

# *The Parish Press*

OF

## PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Lenten/Easter Worship Schedule

All services are at our church unless otherwise noted.

#### Lenten Wednesday Worship Services:

April 2-None (Due to Pastors returning from Bishop's Retreat);

April 9: Grace Point Township

Churches will host a meal at 6:00 PM prior to Worship at 6:30 PM

#### Holy Week

April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday

April 17: Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM

April 18: Good Friday 11:00 AM Cross Walk through Danville begins and ends at Pine Street. After the Walk we will close with a brief meditation followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Good Friday Worship at 7:00 PM at Trinity Oak Grove

April 19: Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM

April 20: Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM Followed by Breakfast then Sunday School at 9:15 AM;

Festival Worship for the Resurrection of Our Lord: 10:30 AM



### **COMMUNITY CROSS WALK**

**JOIN US COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF JESUS  
WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALONG THE WAY**

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18 11:00 am-3:00 pm**

**PINE STREET LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**BEGINS AND ENDS AT 407 PINE STREET**

**WALK THROUGH THE BOROUGH OF DANVILLE**

**MEDITATION PRAYER REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP**

### **Carpet Cleaning**

**Monday, April 14 at  
9:00 AM**

Preparations will be made to the sanctuary, social hall and narthex after Fellowship Hour on Sunday, April 13 for carpet cleaning on Monday morning.

We would appreciate volunteers to help move furnishings.

*Thank you!*

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Thurs-  
days  
At  
1:30  
PM  
(Library)

**\*\*\* There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on \*\*\*  
Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to vote on the proposed updated Constitution.**

## Simply Giving Appeal

Weather can wreak havoc on our church attendance and with it our financial support. This past winter demonstrates that fact to us quite clearly. After the first two months of the year we find ourselves almost \$4,000 behind in giving needed to meet our budget, and \$3,000 behind this same date last year. Too many of us still behave as if the only time we need to contribute is when we actually attend church. Unfortunately, the church's expenses and obligations continue, despite weather, vacations, sports practices or games, family events or any other reason that keeps us away.

**Simply Giving** is an easy, convenient and secure way to insure that we support our church, even when we can't be here. We presently receive about 25% of our monthly giving from members using this service. Please see Bill Snover or Gerard Tromp for information about how this works, or pick up an enrollment form in the office, from the table in the Narthex or from a Finance Ministry member.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### SYMPATHY

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

- + Dayne G. McHenry, cousin of Sandra Reibsome, who died March 1, 2014.

### MEMORIAL

A gift has been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of *Michael Wydra* by the Women of the ELCA of Pine Street.

### THRIVENT CHOICE

People directing funds through the Thrivent Choice Double Direction Church campaign were Paul Ezdebski, Audress Hinkle, Irene Hinkle, and Ralph Hinkle. We thank you for directing these funds to our church.

### 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.)

### PASTOR KEITH WILL AT BISHOP'S RETREAT MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2.

*THE CURRENT  
COUNCIL MINUTES AND  
PASTOR'S REPORT will be  
posted on the bulletin board.*

### A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

*"The hand that gives gathers"*  
(English proverb)

Maybe we grew up believing that to give is to lose, that by giving we experience loss. But, if we give in a spirit of loving generosity, we lose nothing at all. To share love is to feel love. To share a material possession allows us to feel rich. And the opposite is true as well. To withhold causes us to feel unloved and unworthy.

There is a spiritual principle at work here. We can give of ourselves and have everything, or we can withhold ourselves and feel spiritual poverty. The way to true happiness is to give of what we have. In this season of Lent, remember that Jesus gave all for us.

**Bill**

## **Retirees' Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 23  
At 12:00 Noon**

**in the Church Social Hall  
You will be receiving a phone  
call for reservations.**

### **SYNOD BENEVOLENCE**

**This month is Synod  
Benevolence month for the  
Love Offering Envelopes.**

When you tithe in your church envelopes, you are giving the 10% or whatever you can afford to give to support the general budget that you voted on and approved at the November congregational meeting at the end of last year. Just like the tithe you give to the church, the church also should tithe to its church, The Upper Susquehanna Synod. The Synod depends on our church's tithe to support their budget for general operating expenses that was voted on at last year's Synod Assembly.

We have an obligation to the synod to support that budget.

If you would like to give directly to **Synod Benevolence** in support of our Synod budget, please use the special *Love Envelope* included in your envelope packet. Thank you so much for your much-needed support.

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

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### **GOGGY,PC**

(Combined Youth Group of Grace, Point Twp.,  
Trinity, Oak Grove, Pine Street, and Christ  
Lutheran, Milton.)

GOGGY,PC is for anyone 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

### **2014 ELECTION DATES**

**MAY 20: General Primary** (Please refrain from using the social hall from Monday morning, May 19 through Wednesday morning, May 21 while the voting machines are on the premises. Thank you!)

**NOVEMBER 4: General Election**

### **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.

Loved ones, family members or friends 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!



### **What Do Stephen Ministers Do?**

Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church will be training a class of Stephen Ministers shortly. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with our Stephen Ministry Leader, Ryan Versluis.

### **HOAGIES**

**The next Hoagie making day will be APRIL 3 with the deadline to order and pay by MARCH 30.**

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!!!*

### **CONCERT**

The Father's Hope fundraiser concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Revival Tabernacle, 960 Susquehanna Trail, Watontown. A free-will offering will be accepted during the event to support Father's Hope's mission. Father's Hope is a Milton-based international orphan outreach project, which primarily ships small stuffed animals and hand-crafted cards, created by local youth, to orphanages around the world.

Donations of small stuffed animals will also be accepted at the concert, which is designed to be a fun evening of fellowship for the entire family. The Christian music concert will feature local residents in their youth through 20s sharing their musical talents with the community.

Local artists tentatively scheduled to perform include Mackenzie Brouse with Ricky Murphy, Aubrey Chappell, Krissy Heimbach, Kirstyn Cortney Myers, Amy Santana Rosa, the Schans children, Michael Sweigard, Angelina Ulmer, Alyssa Wise and Lauren Yost.

Since it was founded in 2012, Father's Hope has touched the lives of over 6,000 orphans in nine countries.

For more information on Father's Hope, visit Facebook at [fathershope](https://www.facebook.com/fathershope) or email [fathershope@gmail.com](mailto:fathershope@gmail.com).

Thank you for your consideration and may God bless your ministry,

*Kevin Mertz,*  
Father's Hope

## **GLScrip Gift Card**

### **Order Deadline is**

**APRIL 13.**

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards.

**Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras. Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip.**

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

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT**  
[WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG)

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Tyler Hack
- 2 - Karen Pittsnogle
- 3 - Jack Dyer; Lois Oberdorf
- 6 - Leah Carr
- 7 - Alexa Spicer
- 9 - Michael Eyer
- 10 - Samuel Harrison, Sr. (91)
- 11 - Lorene Versluis
- 15 - Alexis Hepner
- 16 - Madison Morgan
- 20 - Todd Baney
- 22 - Darlis Dyer
- 26 - Sarah (Hoyes) Hughes

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16 - Lois and Kenneth Oberdorf (69)
- 18 - Janice and Charles St. Clair (54)
- 22 - Anna and Carl Rice, Sr.
- 25 - Kimberly and Clifford Morgan
- 28 - Laurie and Matthew Fitzpatrick

## **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.



### **Apr: Soups of all kinds**

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

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 1-2 P.M. and 5:30-6:30 P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always welcome.

### **Financial Status of the Restoration Project:**

(as of *February 28, 2014*)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643  
Donations received in *February*: \$ 402 from hoagie sales

707 from giving  
\$ 1,109 total

Total on hand: \$ 5,152  
Loan balance: \$35,422



### **Pine Street Prayer List April, 2014**

#### **CONGREGATION MEMBERS:**

Jen O'Brien; Clara Hauck; Patti Yeager; Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Lena Wetzel; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin..

#### **FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:**

Lucy Harper; Robert Cross; Marion Kipp; Nickki Herman; Danny S. Fisher; Rose Spatzer; Anne Snyder; Patricia Walker; Ricarte Wheary; John P. Reibsome; Tasha Hartley; Roger Sellard; Diane Harner; Chase Davenport; Nancy Curry; Jody Raup; Jean Neitz; Tracy Diltz; Kathryn DiOrio; Jim Pursel; Aimee Bingaman; Kathy Diehl; Ronald Fisher; Carla Wetzel; John Beyer; Mark Pontiac; Sandy Fausey; Linda Boudman; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Elroy Neitz; Todd Livziey; Malena Brown; Cindy Gearhart; Phyllis Young; Rod Vincent; Edward Reilly; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Carl Rauch; Bev Faux; Bill Rohrbach; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Martha Knight; Kim Azigian; Dave Burns; Elizabeth (Libby) Fox; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Gladys Keller; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien, Autumn Kern, Tim Raup; Barry Balonek; and Walt Rupert.

#### **HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:**

Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelena and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

#### **SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:**

Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Emmitt Thomas; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim Moyer; Robert Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

**Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.**

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would check over the prayer list, and if there is someone that you put on that list that is doing better and can be removed, please contact Deb at office. You can notify the church office by emailing Deb at [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net) or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mon-Thur. at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

**To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643. No Emails please.**

(To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net)).

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, prayers and flowers during my surgery and recuperation. Thanks to Larry Troy for doing my ushering duties and to Deb for folding the bulletins. It was really appreciated. Thank you everyone.

*Sandy Reibsome*

To all our friends at Pine Street Lutheran:

Thank you so much for the outpouring of prayers and generosity for Jen in our time of need. Thank you so much for the gifts of food for our family and all the outreach shown us. We are truly blessed to be part of this church family!

*Jim and Jen O'Brien*

To my church at Pine Street,

A big "Thank You" for the sympathy card. Also thank you for the kindness after the passing of my husband. It's a thought I do appreciate.

*Saundra Lees & Family*

## Camp Mt. Luther

### Summer Camp 2014

booklets are available on the table in the narthex, call 570-922-1587 or go to [cml@campmountluther.org](http://cml@campmountluther.org) for more details.

April 27: Spring Brunch 11 AM to 2 PM. No charge, but free will offering will be received. Reservations needed by calling the number above or send them an email at the address above. Deadline April 21.  
May 3: Spring Work Day/Practice Discipleship Day  
May 12: Bishop's Open Golf Classic at Susq. Valley Country Club  
June 8: Summer Kickoff

For more information on any of these items, please see their website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)



## WEBSITE

[www.pinestreetlutheran.org](http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org)

**And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so! Check it out!**  
Send any feedback or suggestions to Deb at [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net). Thanks!

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## 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**

**Co-Treasurers:**

**Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla**

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Samuel Harrison

Thomas Herrington, Vice President

Nancy K. Leighow

William Snover, Secretary

Gerard Tromp, President

Ryan Versluis

Joanne Williams

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## Fellowship Menus

### APRIL

Apr. 6: Taco Fixings & Baked Corn  
Apr. 13: Covered Dish  
Apr. 20: Breakfast following Sunrise Worship; Light refreshments following 10:30 AM Worship  
Apr. 27: Baked Potato Bar

### MAY

May 4: Meatball Sandwiches, Rolls & Tossed Salad  
May 11: Covered Dish  
May 18: Soup & Hearty Breads  
May 25: Barbeque, Rolls & Veggie Tray

### *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. The Church and pavilion are at the crossroads 4-way stop.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **APRIL 15 for the MAY, 2014 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.



## SPONSORS



Bulletin sponsors are needed for April 13, 17, 19 and 27. Flowers are needed for April 20. Communion Bread sponsors are needed for April 17, 19, 20 (for 2 services) and 27. Sanctuary Candle sponsors are needed for June and August. Please sign up to sponsor these important items for our Sunday Worship services. Thank you!

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$14.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

### Lyme Disease Support Group

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of the month at Trinity Methodist Church, 306 Lombard Ave. For questions or information, please call Angie Wilson at 570-441-6039.



**WOMEN**  
of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## W/ELCA

### Calendar of Events

- ✓ April 26: Day of Learning [First, Mifflinburg] Registration fee is \$12.00 which includes lunch.
- ✓ May 6: Lutheran Day at the Capitol [Trinity, Camp Hill].
- ✓ May 8: Ex. Board Mtg. 8:00 AM
- ✓ May 17: Mother/Child Dinner 2:00 PM (SH) Above 7 \$4; under 7- Free; Set-up May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- ✓ June 3: Quarterly 6:30 PM
- ✓ July 20-24, 2014: Triennial Gathering [Charlotte, NC]
- ✓ August 2: USSWO Convention [Camp Mt. Luther]



**Spring is here!!!**  
**It's been a long, hard**  
**winter.**



## PARTNERSHIP OF SAINTS

These are activities sponsored by one or more of the four churches (Christ, Pine Street, Trinity Oak Grove and Grace Lutheran) under the pastoral care of Pastors Pat and Keith Pittsnogle.  
*All are welcome to attend any of these activities.*

### Rotating Lenten Services (check the April calendar)

- **APRIL 5:** Breakfast with the Bible [Ric-Mar] 8:00 AM
- **APRIL 5:** CONFIRMATION CLASS w/Mentors 10:00 AM at Christ, Milton.
- **APRIL 13:** Confirmation Class, Christ, Milton at 5:30 PM
- **APRIL 13:** GOGGY, PC at Christ, Milton 6:30 PM
- **PINE STREET BIBLE**

**STUDY:** This Bible Study is held weekly in the library of the Luther House on Thursday afternoon usually at 1:30 PM (occasionally at 3:30 PM due to worship conducted by Pastor Keith at Emmanuel and MJM nursing facilities) Feel free to call Deb Munson in the Pine Street office (9-1 Mon thru Thurs. 570-275-2110) for any changes or cancellations. The last session of Bible Study will be May 29<sup>th</sup> until fall.

*Transformational  
Ministry is learning  
more about how we feel  
about our faith and  
sharing it with others.*

## 2015 ELCA Youth

### Gathering

July 15-19

Detroit, Michigan

Theme: *Rise Up Together.*

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and  
Definitely-Abled Youth Leadership  
Event: July 12-15.

### Available for Pick-up

...on the table in the narthex.

#### The most recent copies of:

- The USS Ark. This month the Ark introduces you to the staff members of the Synod.
  - Upper Susquehanna Synod Currents.
  - Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
  - Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets small and large editions
  - Spark Family-Splash in God's Word magazine
  - The Lutheran Magazine—selected issues
- They are free while supplies last—take one for your family.

If more copies of USS Ark, Currents or Camel Tracks are needed, please ask Deb.

## The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Elizabeth Baylor** – for providing coffee for the church.

## COMING IN MAY

- May 4: Setting Three begins
- May 5-7: Pastor at ELCMA Assembly
- May 17: Mother/Child Dinner 2:00 PM
- May 18: Special Congregational Meeting & Healing Service during Worship
- May 20: Election Day
- May 21: Retirees Luncheon