

The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

**9:15 AM RALLY DAY; 10:30 AM WORSHIP
Followed by Fellowship Hour**

Sunday School will kick-off at 9:15 AM and a special Back To Church Worship will be held at 10:30 AM when we invite neighbors, friends that have not been to church in a while, and anyone unchurched that we know. We have a special guest singer, Brenda Chamberlin, who will bless us with her wonderful voice. (A free-will offering will be received for her.) After Worship, everyone is invited to fellowship hour!

**We Say Goodbye to Roger (and
Nancy) Watts who resigned as our
custodians in July.**

**We wish them the best of luck on
their retirement.**

**We Say Welcome to our new
custodian, Caz Morgan.**

**Caz, a long-time member of our
church, is married to Nicole, and
together they have many children.**

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Dennehy
USS Ark

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

- † Harvey Maneval, brother-in-law of Sue and Marlin Neitz, who died July 20, 2012.
- † Ralph Park, father-in-law of Betsy Park, who died July 27, 2012.
- † Judy Stamm, wife of Dale Stamm, who died August 5, 2012.
- † Edith Lenker, great aunt of Jennifer O'Brien, who died August 5, 2012.
- † Helen Mihaly, aunt of Gail James, who died August 6, 2012.

NEW MEMBER

Alfred (Alf) J. Bashore, II was Received into Membership during Worship on August 5, 2012. Alf comes to us from Grace Lutheran Church, Point Township.

Although Alf has been Worshipping with us for some time, we welcome him to our church family here at Pine Street.

BAPTISM

Alexa Arrington Spicer, born April 7, 2012, daughter of Pamela and Daniel Spicer, was baptised during Worship on Sunday, August 19, 2012 by Pastor Keith. Alexa is the granddaughter of Barbara and Paul Ezdebski.

We welcome Alexa into God's Family.

BIRTH

A daughter, Adelyn June, was born to Marcy Lutz and Rich Hahn on July 13, 2012. She joins siblings Jay and Kaelyn. Adelyn is the great-granddaughter of June Livziey. Congratulations!

GIFT

A gift from the estate of *Beatrice Yeager* was given by her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Payne, to our Restoration Project. Thank you!

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16
◀ RALLY DAY ▶
9:15 AM SUNDAY
SCHOOL KICK-
OFF!!!!

Classes:

Primary: K-2st-Missi Bohner (RR)

Intermediate Class (grades 3-5): Nan Leighow (YR)

Helpers/substitutes: Jen O'Brien & Sherry Achey

Teen: Christine Koons (LIB)

Adult: Larry Troy-Todd Baney, helper; Jim O'Brien-Sub (CR)

(If needed) Toddlers/Pre.

S.: (Nursery-helpers may be needed)

Any questions, please see Missi Bohner, Sunday School Superintendent.

10:30 AM

WORSHIP

Followed by a

Covered Dish Meal

SH=Social Hall; YR=Youth Room;

CR=Conference Room;

RR=Resource Room; LIB=Library

Let The Choirs Begin

On Monday, September 10th our Chancel Choir and our Bell Choir will resume practices for the fall. Chancel Choir practice, under the direction of our Music Director Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, will be at 10:00 AM on Monday mornings in the Chapel of the Luther House.

Bell Choir practice, under the direction of S. William Snover, will be every Monday at 5:30 P.M. at the front of the Youth Room in the Luther House.

Anyone interested in joining either of the Choirs, please come to the first practice. We can ALWAYS use more singers and ringers!

*The office will be closed
on Monday September 3rd
in observance of
Labor Day!*

Simply Giving

Our congregation now is participating in the Simply Giving program for donations by electronic funds transfer. The program allows members to donate regularly and automatically on a schedule of their choice. To apply or if you have any questions, please see Gerard Tromp.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

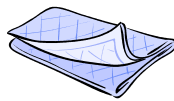
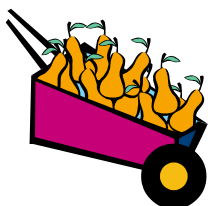
- ◆ A brief meeting of Council was held at the annual Council Picnic on July 23 at Bohner's Grove.
- ◆ Gerard Tromp is waiting on the final form for members to sign up for the Simply Giving Program.
- ◆ The audit is in the process of being rescheduled.
- ◆ Property Committee submitted a job description for the Custodian position. Council approved the job description presented to them with one amendment. The Council accepted the proposal from Property Committee to appoint Caz Morgan as custodian.
- ◆ Pastor suggested that \$1,000.00 from the Purchase of Service Agreement with Trinity Oak Grove Church be set aside for the next 5 months of this year and placed into the Memorial Fund. Mary Ann recommended that Pastor Keith's suggestion be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval.
- ◆ The next meeting of Council will be on Monday, September 17 at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Luther House.

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## THRIVENT FUNDS

Thank you to *Irene Hinkle* for choosing to direct Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Choice Dollars to our church.

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THIS MONTH'S

LOVE Offering Envelope is **BLANKET SUNDAY**

With Blanket Sunday so early in October, September will be **Blanket Sunday** month for the *Love Offering* envelopes.

For those of us who don't know how or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing is to give a donation to purchase quilts and blankets.

Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a much better price than we can, thus making our dollars do a lot more. It also costs money to ship them. It costs approximately \$2 to send each quilt overseas.

So, as you can see, money given is an important way you can support this outreach ministry!

Thank you in advance for your donations!

**Please use your special
Love Offering envelope
in your packet for your
donations or use a blue
pew envelope and mark
it "Blankets". Thank
you!**

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

Spiritual or material?

Every week in church we praise the triune God-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Most of us have no problem relating to God our Father, creator of all things, and of God the Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us so that we may be redeemed and have everlasting life. But, many of us stumble when asked to explain God the Holy Spirit, the constant invisible presence of God in or lives that keeps us holy, trusting, loving, kind, hopeful, faithful, and the list goes on. When asked to explain our spirituality, most will answer in terms of religion, rather than in terms of their personal relationship with God.

Many are confused about what is material, and what is spiritual. We look at matters of wealth, prestige, property and possessions in spiritual terms of hope and goodness, and then use them selfishly, which is a materialistic motive. But, if we use our material things to help others (ministry), to carry God's message of love and salvation (discipleship), to reach out and ask for God's help and support as we face our daily burdens (prayer) and to glorify God (worship), then we are using the material to help the spiritual. And, after all, isn't it the spiritual that follows us and guides us to eternal life? The material will be left behind.

Be generous in sharing your time, your talent, your abilities and your treasure in spiritual endeavors. God will amply reward you. You will surely discover gratitude, and greater contentment and simplicity in your life as you put God first in your living and giving.

I join with all of you in love, in sharing and in spirit,
Bill

SCOUTING

We sponsor:

- ▲ A Brownie Girl Scout Troop #600398 that meets every other Thursday beginning September 6th at 6:30 P.M. For more information, please call Sharon Harner at 275-9077.
- ▲ Cub Scout Troop #47 that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 beginning August 21st. Leader is Jen Warner. Questions, see Caz Morgan.
- ▲ Boy Scout Troop #47 meets every Mondays at 7:00 P.M. John Conrad is the leader. For more information call 275-7776.



*Bible Study will resume
September 13.*

**TO the LAST
PERSON leaving the
building: Please turn
off the lights and
LOCK the doors!**

*(If everyone left, please call any
Council member to come lock it.)
Thank you!*

**TO the LAST PERSON
leaving a room: Please
turn off the lights and
CLOSE the doors!**

Treasurer's Report

July- General Fund:

Income	\$ 11,540.08
Expenses	\$ 8,000.44
	\$ 3,539.64

*Year-to-date through April-
General Fund.*

Income	\$ 70,972.79
Expenses	\$ 75,164.03
Shortfall	\$— 4,191.24

*Dates for Of the Land and
Seasons Worship
Services:*



*September 23 '12 (Fall)
January 13 '13 (Winter)
April 7 '13 (Spring)*



Camp Mt. coming Events:

Youth Gather Post-Event-Sep 30
Building Youth Groups Fall Retreat-
Nov. 2012
Advent Fun Day-Dec. 15
Winter Camp Dec. 28-30

For more information or to register, please visit
www.campmountluther.org call them at 922-1587 or email at cml@campmountluther.org.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Our synod's Global Mission group is supporting the program for seamen in New York as the project for our synod. This involves making up bags for the Merchant Marine Sailors for Christmas. I picked up enough bags for 4 kits, but we can make more.

Each bag has to have the following items:

- One sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size L-XL)
- Three pairs of socks – thermal or white gym
- One casual pullover T-shirt (size M-L)
- One knit winter cap
- One can of nuts or bar of chocolate
- and a Christmas card from you.

I have patterns for knit caps or scarves.

Please only the items listed. These items go to seamen on the freighters that bring goods in to New York and Philadelphia. These men are stuck on the freighters for months at a time and get only a day or two on dry land. A ship's crew consists of 25 seafarers. My

challenge to you is to gather enough items to give gifts to a whole crew. **The deadline is November 25th**. I hope to be able to assemble them in Sunday School. There may be an opportunity for someone to go along to New York to deliver these items.

Thanks,
Sue Baylor

ELCA Global Links

100 Wells Challenge: We did it!

This year, young people of the ELCA set out to raise \$250,000 to support the water projects of ELCA World Hunger where they are needed most. Thanks to the generosity of youth across the nation, more than \$400,000 has been received in support of this effort to date. See www.ELCA.org/100wells and be sure to click the link on the left to learn about the **100 Wells Tour concerts with Agape, Rachel Kurtz and Lost and Found.**

New Orleans: Live from the Dome at the 2012 ELCA Youth

Gathering

"Have you ever felt like you are standing in the middle of a crossroads and you have no idea which way to turn? Take the risk. Trust God." Two young people, Valerie Rivas and Megan Stubbs, tell the audience of 33,000 how their involvement in global service changed their lives. Watch their powerful testimonies on the ELCA [YouTube](#) channel.

NOTIFY THE CHURCH:

- When your home phone number or address changes - church records need to be corrected. It costs **85 cents** every time a newsletter comes back because of an incorrect address.
- When a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- When a member of your family or a member of the church is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.

- When a member of your immediate or extended family passes away.
- When a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When something good happens to you or your family that you would like to share.

(PLEASE NOTE:

If you've been in the hospital or have been ill and have not been visited by the pastor or anyone from the church, or if your name is not on the prayer list, it may be because no one told us you were ill or would like your name on the list. You or a family member should notify the church office with requests or information on illness or hospitalization. Please also get permission before sharing this information with the church office so we can share your information with others in our Church Family.

Thank you!)

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.

Jubilee Kitchen

October 27, 2012

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

Mr. Brannon began work on August 6. Come see how nice the church looks now.

Total cost of the project: \$78,643. A total of \$15,575 in necessary repairs to the slate roofing on the Luther House, as well as repairs and replacement of the metal soffit and repair of external openings that were allowing rain and weather to infiltrate the Luther House have been added to the cost. To date, we have paid Brannon painting \$45,436. We still owe \$33,207.

Funds received in July:

Member giving: \$1,113

Hoagie sales: \$395

Pig roast income since last report: \$20

Total funds received to date: \$19,355

Loan amount from Keystone Bank: \$55,000

Loan balance as of 7/31/12: \$53,927 (4 payments made)

The extra expenses have been greater than anticipated, but are necessary. We will need to be faithful in our giving and our fund raising to meet these expenses.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Time is running out to sign up for your Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Don't miss your opportunity to experience the enrichment this program provides for ALL MARRIAGES. The October 19-21 Weekend in White Haven is full; however, we'd be happy to add you to the waiting list—simply contact us at the information below. At this writing there still is room for YOU at the September 14-16 at the beautiful Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center which is located in the Allegheny National Forest, 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. To register for the September Weekend, go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using your credit card; or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

GLScrip Order Deadline is



September 9
(2nd Sunday of each month)

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. Mostly everyone dines out—everyone buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use. They work same as cash!!!

PROCEEDS ARE SUPPORTING
OUR NEW WEBSITE!
CHECK IT OUT AT
WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG
AND PLEASE PURCHASE
GIFTCARDS TO HELP PAY FOR THE
WEBSITE.
THANK YOU!

**Hoagies are \$4.00 and a great bargain!
Order and pay the
Sunday before the 1st
Thursday of each
month.**

THANK YOU NOTES

Hi,

Thanks so much for the water and snack packs (for the youth on the way to the International Youth Gathering). They were truly a blessing to us on the hot bus that got stuck in traffic.

Charlene Rineer
Christ Lutheran Church
Lewisburg

Dear Pine Street Lutheran Church,

We did it!

Thank you for your recent gift of \$35.00 (came in after youth left for the gathering) to the 100 Wells Challenge supporting the water projects of ELCA World Hunger.

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together. Together, we achieve things on a scale and scope that we could never do alone. **Including your gift, through the 100 Wells Challenge and the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, more than \$400,000 has been given for the work of ELCA World Hunger!**

Thanks to your generosity, an engineer builds concrete spring boxes in the most remote areas of the Central African Republic and teaches villagers how and why to use them. The women and children who are most often responsible for obtaining their families' daily water save hours of walking back and forth to the old well each day – time they can now devote to earning an income or going to school to ensure a brighter future. To neighbors who thirst for clean water, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope.

Your faithful generosity makes a life-changing difference for people in need around the world. Thank you

for your support and partnership in these efforts.

In Christ's service
Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World
Hunger

Dear Friends:

On behalf of Good Samaritan Mission, I would like to thank your church members for their help in this year's Back-to-school Socks and Underwear Give-away. We will provide socks and underwear to about 175 students in the Danville Area School District as well as supply those items to the nurses in the schools. With the support of the local churches, we are able to offer our various give-away programs. Again, we are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Gearhart
Chairperson-Board of
Directors
The Good Samaritan Mission

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.)

SPONSORS

Communion Bread can be store bought from the bakery. Please sign up on the designated sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. A sponsor is needed for the month (or by the week) for December.

Bulletin sponsor openings are available for all of October.

There are ***Altar Flower*** openings for October 28 and December 16.

When signing up for Altar Flowers, Bulletins or Sanctuary Candle, please write your name and *in honor of* or *in memory of* message on the appropriate poster in the narthex or speak to Deb at the church office. The costs are:

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$33.00 per week for **Flowers**;
- \$14.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Thank you to everyone who sponsors these important supplies for our worship services.

GOOD SAMARITAN RPT.

The monthly report was not available.

Good Samaritan Mission
Hours are Tues., Wed., & Thur.
9 AM-5 PM
275-2500

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Bet you didn't know that [Pine Street Lutheran Church](#) children's Sunday School is a participant in Labels for Education. So start saving those labels. . maybe we can get some sports equipment or computers or something. . There is a collection box downstairs in the Social Hall.

Help us earn more Labels for Education points by gluing box tops to the forms (near the box) by October 21st from any Campbell's, Prego, V8, Pepperidge Farm, or Pace products. Thank you!

**Read Romans 12
& Pray Daily**

Audio tapes

of the service are available for homebound and others who can't make it to church. Contact Sue Baylor at 279-4766, if interested.

NEXT ELECTION DATE

November 6, 2012

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Deborah Johnson;
Sarah Yocum
- 8 - Terri Wydra
- 9 - Larissa Bohner;
Brenton Swartz
- 10 - Ashley Pittsnogle;
Daniel Staley
- 13 - Nathan Beagle; Jayme
LeVan; James Mullen;
- 15 - Sandra Lees; Dennis
Staley
- 18 - Mary Louise Kemp
(85)
- 22 - Shirley Hawley (87);
Samantha Jordan
- 23 - Kevin Romansik
- 25 - Kelsey Faust
- 26 - Joan Greely; Valerie
Snyder
- 27 - Darla Gross
- 28 - Jon Curry, II
- 30 - Kenneth Eagan; James
Hack

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 - Nancy and Rae
Leighow
- 11 - Kelli and Alfred
Bashore, II
- 16 - Barbara and Paul
Ezdebski, Jr.
- 21 - Terri and Michael
Wydra
- 23 - Betsy and David Park

ADVERTISING

Mary Ann Landi handles church advertising. Most area newspapers will print this information free of charge as a news item. If you have an event coming up you would like advertised, please give as much information to Mary Ann at least a month in advance to get the word out about what God is doing at Pine Street!

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## 2012 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**  
**Treasurer: David A. Doran**

Elizabeth Baylor-President  
Jean Crumb  
Michael Eyer  
Ronald Kline  
Mary Ann Landi-Vice President  
Nancy A. Leighow- Secretary  
Nancy K. Leighow  
James O'Brien  
Gerard Tromp  
Terri Wydra

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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,
(unmarked). The Church
and pavilion are at the
crossroads 4-way stop.



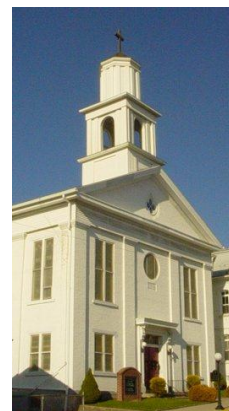
**We want to open up and
expand God's presence by
becoming more active in the
community.**

You can help!

**Tell your friends--tell your
neighbors--come see--Come
See what God is doing at Pine
Street!**

**Invite everyone you know to
come to church.**

**Tell them we have a great
fellowship hour.
Tell them that God loves them
and we do too.**



Ministries at a Glance!

(meeting times)

Administration - Tom Herrington, Bill
Snover (Coordinator), Mary Sticklin,
Burtell Metzger; Sandra Reibsome;
Council liaison-Mary Ann Landi
(meets as needed)

Caring Ministry - Sue Baylor, Coordinator
(dates vary)

Family and Christian Education Ministry
FACE - Missi Bohner, Coordinator
(2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM)

Finance Ministry - Michael Dennehy,
Coordinator (2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM)

Hospitality Ministry - Larry Troy, Contact
Person (1st Wednesday @ 11:00 AM)

Property Ministry - Nancy A. Leighow and
Nancy K. Leighow- Co-Coordinators
(2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM)

Women of the ELCA - Co-presidents: Sue
Baylor & Mary Ann Landi (usually 1st
Tues.)

Worship & Music Ministry - Council liaison
is Ron Kline (2nd Monday @ 11:00
AM)

Fellowship Menus

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BOOK
TO BRING ITEMS FOR LUNCH**

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2: Pasta Casseroles & cold salad
Sept. 9: Covered Dish
Sept. 16: Macaroni & Cheese &
Tossed Salads
Sept. 23: Not available
Sept. 30: Not available

OCTOBER

Oct. 7: Not available
Oct. 14: Covered Dish
Oct. 21: Not available
Oct. 28: Not available

Each Sunday needs a Clean-Up Crew. Please volunteer!

FELLOWSHIP HOURS

A loose leaf notebook is on the podium in the social hall with menus for each Sunday (except the second Sundays of each month when we have a Covered Dish meal).

Please look at the meals listed above to see if you would be able to bring in one of the dishes. Then sign up in the notebook. If you would like to supply a dessert, please write that down.

Items needed regularly:

- ☺ Dessert plates (paper or Styrofoam)
- ☺ Coffee cups (Styrofoam)
- ☺ 100% fruit juice (no red drinks please)
- ☺ A main dish, side dish or dessert for any Sunday Fellowship Hour
- ☺ Any donations to "Hospitality Ministry" to help fund our many outreach and church events

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Families can still sponsor a Sunday Fellowship meal of their choosing—just pick the date in the book on the small podium in the social hall and write in that you are sponsoring the meal!
Thanks!



Pine Street Prayer List September, 2012

Martha Knight; Mary Jane Mordan; Shirley Hawley; Kim Azigian; Dave Burns; Agnes Oyster; Norman Troutman, Sr.; Ron Carnahan; Elizabeth (Libby) Fox; Sarah Roberts; Margaret Tanner; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Charlotte Rice; Shawna Bergenstock; Jim O'Brien; Carol Heim; Tom Beiter; Linda Wetzel; Joyce Dawson; Ann Marie Binder; Sue Neitz; Spencer Vincent; David Harvey; Cory Fenstermaker; Angie Wilson; Dr. Kevin Shafer; Marvin

Fry; Cathy Dressler; Ruth Lehr; Ryan Stevenson; Gladys Keller; Kendra Hoover; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien; Greg Potter; Pete Zimmerman; Autumn Kern; Tim Raup; Baby Clive Stevenson; Todd Livziey; Joan Bankus; Erica Miller; Lola Kline; Virginia Frantz; Marr Snyder; Nancy Curry; Melissa Thomas; Mike Shoemaker; Cindy Gearhart; Helen Smith; George Sudol; Art Sticklin; Leann Achtenberg; Edith Bender; Nicole Morgan; Tyler Yeager; Donna Brown; Carol Phillips; Harvey Stauffer; Shirley Crossley; Dolores Easton & Family; Dorothy Hagenbuch; Barry Balonek; John Crumb; Brenda Kile; Dianna Ballinger; Audrey Kunkle; Alan Springer; Emily Sue Nilsson; and Walt Rupert.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Pauline Mackert; Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Minnie Troutman; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim Moyer; Robert Carpenter; Mark Brumbach; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; Christopher Perry, B.J. Dellinger; Andrew Conrad; 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 the 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. Monday through Thursday at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

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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).

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WEBSITE

www.

pinestreetlutheran.org

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so!
Check out the latest pics today!

Send any feedback or suggestions to Deb at pinestch@ptd.net.

Thanks!

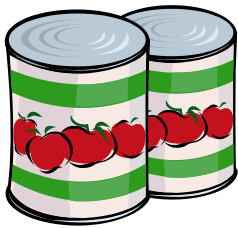
USE GIFTCARDS!

Remember to use grocery gift cards if you shop at Weis or Giant. Use gift cards for stores, gas and restaurants by purchasing ahead of time. Your church benefits from every card sold! They can be purchased or ordered in the social hall every Sunday during Fellowship time. Questions, see Jen O'Brien.

The Thank You Corner

A Special Thank You To:

- **Nan Leighow:** for overseeing the Restoration project.
- **Mary Ann Landi** – for taking care of advertising for special events.
- **Chris Linn** – for watering and caring for our vegetable garden and also for policing our street and sidewalks.
- **Lunch item providers** – for taking turns helping to provide a nice meal after worship so our brothers and sisters in Christ may share a meal together.



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
Feb: Noodles & Macaroni
Mar: Canned Fruit
Apr: Soup
May: Tuna & Canned Meats

Jun: Cereal
Jul: Jell-O & Pudding
Aug: Peanut Butter & Saltines
Sep: Spaghetti & Sauce
Oct: Cereal
Nov: Noodles & Macaroni
Dec: Tuna & Canned Meats

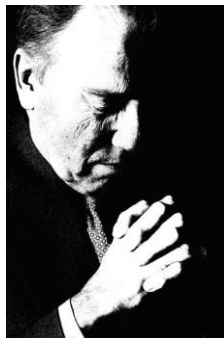
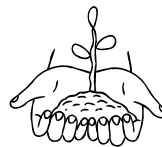
Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

The Food Bank 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.

Family Magazine

Spark Family-Splash in God's Word magazine is available on the table in the narthex. They are free—take one for your family.

*Come Grow
With US at Pine
Street Lutheran!*



**Read Romans 12
& Pray Daily**



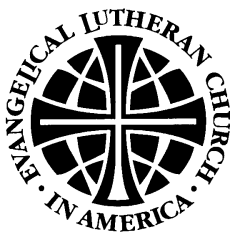
HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step toward dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time.

~Joan D. Chittister in
Wisdom Distilled

If you have a loved one, family member or friend in the military and want them on the prayer list or to have members write to them, please be sure their names and addresses are given to the church office.
Thank you!

*Wisdom is
knowing what to
do next;
Skill is
knowing how to
do it, and
Virtue is
doing it!*



SYNOD CURRENTS

September 1, 2012: **Camp Mount Luther** **Dandelion Run**

Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg will be holding a 5 and 10 Kilometer trail run race at the camp Labor Day Weekend. This is the eleventh year for the event at the camp, located five miles west of Mifflinburg. This will be an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. It is being organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. The Dandelion Run was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion. The date of the race is Saturday, September 1, 2012. The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run. Age group awards will be presented and pre-registered participants will receive a drawstring sports pack. (A limited number will also be available on race day.) Price for entry is \$20 if you pre-register before August 16th. Race day registration is \$25. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Spectators are welcome as

well. A kid's fun run (registration for that is one dollar) and a one-mile fun walk will also be held. The same registration fees and amenities apply for the fun walk which will take place on a dirt road. Awards will be given for overall male and female race time, three awards for each age group and an overall master's for male and female in both the 5K and the 10K. The awards ceremony will be immediately following the race. All miles for the course will be marked and there is one water stop on the course. Timing will be electronically done. Registration forms are posted on the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org or at www.midpenntailblazers.com or you can contact Joel Heasley at 570-765-0267. Shower facilities are available after the race. All proceeds from this event will benefit the camp's general operating fund.

September 15, 2012: **Women's Retreat at** **Camp Mount Luther**

All local women are invited to be participants at Camp Mount Luther's Fall Women's Retreat. The retreat will feature a presentation by Rev. Vickie Brown of Mifflinburg. The retreat will take place at the camp on Saturday, September 15, 2012. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day will begin with refreshments and registration at 9:30 a.m. There will be three sessions during the day led by Pastor Brown. Her topic will be "Listen! God is Calling! Discerning God's

Call in our Lives as Women of Faith." There will be singing, prayer, and devotions. The day will end around 2:30 p.m. following lunch and devotions. Cost for the retreat is \$16.95, which includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. We encourage you to bring a friend! Registration deadline is September 7. To register, contact Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Checks should be made payable to Camp Mount Luther. If you have questions, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or e-mail cml@campmountluther.org

September 30th Youth **Gathering Post Event**

This post event will be a reunion of sorts for those from the synod who went to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. We'll also incorporate some adult training during this event, complete with networking opportunities and brainstorming on how to channel your experience into your life at church and home. Activities will be held at Camp Mount Luther. Bring your pictures!

Service Event for the **Hungry—Hands and** **Sponsors Needed!**

Over the weekend of November 17-18, members and friends of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will pack and distribute 30,000 meals through Outreach, Inc. (<http://www.outreachprogram.org/projects/food-program/>). Assembly lines of 10-12

volunteers each will assemble, seal, label, and pack 6-serving packages of a nutritionally-fortified macaroni and cheese dish for the low cost of 25 cents per serving. Boxes packed with this product will be given to local food pantries, shelters and congregations with food distribution programs around our synod. Two packing events are being planned:

- **Saturday, November 17, at Camp Mount Luther,** Mifflinburg, PA. Individuals and groups may sign up for a one- to two-hour shift during the day, morning or afternoon.
- **Sunday afternoon, November 18, St. John Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore, PA.** Sign up for a 90 minute or longer shift in the afternoon.

This is a great opportunity for hands-on service for youth groups, W/ELCA groups, young adults, men's groups, Sunday School classes, and people of all ages. Most volunteers will be standing during their shift, but some work can be done by seated people. Mark your calendars now, and watch for more details next month about signing up to volunteer.

We are also looking for **sponsors** for this charitable event. The total cost for purchasing food will be \$7,500 (for 30,000 meals for hungry people!). All donations, large and small, are welcome! Volunteers will be asked to contribute \$10 or more, as they are able (although non-contributing

volunteers are also welcome), and we are looking for more partners across our synod. If your congregation has funds set aside for helping the hungry, if your group has fund-raisers for local charities as needed, if you know of local sources for possible grants for this kind of activity, please be in touch with Pastors Karl-John Stone (karljohn@uss-elca.org), Beth Ann Stone (bethann@uss-elca.org), or Kerry Aucker (kaucker1@comcast.net).

Finally, we'll be looking for locations to RECEIVE the finished products we'll be producing. If your local food bank might be interested, please contact one of the Pastors Stone. Volunteer groups may be able to leave with finished, boxed products to deliver to the food bank nearest them. We'll be coordinating these connections in the coming months, so please be in touch if there is a need near you.

Green Thumbs Needed for Synod Office Work Party

Two years ago, the Upper Susquehanna Synod office in Lewisburg underwent improvements to address drainage issues around the property. The work interrupted the landscaping around the building (and, truth be told, only minimal upkeep of existing landscaping has been done for several years now). We're about to change that! A Work Party will be held on **Saturday, September 8,**

from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to remove dead and overgrown shrubs, trim, edge, plant, and mulch. All willing hands are welcome! If you can make it for some or all of the day, please contact Beth Ann Stone (bethann@uss-elca.org; 570-524-9778). Lunch will be provided for volunteers. In case of rain, the party will be postponed to Saturday, September 15. Thanks for your partnership!

"Christmas at Sea" Gift Bags Still Needed for Seafarers

Nearly 500 ship workers docked at the Port of New York/New Jersey last December received a reminder of God's love for them during the Christmas season, thanks to the generous contributions of USS congregations who contributed Gift Bags last fall. The USS Global Mission Committee again invites congregations of this synod to join together in collecting "Christmas-at-Sea" Gift Bags for seafarers this Christmas through the Seafarers and International House (SIH) in New York City (<http://www.sihnyc.org/>). Each gift bag should contain one sweatshirt (L-XL), three pairs of socks, one casual t-shirt (M-L), one knit heavy winter cap, one can of nuts or bar of chocolate, and a personalized Christmas card from you. Sturdy, imprinted plastic bags for this project are available at the synod office in Lewisburg. Filled sacks

should be brought to the synod office by November 26 (the Monday after Thanksgiving) so that they may be transported to NYC in time for holiday distribution. Thank you for taking part in this ministry to some of the hardworking, lonely freighter crews who are responsible for 90% of the world's trade via merchant ships. (See Sue Baylor's article on pages 4-5)

Feeding Your Community's Kids

The Upper Susquehanna Synod World Hunger Task Force invites you to help to end hunger for children in our synod. Imagine the excitement you hear bubbling among schoolchildren as summer vacation approaches, only to learn that not all of them are as excited as you may think. One teacher found this out as she was talking to her student. She asked him why he was not happy about summer vacation, and he answered, "Because it means that I will go hungry." Hearing that story, our Task Force decided we could do something to end hunger, at least for some kids in our communities. In some local school districts fifty percent of the children are eligible for and receiving free or reduced lunches. With the partnership of congregations, local food banks, and school districts, community-wide summer feeding programs can begin. We need your help to start planning for such feeding programs around our synod and in YOUR community.

The Hunger Task Force invites you to meet with us on the following Mondays to get the ball rolling: September 29th, October 22nd, and November 26th at the synod office (500 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg). If God is calling you to care for the hungry kids in your community, please contact Pastor Carla Volland at (717) 667-0380 (home), (717) 667-6312 (church) or by email; carlavolland@gmx.net.

Volunteers Needed for Camp Mount Luther Fundraising Effort

Camp Mount Luther is once again participating in a local festival to help raise funds for their campership fund. The camp will staff a booth at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Their booth will feature the sale of homemade whoopie pies. Volunteers are needed to make these sweet treats, as well as to staff the booth on the day of the festival. If you are interested in donating whoopie pies (of any flavor) or helping to sell them that day, contact Sarah Hershberger at 570-922-1929.

Mission Visitors

The Mission Visitors are looking forward to another good year in visiting your congregations and sharing news of ministry happening across town, the synod, and the ELCA! When will YOUR congregation arrange to host a mission visitor to learn about ministry that you support or would like to begin to

support? Contact Pr. Karl-John Stone at karljohn@uss-elca.org or 570-524-9778 or Beth Yenchko at eyenchko@uss-elca.org or 717-579-3845.

Synod Care of Creation/Social Justice Team Discusses Issues of Low Income Housing

Several members of the Care of Creation/Social Justice Team have begun to explore several issues centering around the lack of low-income, affordable rental housing across synod territory, now made worse in the northern areas where some landlords have evicted tenants (even entire apartment buildings) to accommodate higher paying tenants. The team notes that the demographic of those seeking low-income housing is also broadening to the lower-middle class, and in some cases, to middle class folks. People continue to lose jobs and to be laid off. Also, emergency housing is not plentiful. On July 25, team members met with the Rev. John Richter of Diakon and Greg Rhodes, a Diakon board member and builder of townhouse communities, who expressed the desire to explore how he could use his expertise in possibly helping congregations address this issue in some way. The group began asking the following questions, which they plan to explore in the coming months:

- Where in the synod are there congregations with under-

used or unused real estate which might undertake God's call to a ministry of investing in and providing safe, affordable low-income housing by converting the unused part of their facility into apartments for those in need – and at the same time help to ensure their facility's sustainability through a modest stream of income?

- What kinds of services to those in need - who become tenants of a community of faith - is that faith community capable of offering to them?
- How could a few modest projects – even some regular "sawdust" ministries like that of St. Luke, Bloomsburg - help assure a decent standard of living for folks in the community who live in sub-standard housing? How might congregations collaborate in doing so?
- How could the creation of synodical team or non-profit serve as a resource or encouragement to congregations as they discern/carry out what God is calling them to do in terms of this kind of ministry?

Those interested in knowing more or participating in the discussion around these issues going forward can contact Pr. Karl-John Stone at karljohn@uss-elca.org or 570-524-9778 or Beth Yenchko at eyenchko@uss-elca.org or 717-579-3845.

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission

Qualified Retirement Plans (IRAs, 401Ks, 403Bs) are a great way to save for

retirement. Accumulations build up tax-free until you need them for retirement. But when you go to take the money out or, worse yet, try to pass the accumulated value on to your heirs, your qualified plan can become an "Internal Revenue Account". That's why qualified retirement plans make great vehicles for making charitable gifts. It's quite possible that by using your qualified retirement plan to make a significant gift to your congregation or other favorite ELCA ministry, you can actually leave more of your estate to your heirs and less to estate taxes. For more information about how to use Qualified Retirement Accounts to make charitable gifts, please call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo.

MIF: Making Youths' Dreams Come True

The Mission Investment Fund (MIF), a financial ministry of the ELCA, helped nearly 150 teens and adult leaders realize their dreams of attending the recent ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. MIF provided a \$100,000 grant to help pay for registration, travel, lodging, and meals for the participants of 20 congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands who depended on financial assistance to attend the Youth Gathering. The Mission Investment Fund offers a diverse

portfolio of investment products—with a range of terms, with fixed or adjustable rates, and all earning at competitive rates. With these investment dollars, the Mission Investment Fund makes loans for vital capital projects to ELCA congregations and ELCA-related ministries. To learn more, contact Regional Manager, Pr. Mark Wimmer: 267-203-1137 or mark.wimmer@elca.org.

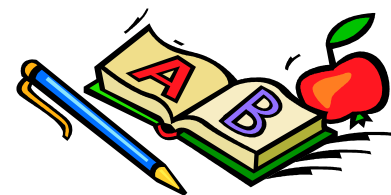
EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS

Food Bank/American Red Cross: 275-1441
Good Samaritan Mission Center: 275-2500
Women's Center: 784-6631
Child Abuse Hotline: 800-932-0313
Poison Center: 800-521-6110
Alcoholics Anonymous: 286-7436 or 654-0488 (Northeast Inter-group)
Al-anon: 800-628-8290 (National Hotline)
Narcotics Anonymous: 988-7177
Gambler's Anonymous: 717-652-4400

Newsletter Deadline

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **September 15 for the October Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or emailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.



W/ELCA Highlights

FALL CLUSTER

All women of the ELCA North Branch Conference are invited to the Fall Cluster Gathering at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Numidia on Sunday September 16 at 2:30 P.M. This year's theme is *Gathering To Share Our Treasurers*. Registration Time is 2:00 P.M. The cost is \$3.50

RETREAT

A Women's Retreat will be held at Camp Mt. Luther from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The day beings with refreshments and registration at 9:30 A.M. There will be three sessions during the day led by Rev. Vickie Brown. Her topic will be "Listen! God is Calling! Discerning God's Call in Our Lives as Women of Faith." The cost is \$16.95 which includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. Register by September 7th, email the camp at cml@campmountluther.org or call them at 922-1587.

PEACE POLE SERVICE

The annual Peace Pole Service will be held at 9:00 A.M. at the Synod Office on October 29. This year's theme is *Living our Faith in Mission: Unlocking Action*. The guest speaker will be Beth Yenchko. It will be held

rain (held inside) or shine (bring lawn chair). A continental breakfast will be provided after the service.

Coming Up:

- ✓ Oct 7: Blanket Sunday
- ✓ Nov 3: W/ELCA Event
- ✓ Dec. 8: Quarterly 2 PM

(W)holy, (W)holy, (W)holy Health Healing and Wholeness

"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." (James 1:23-24 NIV)

It's maddening – embarrassing – but most times, completely normal. I'm referring to memory lapses – those times when you've walked into a room, and couldn't remember why you'd gone in it. Most frustrating for me is placing an important letter or paper in "a place where I won't forget it", only to have forgotten where I'd placed it. I've hidden gifts, and discovered on Christmas morning. Thank heaven for decorated gift bags!

If you are like me, and have put the peanut butter in the fridge and the milk in the cupboard, take heart! There are some important differences between forgetfulness and dementia (impaired memory and thinking). In dementia, memory loss is severe enough to interfere with the person's ability to function socially and at work. Other symptoms can include personality changes, impaired judgment, language, ability to perform a job that

requires remembering several steps, or recognition of objects or people. In contrast, "normal" forgetfulness does not progressively worsen or become disabling. Memory lapses are most likely to occur when you are under stress, are tired, ill, distracted, or just trying to remember too many details.

Forgetfulness can also be linked to physical problems, such as:

- a reduction in blood flow to the brain caused by high blood pressure.
- those who suffer from sleep apnea (stop breathing temporarily many times during the night). Given memory tests, these folks score lower – scores usually rise after treatment.
- an under-active thyroid; can affect learning, memory and attention.
- low iron levels; important for our blood to carry oxygen throughout the body, including to the brain.
- cardiovascular disease, diabetes, depression, or the side effects of medications can also contribute.

And what may appear to be forgetfulness just might be attributed to poor hearing or vision.

Yes, it's true. It appears we really do lose some brain cells over a life-time. Researchers have found that a half to two-thirds of people age 50 or over have some degree of memory loss, however, they disagree over how much deterioration is "normal".

According to Harvard Medical School, "It's important to note, though, that memory loss isn't inevitable." To combat and sharpen your memory try reducing stress and improving your organizational skills. Regularly challenge your brain – play games, do crossword puzzles, word scrambles, play chess, or take some classes. Personally, I'd be lost without my daily planner. However, even though I've written something down, I still have to remember to read it ... ☺

*September blessings to all!
Debbie Best RN, BSW, MHA*



Nurse's Notes

September 2

Feline resistance – when a cat refuses to go into her carrier – is cited as a top reason owners don't take their cats to the vet, according to a recent survey from Bayer Animal Health. To help, try making the carrier inviting. "Weeks before the appointment, leave the carrier open and 'decorate' it with treats, a bit of catnip, and a special toy," says Dr. Alice Moon-Fanelli, of Animal Behavior Consultations in Connecticut. "Your cat is likely to explore it, which will make it a destination spot rather than a place to avoid." (*Prevention*, August 2012, pg. 126)

September 9

A hot seat isn't the worst thing about climbing into a car that's been sitting in the sun. Flame retardants in the seats and mats can emit toxins into the air when they get too hot, says Jeff Gearhart, research director at the Ecology Center. On an 80 degree day, the air inside your auto can jump to 123 degrees in 1 hour. Minimize your risk by using a UV-reflecting sun shield. (*Prevention*, August 2012, pg.11). On hot days, reduce your exposure to these gases by immediately opening your car's windows and/or moon-roof and turning up the car's vent fan to expel the stale air and bring in clean air from outside the car. Angle the vent so the air does not blow directly into your face.

September 16

If you're missing out on the health benefits of fish oil's omega-3 fatty acids because you dislike the aftertaste, you're in luck. A new study from Virginia Tech finds that most people can't detect fish oil that's mixed with yogurt. Other solutions: take omega-3 pills before (not after) a meal, stash them in the freezer, or pick up a lemon-flavored brand. (*Prevention*, August 2012, pg. 12)

September 23

The raw egg yolk in Caesar dressing, cookie dough, spaghetti carbonara, and home-made ice cream – can be back on your menu without fear of Salmonella, thanks to new pasteurized eggs. They're treated in the shells, using a chemical-free hot-water bath that kills bacteria without cooking the eggs. Look for

Safest Choice, the largest national brand, or use pasteurized egg substitutes such as Egg-Beaters. (*Prevention*, July 2012, pg.12)

September 30

Don't neglect to shield your lips from the sun. "Over the last five years, I've seen a significant increase in the number of women with skin cancer on their lips," says Mary Lupo, MD, a dermatologist in New Orleans and a *Prevention Magazine* advisor. Look for a lip balm or lipstick with an spf of at least 15. (*Prevention*, July 2012, pg. 20)

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission: Who needs a will?

Every adult who owns anything, has children, and/or cares what happens to his or her estate at the time of death; also, anyone who believes in life-long stewardship and wants to remember his or her congregation and/or favorite ministries of the ELCA. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using your will or other ways to make charitable gifts call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo

