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A Note From Pastor Lois

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

How's your faith? Actually, that is the title of a book I am reading by the author David Gregory who was for twenty years moderator of Meet the Press on NBC. That was not the only position he held in his career, but all of his career was as a political reporter including serving as chief White House correspondent. I first heard of his book through advanced publicity for his lecture at Susquehanna University on February 27, so I decided to read the book.

He seems to me as an unlikely person to ask the question, 'how's your faith', but then, why not, President George Bush asked him the question. Perhaps we should all be asking each other, 'how's your faith?' In these days when the trend in all churches is for regular attendance to mean once a month, I as a pastor need to ask, why? And if not regular attendance, then I too need to ask, seriously, 'how's your faith?'

I once heard this sage comment: it is easier to define your religion than to practice your faith. I apologize that I do not remember the source of that provoking statement. So, what about practicing our faith? As a Spiritual Director, I have done a lot of listening to others, usually regarding a sense of weakness of faith, a feeling that there is a distance between God and the one to whom I am listening, sometimes a confusion over what one is supposed to be doing in the relationship between the Triune God and the individual.

So what about this huge, yet sometimes elusive topic: faith. How does one get faith; how does one know when what one has is enough faith; how does one know if one's faith is right, healthy, good enough? These are all questions that can engage one's spirit, one's belief in Jesus our Christ, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As we make our way through the Season of Epiphany, the time of the Church Year from now until March 1, Ash Wednesday when we begin Lent, we will learn from the gospel readings each week about our Savior, Jesus the Christ. During the Sundays of February, the Gospel reading will continue to come from The Sermon on the Mount, from the book of Matthew. Jesus will be teaching us again what it means to be called as a disciple; to hear that we are salt and light and what that means; he will teach us again to love justice, that love displaces evil, that the law of God is a law of love,

Fellowship Hour

February Schedule

February 5th

Caring Ministry
(Covered Dish Meal)

February 12th

Finance Ministry
(Lite Fellowship)

February 19th

Christian Education
Ministry
(Lite Fellowship)

February 26th

W/ELCA
(Lite Fellowship)

February *Love*
Offering
Envelope is
Jubilee Kitchen



W/ELCA February 25th

Day of Renewal – 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Speaker – Beverly Wert of
Home Instead Senior Care

Call: 570-556-7691 to register.



forgiveness, mercy. These are challenges for us as our culture raises issues everyday in the news, in entertainment, in conversations, that are counter to what we believe, and yes, our faith. As we walk through these Sundays, heading into Lent, I invite you to join us on Sunday mornings as we worship our God, and at fellowship time following worship where we have the opportunity to listen to each other, to be supported and to give support. And, on Wednesdays, we will have an opportunity to discuss our faith. This segment of our study through February will have the title: 'Table Talk'. In the fashion of Martin Luther's Table Talk, we will gather to have the opportunity to discuss how our faith is active, or inactive, in what is going on around us, and, how do we deal with that. Perhaps the question 'how's your faith', will not be asked openly, but will be answered during conversation. The question and invitation from the gospel of the Second Sunday of Epiphany from the gospel of John will give us that opportunity. Jesus asks: 'What are you looking for' 'come and see.' (John 1. 29-42)

Blessings, Pastor Lois

Stewardship meditation for February '17

The church's need for financial support is as old as the church itself, and is referenced throughout the Bible. Last month we discussed a reading from Exodus regarding "first fruit" giving. This month I would ask you to read and reflect on **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**. The early Jews had been delivered from their Egyptian captors. They have entered their own land, which was fertile and could provide for their needs. They are then told that they must first remember the source of their new found abundance and to make an offering of their "first fruits" ... "that you, O Lord, have given me". (v.10).

Very few of us feel that we are wealthy, but all of us are blessed with creature comforts that most of the world can only dream about. We are indeed a blessed people, and the gratitude belongs to God. Can we, like the early Jews, "rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household" (v.11) Can we joyously give of our time, our talent and ability, and our treasure out of gratitude, not out of obligation.

In March, a passage from Psalms.

Gratefully, Bill

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A Visit with Emily ...

I've always enjoyed the Lenten evening services, but the evening Vespers (during Advent) this year were meaningful. This year they were especially peaceful, quiet and I could feel the peace. I'd look up at the altar, it isn't fancy, and see the candles and know God's up there, and he's looking at us, and seeing us. I feel God's presences with me. I love the silence and the

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candles, and we all sit up front, all bunched up, together, it was so meaningful, I could feel it. I come away feeling God present, calm, and peaceful. I think the older you get the more spiritual you become. I went to church when I was young, and you listened, but it's not the same, it's more meaningful now, I love that Church, I would never leave my church. Everybody is so friendly, we are so close, and everything is meaningful and better. I am so glad we had Vespers on Wednesdays, I feel comfortable and loved, and warm and I know God is with me. (Emily Curry has been a member of Pine Street Lutheran Church for many, many, years. She and her beloved husband Bill have been faithful to Christ and this Church. Their children came to Sunday school, came to Wednesday evening services while they were growing up, and sang in the choir. God Bless you, our dear Emily.)

Confirmation News:

The Confirmation Class participated in Vespers at The Basilica at Sts. Cyril and Methodius on Sunday, January 22. The service was in observation of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We joined with other churches as we prayed that our identity as Christians would be bound in Christ and not in differences.

The Confirmands are planning a 'Retreat' for Friday, February 3rd. During the time they are together, until late that evening, they will play board games, have times of prayer and discussion, watch movies, and make

Soup! The soup will be available for lunch after worship on Sunday, February 5 as part of fundraising for hunger on Super Bowl Sunday.

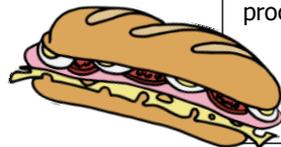
A year in review 2016

at

Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Our financial generosity is an expression of our love of god, for our neighbor and ourselves. We are new people in Christ: compassionate and eager to share.

- Successful and well attended adult discussion group Sunday morning
- Shared bible school between Trinity Lutheran and PSELC
- Bible study & discussion group Wednesdays & other day's throughout the year
- Spiritual enriching worship on Wednesday evening during Lent & Advent
- Provided meals for two families with newborns
- Conversations between Trinity Lutheran Church & St. Joseph's Catholic Church on our points of agreement
- Time spent together after Sunday worship for a meal or coffee hour
- Active Bell Choir: a very good Bell Choir & director
- Provided adult bible study one on one for unbaptized member
- Active Church Council
- Active Worship & Music Ministry
- Active Finance Ministry
- Active Christian Education Ministry
- Active Hospitality Ministry



Happy
Valentine's
Day

- Active Caring Ministry
- Active Property Ministry
- New integrative Sunday School lessons for children
- Continued activity of church members for mission & ministry into the community
- Confirmation Class
- Participated in community Halloween parade
- Thanked Community First Responders with a recognition lunch & worship service
- Completed painting and updating of Luther House and social hall (time and material costs donated by volunteers)
- Provided a vegetable garden for the community to share
- Provided meeting space for Boy Scouts
- Provided meeting space for Girl Scouts
- Provided meeting space for Uke Benders
- **Retired the exterior restoration debt within five years**
- Fundraising dinners & Hoagie Sales: shared 10% profit with non-profit community organizations: Food bank, Good Samaritan Mission, Girl Scouts, Camp Mount Luther, Kidsville, Think Big, American Red Cross, Community Christmas Tree
- Donated folding chairs and meals to the Jubilee Kitchen
- Active W/ELCA: Blanket Sunday, prayer shawl project, meals, and Seafarers Mission
- Trained additional volunteers: sound system, ushers, acolytes, cantors
- Homemade ice cream festival: shared 10% proceeds with Gatehouse
- Support synod: World Hunger, Disaster Relief & Benevolence

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **February 23rd** with the deadline to **order and pay by February 19th**.

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!!



Ministry News

Hospitality News

HAPPY NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person – questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. We're eager to share a lite lunch with you following the service.

Congratulations to the newly elected

Council Officers:

President-MaryAnn Landi;

Vice President-Thomas Herrington

Secretary-Nan Leighow

\$2823.60 in total sales in 2011-2016

Fundraising Ministry Provided Many Dedicated Hours Of Support In Sales, Preparing, Organizing And Eating.

We know many unnamed helpers provided support over the years.

Your support helped us reach our goal. Hoagie sale proceeds benefited the following community charities and exterior church restoration project.

Thank You!

- Diaper Bank
- Kidsville/Washies Playground
- House Of Care
- Woman's Center
- Montour Co. Historical Museum
- Blanket Sunday
- Danville Little League
- Danville Fishing Derby
- Danville Library
- PSELC Boy Scouts
- PSELC Girl Scouts
- Haven Ministries
- Food Bank

Christian Education Ministry

Join us to warm up on "Souper Bowl Sunday"! You are invited to enjoy a soup and read meal during Fellowship hour on February 5, 2017 that will be prepared by the hands of our confirmands. They'd like to offer a nourishing meal after our 10:30 worship service and will be accepting donations for a local mission group that helps fight hunger in our community. More details on donation recipient to be offered at the meal. Please come and share this time with our church family!



Calendar of Events ~Women of the ELCA

February 7th 11:30am- mtg at Muffin Man – Ruth Circle

February 8th 5:00pm mtg at Friendly's – Martha's Circle

February 25th – Day of Renewal

March 7th 9:00 am — Polish silver at church volunteers welcome

March 7th 1:30 pm W/ELCA Quarterly mtg

March 15th Lenten Tea

March 25th Chicken & Waffle Dinner

- Marie Lamey Endowment Fund
- Carol Main Fund
- Many Hands Helping Others
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Camp Mount Luther Golf Tournament
- Kathryn's Kloset
- American Red Cross
- Ronald McDonald House
- Good Samaritan Mission
- Sunnybrook Park
- Pac To Home (For Children Leaving The Gatehouse)
- Danville High School Transition Program
- Think Big For Pediatric Cancer
- Gatehouse Community Christmas Tree



PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

February 2017

Homebound and special prayer list:

Sherry Achey, D., Jean Cope, Shirley Gamble, Sam Harrison, Ann Hummer, Burrnell Metzger, Lois Oberdorf, Anna and Carl Rice, Lillian Stahl, and Kathy Thomas.

Congregation members: Hunter Beasley, Jean Crumb, Marvin Fry, Joan Greely, Sis Hack, Ann Hummer, Nancy A. Leighow, Daniel Love, Nikki Morgan, Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer O'Brien, Ann Rice, Carl Rice, Jr, and Art Sticklin.

Friends of congregation members:

Allen Acor, Susie Curry Balonek, James Bergenstock, Maryanne Berkey, Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner, Rhonda Brouse Cathy Butkofsky, Albert Churm; Nancy Curry, Kady Curry Davenport, Idita Dennehy, Kathryn DiOrio, Cathi Flanagan, Connie Gibbs, Bill Gibson, Diane Hanson, John Herrington, Linda and Gary Inch, Jackie Jackson, Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Brenda Kile, Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey, Nathan Lubeski, Pastor Brian Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy Neitz, Theresa Conrad Norman, Jaide Nungesser, Mark Pontiac, Tim Raup, Linda Reed, Ralph Reedy, Iris Reibsome, Ron Shipe, John Stoker, Mary Sweetra, Abby Thomas, Steve Treon, Leann Ulrick, Rod Vincent, Spencer Vincent, Kay Warner, and Bert Williams.

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.

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. To add a name to the weekly Prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or email the church at pinestch@ptd.net. You may also call the church office at 570-275-2110.

FEB. BIRTHDAYS

Eric Snover-2/4
Ryleigh Hepner-2/11
Nathan Hepner-2/12
Nichole Lambert-2/13
Dawn Carr-2/14
Lorene Binder-2/18
Dale Stamm-2/20
Brandon Hixson-2/23
Charles St.Clair-2/26
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy-2/27
Crystal Lambert-2/27
Michael Harner-2/28
Michael Koons-2/28
Shirley Gamble-2/29



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anna Schlott-3/3
Sharon Harner-3 /4
Omar Rojas-3/6
Alexis Snover-3/6
Sarah Klein-3/7
Mary Landi-3/7
Hunter Beasley-3/11
Geoffrey Lees-3/12
Roberta Recla-3/12
Dennis Leighow-3/15
Samantha Koons-3/16
D (Jean) Cope-3/19
Judith Adams-3/22
June Livziey-3/25
Charles Rice-3/26
Judith Romanot-3/26
Kathi Beiter-3/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Roberta Recla-2/6
George & Judith Adams-2/11
Marvin & Patricia Fry-3/12
Ryan & Lorene Versluis-3/27
Sandra & Irvin Reibsome-3/29



FOOD BANK NEEDS ~

Noodles & Macaroni

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.

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 FB Representative

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Mary Jane Snyder and her Family as they grieve the loss of Bill. Bill was a longtime member of this Church. He was confirmed on April 3, 1955. We will miss Bill and his humble service as he served our Lord through his work and friendly presence, always a blessing to this Church and to us. Let Perpetual Light shine on him, O Lord.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

Mary Bershline, sister of Ruth I. Berger, who died on December 22, 2016.

William "Bill" Snyder, husband of Mary Jane Snyder, who died on January 10, 2017.

Charles "Dean" Houseknecht, brother-in-law of Irene Hinkle, who died January 18, 2017.

Martha "Sis" Hack, wife of Jim Hack, who died January 22, 2017

MEMORIALS

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Jane Beagle* by Bill & Jeannie Snover.

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Emily Stookey* by Richard & Elizabeth Baylor.

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Norman Troutman* by:

- † Lillian Stahl
- † Mary Jane & William Snyder
- † Nancy & Rae Leighow
- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor
- † Saundra McCarty
- † Lorene & Ryan Versluis
- † Bill & Jeannie Snover

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Eleanor Wray* by:

- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor
- † Saundra McCarty
- † Bill & Jeannie Snover

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Nelena Swank* by:

- † Bill & Jeanine Snover
- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Charlotte Mitchel* by:

- † Nancy & Rae Leighow
- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor
- † Saundra McCarty
- † Bill & Jeannie Snover
- † Brenda & Dale Deitterick

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Charles (Sonny) McWilliams* by:

- † Jim Shutt
- † Anonymous
- † Nancy & Rae Leighow
- † Mary Jane & William Snyder
- † Lillian Stahl
- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor
- † Saundra McCarty
- † Bill & Jeannie Snover

A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Harry Fry* by: Marvin & Pat Fry.

Gifts were given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Marie Adams* by:

- † Saundra McCarty
- † Bill & Jeannie Snover

Gifts were given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Susan Reibsome* by:

- † Nancy & Rae Leighow
- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor

Gifts were given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *William Snyder* by:

- † Ida Jean Lynn
- † Richard & Elizabeth Baylor
- † Bill & Judy Gibson
- † June Livziey
- † Rae & Nancy Leighow
- † The Rev. Dr. Lois Martin and Thomas Martin, M.D.
- † Sheila Kuhns and Family
- † Adelia & Dennis Clark
- † Robert & Barb Klopp
- † Larry & Missi Bohner
- † Marvin & Pat Fry
- † Marlin & Jean Hummel
- † Danville Rod & Gun Club
- † Marlin & Kaylene Trick
- † Richard & Phyllis Philipkoski
- † Gerald Dewald
- † George, Judy, Amy and Robin Adams
- † Jefferey Rotherel
- † Frank Rotherel
- † Bill & Jeannie Snover





Thank You Notes:

A sincere thanks to all that sent food, cards and other thoughts of kindness and sympathy to our family on the loss of our loved one. All were greatly appreciated.

~ The family of William "Bill" Snyder

Dear Pine Street Church Family,

We are so fortunate to be blessed with such a loving church family. Our family would like to extend a high Thank you for all the gifts, food & meals, flowers, love, support & prayers given to us during and after the birth of Amelia & Quinn. Thank you again!

Love always,

~ **Michael, Samantha, Sarah, Owen, Amelia & Quinn Eyer**

Pine St. Choir,

Thank you so much for the delicious muffin basket. You truly are a wonderful group of people. Thank you all for your love and support.

Janie & family

Dear Pine Street Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the card and flowers. Also, thank you for the prayers while in the hospital. God bless you all. Sincerely,

Janice Riley

To the Congregation of the Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thank you for the generous donation to the Good Samaritan Crisis Fund. The crisis committee & the volunteers that meet with crisis clients are in the midst of meeting with people in need from the Danville-Riverside Community, especially during these cold, winter months. Many are in need of assistance with fuel and heating bills. Your donation helps us to meet the need for these individuals & families. Thank you again for your kindness & thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Natalie Kupas Treasurer-Crisis Committee

Upcoming Special Events

ONGOING – Wednesdays – 5:30 PM

Table Talk (Social Hall)

February 5th – Souper Bowl Sunday

 In the Social Hall after Worship

February 18th Lasagna Dinner

Includes Lasagna, applesauce, Rolls & Dessert

Support ELCA Disaster Relief

4:00-7:00 PM \$9.00/adult \$5.00/kids



March 1st – Ash Wednesday

March 25th – Chicken & Waffle Dinner

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

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Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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

Organist: Ronald Kline * Music Director: Brenda Fischer-Denney * 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

