

# *The Parish Press*

OF

## PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We Say Farewell  
And God's Blessings to  
Pastor Keith and Pastor Pat  
And  
Helena Kuivaniemi and  
Gerard Tromp  
As they embark on a  
new chapter in their lives!*

*(Pastor Keith will serve St. Matthew, Shamokin Dam  
and St. Paul, Erdley; Pastor Pat will serve St. John,  
Northumberland, and Gerard and Helena will be  
moving to South Africa.)*

### **Welcome the Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

Pastor Martin will serve as our Interim Pastor as of July 1, 2015. From July 1 through August 15 she will serve part-time covering for Pastoral Care in crisis situations, emergencies, will lead worship Sunday mornings (except for July 5 due a prior commitment) and attend Council meetings. Beginning August 15<sup>th</sup> she will be full-time until a permanent pastor is called.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, in case of Pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Martin on her cell at 570-768-6299.

*Please don't leave messages on the church phone or her home. Thank you!*

**Joint  
Outdoor Worship and Picnic  
Sunday, July 26 at  
Trinity Oak Grove's Pavilion  
At 9:30 AM**

Trinity will supply food from their Festival from July 25 and Pine Street will supply corn on the cob!

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**FESTIVAL AT TRINITY OAK GROVE  
JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 4 PM – ? PM**

Pork BBQ, Hamburg BBQ, Hot Dogs, Vegetable, Chicken Corn and Ham & Bean Soups, Baked Goods, Beverages, Ice Cream, Chinese Auction, Entertainment and Crafts for sale.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### SYMPATHY

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

- † Jim Cero, brother-in-law of Roberta Recla, who died June 7, 2015.
- † Janice St. Clair, wife of Charles St. Clair, who died June 13, 2015.
- † Edit R.M. Bender, mother of Kathleen Thomas, who died June 13, 2015.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children partaking in their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 7, 2015 were *Larissa Elle Bohner, Alexis Nichole Hepner, Nathan John Hepner, Ryleigh Elizabeth Hepner, Madison Marie Morgan, Alexis Marie Snover* and *Allison Renee Snover*.

### THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Todd Baney* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

## THANK YOU

To all our  
dedicated  
Sunday School  
teachers!

Adult Sunday  
School

Continues every Sunday  
of the year at 9:15 AM  
in the Conference Room of  
the Luther House.

## A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

### Intentional giving

Very few of us "tithe", which by definition means "a tenth". Almost all of us give, mostly out of love and support, I hope, but many times out of a sense of obligation and expectation. The average church member gives about 2% of their disposable income (national statistic, not our own). Most of the members of Pine Street give something on a regular basis, either through regular attendance and plate envelopes, or through our automated "Simply Giving" program (a technique your Finance Ministry encourages). Occasional givers contribute when they come. Many give what they happen to have available, with not much thought to the actual needs of the church and the giver's role in meeting that need.

**Giving matters!** It is a vital part of God's plan to restore and maintain not just our church, but his entire creation. We now recognize that the earth is not endowed with an endless supply of resources, which is why the recycling movement has taken hold. Recycling is an "*intentional*" effort. Our church is very limited in its resources, which is why we must *intentionally* strive to keep it fresh and abundant. We must be *intentional* in giving regularly, not just in treasure, but in time, talent and ability. We must be *intentional* in increasing our giving over time, and in communicating why we give. Giving from the heart will bring you joy and happiness. Giving done from a sense of obligation and duty brings resentment and frustration. Please reflect in your own heart, and find your passion for giving and support.

Your humble servant,  
**Bill**



## July Love Offering Envelope- KATHRYN'S KLOSET!

Over the last four years we have participated in Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Kathryn's Kloset program out of Baltimore. We have assisted in sharing laundry detergent, fabric softener, cleaning supplies, and personal care items with the surrounding community and region. We have partnered with churches, food banks, and community agencies (Gatehouse; House of Care, etc.) in sharing these products. The costs involved are mainly for transporting the goods from Baltimore, MD back to our synod. There are also some fees per pound of goods received that our synod shares with Diakon for warehousing costs in Baltimore.

We have received shipments of these goods here at our church to distribute to our community and for our own personal use. The money collected goes toward renting the truck and paying for gas to Baltimore MD and back to Selinsgrove. If you would like to support this ministry, please donate in your special Kathryn's Kloset *LOVE* envelope for July.

## MISSION DEVOTION

*"This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." ~John 15: 12*

A speaker that I heard many years ago start his message with these words—

**"We are not here by chance. We are people that bring the presence of God to the world. This is our mission."**

What an awesome task we have in front of us! Where do we start? How about with scripture and prayer! Jesus prayed; that is where he learned His father's will. We are born again when we pray. We begin to see ourselves through God's eyes. We see our thoughtlessness, our sinfulness, and our weakness but we also see **how much he loves us and forgives us** and uses us even in our weakness.

To be alive is a grand thing and to be loved by God is spectacular. You and I are living Gospels. We are the Good News of Jesus Christ! We can make our invisible God visible in our church, our community and in the world! He is counting on us. We must let our life become a prayer even if our prayer is just a simple "thank you" every day when we open our eyes. He will hear us and we will have started a personal relationship with one who loves and calls us to be His friend and His voice and His presence in the world.

~Betty Klatzkin

## 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.

### ***July: Canned Fruit***

(or any other non-perishable food items)

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex. 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 10:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 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 needed. Please call Marysue Christian at 570-275-5403 or email her at [marysu@ptd.net](mailto:marysu@ptd.net) for more information.

**PINE STREET** is in need of a Food Bank Representative. If you would be interested in being our liaison for Food Bank, please contact Marysue at the number above and let Deb know you will be serving in this capacity.

Thank you!

## THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to thank all those who helped in any way during Mom's illness and passing.

Special thanks also to those who helped prepare and serve the meal for her service. It was deeply appreciated.

*Valerie Snyder*

(The family of

Mary Ellen Rovenolt)

Dear Members of Pine Street,

On behalf of all those associated with the Tenth Annual Camp Mount Luther Bishop's Open Golf Classic, we'd like to thank you for your support of this worthwhile endeavor. We had nearly 100 golfers on Monday, May 11, at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club and used this event to raise important funds for the camp. These proceeds will be used to enhance the camp's ministry and mission to offer thoughtful and inspirational programs in a faith-based setting. Thank you so much for supporting this endeavor and for your help in allowing us to continue the tradition of providing this educational facility for the people of Central Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

*Bishop Robert L. Driesen*

Upper Susquehanna Synod

*Jim Brucker*

Tournament Chair

*Chad W. Hershberger*

Executive Director

Camp Mount Luther

## GLScrip Gift Card

### **Order Deadline is**

**JULY 12**

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)**



## THEME BASKETS FOR FESTIVAL

If anyone would like to donate theme/gift baskets ahead of time for the Festival (August 8), they would be available so folks could buy chances on them during Sunday's fellowship hour before the Festival date.

### Theme basket ideas:

Kid's Toys, Doggie, Italian, Movie Night, Family Games, Cleaning, Campfire, Ladies toiletries/spa, Men's toiletries/gifts, Summer Fun, Candles, Snacks, Coffee/Tea, Grilling, Patriotic, Mickey/Minnie, Kitty, School Supplies, Craft Supplies.

You can get some neat ideas for baskets online.

**Simply Giving is:**  
.....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church.

See Bill Snover to answer your questions.

No more checks to write!  
It's all done for you!

### ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

It may seem far off to be thinking of fall, but facilities like to have a count early, so please check your calendar, and sign up now. Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage. The fall Weekends are:

- **September 18-20, 2015** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 16-18, 2015** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$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 the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and paying the \$45 registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. 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 [fischamber@comcast.net](mailto:fischamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - David Doran
- 3 - Paul Ezdebski, Jr.; Kathleen Thomas; Larry Troy
- 5 - Gabriel Carr; Irene Hinkle
- 8 - Donald Swank (98)
- 9 - Charlotte Rice
- 12 - Roxanne Patton; Richard Thomas
- 14 - Nancy Dennehy
- 15 - Mark Fry; Luahan Herrington; Brittany Koons
- 16 - Jennifer Jennings
- 22 - Sandra McCarty
- 23 - Lauren Swartz
- 25 - Nancy K. Leighow
- 26 - Thomas Hinkle; Callaghan Romansik; Jeanine Snover
- 28 - Nora Dennehy
- 30 - Alf Bashore, II; Kimberly Morgan

\* Mr. Donald Swank  
Vintage Knolls  
41 Woodbine Ln; Rm 221  
Danville, PA 17821

### Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of May 31, 2015)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in May: \$340 from giving  
357 from hoagie sales  
\$697 total

Total on hand: \$ 6,040

Loan balance: \$24,355



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 - Christine and Michael Koons  
 20 - Jennifer and James O'Brien  
 27 - Jean and John Crumb, Sr.

## Pine Street Prayer List July, 2015



### CONGREGATION

#### MEMBERS:

Judy Rogowsky; Irene Hinkle; Jack Dyer; Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Aggie Oyster; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

### FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

#### MEMBERS:

Bill Fallon; Carol Phillips; Mark Bidelsbach; John Butkofsky; Jeff Anselmo; Anthony Bordner; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison; Bogart; Stan Davis; Roxanne Herr; Skip Cramer; B.J. Bennett; Doug Dawson; John Lapetina; Pastor Brian Moyer; Sissy Long; Nancy Sees; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Mike Shoemaker; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Ralph Reedy; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Todd Livziey; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern, and Barry Balonek.

### HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Sherry Achey; Anna & Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Shirley Gamble; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelen and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

### SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

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

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

### PRAYER LIST UPDATES

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 570-275-2110. 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)).



## W/ELCA

### Calendar of Events

*(Also printed in the W/ELCA program booklet on the table in the narthex.)*

- ✓ **July 15:** All Circles Picnic 6:00 PM at the home of Gail James. The Women of Trinity Lutheran, Danville, have been invited to the picnic.
- ✓ **July 16:** W/ELCA Executive Board Meeting (Luther House Library) 7:30 AM
- ✓ **July 25:** Upper Susquehanna Women's Convention [Camp Mount Luther] Registration is 7:30 to 8:30 AM. The theme is *Love is an Open Door*.

## Fellowship Menus



### JULY

- July 5: Crock Pot Surprise & Fruit Platters  
 July 12: Covered Dish  
 July 19: Baked Chicken & Sides  
 July 26: Outdoor Worship & Picnic with Trinity Oak Grove at their Pavilion

### 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.

## SPONSORS

Please help sponsor these important items for our Worship Services. Thank you!



- **Bulletin sponsor** openings are available for August 23 and 30.
- There is only one Altar Flower opening for November 22.
- **Communion Bread** available dates are July 12 and possibly July 26 (Outdoor Worship and August 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- **The Sanctuary Candle** is full. Thank you to all sponsors.

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$10.00 per week for **Wine** (filled for the year)
- \$15.00 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!

Please make sure all the doors are locked (*try them after locking*) and lights out when leaving the buildings! Thank you.

## The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Children's Sunday School Class** for planting the flowers in front of the church.
- ♦ **Jeannie** for the calligraphy on all the First Communion Certificates and the bookplates for our graduates.
- ♦ **Sue Baylor** for keeping us supplied with coffee.

## Available for Pick-up on the table in the narthex. The most recent copies of:

- Upper Susquehanna Synod Ark, which includes Currents and 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 are needed, please ask Deb.

## WEBSITE

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

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so! **Check it out!**



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

## Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **JULY 15<sup>th</sup> for the AUGUST 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.

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## 2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Interim Pastor:**

**Rev. Lois Martin**

**Co-Treasurers:**

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Alfred Bashore

Thomas Herrington, President

Mary Ann Landi, Vice President

William Snover, Council Secretary

Mary Jane Snyder

Ryan Versluis

Joanne Williams

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August 8: Ice Cream Festival;  
Making Ice Cream Day is  
July 31 (donations for ingredients may be given to Bill and Jeannie Snover.)  
August 16: Blessing of the Backpacks (tentative)  
September 13: Rally Day (tentative)

## OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



Alf Bashore, Darlis Dyer, Mary Ann Landi, Ryan Versluis & Joanne Williams

## RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

*Volunteer drivers are:*

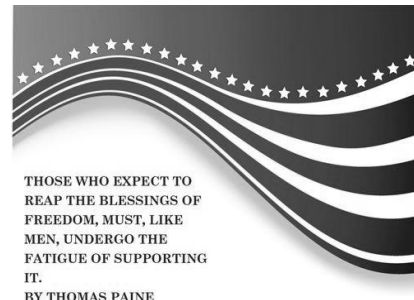
- ♦ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.

## 2015 ELECTION DATE

### NOVEMBER 3: General Election

(Please refrain from using the social hall from Monday morning, November 2 through Wednesday morning, November 4 while the voting machines are on the premises. Thank you!)





### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Mt. Luther, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is an extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting that the camp provides. Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within a Christ centered Lutheran tradition. All persons regardless of race, creed, color, or special needs are welcome to attend this camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Get more information at:

Camp Mt. Luther is online at  
[www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)

### TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

#### Our Purpose Statement:

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

#### Guiding principles:

1. We pray daily for guidance and discernment of God's will for us.
2. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we study the Bible and proclaim the Good News in our church, community and world.
3. Trusting God, we serve all people following the example of Jesus.
4. We gather as one body in Christ to proclaim our faith, glorify God, and be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

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### LIVING SERMONS

There isn't a word that a preacher can say,  
 No matter how lovely or true  
 Nor is there a prayer that his eager lips pray  
 That can preach such a sermon as you.

You vowed to serve Christ, men know that you did.

They're watching the things that you do;  
 There isn't an action of yours that is hid,  
 Men are watching and studying you.

You say you're "no preacher;" yes, but you preach  
 A wonderful sermon each day;  
 The acts of your life are the things that you teach,  
 It isn't the things that you say.

Oh, Christians, remember, you bear His dear name,  
 Your lives are for others to view  
 You are living examples; men praise you or blame,  
 And measure all Christians by you.

~Florence Belle Anderson



"I know the Lord told Peter, 'A person who had had a bath needs only to wash his feet,' but He didn't mean you just take one bath in your whole lifetime!!"

