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A Note From Pastor Lois

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

We have arrived at Summer, school is almost over for this year, vacations are being planned, Knoebels is open, and after Pentecost Sunday, we will enjoy our Summer liturgical calendar which brings us Jesus' beautiful parables from the gospel of Matthew. We will enter the season of the Church Year, known as 'Time After Pentecost.'

I am wondering how people lived in 'Time before Pentecost', that is, people who lived before Christ. We only know and live life after Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the giving of the gifts he bestowed upon us, the fruit of the Spirit. I have a 'sticky' on my computer reminding me of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5. 22-23) And, in all this, we live and grow in wisdom of God's Spirit in our lives.

What are the ways of our wisdom? How have we learned and acted out of that knowledge and experience of living in the gifts of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism?

Congregation Council has had two Retreats with me in the past year and a half. They have mined scripture, they have wrestled with questions of Jesus such as 'Who do you say I am?'; 'What are you looking for?'; 'Do you want to be healed?'; 'What do you want me to do for you?'

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Fellowship Hour

June Schedule

June 4th

Caring Ministry
(Covered Dish Meal)

June 11th

Finance Ministry

June 18th Happy Father's Day

No Fellowship

June 25th

Congregational Family
Meal

June Love Offering

Envelope is

Vacation Bible Study



**OFFICE
SUMMER HOURS:
8AM -NOON**



The Adult Discussion Group will continue during the summer at 9:00 AM!

A Note From Pastor Lois continued

In our discussions following these Retreats and in going forward as the Board of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church, the questions remain in place for the Council, and for every member. The Holy Spirit brings the fruits of the spirit to bear on the answers to these questions, the Holy Spirit guides us to wisdom along the way. The answers to these questions do not come quickly, but they do come. The answers create new questions such as: 'What are you looking for?'; 'What do you believe'; 'How do you know what you believe, what informs you?'; 'What changes you?'; 'How shall we go forward guided by the Holy Spirit with wisdom?'. We have arrived at a time to begin preparation for going forward with new pastoral leadership. The time frame has not been defined because there are many questions, much discernment. Those questions and discernment are built upon the work of Council and Ministries these past two years. Some may be tempted to push through this work quickly for the sake of 'getting it done', but that is ill-advised. The work of discernment always requires the commitment of time, beginning with a commitment of prayer from all who are involved, that is, from every member of this church.

Wisdom? The Holy Spirit brings wisdom to those who seek, who search, who dwell in God's Word. Setbacks and distractions keep us from moving forward. The questions remain: What is God Calling This Church to Do? How shall we Do It? What do we have to Do It with?

I pray you will make a commitment of time to be in prayer for this Church: for the Leaders of Council, The Officers of this Church, for the Members who have stepped up in new leadership this past year; for Wisdom to build this house with resolve to live in God's Dominion and to Worship our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as fervently as if one's life depended on it, as it does.

Blessings, Pastor Lois Martin



Stewardship Meditation for June '17

"But this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. So, let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6,7)

We continue to look at biblical references to stewardship. In this passage, Paul is exhorting the people of the early church in Corinth to be generous in support of the church. Generosity does not mean just money. The church needs us to also be generous of our time, talent, and ability. Invest of yourself. The gift of personal involvement in the life of the church might carry far greater personal reward than simply making a financial gift.

The church can always use financial support, but more than that, **the church needs us!**

**Happy to serve,
Bill**

**Congratulations to all our
recent graduates!**



Join us for a Congregational Family Meal and
Graduate Celebration on June 25th after
Worship!

Robert Koons, son of Christine and Michael Koons, graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in economics. He resides in Bethlehem, PA and is employed by Hormel Foods. ***Congratulations Robert.***

Moving On

The LORD says, "Do not REMEMBER THE FORMER THINGS, NOR CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD. BEHOLD, I WILL DO A NEW THING, NOW SHALL IT SPRING FORTH; SHALL YOU NOT KNOW IT?"

Isaiah 43:18-19

Letting go of past mistakes- yours and those of others – may involve forgiveness, repentance, and reconciliation. Let Isaiah's words encourage you as you work through emotional or relational roadblocks.

You Can Help!

Council is seeking your thoughts and suggestions of the strengths and weakness of our church.

Saturday June 10 9am – noon

15 minute appointments will be scheduled.

You will have the opportunity to meet with one of three individuals from **the synod** who have been trained to listen without bias. The information you provide will be collected and shared with the council.

Your input will guide council as it needs to get an understanding of who we are before we begin a profile

Contact the office to select your time
Or a sign up sheet will be available on Sundays in the social hall

Moving on is a process; moving forward is a choice. *There's a slight difference between the two.* Moving on is letting things happen; *moving forward* is **making things happen.**

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

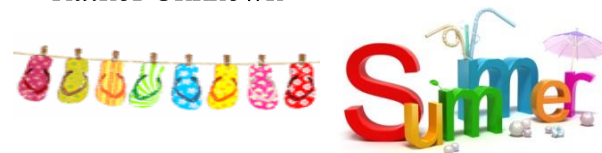
A Father's day poem

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad*
Author Unknown

Calendar of Events for the ...

Women of the ELCA

- June 27th 6 PM- Picnic
- July 22, 2017. Convention
Theme -ANEW: Renewal of Hope & Spirit



Council News:

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING 2017

- Council Approved. Memorial Committee established. Oversee usage of memorial funds: Barb Ezdebski, Mary Jane Snyder, Darlis Dyer, Nancy Leighow, Pat Diehl
- Council Approved Memorial funds to be invested in Mission Investment Funds. Provides better return than CD. Availability of funds is flexible
- Council Approved \$125.00 sponsorship from Proceeds of Hoagie sales. To The Bishops Golf Classic in support of Camp Mount Luther
- Council Approved/ Family Dinner will continue quarterly or as needed
- Council Approved candidates signage can be placed on church grounds one day before election and to be removed by 9 pm day of election.

- Council Approved: The Synod Reconciliation Team will be working with Council and the congregation. Dates will be scheduled for members: discuss the good and not so good. This is a positive format for resolving issues.
- Vacation Bible school will be HELD at Pine Street. Trinity Lutheran will be a partner. A July date to be announced
- Council Approved Pastor Craig Miller will provide a Finance and Stewardship presentation to council in May 17.
- Council Approved JUNE 16 & 17 SYNOD ASSEMBLY. Mary Jane and Mary Ann will be attending as delegates.

What We Are Looking Forward To.

- June 25th Congregational Meal & Graduation Celebration after Sunday
- July 9th Picnic in the Backyard after Worship
- August 12th Home Made Ice Cream Festival



In Honor of *Shavout*— The Festival of Weeks; Please join women from all traditions in a discussion about the Book of Ruth—Saturday, June 3rd 7pm at Congregation Beth El in Sunbury, PA



July 9th – July 13th
Family Meal: 5:15-5:45
VBS Activities: 5:45-8:00

Pine Street Lutheran Church

A joint venture of Trinity Lutheran Church,
Danville and Pine Street Lutheran Churches
For ages 3 years to 6th grade

Call the office to request a registration form or
pick up one in the Narthex.



Kids discover important truths-and dive right into the Bible. At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids learn one important Bible Point each day, and it's reinforced often through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on explorations that help children know they were created by God and built for a purpose!



Jaw-Dropping Experiences

Kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God. On this interactive adventure, curious kids become hands-on inventors and experience God-the ultimate Maker-in new and creative ways!

Easy-to-Learn Bible Truths



Interconnected Lessons

Like gears in a machine, every part of Maker Fun Factory VBS works together to produce an experience that really connects kids with Jesus. It will be an experience to change kids' lives forever!

More young people in our church

Madison, Izabella and Elizabeth Morgan



Madison, Izabella and Elizabeth Morgan attended a Doll and Me Tea sponsored by Lycoming Chapter DAR. The girls are all members of the Regina Hartman Society Children of the American Revolution.



Allison is involved with 4H sewing and horse. She also does tumbling.

Allison Snover

Jacob Snover

Ryleigh Hepner



"Ryleigh loves HipHop and Jazz dance. She performed in Komotion Dance Program's Spring Recital. She also loves softball and participates in Little League."



Jacob enjoys being 3!

"Nathan has the moves both on the basketball court and on the stage! He participated in the Upward Basketball Program and performed in Komotion Dance Program's Spring Recital as a HipHop Dancer."

Nathan Hepner



Larissa Bohner

loves practicing gymnastics.



Alexis is involved with Energy Gymnastics and placed in the state champions.



Alexis Snover

Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take toward reaching that goal.

Unknown

FOOD BANK NEEDS ~ Cereal

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

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**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution. If you have questions, please see Roxanne Patton, our Food Bank Representative



GLScrip Gift Cards

order deadline **June 11th**

They work same as cash, make great gifts and for everyday use! Weis and giant are now only available through glscrip.

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<http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org/>

Synod Assembly

Friday and Saturday, June 16th & 17th
at Susquehanna University

Pastor Lois, Mary Jane Snyder and Mary An Landi
will be Representing Pine Street Lutheran
Church this year.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **June 29th**
with the deadline to **order and pay by**
June 25th

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!!*



STEPHEN MINISTRY

You Can Play an Important Role in Our

... Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with our Stephen Leader: Ryan Versluis. He can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

Thank You

*Thank you for all the prayers
and notes.
Sherry Achey*



PINE STREET PRAYER LIST 2017

Homebound and special prayer list:

Sherry Achey, D., Jean Cope, Joan Greely, Sam Harrison, Burrnell Metzger, Lois Oberdorf, Lillian Stahl, and Kathy Thomas.

Congregation members:

Hunter Beasley, Jean Crumb, Nancy A. Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Anna and Carl Rice, Art Sticklin, Lorene and Ryan Versluis.



Friends Of Congregation Members:

Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock, Maryanne Berkey, Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner, Neina Brady, Rhonda Brouse, Cathy Butkofsky, Albert Churm; Todd Cooper, Nancy Curry, Kady Curry Davenport, Mary Ann Davis, Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy, Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Connie Gibbs, Bill Gibson, Diane Hanson, Martha Hartley, Harold Hauck, John Herrington, Linda and Gary Inch, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Jim Mattive Cheanye McClincy, Gail Miles, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Chris Perry, Mark Pontiac, Tim Raup, Sandy Reabuck, Ralph Reedy, Iris Reibsome, Leanne Segada, Ron Shipe, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra,

Happy Anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Rebeca Reddy Jr.-6/1
Thomas & Gail James-6/14
James & Allison Philson-6/16
Patricia & James Diehl-6/18
Thomas & Lois Martin-6/20
Rex & Desiree Hepner, Jr. – 6/22
Kevin & Sarah Romansik-6/28
Lorene & John Binder 7/2
Roger & Nancy Watts 7/7
Michael & Christine Koons 7/17
James & Jennifer O'Brien 7/20
John & Jean Crumb, Sr. 7/27

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Richard Baylor 6/1
Scott Leighow 6/1
Rodney Styer 6/3
June Doran 6/4
Sophia Greely 6/4
Betsy Hack 6/4
Jennifer O'Brien 6/4
Nancy Leighow 6/6
Ellen Leighow 6/10
Angelica Kipp 6/11
Carl Rice, Sr. 6/12
Sarah Eyer 6/15
Patricia Diehl 6/18
Owen Eyer 6/18
Felix Olshefski 6/20
Allison Philson 6/20
Allison Snover 6/21
Emma Beiter 6/28
Rowan Beiter 6/28
Cason Morgan 6/29
Mary Jane Snyder 6/29

Abby Thomas, Steve Treon, Leann Ulrick, Rod Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay Warner, Bert Williams, Emma Woll, and Teresa B.J. Dellinger; Tristan Winter.

Special military list:

Jay Brennan; John Matunis; Robert K. Torbush; Cody Harper; Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Jeremy Weikel; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; B.J. Dellinger; Tristan Winter.

THE PRAYER LIST is most effective when kept updated. Please also fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate or email the church at pinestch@ptd.net. You may also call the church office at 570-275-2110..

Thank you!

If there is an urgent need for Prayer, please call the Prayer Chain at 570-479-4766 To activate the Prayer

Chain, contact numbers are:

570-279-4766 or email sueb123@ptd.net

JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Lambert 7/1
David Doran 7/2
Paul Ezdebski 7/3
Kathleen Thomas 7/3
Thomas Martin 7/4
Gabriel Carr 7/5
Irene Hinkle 7/5
Roxanne Patton 7/12
Richard Thomas 7/12
Nancy Dennehy 7/14
Anthony Davis 7/15
Mark Fry 7/15
Luahan Herrington 7/15
Brittany Schenck 7/15
Jennifer Jennings 7/16
Katelyn Quinn 7/18
Malakye Wilson 7/19
Saundra McCarty 7/22
Lauren Swartz 7/23



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Nancy Leighow 7/25
Callaghan Romansik 7/26
Jeanine Snover 7/26
Nora Chico 7/28
Jacob Nelson 7/28
Sandra Williams 7/29
Alfred Bashore, II 7/30
Daniel Love 7/30
Kimberly Morgan 7/30



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Mission Statement

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



Change of Address – Please Notify Us!

(If you are MOVING or if there is a CHANGE in your MAILING ADDRESS, please notify us.)

It costs the church for each ADDRESS CHANGE we receive through the U.S. Postal Service. Call the church office (570-275-2110) with address changes or complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate at worship. Also, if there is someone you would like to have placed on our mailing list to receive **THE PARISH PRESS** Newsletter, simply call us or complete the form below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Intentional Interim Pastor: **The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

Organist: Ronald Kline * Bell Choir Director: William Snover, MD

Secretary: Nicole Cummins * Custodian: Caz Morgan

Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Worship Schedule: 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion

Followed by Fellowship Hour

Church Telephone: 570 – 275 – 2110

