

The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesdays in Lent **Soup & Sandwich meal at 6:00 PM** **Followed by Worship/Devotional**

March 4 and March 18 at Trinity Oak Grove
March 11 & March 25 at Pine Street

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday at Trinity Oak Grove April 2 7:00 PM
Good Friday Crosswalk begins at Trinity, Danville at 11:00
AM and ends at Pine Street with brief worship and
refreshments

Good Friday at Pine Street April 3 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil at Pine Street April 4 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Sunrise at Pine Street

April 5 6:30 AM

Followed by Breakfast and the Children's Egg Hunt

Easter Worship April 5 at 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

APRIL 19

**WHEN CHILDREN OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE
PARTICIPATING AS WORSHIP HELPERS**

LASAGNA DINNER

March 7

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Menu includes Lasagna, Applesauce,
Dinner Roll, Dessert and Beverage.

Cost:

\$8 Age 12 to Adult

\$4 Ages 3 to 11

Under 3 Free

Take outs available

Proceeds benefit:

*Vacation Bible School and
Camp Mount Luther Golf Tournament*

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Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 PM
(unless otherwise noted)

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

† Audrey E. O'Brien, mother of James O'Brien, who died January 18, 2015.

TRANSFERRED

Mara and Steve Diehl, along with their three children Jace, Jaren and Jamison, have transferred their membership to Christ Community United Methodist Church in Selinsgrove. We wish them all the best in their new church home.

THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Pastor Patricia Pittsnogle* and *Denny DiOrio* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program.

Pastor's Vacation:

March 20 through March 27

Pastor Sell is covering for Pastoral Care (Office 9-1 570-437-2652 or 570-916-8835) and Todd Baney will be preaching March 22.

Thank you Pastor Sell and Todd Baney!



**MARCH 7:
TURN
CLOCKS
AHEAD**
*Before retiring for
the evening.*

AND Spring begins March 20!!!

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

Why do we give?

Martin Luther wrote these words in Theses 43 and 44 of his 95: "Christians should be taught that one who gives to the poor, or lends to the needy, does a better action than if he purchases indulgences (which he thought Pope Leo was using to build St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. In reality, much of the money was going to repay the debts the local bishop had incurred to purchase his office.)"

Then, like now, asking people to give was too heavily focused on meeting the financial needs of the church. And, by the same token, when people today are asked why they give, the answer usually centers around helping the church to pay its bills. But, the church is much more than its four walls, heat and electricity.

Here at Pine Street, we have many ministry activities and causes that extend beyond our property lines. We support a large variety of community causes and needs. We extend the hand of fellowship with cool water on Mill Street during the two big town festivals each year. We contribute to Synod benevolence. We support missionaries. We support the needs of each other. But, these good works are stunted when we focus on the "bottom line". Can we try to shift the focus of the giving of our treasure, time and talent from paying the bills to growing our ministry? Can we do this from our sense of love, gratitude and abundance? We can and need to do much more than pay the bills!

*May God bless you,
Bill*



Camping catalogs are now available on the table in the narthex.

**Camp Mt. Luther is online at
www.campmountluther.org**

GATEHOUSE

This month is Gatehouse month for the Love Offering Envelopes. The Transitional Housing and Care Center of Columbia and Montour Counties provide the Gatehouse to address the basic needs of all God's people who are temporarily homeless in our community.

The Gatehouse, an outreach recipient of gifts from our church, is a three story high building surrounded by lovely grounds and situated on the southern boundary of the Danville State Hospital grounds.

They will provide coordinated support programs of education, counseling, and spiritual guidance with the goal of developing self-esteem, self-discipline and self-help.

If Gatehouse is one of the community projects you would like to support through our church, please use the special Love Envelope included in your envelope packet. Thank you so much for your much-needed support.

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

**See Bill Snover to
answer your questions.**

**And a BIG thank you
to all the families who
have signed up so far.
No more checks to
write! It's all done for
you!**

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

When is the last time the two of you did something to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Make 2015 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and have been enriching marriages for almost 40 years! 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 toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2015 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

- **March 13-14, 2015** at the lovely Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel located in a peaceful setting 6 miles from the Pittsburgh Airport.
- **April 10-12, 2015** at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.
- **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 tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$45 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

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.

Mar: Tuna & Canned Meats
(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 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 in Danville, and the 1st Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always welcome.

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



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

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.)

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Ian Tharp (Actually Feb. 29)
- 4 - Sharon Harner
- 5 - Dylan Tharp
- 6 – Alexis Snover
- 7 - Jane Beagle (92); Sarah Hauck Klein; Mary Ann Landi
- 11 - Hunter Beasley
- 12 - Geoffrey Lees; Roberta Recla; Rachel Tharp
- 15 - Dennis Leighow
- 16 - Samantha Koons; Pastor Pat Pittsnogle
- 19 - Marie Adams (97); D. Jean Cope (88)
- 22 - Judith Adams; Martha Hack
- 25 - June Livziey
- 30 - Kathi Beiter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Patricia and Marvin Fry (61)
- 20 - Rev. L. Keith and Rev. Patricia Pittsnogle (16)
- 27 – Lorene and Ryan Versluis (44)
- 29 - Sandra and Irvin Reibsome (57)



HEATING/COOLING

The temperature settings will be 68° for heat and 72° for cooling.



Please dress accordingly.

A sweater or shawl may be folded and kept in the pew so it is available to you each Sunday.

WEATHER REMINDER

During the winter when Danville School District is on a delay or cancelled, the church office is normally on the same schedule.

**Pine Street Prayer List
March, 2015**



**CONGREGATION
MEMBERS:**

Lin DiOrio; Joanne Fox; Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Anna Rice; Aggie Oyster; Tom Landi; Charlotte Mitchell; Eleanor Wray; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Carl Rice; Burrtell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

**FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION
MEMBERS:**

Daniel Jordan; B.J. Bennett; David Brown; Rev. Allen Acor; Doug Dawson; Tresha Sudol; John Lapetina; Pastor Brian Moyer; Corey, Kaitlin and Linda Boudman; Sissy Long; Nancy Sees; Beth Linn; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Michelle Gibbs and children, Austin, Zachary and Tonia Rishel; Doug Cropf; Mary Ellen Rovenolt; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Mike Shoemaker; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Jeanne Cross; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Ralph Reedy; Sylvia Morgan; Bob Knight; Gary Loss; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Carla Wetzel; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Todd Livziey; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Keith Buchhalter; Autumn Kern; Barry Balonek; and Walt Rupert.

**HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL
PRAYER LIST:**

Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelenia and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and 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; Halley Dillon; 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 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).

HOAGIES

**The next Hoagie making day
will be APRIL 2 with the
deadline to order and pay by
MARCH 29.**

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!!!



**Fellowship
Menus**

MARCH

Mar. 1: Taco Fixings & Baked Corn
Mar 8: Covered Dish
Mar. 15: Barbeque, Rolls & Veggie Tray
Mar. 22: Sandwich Fixings, Veggie & Dip Platters
Mar. 29: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans

***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.

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**2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**  
**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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**GLScrip Gift Card
Order Deadline is
MARCH 8**

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**

ATTENTION LECTORS

It would be appreciated if Lectors were present at the Lectern before it's time to read the lessons and are also requested to adjust the mic closer to their mouth and speak clearly so people can hear them.

SPONSORS

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



- **Bulletin sponsors are needed for all of March;**
- **Flower sponsors are needed for March 22 & 29; April 26**
- **Communion Bread sponsors are needed for the rest of March and April.**
- **The Sanctuary Candle is now \$15.00 a month. There are openings for June, July, August and October.**

- \$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!

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Daniel Love, Bill Snyder and Caz Morgan** for clearing the sidewalks and parking areas.
- ♦ **Bill Snover, Roxanne Patton and Roberta Recla** for volunteering their time to serve as Financial Secretary (Bill) and Treasurers (Roxanne and Roberta). There is a lot more involved than just a few minutes of their time. We thank you!



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

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

- ✓ **March 3:** Women's Quarterly; SH @ 1:30 PM
- ✓ **March 4:** Lenten Tea 1:30 PM at Trinity, Danville. Pine Street has the program with Ryan Versluis speaking about Stephen Ministries
- ✓ **March 11:** Lenten Tea 1:30 PM at Moorseburg Presb. The program will be *The Kingdom Kidz Puppet Ministry*
- ✓ **March 12:** W/ELCA Executive Board Meeting; LIB @ 7:30 AM
- ✓ **March 18:** Lenten Tea 1:30 PM St. Paul's UM, Danville. The program will be *From Heart to Hand* by Woody Wolfe.
- ✓ **March 21:** Custer Leaders Planning Meeting [Synod Office] 10:00 AM
- ✓ **March 25:** Lenten Tea 1:30 PM Trinity UCC Strawberry Ridge. Devotional leaders will be from St. John's (Vought's) with speaker Bob Barner about Hospice.
- ✓ **April 11:** Chicken & Waffle Dinner (SH) 4-7:00 PM
- ✓ **April 18:** Day of Learning [St. Stephen's, Licking Creek Valley]

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **MARCH 15 for the APRIL 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.



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.

GOGGY,PC

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

GOGGY,PC Youth Group is for anyone 6th grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

All are welcome to attend any of these activities.

- **March 13:** Bible Buddies (K-5th) 5:30-7:30 PM [Christ, Milton] Light meal, Bible Story, Craft & Games
- **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.

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.

Available for Pick-up ...on the table in the narthex.

The most recent copies of:

- 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.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

- March 29: Palm Sunday
- April 2: Maundy Thursday Worship 7
PM at Trinity Oak Grove
- April 3: Crosswalk begins at Trinity,
Danville at 11:00 AM and ends
at Pine Street with brief worship
and refreshments
- April 3: Good Friday Worship 7 PM
at Pine Street
- April 4: Easter Vigil 7 PM at Pine
Street
- April 5: Easter Sunday 6:30 AM
followed by Breakfast,
Children's Egg Hunt and 10:30
AM Worship
- April 11: Chicken & Waffle Dinner
- April 19: *Children's Sunday*
- May 3 & 17: First Communion
Classes w/ Pastor for Children
- May 24: Last day for Sunday School;
planting of flowers
- May 31: Holy Communion Sunday
- June 28-July 2: VBS (in case of
teacher strike, 7/12-16)
- July 26: Joint Outdoor Worship at
TOG
- August 8: Ice Cream Festival

Please make sure all the doors
are locked and lights out
when leaving the buildings!
Thank you.

WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

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



Pastor Keith's Availability

- I'm generally in the office on
Monday (following choir-11 AM to
1 PM sometimes until 4 PM or
so), Wednesday (10:30 AM until
2 PM sometimes 3 PM),
Thursday (10 AM to 3 PM [with
Bible Study from 1:30 PM to 2:30
PM]). These times are tentative
depending whether I have been
called out or have an evening
meeting either here or at Trinity
Oak Grove, or possibly worship
at one of 3 or so nursing homes.
- I work from home on Tuesdays
after Breakfast and Bible Text
Study (Pericope) with colleagues.
Due to the need to have this
flexibility, I would suggest calling
me to arrange an appointment.
My number is 570-951-2350.
Please feel free to call me for
pastoral care needs,
emergencies or if you just need
to talk. I would rather hear about
a need or situation 5 times (or
more) than to not hear about it at
all. I would be glad to meet in my
office at the church, in your
home, or at a local eatery or
gathering place. Just let me
know. The days and/or times are
not limited to those specified
above.
- If you ask or tell me something
before worship or at fellowship
on Sunday, (especially if it
involves something I need to do
or someone I need to go see)
please follow up with a phone
call, text or email on Sunday
evening or Monday. It takes a
bunch of brain cells to prepare
for worship and to mingle,
network, "converse and
console"—(Luther's terms) and
sometimes there are not enough
brain cells to go around . . . a
friendly reminder would be
greatly appreciated.
(prkeith@ptd.net) If you are (or
are going to be) or you know of
someone in (or going into) the
hospital, please call and let me
know.

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.



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.

**April 26: 2-4 PM Spring Open
House**

**May 16: 8 AM-1 PM Spring
Work Day**

Get more information at:

Camp Mt. Luther is online at
www.campmountluther.org