

# Parish Press

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## February Schedule

### February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lite Fellowship Caring

### February 10<sup>th</sup>

Sweetheart Day – Youth

Recognition

Lite Fellowship Finance

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

*Hoagie Orders Due*

Marriage Celebration

Lite Fellowship Congregation

### February 24<sup>th</sup>

Lite Fellowship W/ELCA

*BELL CHOIR – Every Thursday 7 PM*

*CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Monday 10 AM*

*Social Hall*

**February Love Envelope**

*Jubilee Kitchen*

## *Making Modifications*

“Modifications! Ick, that means *CHANGE*,” we hate change. Why can’t it just be the way it always was.” Might you have had thoughts like that? Many have.

As our world is moving faster and faster, some of us think that maybe just one thing can remain like it was in the good-old-days.

Whenever I begin thinking that way, I ask myself if I’m wearing the same size clothing I wore when I graduated from high school. Have my ideas changed since then? And of course, the answer is yes.

It stands to reason that many of us want to keep at least the church similar to what it was. Goodness we’ve been Christians for two thousand years. Unfortunately, not even the churches that St. Paul founded in the first century remain.

Modifications, changes, are a part of the church, too. Last year you had Pastor John Koons as your interim pastor, and now you have me. I’m not one to change things for the sake of change, but I’m slowly tweaking a few things so they fit our thoughts on how we are Christians now. And be thinking about where you would want to have the same pastor every Sunday.

Jesus was the first to invited people to eat with him—saints and sinners (of that time). Did you notice that the invitation to Holy Communion is a bit different now? It no longer contains the exclusionary phrases about who is welcome at the table. Jesus would have communed anyone who reaches out their hand for God's loving gift, as do I.

In the next month we will begin talking about our prayer list. Prayer is inherent as being a Christian. Did you hear that now we pray for our members who are on our prayer list? Saying a person's name is powerful. However, our list of friends of the congregation is getting rather long, therefor in March, we will list those whom you request by pew card to remain on the list. We want our prayer list to stay as dynamic as our faith.

Even as an old f#\$%rt, I have seen and heard different things as I read the Bible. Our United Church of Christ have a wonderful saying, "God is still speaking,"

God still speaks to us.

Lovingly Pastor Gretchen

P.S. I found this interesting quote in the Press Enterprise Jan. 24:

**"To improve is to change,  
so to be perfect  
is to have changed often."  
Winston Churchill (1874-1965)**



W/ELCA ladies of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church made a commitment to purchase start up cleaning supplies for families moving from the Gatehouse into housing.

Thrivent provided financial support for the W/ELCA fundraising to purchase the supplies.

Left to right Richard Baylor, Elizabeth Baylor and Cindy Powers Gatehouse Program Director.

# FOOD BANK

## NEEDS: Noodles & Macaroni



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 above or any other non-perishable food item.

All donations are distributed to those in need in our community. 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.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Food Bank distribution is on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed before and after distribution.

If you have questions, please see  
**Roxanne Patton,**  
Our Food Bank Representative



## WEATHER REMINDER

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

## GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION HYGIENE GIVEAWAY

*There is a basket in the Narthex to collect the following items:*

- ***Tooth Paste & Tooth Brushes***
- ***Shampoo***
- ***Soap, Body Lotion, Body Wash***
- ***Vaseline***
- ***Wash Cloths***
- ***Razors & Shaving Cream***

The Mission will be distributing these items every 3 months. Please help by donating items from the above list.

We have had 2 hygiene sign up and giveaways. We gave hygiene bags to 74 adults which included 44 children. Thank you for all your donations to help fill the bags to give to those in need. We need more shampoo, deodorant, and body lotion to fill the bags. Thank you again for your generosity.

## Emergency Hotline Numbers

- Al-anon : 800-628-8920
- Narcotics Anonymous:  
655-7177
- Women's Center: 784-6631
- Gamblers Anonymous:  
717-652-4400
- Poison Center: 800-521-6110
- Child Abuse Hotline:  
800-932-0313
- Good Samaritan Center:  
275-2500
- American Red Cross: 275-1441
- Alcoholic Anonymous:  
286-7436 or 654-0488
- American Cancer Society  
1-800-ACS-2345



## Mental Health Support Group

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**Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7:00 PM**

**St. Joseph Church**

68 Center Street, Danville

2nd Floor Meeting Room

(Building has an elevator and is accessible)

For more information, contact the church  
at

**570-275-2512**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**Feb 5**—Martha's Circle — 5 PM Friendly's

Ruth Circle -11:30 AM Muffin Man

8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

**Feb 6**—Iron Uke Benders (SH)

**Feb 11** — Worship & Music 11 AM

Finance 7 PM

**Feb 12** — 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

Hospitality 10 AM

Christian Education 6 PM

Property 7 PM

**Feb 14** — Valentine's Day

**Feb 16** — Saturday Night Sunday School

**Feb 18** — President's Day

**Feb 19** — 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

Council 6:30 PM

**Feb 20** —Iron Uke Benders (SH)

**Feb 21**— Hoagie Preparation

W/ELCA 2 pm

**Feb 26** — 8:30-6PM Music Lessons with Alf Bashore

## WHY NOT GREAT LAKE SCRIPS?

We all buy groceries, gas for the car; make trips to Target and Walmart; and need gifts for family and friends. Great Lake Scrip gives us an opportunity to prepay for these ongoing expenses and support our church at the same time. For every card sold, the church receives a portion of the sale price, anywhere from 2% to as much as 10%. Over time, this starts to add up. Presently, the proceeds from the sale of these cards are used to cover the cost of maintaining our church's internet web site. To order, please see Sue Baylor on the second Sunday of each month. Order forms with hundreds of choices are on the table in the Narthex.

## Music Lessons

Alf Bashore offers music lessons every Tuesday in the Luther House between the hours of 8:30 AM thru 6PM.

Instruments offered include Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Ukulele and other instruments, if there is interest from potential students.

Stipulation for students taking lessons are dedication of time and energy directed to learning the instrument of choice. (Our church is compensated for the use of facilities.)

# Pine Street Prayer List

## PINE STREET PRAYER LIST

is most effective  
when kept updated.  
Please fill out an  
orange card to have  
someone's name  
added or removed  
and put it in the  
collection plate.  
Thank you!

### Homebound Congregation

#### Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely,  
Burrnell Metzger, Seth  
Snover, and Lillian Stahl

#### Congregation Members:

Hunter Beasley, Kathy  
Cashner, Shirley Hawley,  
Irene Hinkle, Ann Hummer,  
Tom Landi, Rae Leighow,  
Daniel Love, Pastor Lois  
Martin, Nikki Morgan,  
Pauline Nedrow, Jennifer  
O'Brien, Sandra Reibsome,  
Carl Rice, Jr., Judy Rogowski,

Art Sticklin, and Ryan  
Versluis.

### Friends Of Congregation

#### Members:

Janet Allis, Francis Aikey,  
Barry C. Balonek, B.J.  
Bennett, James Bergenstock,  
Patsy Berns, Nancy Bordner,  
Anthony and Chorine  
Bordner, Benny Bordner,  
John Binder, Neina Brady,  
Rhonda Brouse, Terri Chayko,  
Albert Churm, Jeff Creveling,  
Ruth Crum, Nancy Curry,  
Mary Ann Davis, Idita  
Dennehy, Lisa Eiswerth, Cathi  
Flanagan, Mildred Fisher,  
Joan Fulkroad, Helen  
Gething, Connie Gibbs, Anna  
Hare, Fred Harner, Harold  
Hauck, Jackie Jackson,  
Autumn Kern, Roxanne Kerr,  
Kelly Kettlewell, Phyllis  
Knight, Alex Knox, Brenda  
Kile, Joan Livziey, Nathan  
Lubeski, Mary Maneval, Chet  
Miller, Pastor Brian Moyer,  
Gene & Kay Mull, Debbie  
Neitz, Jim Neitz, Elroy Neitz,  
Emily Sue Nillson, Paul  
Oyster II, Paul Oyster III,  
Shirley Phesant, Mark  
Pontiac, Iris Reibsome, John

Reibsome, Scott Reibsome,  
Lou Reilly, Dorothy Reilly,  
Ethen Renner, John Stoker,  
Mary Sweetra, Abby  
Thomas, Crystal Torbush,  
Paytyn Torbush, Leann  
Ulrick, and Bert Williams.

### Special Military List

Shane Bergenstock; SGT, Shawn  
Dyer; SSG, Andrew Bauman;  
Tristan Winter, Steven Sees, Sgt.  
Levi Gearhart; David Gregory;  
Jason Brennan, Nicole and  
Alejandro Hernandez; Jonathan  
Babb, Matthew Clark; Nate  
Hughes, Charlie Reedy; Cody  
Harper, AB Andrew Dougerty,  
Robert K. Torbush, Kelsy Jensen,  
Jeremy Weikel; Trevor Stone;  
B.J. Dellinger; Wesley Derrick



The prayer list is most effective when kept updated. Please fill out an orange card to have someone's name added or removed and put it in the collection plate. Thank you.

**Please send updated Military addresses prayer list updates to the office or Sue Baylor at  
[sueb123@ptd.net](mailto:sueb123@ptd.net)**



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

Gail Acor-2/4  
Eric Snover-2/4  
Ryleigh Hepner-2/11  
Nathan Hepner-2/12  
Nichole Lambert-2/13  
Dee Carr-2/14  
Lorene Binder-2/18  
Dale Stamm-2/20  
Randi Wilson-2/22  
Brandon Hixson-2/23  
Charles St.Clair-2/26  
Brenda Fischer-Denehy-2/27  
Crystal Lambert-2/27

Michael Harner Jr-2/28  
Michael Koons-2/28

Shannon Harner-3/4  
Jaren Diehl-3/6  
Omar Rojas-3/6  
Alexis Snover-3/6  
Sarah Klein-3/7  
Mary Ann Landi-3/7  
Hunter Beasley-3/11  
Roberta Recla-3/12  
Dennis Leighow-3/15  
Samantha Koons-3/16  
Judith Adams-3/22

June Livziey-3/25  
Charles Rice-3/26  
Judith Romanot-3/26  
Kathi Beiter-3/30  
Anna Schlott-3/30  
Wilma Stevenson-3/30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Roberta Recla-2/6  
George & Judith Adams-2/11  
Ryan & Lorene Versluis-3/27  
Sandra & Irvin Reibsome-3/29



...Larry Bohner & Bill Snover for setting up and trimming the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

...Bill Snover and Bob Eyer for setting up and removal of Nativity in front of the church.

...Nan Leighow for repainting the Nativity characters in front of the church.

....Pine Street Friends,

I'm so sorry it's taken me so long to write. We appreciate EVERYTHING you have done for our family (especially around the holidays). Thank you very much for the Christmas card and gift card! The boys had so much fun coloring the pages you sent! They wanted to send some back too! Please know how much all you do for military families like ours is appreciated and always brings such big smiles to our faces.

Love, Matthew, Zachary, Jenna & Emily Clark



# MEMORIAL MINISTRY NEWS

As of the end of 2018, Memorial checking was \$17,489.60 and the Memorial CD was \$5,000.00, totaling Memorial finds of \$22,489.60. \$8,105.00 of the total is designated.

In January, we had two requests for Memorial monies. Up to \$3,489.00 of the monies has been approved for the conversion to LED lighting in the social hall and Luther House. This will be a sizeable savings of our energy costs and enable our mission to continue the work of Christ.

\$715.50 of designated finds has been approved for the augmentation of the Bell Choir, as well as \$582.50 from undesignated monies to total the \$1,300.00 requested for two hand chime sets to expand our Bell Music range (and may be used to create a children's Bell Choir). This could be an enhancement of our worship service and an improvement to our ministry to children.

## Federated Missionary Lenten Teas

**March 13:** Pine Street Lutheran Church, 621 Pine Street, Danville

Program: World Prayer Day

**March 20:** Mooresburg Presbyterian Church, 21 Church Rd, Mooresburg

Program: Loving Choices

**March 27:** Iron Mill Church, Churchill Rd, Danville

Program: Alliance Missionary in Uruguay

**April 3:** Strawberry Ridge United Church of Christ, 1 Diehl Rd, Danville

Program: Kevin Mertz-Father's Hope

**April 10:** Grove Presbyterian Church, 376 Bloom St, Danville

Program: TBA

# Financials as of End of DECEMBER 2018

DEC Totals : Income \$ 16,043 / Expenses \$ 13,673. = \$ +2,369.

YTD Totals : Income \$121,557. / Expenses \$ 111,073. = \$+ 10,484.

*Exceeded our budgeted income -\$98k was the adopted budget.*

*Finished the year in the BLACK +10k*

***As Interim, Pastor Gretchen works 10 hours a week for Pine Street Lutheran Church.***

## **Council Members:**

Tom Herrington, first term of two years, President; Mary Jane Snyder, Vice President;  
Brenda Fischer-Dennehy, first term of two years, Council Secretary;  
Roxanne Patton, Treasurer; Jean Crumb, first term of two years; Alf Bashore; Nancy Leighow

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

**Worship Schedule:** 9:00 A.M. Adult Discussion

& Children's Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion Followed by Fellowship Hour

**Organist:** Ronald Kline \* **Sexton:** Caz Morgan

**Secretary:** Heather Bieber

**Ministers:** All the people of Pine Street

**Interim Pastor:** The Reverend Gretchen Johanson

Phone: 570-394-0815

**Church Office:** 275-2110;

**Hours:** Mon.-Thur. 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**Fri. & Sun.** Closed

**Church e-mail:** pinestch@ptd.net

**Website:** www.pinestreetlutheran.org



**In case of an emergency,**  
**there is a defibrillator**  
**in the social hall.**



# From the Archives...

## A History of Pine Street Lutheran Church

Mrs. Catherine Vanderslice, Instructor; Mark Swank – May 1973



*Continued from January...*

Congregational contributing sharply increased and the debt was reduced to a mere \$600. Pastor Jentsch suffered a heart attack on the last Sunday of October, 1967 and remained seriously ill until his death on February 19, 1968. The six month vacancy which followed was effectively filled by the combined efforts of Rev. John C. Lauffer of Berwick and Rev. John Harkins of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville.

The Reverend Herbert D. Cressman was elected on June 16, 1968 and assumed the pastorate on September 1, 1968. Upon arrival from Harrisburg, the Cressman family moved into a newly purchased parsonage at 11 Maple Street in Mahoning Manor. A building fund savings account of \$10,000 and a mortgage of another \$10,000 financed the acquisition of this fine parsonage. Plans for the complete renovation of the first floor of the church building were also in the making and a "Program for Progress" with the goal of \$30,000 was instituted. A new surge of high enthusiasm grasped the membership and the drive for the funds met with immediate success. The treasurer's report for the "Program for Progress" shows a phenomenal jump from the balance of \$361 in January, 1968 to the figure of \$26,549 in December, 1968. On January 2, 1969 the last \$150 note on the mortgage used to buy the new parsonage was paid off.

Contributing remained heavy with many special family gifts and memorials also being channeled in the Program for Progress account. Contracts were awarded to the most suitable bidders and the first floor renovations began in September, 1969 and were completed early in the summer of 1970. The first floor had not been changed, redecorated, or modernized for 35 years and the vast majority of the community had nothing but praise for the renovations. Eighty-five percent of the \$45,000 total was covered by pledge commitments to be paid over a 30 month period.

In 1971, Mrs. Paules Distelhurst died, leaving a legacy of \$130,000 to be divided equally between the Berwick Presbyterian Church and Pine Street Lutheran Church. Between February of 1971 and November of 1972, Pine Street received from the bequest payments a total of \$78,692. This money was converted into savings certificates earning 5 ½ % interest. This account was designated for planned long-range use for major improvements to the church. The first such use has been the purchase of a new organ, which was ordered from Paul Fritzsche Organ Co. in July, 1972 and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Distelhurst in April of 1973.

We see those past 170 years, Pine Street Lutheran Church developed from a small band of German settlers in Mahoning Township to a thriving congregation of 350 members, when this report was written. The church was poorly organized in its early days and all but disbanded on several occasions. But, now it is firmly established and strong in Lutheran faith. The great strides taken in recent years have provided the basis for even greater success in the future.

## HOAGIE WRAP UP FOR 2018

Totals reflect net, less expenses.

We made \$4,651.24. \$957.00 went to charities. \$3,694.24 went to restoration.

Since October 2010, we have raised \$30,528.16 for church restoration.

We contributed \$9,000 toward the Luther House roof project.

Special thanks to everyone who helped prepare, took orders, people who ordered and people who delivered hoagies. *Thank you everyone!*



*Girls wear their wedding dresses to Sunday school. They studied Cana wedding.*

*Larissa Bohner, Lizzie and Bella Morgan*

## HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **February 21<sup>st</sup>** with the deadline to **order and pay by February 17<sup>th</sup>**

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).



## *Adult and Youth Choir*



## **Are You Ready for the Best Summer of Your Life?**

Camp Mount Luther, the outdoor ministry of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is now accepting applications for Summer Ministry Team positions. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact the camp office.

Application packets are available at [campmountluther.org](http://campmountluther.org).

### **We are looking for people who...**

Want to spread God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ and have a heart for ministry  
Can put the needs of others ahead of themselves...And want to develop leadership,  
teamwork and teaching skills.

### **You'll Get...**

Live, serve and play in an intentional Christian community...Serve hundreds of children,  
youth and adults... Build new friendships and grow in faith...A weekly salary, room and  
board.



# BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION, JANUARY 27TH

