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Pastor Lois Called by Synod Council To serve PSELC as Intentional Interim

The Synod Council of the Upper Susquehanna Synod affirmed the request of Bishop Robert Driesen to Call Rev. Dr. Lois Martin to serve Pine Street Lutheran Church as Intentional Interim Pastor. Pastor Martin will continue to serve the church, now as their Called Intentional Interim Pastor.

An Intentional Interim Pastor works specifically with the Church Council and Leaders in the Church to seek new directions for ministry as well as affirmations of ministry present within the Church. Three questions will guide the work of Pastor Martin and Council as she serves us. They are: *What is God Calling This Church to Do, to Be? What do we have to do this work? How shall we do it?*

Some of this work has already begun in anticipation of this Call. Council met with Pastor Martin in February to begin an in-depth look at the work of this church. The outcome of that Retreat will inform and guide discussions of the Council over the next months as together we pray for God's guidance. Positive affirmations of work of this church will continue and be supported. Areas of potential growth will be identified and given new emphasis.

Purchase of Service will continue to be provided to Trinity Oak Grove by Pastor Lois Martin. She welcomes your conversations and is excited and pleased about her term here.

Family Style

CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER

**April 9
4:00 to 7:00 PM**

Chicken & Waffles with Mashed Potatoes,
Pickled Cabbage, Dessert and Beverage.

Cost:

\$9 Adults

\$4.50 Ages 6 to 12

Under 6 Free

Eat in or Take out; Handicap Accessible

Proceeds benefit:

GateHouse

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Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School will be held June 26-30th.

April, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! The Easter Greeting is joyous, how can one speak it without a smile, without a raised voice? We have waited to hear the Alleluia again, and for the next seven Sundays of Easter we will proclaim the resurrection of Christ, living and among us. We will read the gospel accounts of post-resurrection appearances and the witnesses of the Resurrection.

Yet, the world does not seem to notice much about the Resurrection after Easter Day. The decorations are packed away, the candy consumed, the boiled eggs deviled. But what about the joy, the excitement, the amazement of Easter? This season of the Church Year is the very treasure of our identity as Christians, the Resurrection of Christ. This is the event that changes our lives. This is the event that is life-giving. This is an act of pure love and we will not forget it, we, like the first Christians will witness to this love. How shall we witness to this life-giving event in our time and place?

There are many ways we can witness to the resurrection of Christ, there are many ways we can respond to the love that gives us life. As we enter Spring and Summer months, there will be ongoing opportunities to serve others as Christ serves you and as you have served others in this church for many years. The Fellowship meals will continue each week, community activities in which so many of you serve will continue to be blessed by your work and your presence. The Adult Sunday Discussion group continues to be a blessing to those who attend and discuss the gospel reading and the ways it is integrated into our lives, how the gospel is the genesis of our life as Christians. Bible study with Pastor Lois on Wednesday will be reconvened with the study of The Lord's Prayer.

The Choir, the Bell Choir, Musicians, Hospitality Ministry, Worship and Music Ministry, Property Ministry, Christian Education Ministry, Caring Ministry, Home Communion Ministers, Sunday School for children, Altar Care, people actively serving in worship as Acolytes, Crucifer, Lectors, Communion Helpers, Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Offering Counters, Sound System Operators, Flower Care, Greeters, are all opportunities to share your gratitude and joy of the Resurrection of Christ. When we witness to Christ in the Resurrection, when we witness to the new life Christ brings to us, and the forgiveness of sin that he died to give us, the time is always right to serve him, to get involved in a new way.

The invitation is given so many ways by Christ in scripture, 'go witness to the whole world', 'feed my sheep', 'tend my lambs'. Christ gives us the courage by telling us, 'be not afraid'. The readings of witnesses to the Resurrection become less routine and more awesome. The breathtaking announcement by Mary, "He is not here, the tomb is empty" take on a new significance for us. The confession of Thomas, "My Lord and My God ! becomes our own confession. The acclamation of Easter, 'Alleluia, the Lord is Risen', is the punctuation of each morning!

Easter is for celebrating every Sunday, every day. Easter is our life and is not packed away with other holiday decorations. Christ is living, he is not dead! Therefore, let us have a living vibrant faith life as we too witness the Resurrection!

In the Peace of Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin

NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

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

- † Mary Carmelita Hauck West, sister-in-law of Clara Hauck (sister of Harold), who died February 29, 2016
- † Nelena P. Swank, long time member of Pine Street, who died February 29, 2016.
- † Robert Beiter, uncle of Thomas (Kathi) Beiter, who died March 17, 2016.
- † Michelle Inch, cousin of Sue Neitz.

MEMORIALS

Gifts to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Nelena Swank* have been given by:

- Lillian Stahl (Restoration)
- Lois A. Levan
- Helen A. Gething
- Nancy and Rae Leighow
- Joanne C. Aurand
- Darlis and John Pope
- Sharon and David Grimm
- Pamela and Mark Swank
- Cathy and Gerald Scharf
- Susan and Richard Herbster

Library Facelift

The church library is receiving a facelift. Thanks to Cason Morgan and Jacob Nelson for helping to move the MANY books in preparation and re-shelving for Nan Leighow to paint the walls and trim. Council is looking into buying new furnishings for the room using Memorials Funds. This will be a pleasant place for study, meetings, and browsing. Members are encouraged to look through the many books available for loan. Two computers will be available for use by church members as well.

Supplies and books that are no longer needed are available to members for free. They are located on the counter in the Fellowship Hall.



Do you have a recommendation for summer worship special music? Friends? Family? Yourself?

Let Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, Music Director, know contact information so that she can begin planning the summer calendar. Drop off information in her mailslot in the Narthex.

Attention worship helpers!!!

All robes have been moved to the upstairs elevator landing, directly above where they were before. Now they are more accessible from the Nave. And the lower cloak hanging area is less cluttered.

BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF

The 11th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic will be on Monday, May 9th at the Susquehanna Valley country Club in Hummel's Wharf. Camp Mount Luther holds this event to have fun and raise funds to better the camp's programs. *Funds from our Hoagie Sales have been used to sponsor a hole for this tournament.*

Adult Discussion Class

The new Adult Discussion Class is meeting Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall in the casual seating area. Each week we discuss the appointed Gospel Reading to be used in Worship that week. Leadership is shared. Everyone is invited to join us for coffee, tea, pastries, and informal sharing.

Pastor's office hours:

Monday: 10:00 – 1:00

Tuesday: Afternoons by appointment

Wednesday: 10:00 – 1:00

Other times can be arranged with Pastor Lois.

Please note that meetings or pastoral calls may interrupt this schedule.

YOUTH DAY

On Saturday, April 16th, Youth Groups from the synod will be going to Susquehanna University for Lutheran Youth Day, where they will find new ways to rise up in service to our community. This year's theme, "Rising to Serve". For more information call the Chaplain's Office at 570-372-4303 or email musser@susqu.edu.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Written by S. William Snover, MD
Financial Secretary

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

We conclude our worship service every week by saying aloud as a congregation our adopted and agreed upon mission statement. Do we realize that to carry out our mission, we need to embrace the concept of stewardship? Stewardship is not just getting the money we need to pay our bills. It requires us to invest time, ability, talent, and energy as we reach out to others. This would include not only fellow members of our congregation, but also our neighbors, our community, the church at large, those in need, in pain, in isolation. Stewardship is "paying back" the abundance that God has given to each and every one of us, by sharing it with others. You might say "what abundance"? Few of us are truly wealthy in a financial sense, but all of us are wealthy in health, in comfort, in love, in caring, in some type of talent or ability. Share what you have. Give of yourself. Everything belongs to God, but God loves us enough that He entrusts to our care some of that which God owns. What does God want us to do with this? Using God's "stuff" as He would want us to is the essence of Stewardship!

May God's blessings be upon you,

Bill

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 tithes 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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Tyler Hack
- 3 - Jack Dyer; Lois Oberdorf (86)
- 6 - Leah Carr
- 7 - Alexa Spicer
- 9 - Michael Eyer
- 10 - Samuel Harrison, Sr. (93)

- 11 - Lorene Versluis
- 15 - Alexis Hepner
- 16 - Madison Morgan
- 22 - Darlis Dyer
- 26 - Sarah (Hoyes) Hughes

Happy Anniversary

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 - Anna and Carl Rice, Sr.
- 25 - Kimberly and Clifford Morgan



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ♥ **April 6:** Martha Circle 6:00 PM
- ♥ **April 7:** Cooking chicken at 9 AM.
- ♥ **April 9:** Chicken and Waffle Dinner 4-7 PM. A portion of the proceeds benefit GateHouse.
- ♥ **April 12:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **April 30:** Day of Renewal 9:30 AM is Registration @ Synod Office. Welcome and Worship is at 10:00 AM. Drinks and desserts will be provided; bring a bagged lunch. Offering to be collected for USSWO and Attendees Selection. The cost is \$3.00.
- ♥ **May 3:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **May 4:** Martha Circle 6:00 PM
- ♥ **May 26:** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM
- ♥ **July 23:** USSWO Convention @ Camp Mt. Luther.

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of February 29, 2016)

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

Donations received in February: \$350 from giving
302 from hoagie sales
\$652 total receive

Total on hand: \$ 5,092

Loan balance: \$14,834

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 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**.

Pine Street Prayer List April, 2016



HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST: Kathy Thomas; Sherry Achey; Burrnell Metzger; Anna and Carl Rice; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Shirley Gamble; Charles (Sonny) McWilliams; Marie Adams; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; Lois Oberdorf and Jane Beagle.

CONGREGATION MEMBERS: Viola DeWald; Mary Ann Landi; Joan Greely; Hunter Beasley; Jack Dyer; Aggie Oyster; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Marvin Fry; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS: Irvin Reibsome; Connie Reich; Albert Churm; James Bergenstock; J.T. Stoker; Jeff Anselmo; Linda and Gary Inch; Pauline Snyder; Tara Redcay; Caleb Shingara; Keith Knorr; Lucille Appleman; Charlie Dutt; William Kauwell; Idita Dennehy; Lois and John Clark; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Stan Davis; Roxanne Kerr; Doug Dawson; Pastor Brian Moyer; Brenda Kile; Connie Gibbs; Patsy Berns; Mike Shoemaker; Rhonda Brouse; Terri Beyer; Tim Raup; John Stoker; Daymon Davis; Ralph Reedy; Elroy Neitz; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas;

Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern; and Emily Sue Nillson.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; 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

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).

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **APRIL 15 for the MAY, 2016 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.

**Pine Street Lutheran
Church is the Third Ward
voting place for the April
General Primary on
Tuesday, April 26th.**

THRIVENT CHOICE

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

Fellowship Menus

Please sign up to host a Fellowship Hour for your church family. If you don't like the suggested menu for the day, you may change it. It would be ideal if each ministry as well as families would take a turn hosting.

Suggested meals:

Apr. 3: Baked Potato Bar
Apr. 10: Covered Dish
Apr. 17: Soup & Hearty Breads
Apr. 24: BBQ, Rolls & Veggie Tray



**YOUR CAR.....YOUR MARRIAGE
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!**

Attention Married Couples:

Thousands of couples have learned that taking some time to "tune-up" their marriages pays huge dividends. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to strengthen and revitalize marriages whether you have been married a year or 60 years. We're sorry that the April 8-10 Weekend in Lancaster is now full. (Feel free to contact us about the waiting list.) There is, however, currently still room for you at the **April 22-24 Weekend at State College's premier conference center, the Penn Stater**. If this date doesn't work for you, registrations are also being taken for the two fall Weekends at lovely, hotel-style retreat centers: September 16-18 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Poconos or October 21-23 at Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA. All costs for 2 nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and supplies are covered by a \$100.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish that you are given the opportunity to make toward the end of the weekend. To register online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, or for further information, contact Fred & Julie Schamber, PA Directors, at: fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

CANCER APPT. RIDES

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more, call the AMS at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org. If you or a loved one needs transportation to cancer treatment, call the number above and ask for Road to Recovery. This is a free service with no income guideline requirements.

THANK YOU NOTES

Special thanks for all the cards and visits from my church family.

Your thoughts and prayers asking God to keep me in His care is a blessing.

Mary Ann Landi

The family of Nelena Swank want to thank Pastor Martin for the funeral service at the church and graveside.

Our thanks also to the church members for the wonderful luncheon they prepared and served!

Darlis and John Pope

Thanks to all the members of Pine Street Church for being there for my parents thought all the seasons of their lives.

Special thanks to Rev. Martin and the kitchen crew – my mother's service and the fellowship luncheon were nicely done and much appreciated by all.

Mark Swank

Thank you to the children for their participation in Souper Bowl Sunday and their contribution of non-perishable food and money.

We acknowledge and thank you for your generous donation of \$112.50 from Souper Bowl and \$125.00 from other donations (total \$347.50), which we will use to buy food for our ministry.

We thank you for your much needed support of our effort to provide food to the less fortunate residents of our community. Without thoughtful supporters like you we would never be able to continue this effort.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

Mary Ann Richards
Danville-Riverside Area
Food Bank

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generosity and support of the ThinkBIG Pediatric Cancer Fund.

You donation of \$240.00 from the Pork Dinner helps children with pediatric cancer and their families. Established in 2012, the mission of ThinkBIG is to take the stress away from families of pediatric cancer patients by providing financial support for unexpected out-of-pocket expenses related to the child's care.

During a child's treatment, parents, and family members can miss an extensive amount of work to be with their child. ThinkBIG has helped families meet their financial needs for travel, utility bills, child care and

even funeral arrangements for their loved one.

ThinkBIG is solely used for patient and family needs. What is generously donated to the fund is used entirely to help the families. In short, our assistance allows families to focus on one thing ... the health and well-being of their child.

We thank you for your generosity and for helping us to Think Big!

Sincerely,
Dr. Colby Wesner
ThinkBIG Chairman and
Board President

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be APRIL 28 with the deadline to **order and pay by APRIL**

24. 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!!*

GLScrip Gift Cards *make great gifts and for everyday use!*

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!!!

ORDER DEADLINE APR. 10

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Ron Kline** – for his help in the office the week of March 7th while I was ill. (Deb)
- ♦ **Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, Roxanne Patton, Nan Leighow and other Ministry Members** – for helping to clean out/pack things out of the library and choir robe closet.

Simply Giving is:

.....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church.

- *No more writing checks!*
- *No more remembering to bring your envelope!*
- *No more concern about your tithe if you can't be in church!*
- *It's Simply Giving! It's all done for you!*

See Bill Snover for questions and to sign up.

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

SPONSORS

We appreciate your sponsorship of these important items for our Worship Services. It's also special to honor someone or memorialize loved ones and friends.



- **Bulletins** \$20.00 per week- Sponsors are needed for April 17, May 22, and June 12.
- **Altar Flowers** \$36.00 per week- sponsors are needed for April 3 and 24, and May 1.
- **Sanctuary Candle** is full. Thank you!
- **COMMUNION BREAD** sponsors are needed for April, May and June. Bread can be homemade or round store-bought loaves work best.

Apple Butter Sales Report

We thank the group of women for making the apple butter again this year. \$50 went to *Heart-to-Hand Ministry* and \$317 will be used for our Community Garden of Life (where the gazebo is located). Thank you to everyone who made, purchased or sold apple butter.

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## **2016 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Interim Pastor:**

**Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

**Co-Treasurers:**

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor  
Darlis Dyer  
Thomas Herrington  
Mary Ann Landi  
Nancy K. Leighow  
William Snover  
Mary Jane Snyder

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Directions from Danville to

Trinity Oak Grove:

8:30 AM Worship time

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.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Camping catalogs are now available on the table in the narthex and also online.

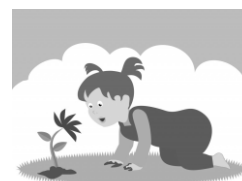
April 23: Spring Festival & Open House.

May 14: Spring Work Day

Get information online.

Camp Mt. Luther is online at

www.campmountluther.org



PLANT THE SEEDS AND WATCH THEM GROW!

Happy SPRING!

Monthly Financial Stewardship report for February 2016

In 2016 we need to *average \$2,679* per week in giving to assure that we are able to meet all of our budgeted expenses. Our expense budget is something that we adopted and committed to.

Our weekly total church attendance during February was 239. (This includes 24 on Ash Wednesday.) Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$8,468 an average of **\$2,217** per week.

Year to date we are **\$3,873 behind** in the giving that is needed to meet our budgeted expenses.

In 2016 can each of us commit to being even more faithful in our attendance and intentional in our support? If you cannot attend as regularly as you'd like, please consider making regular contributions through the automatic *Simply Giving* program. Intentional regular giving through the *Simply Giving* program demonstrates your commitment and ongoing support of your church, even when you cannot attend services regularly. See Bill Snover for enrollment information.