm 112
Danville, PA 17821

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Fry
1212 Red Lane
Danville, PA 17821

Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Reibsome
309 Ave F; PO Box 28
Riverside, PA 17868

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of January 31, 2016)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643
Donations received in December: \$340 from giving
319 from hoagie sales
310 from the pulled pork dinner
388 gift from the Bea Yeager estate
\$1,017 total received

Total on hand: \$ 5,019

Loan balance: \$15,350



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ♥ **LENTEN TEAS:** Posted on the calendars, in bulletins and on the bulletin board in the narthex.
- ♥ **March 1:** Quarterly 1:30 PM (Social Hall) Ruth has the program; Martha hostess. Speaker topic: Area Agency on Aging.
- ♥ **March 5:** Day of Learning 9:30 AM is Registration @ Synod Office. Welcome and Worship is at 10:00 AM. Drinks and desserts will be provided; bring a bagged lunch. Offering to be collected for LWR Gift and USSWO. The cost is \$3.00.
- ♥ **April 7:** Cooking chicken at 9 AM.
- ♥ **April 9:** Chicken and Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM. A portion of the proceeds benefit GateHouse.
- ♥ **April 30:** Day of Renewal 9:30 AM is Registration @ Synod Office. Welcome and Worship is at 10:00 AM. Drinks and desserts will be provided; bring a bagged lunch. Offering to be collected for USSWO and Attendees Selection. The cost is \$3.00.

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



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

Mar: Tuna & Canned Meats

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**.

Thank you to our Youth

for collecting \$112.50 and
30 items of food for the
Food Bank on Souper Bowl
Sunday!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Thrivent Choice® participants have thousands of options ... but they chose us. **Based on their recommendations, Pine Street Lutheran Church received \$1,263 in 2015.** The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities.

This month we received Thrivent Choice Dollars from *Denny DiOrio, Lin DiOrio and Sue Neitz*. THANK YOU!

Pine Street Prayer List March, 2016



HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL

PRAYER LIST: Kathy Thomas; Sherry Achey; Burttell 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: Joan Greely; Hunter Beasley; 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: Linda and Gary Inch; Pastor Keith; Pauline Snyder; Tara Redday; Beverly Conrad; Caleb Shingara; Keith Knorr; Lucille Appleman; Charlie Dutt; Kay Swank; William Kauwell; Idita Dennehy; Lois and John Clark; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison Bogart; Stan Davis; Roxanne Kerr; Doug Dawson; Pastor Brian Moyer; Brenda Kile; Connie Gibbs; Patsy Berns; Mike Shoemaker; Rhonda Brouse; Terri Beyer; 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 Livzley; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern; and Emily Sue Nillson.

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;

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

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 **MARCH 15 for the APRIL, 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.

Pine Street Lutheran Church is the Third Ward voting place for the April General Primary on Tuesday, April 26th.

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.

Suggested meals:

Mar. 6: Macaroni & Cheese & Tossed Salad
Mar. 13: Covered Dish
Mar. 20: Baked Chicken & Sides
Mar. 27: Council will provide Easter Breakfast at 8:00 AM.
Light refreshments after the 10:30 AM Worship



THANKS to the Children's Sunday School class for baking heart shaped cookies on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank everyone for the generous gift from the Church, and to so many who gave Tom and I cards and remembrances for the Christmas Season.

Pastor Lois

To the lovely Members of Adult Choir at Pine Street Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of beautiful roses, and gift card – a nice treat.

I am so fortunate to work with so many talented and dedicated folks.

Many thanks!

Love and prayers,

Brenda

Music Director

To the generous people at Pine Street Lutheran,

Thanks so much for the gift card you gave as a gift to me at Christmas. I am so fortunate to serve you all as Music Director.

Love and prayers,

Brenda

Music Director

My Church Family,

Thank you for the Valentine card and the flowers. Stay warm. Keep me in your prayers. I keep you all in mine.

God Bless you,

Lillian Stahl

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings and Peace to you in the name of the Lord Jesus! I am writing to thank you for your generous support and encouragement.

Your support, beyond helping with the day to day expenses, truly serves as an encouragement, reminding that there are those who believe in what we do in these hospitals and beyond. There are not enough words to thank you for that.

So I take this time to acknowledge and thank you for all of our 2015 contribution of \$50.00 towards the work of Heart to Hand Ministries. It is only through the faithfulness of people like you that these ministries are able to continue and for that I give thanks to our Almighty God.

As Heart to Hand Ministries continue to provide song, support, prayer and encouragement to critically and

chronically ill children and their families, never forget that you are a part of these ministries for our prayer is that others might be blessed through them in the same way that you have been blessing Heart to Hand. So let us go forward, together, as we give our hearts to God and our hands to man. To God be the glory!

In His Service,
Woody Wolfe

Heart to Hand Ministries, Inc.

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They work same as cash!!!

ORDER DEADLINE MAR. 13

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

Monthly Financial Stewardship report for January 2016

In 2016 we need to **average \$2,679** 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 total church attendance during January was 235. Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$8,952, an average of **\$2,238** per week.

We ended the month **\$1,764 behind** in the giving that was needed to meet our budgeted expenses.

In 2016 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.

The Thank You Corner

◆ **The Congregation** – for your support of the kid's Souper Bowl project. They received \$112.50 plus 30 food items for the Food Bank.

◆ **Participants and Volunteers** – of the Pulled Pork fundraiser. We earned \$300.00 for the Restoration Project and \$242.00 for the ThinkBIG Pediatric Cancer Program.

◆ **People who donated paint** – for the hallway and Library of our indoor paint project.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be MARCH 31 with the deadline to **order and pay by MARCH**

27. 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!!*

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.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Camping catalogs are now available on the table in the narthex and also online.

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

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