

The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Graduates Sunday Celebration

May 20

after Worship

Honoring our Graduates

A Covered Dish meal follows

See page 2 for a list of graduates.

*Family Dinner
Wednesday, May 2*

6:00 PM

*Church social hall
(set up May 1 8:00 AM)*

*Turkey will be provided.
Tickets, \$2 each to cover the cost of
decorations and paper goods, can
be purchased from Sue Baylor.*

Retirees' Luncheon

Wednesday, May 23

At 12:00 Noon

in the Church Social Hall

You will be receiving a phone call for reservations.

Fourth Friday Family Fun Nights

Every month on the 4th Friday

May 25

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Movies & Games

Snacks & Refreshments

Hang out and spend some time with your children and friends at the church!

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NEWS AND NOTES

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

† G. William Inch, cousin of Sue Neitz, who died April 22, 2012.

BIRTH

Leah Evelyn, daughter of C. Bradley and Dawn (Dee) Carr was born April 6, 2012. Leah weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long at birth and joins her big brother, Gabriel.

VBS

Vacation Bible School is to help the children grow in faith and strengthen their relationships—especially with God. This is one more way to share the gospel of Christ. We're looking forward to a fun-filled week as we plan VBS for this year! VBS will be held from **June 24-28 from 5:45 to 8:00 P.M.** Sunday through Thursday. Watch for registration forms soon and start inviting your friends and neighbors! (*Check the calendars for planning meeting dates.*)

May Love Offering Envelope-VBS!

Your donations will help defray the costs of this year's VBS!

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays

1:30 PM (Library)

(through May -
Bible Study will resume in
September.)



GRADUATES

Congratulations Class of 2012!!!

Come to Worship on Sunday, May 20th when our Graduates will be honored with a special cake, a gift, and a covered dish meal!

High School:

- ★ *Nathan M. Beagle.*
- ★ *Nancy K. Dennehy* – from Danville High School. She will be attending Arcadia University majoring in International Studies and Studio Art.
- ★ *Joseph C. Domanski.*
- ★ *Emily Leighow* – from Berwick High School. She will be attending Millersville University majoring in Special Education.
- ★ *Andrew K. Rickard.*
- ★ *Meranda L. Ulrich* – from Columbia Montour Vo-Tech.
- ★ *Sarah E. Yocum* – from Danville High School. She will be attending Bloomsburg University majoring in Elementary Education.

College:

- ★ *Kady M. (Curry) Davenport* – from Licensed Practical Nursing school in August 2011.
- ★ *Meaghan M. Harner* – from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in December 2011.
- ★ *Everard C. Riley* – from Bloomsburg University in 2011.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

(*Due to lack of a quorum, there were no motions.*)

- ◆ Pastor invited Beth Yenchco to give a presentation on Transformational Ministry during worship Sunday, April 22.
- ◆ At this time, according to membership, Trinity, Oak Grove, would be responsible for 31% of wage package and Pine Street 69%. Pastor Keith said he'd like to see the church use the approximately \$23,000 saved to keep up with Synod minimums and put back into the ministry and outreach of our church where budgeting had to be cut back or eliminated. Pastor also said he'd like the councils of the two churches to meet for discussion in the near future.
- ◆ Plans for the August 11th Festival: Pastor Keith will coordinate the Yard Sale with the help of Nancy Leighow; Nan Leighow will do the Bake Sale; the W/ELCA will do the kitchen. People are needed for clean-up.
- ◆ **Property: Oil Use**-Luther House used less oil, but there was a rate increase that reflected in higher heating costs. **Facilities Use Guidelines**-Property is working on guidelines for use of the buildings. The fee will be \$50 for all outside parties using the social hall with approval from Council, and a certificate of insurance with the church listed as a rider. Deb will be requesting a certificate from the Scouts, Board of Elections, and any other groups that use our facilities. Administration Ministry will work with Property on these guidelines. These guidelines will be given

to Administration Ministry to be included in the Constitution.

- ◆ Pastor will ask the three youth going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July to give a presentation to the congregation during Worship time upon their return.
- ◆ A Congregational meeting date will need to be set to vote on the Transformational Ministry Program and the Purchase of Service with Trinity, Oak Grove.
- ◆ The Council (and church staff) and family picnic will be held on July 16 at Bohner's Grove at 6:00 PM.
- ◆ The next meeting of Council will be Monday, May 21 at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Luther House.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- **WORSHIP**—I presided over 3 regular Sunday Worship services. I also presided over Holy Week Worship including Maundy Thursday; Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. I also presided over Easter Sunrise Worship. I presided over worship at Emmanuel and Maria Joseph Manor and also at Grandview.
- **HOME VISITS**—I made 2 home visits.
- **HOSPITAL VISITS**—I made 3 hospital visits.
- **COUNSELING**—I counseled with 2 people for 2½ hours.
- **MEETINGS**—I attended 1 meeting.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Bible Study continues on Thursday afternoon—We are working our way through 2nd Corinthians. Anyone is welcome to come. If there is interest, I can also start another evening Bible Study... We will probably run

through the end of May then break for the summer.

- **EVENTS**—I was the sidewalk greeter for the Ladies Lenten Tea and welcomed them on behalf of the congregation. I stayed for the very informative presentation of missionary work and the “over the top” refreshments and hospitality.

Looking Ahead...

April 23, 24, 25 – ELCMA

Assembly in Lewisburg. I will not be attending the assembly as an official representative of the synod. I will just be attending bits and pieces to touch base with friends and colleagues from all over Appalachia. You are invited to attend any or all the sessions also, If you have an interest in this.

May 3 – National Day of Prayer
Noon on the Montour Co.

Courthouse steps led by Pastor Harry Wonderland, First Baptist Church, Danville.

May 5 – Spring Fling Outreach

9-5 – if 8 people took one hour shifts the whole day would be covered. Volunteer or ask someone to consider helping!!!!

May 27 – The Day of Pentecost-

Wear Red!!! Invite your friends and neighbors or maybe someone you haven't seen at church for a while!!! (This goes for every week)

June 15-16 – Upper

Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Susquehanna University Weber Chapel. Stop by and see the displays or sit and listen to some of the assembly reports and worship!!! Pastor Keith and Mike Eyer are our representatives... We really could use another...preferably a female...hint, hint.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Hi - pine Street Lutheran Family - It is that time of the year again to join our RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM here at our Church!! (see Sherry or Nan Leighow) Walk with us to give somebody another birthday. We are doing the Olympic Theme this year at the Southside Fire Company in Riverside on May 18th starting at 3 p.m. until May 19th 3 p.m. It is \$10.00 if you would like to do a luminary for someone that has passed or in honor of a survivor. Please come and join our team.

Thank you,
Sherry Achey
(Team captain)

*June 24: Outdoor
Worship & Picnic with
Elysburg at Knoebel's at
10:30 AM*

**2011
Annual Reports
are available on the
table downstairs in the
narthex.
Or, you may come to
the office and pick up
your copy.**

ENSURING OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

We are understandably preoccupied with our church's ongoing financial needs. We receive frequent reminders about our giving and how it compares to our expenses. But, we also need to look beyond today, tomorrow and this year. It is important that we also consider our church's future, and do what we can to make sure Pine Street Lutheran Church is still around serving the spiritual needs of generations to come, just as it has been for the past 154 years.

One way to do this is to contribute to the Endowment Fund of the Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church. Financial assets that are contributed to this fund are invested, not spent. We profit from the proceeds of the investments, using those proceeds to pay for ministry programs within and outside of our walls. The income can also be used to fund needed updates to our buildings, as well as other opportunities for us beyond our regularly budgeted needs.

Sources of donations to this fund can take many forms including money, property, proceeds from life insurance policies, and estate gifts at or before death as part of a comprehensive estate planning process. You do not need to be wealthy. You only need a will and a plan.

Brochures describing the Endowment Fund are available on the brochure rack

by the front door to the church, or from the church office. You can also see the Financial Secretary for information, or talk to your attorney or estate manager. Let us not limit our planning to today or tomorrow. Let us also consider our church 100 years from now and beyond. Let us create a legacy for future generations.

CLEARING UP CONFUSION

In our desire to keep our members informed, some confusion seems to occur when looking at the weekly financial update printed in our bulletins and the monthly update printed in the newsletter and the council minutes.

Our treasurer, David Doran, makes a monthly report to council at their meeting, and to the members of Pine Street in the newsletter. In it, he compares our actual general fund giving to our **actual** expenses year to date. We all know that giving varies widely from week to week. So also do our expenses vary widely from month to month, depending on the weather (oil for heat and electricity for air conditioning), and when office supplies are purchased or other expenses for our programs occur. Some months might see income exceed expenses, leaving us with a surplus for the month. Others might show just the opposite leaving us with a loss. Over the course of the

year, this all tends to even out. Due to diligence in preparing our budget, we can be fairly certain that by year's end, most, if not all of our budget will have been spent.

Our financial secretary, Bill Snover, prepares a weekly report for our bulletin which compares actual income received to **budgeted** expenses year to date. If we can assume that we will spend our entire expense budget as adopted, we need to maintain an average income throughout the year to meet these expenses. It doesn't matter if we receive more than we need one week and less the next week, as long as we average the needed amount.

Hopefully, this explains the difference in the numbers that are submitted for your information. If you have any questions, please talk to Bill or David.

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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

"What do you have that you did not receive? ...Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich!" (1 Corinthians 4:7-8)

Paul is scolding the early church members in Corinth. They have forgotten that God has provided for them. In forgetting, they have returned to their old ways of focusing on the accumulation of worldly treasures and have lost their focus on sharing God's grace, redemption and

love as expressed through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus.

Where is our focus? Are we preoccupied with making sure we have *enough*? What is *enough*? Is there ever *enough*? Would we even know when we had *enough*? When we get lost in this type of thinking, we lose sight of Christ's message that wealth is measured not in material goods, but in faith, hope and love; by the number of blessings that we have, by the good deeds we do, by the love that we share, not by the amount of money in our wallets or bank accounts. It is easy to be grateful when our stomachs are full, when we live in comfortable homes, when our bank balance is large. But, Christ challenges us to be grateful by sharing and caring, by loving and thanking, by hoping and praying. We are expected to repay God for His abundance by freely and joyfully returning to Him a portion of our wealth; not only our financial wealth (and remember, if you have a dollar in your pocket you are already richer than over half the humans on this planet), but also our time, our talents, our abilities, our faith, our hopes and our love. Return to God what is already God's, and you will be rewarded abundantly, not only here but also in the hereafter.

Love abundantly,
Bill

THRIVENT FUNDS

Thank you to, *Darlis Dyer* and *Sue Neitz* for choosing to direct Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Choice Dollars to our church.

2012 ELECTION DATE Tuesday, November 6

THRIVENT SEMINAR

You're invited to attend the Economic & Investment Update seminar hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and your financial representatives Wayne C. Yoder and David G. Saul.

Cost: Free!

When: May 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Where: Hampton Inn
255 Paper Mill Rd
Bloomsburg PA 17815

Register: Email Shannon at shannon.thomas@thrivent.com or call 570-317-2111 by May 14, 2012. The Guest Speaker will be Blaine Gundershaug, Regional Investment Consultant.

Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Treasurer's Report

March - General Fund:

Income	\$ 9,541.53
Expenses	\$ 12,702.52
	\$— 3,160.99

Year-to-date through March- General Fund.

Income	\$ 29,659.50
Expenses	\$ 35,443.02
Shortfall	\$— 5,783.52

ANNUAL CHURCH FESTIVAL August 11 9 AM-2 PM

Save those good, clean,
useable items for the
Yard Sale.

*You may begin bringing items in
beginning July 1 to put in the
rear of the Conference Room
during regular office hours
Monday through Thursday from
9 AM to 1 PM.*



Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

Sunday, August 12

10:30 AM Worship at
Sunnybrook Park followed
by the Picnic

**Hoagies are now \$4.00
and—still a bargain!
Order and pay the
Sunday before the 1st
Thursday of each
month.**



Dates for Of the Land and Seasons

Worship Services:

June 17 '12 (Summer)

September 23 '12 (Fall)

January 13 '13 (Winter)

April 7 '13 (Spring)

EMERGE CENTRAL PA

Camp Mt. Luther is appealing to those between the ages of 18 and 30 who need a break from reality. There will be a time of retreat and spiritual renewal from July 8-11. There will be a few all-camp activities each day, but the rest of the time will be available for pick-up camp activities and relaxation. We'll also have Bible studies, worship, and time for reflection. You'll also have time to do all the camp stuff you love.

For more information or to register, please visit www.campmountluther.org call them at 922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org.



*The Year
of the
Bible*

NOTIFY THE CHURCH:

- When your home phone number or address changes - church records need to be corrected. It costs 61 cents every time a newsletter comes back because of an incorrect address.
- When a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- When a member of your family or a member of the church is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- When a member of your immediate or extended family passes away.
- When a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When something good happens to you or your family that you would like to share.

(PLEASE NOTE:

If you've been in the hospital or have been ill and have not been visited by the pastor or anyone from the church, or if your name is not on the prayer list, it may be because no one told us you were ill or would like your name on the list. You or a family member should notify the church office with requests or information on illness or hospitalization. Please also get permission before sharing this information with the church office so we can share your information with others in our Church Family. Thank you!)

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? NOW is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. The two fall Weekends are: **September 14-16 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA -- 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA; and October 19-21 at The Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA -- just off Interstate 80, two hours north of Philadelphia.** Many say the Weekend was the most fantastic and moving experience of their lives. Registrations are limited, so register today to ensure your first choice. To sign up, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register online using your credit card. Or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with a registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

**GLScrip
Order
Deadline
is**



May 13

(2nd Sunday of each month)

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

**PROCEEDS ARE SUPPORTING
OUR NEW WEBSITE!
CHECK IT OUT AT
WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG
AND PLEASE PURCHASE
GIFTCARDS TO HELP PAY FOR THE
WEBSITE.
THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Reverent Pittsnogle,

Please thank everyone for the hospitality they extended for the Lenten Tea on March 28. We were honored to be a part of such a lovely event. It was great to share our mission story with all who attended.

Thanks again.

God Speed,
Brenda Bodnar

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift of \$183.00 to the Gate House Shelter. We rely on the generosity of folks like you in helping us support the homeless in our community.

The number of families and individuals needing shelter in Montour and Columbia Counties continues to grow. For the past 14 years, with the help of supporters like you, the Gate House has been here for our homeless neighbors. At this time of economic hardship, your contribution is

especially important to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe place to call home and the support they need to get back on the road to independence.

On behalf of the families and individuals who turn to the Gate House in their time of need, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Dougher, Jr.
Executive Director
The Gate House

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.

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.)*

SPONSORS

Communion Bread Sponsors
are needed for May 13 & 20!
*Communion Bread can be
store bought from the bakery.*
Please sign up on the
designated sheets on the
bulletin board in the narthex.

Bulletin sponsors are needed
for July 8, 15, 22, & 29.

There are *Altar Flower*
sponsor openings for July 8
and 22.

When signing up for Altar
Flowers, Bulletins or
Sanctuary Candle, please
write your name and *in honor
of* or *in memory of* message
on the appropriate poster in
the narthex or speak to Deb at
the church office. The costs are:

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$33.00 per week for **Flowers**;
- \$14.00 per month for the
Sanctuary Candle.

Thank you to everyone who
sponsors these important
supplies for our worship
services.

GOOD SAMARITAN RPT.

For the month of March:
552 clients with clothing
139 clothing donors
16 Bedding clients
3 Medical Uniform clients
11 Winter jacket clients
Crisis fund clients 4.

130 adults received a
hygiene bag with lots of
different items. Thank you
for all your wonderful
donations. The recipients
really appreciated their bag.

63 families came to our Saturday give-away and took as much as they needed. They were very pleased.

Our concert in the park is coming up. We will have hot dogs, rolls, baked goods, and snacks.

Good Samaritan Mission
Hours are Tues., Wed., & Thur.
9 AM-5 PM
275-2500



Coming Event Dates at CML:

Spring Work Day-May 19

Bring your youth group to camp for a morning of service as we get the camp ready for the summer season. The 2012 Summer Ministry Team will be there so you can also meet the counselors who will lead our camp this year.

Looking Ahead to June at Camp Mount Luther

The summer camping session at Camp Mount Luther will be in full swing in June! This summer's staff will arrive on May 30th for their two weeks of training. On June 10th, the first campers for this year will arrive for on-site Day Camp. This program is especially good for those kids who are not sure they want to be away from home overnight. Their families will join them for Sunday activities and they'll be here at camp during the day. Wednesday night, there will be an optional sleepover! On June 17, Senior

High X-Teens will arrive for a ten-day camp experience. They'll learn more about justice and service and then go out the next weekend and do service work before returning to Mount Luther to reflect on those experiences. The final week of June is reserved for two new programs. Confirmation students are invited to come with their leaders for CAMPFIRMATION. And, youth in grades 4-6 can come with their adult leaders for BUILDING YOUTH GROUPS. More information is available by calling the camp office at 570-922-1587 or visiting www.campmountluther.org. There is still time to register for all these and other summer programs!

Coming Events:

Summer X-Teen-Jun 17-27
Building Youth Groups & Campfirmation-Jun 24-29
Summer Camp for Middle School-July 2012
Youth Gather Post-Event-Sep 30
Building Youth Groups Fall Retreat-Nov. 2012
Advent Fun Day-Dec. 15
Winter Camp Dec. 28-30

For information on any of the events in this article, go online at the website address above or contact Camp Mount Luther at 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 or by phone at 750-922-1587 or send an email to cml@campmountluther.org.

BISHOP'S OPEN

The 7th annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic will be held rain or shine on Monday, May 14th at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club on Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf.



This event is a 4 person scramble with three flights; Prizes for flights, hole in one winders, closest to pin, longest drive, straightest drive, team that has most fun and Bishop's Cup. There will be a putting contest. And, Mulligans available for \$5 each (2 per person; limit 8 per team).

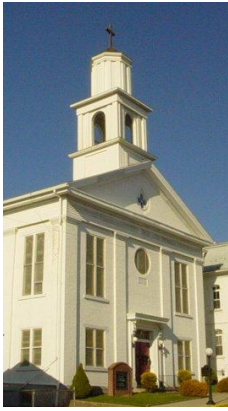
The schedule is 11:30 AM for Registration and Lunch at 12:30 Golfing Shotgun Start. Immediately after all golfers are finished, there will be snacks, drinks and prizes.

This Golf Classic is held by Camp Mount Luther to have fun and raise funds in order to better our youth in a faith-based camping program. Information is available online at <http://www.campmountluther.org/> or by telephone at 922-1587 or email at cml@campmountluther.org.

*Now he who plants
and he who waters are
one, and each one will
receive his own reward
according to his own
labor.*

*For we are God's
fellow workers; you
are God's field, you
are God's building.*

1 Corinthians 3:8-9



Ministries at a Glance! (meeting times)

Administration – Tom Herrington, Bill Snover (Coordinator), Mary Sticklin, Burtell Metzger; Sandra Reibsome (meets as needed)
Caring Ministry – Sue Baylor, Coordinator (dates vary)
Family and Christian Education Ministry
 FACE – (2nd Monday @ 6:00 PM)
Finance Ministry – Michael Dennehy, Coordinator (2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM)
Hospitality Ministry – Larry Troy, Contact Person (1st Wednesday @ 11:00 AM)
Property Ministry – Nancy A. Leighow and Nancy K. Leighow- Co-Coordinators (2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM)
Women of the ELCA – Co-presidents: Sue Baylor & Mary Ann Landi (usually 1st Tues.)
Worship & Music Ministry – Council liaison is Ron Kline (2nd Monday @ 11:00 AM)
Youth Ministry – Paul Dennehy, Coordinator

Jubilee Kitchen

**May 19, 2012
October 27, 2012**

Audio tapes

of the service are available for homebound and others who can't make it to church. Contact Sue Baylor at 279-4766, if interested.

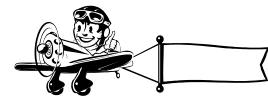


MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jason Brouse; Logan Maye
- 3 - Dennis DiOrio; Karen Dyer
- 4 - Ray Fry (87); Joanne Williams
- 6 - Mary Sticklin
- 8 - Justin Tharp
- 9 - Delaney Bloom; Jean Crumb; Glen Leighow; Brian Shobert; Beverly Troy
- 10 - Peggy Crowley
- 12 - Sarah Romansik
- 14 - Shirley Riley
- 15 - Cara Bohner
- 20 - Craig Getz; Betsy Park
- 21 - Sarah Mullen
- 22 - John Tharp
- 23 - Lily Crumb
- 24 - Derek Kohut; Pauline Mackert (95)
- 25 - Trevor Patterson; Roger Watts
- 26 - Corey Brady
- 29 - Heidi Bingaman

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 - Darlis and Jack Dyer
- 10 - Ellen and Dennis Leighow
- 24 - Mara and Steven Diehl
- 26 - Jeannie and S. William Snover; Amanda and Barry Troy
- 27 - Tina and Glen Leighow
- 28 - Rachel and Matthew Sticklin



ADVERTISING

Mary Ann Landi will handle church advertising. Most area newspapers will print this information free of charge as a news item. If you have an event coming up you would like advertised, please give as much information to her at least a month in advance to get the word out about what God is doing at Pine Street!

~~~~~ 2012 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle
Treasurer: David A. Doran**

Elizabeth Baylor-President
 Jean Crumb
 Michael Eyer
 Ronald Kline
 Mary Ann Landi-Vice President
 Nancy A. Leighow- Secretary
 Nancy K. Leighow
 James O'Brien
 Gerard Tromp
 Terri Wydra



**We want to open up and expand God's presence by becoming more active in the community.
 You can help!
 Tell your friends--tell your neighbors--come see--Come See what God is doing at Pine Street!
 Invite everyone you know to come to church.
 Tell them we have a great fellowship hour.
 Tell them that God loves them and we do too.**

Fellowship Menus

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BOOK
TO BRING ITEMS FOR LUNCH**

MAY

- May 6: Ham & Potato Casseroles & Tossed Salads
- May 13: Mother's Day-Covered Dish
- May 20: Sandwich Fixings & Veggie & Dip plates
- May 27: Memorial Day Weekend-Hot Dogs, Rolls, & Baked Beans

JUNE

- June 3: Pasta Casserole & Cold Salad
- June 10: Covered Dish
- June 17: Macaroni & Cheese & Tossed Salad
- June 24: Knoebel's-covered dish

Each Sunday needs a Clean-Up Crew. Please volunteer!

FELLOWSHIP HOURS

A loose leaf notebook is on the podium in the social hall with menus for each Sunday (except the second Sundays of each month when we have a Covered Dish meal).

Please look at the meals listed above to see if you would be able to bring in one of the dishes. Then sign up in the notebook. If you would like to supply a dessert, please write that down.

Items needed regularly:

- ☺ 100% fruit juice (no red drinks please)
- ☺ A main dish, side dish or dessert for any Sunday Fellowship Hour
- ☺ Any donations to "Hospitality Ministry" to help fund our many outreach and church events

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Families can still sponsor a Sunday Fellowship meal of their choosing—just pick the date in the book on the small podium in the social hall and write in that you are sponsoring the meal!
Thanks!



Pine Street Prayer List May, 2012

Sharon Wilson; Bonnie Reilly; Jacob Nelson; Betty Miller; Bonnie Cromley; Sue Neitz; Katie Sassaman; Spencer Vincent; Kathleen English; David Harvey; Red Swank; Cory Fenstermaker; Angie Wilson; Dr. Kevin Shafer; Marvin Fry; Cathy Dressler; Ruth Lehr; Alice Hinkle; Ryan Stevenson; Gladys Keller; Kendra Hoover; Keith Buchhalter; Audrey O'Brien; Greg Potter; Elizabeth "Libby" Fox; Pete Zimmerman; Autumn Kern; Tim Raup; Baby Clive Stevenson; Todd Livziey; Joan Bankus; Erica Miller; Lola Kline; Virginia Frantz; Marr Snyder; Darwin Straub; Nancy Curry; Delaine Fritz; Kathie Richards; Melissa Thomas; Mike Shoemaker; Cindy Gearhart; Helen Smith; George Sudol; Art Sticklin; Leann Achtenberg; Edith Bender; Nicole Morgan; Tyler Yeager; Donna Brown; Carol Phillips; Harvey Stauffer; Shirley Crossley; Dolores Easton & Family; Dorothy Hagenbuch; Barry Balonek; John Crumb; Brenda Kile; Dianna Ballinger; Audrey Kunkle; Alan Springer; Emily Sue Nilsson; Lucy Snyder; Nathan Lubeski; and Walt Rupert.

HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Mackert; Ken Oberdorf; Pauline Nedrow; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Minnie Troutman; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Tim Moyer; Robert Carpenter; Mark Brumbach; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; Christopher Perry, B.J. Dellinger; Andrew Conrad; 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 the 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. Monday through Thursday at 275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

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***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).

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SPRING IS HERE!



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.

Jan: Canned Vegetables

Feb: Noodles & Macaroni

Mar: Canned Fruit

Apr: Soup

May: Tuna & Canned Meats

Jun: Cereal

Jul: Jell-O & Pudding

Aug: Peanut Butter & Saltines

Sep: Spaghetti & Sauce

Oct: Cereal

Nov: Noodles & Macaroni

Dec: Tuna & Canned Meats

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 Food Bank 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.

HOAGIE SALE

Order & pay by the Sunday before the 1st Thursday of each month.

Pick-up the first Thursday of each month from 11am-12 N.

Please pay when you order!
Thank you!

The cost if \$4.00

Benefit:

10% to a local charity and
90% Church Restoration Project

Thank you for your support!

**** Volunteers are needed to help make hoagies at 8:00 AM the 1st Thursday of each month.**

The Thank You Corner

A Special Thank You To:

- **Easter Lily Volunteers** – for placing and delivering the Easter Lilies.
- **Bill Snyder** – for taking down tables and chairs to make room for the voting machines.
- **All of our Gardeners** – in both gardens. Thank you for the hard work related to the gardening.

Family Magazine

Spark Family-Splash in God's Word magazine is available on the table in the narthex. They are free—take one for your family.

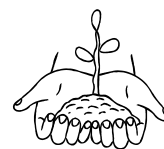
USE GIFTCARDS!

Remember to use grocery gift cards if you shop at Weis or Giant. Use gift cards for stores, gas and restaurants by purchasing ahead of time. Your church benefits from every card sold! They can be purchased or ordered in the social hall every Sunday during Fellowship time. Questions, see Jen O'Brien.

Come Grow

With US at Pine

Street Lutheran!



WEBSITE

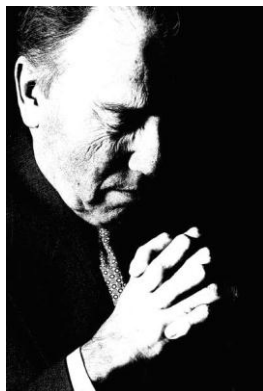
**www.
pinestreetlutheran.
org**

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so!

Check it out today!

Send some feedback or suggestions to Deb at pinestch@ptd.net.

Thanks!



**Read Romans 12
& Pray Daily**



HOSPITALITY

*Hospitality is the way we
come out of ourselves. It is
the first step toward
dismantling the barriers of
the world. Hospitality is the
way we turn a prejudiced
world around, one heart
at a time.*

~Joan D. Chittister in
Wisdom Distilled

If you have a loved one,
family member or friend
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!



SYNOD CURRENTS

June 15-16, 2012: Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly

The 2012 Upper
Susquehanna Synod
Assembly will take place in
Weber Chapel Auditorium on
the campus of the
Susquehanna University in
Selinsgrove on Friday, June
15, and Saturday, June 16,
2012. More information
about Synod Assembly will
be forthcoming.

Help three families in New Orleans!

Youth and their advisors at
the ELCA Youth Gathering
this summer will build the
basic structure of walls for
three houses that will be
completed by Habitat for
Humanity in the New
Orleans area to become
homes for families there.
Campus ministry is
coordinating the efforts to
raise funds for supplies and
transportation of the walls to
their final sites. We need
\$17,000 and every gift will
help! Checks made out to
"Lutheran Campus Ministry –
BUILD NOLA" can be sent
to: Lutheran Campus
Ministry, 211A Pasquerilla
Spiritual Center, University
Park, PA 16802. If you
have questions, contact
Alicia at ara2@psu.edu or
814-865-0715.

New Orleans: 100 Wells Challenge at ELCA Youth Gathering in July

Just \$2500 could build a well
that provides clean water for
up to 500 families. The 100
Wells Challenge allows youth
of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America (ELCA)
across the country to make
a difference by raising
\$250,000 to build 100 wells
or support water projects
where they are needed
most. See
[www.elca.org/ELCA/Youth-
Gathering/Planning-for-the-
Gathering/Gathering-
Offerings/100-Wells.aspx](http://www.elca.org/ELCA/Youth-Gathering/Planning-for-the-Gathering/Gathering-Offerings/100-Wells.aspx).

Is God calling you to consider service as an Authorized Lay Worship Leader?

The Lay Ministry Institute of
the Upper Susquehanna
Synod will begin a new class
for Authorized Lay Worship
Leaders in September 2012.
This two-year class (18
Saturday classes) is
designed for those who want
to serve as Worship Leaders
and those who want a
deeper understanding of the
history, theology, and
practice of the church. The
cost of the program is
\$1,050. Applications are
available on the Upper
Susquehanna Synod website
at [http://www.uss-
elca.org/for-individuals/lay-
ministry-institute](http://www.uss-elca.org/for-individuals/lay-ministry-institute) or
[http://www.uss-
elca.org/wp-
content/uploads/2009/03/L
MI-
Application.revised.filled.201
2.pdf](http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/LMI-Application.revised.filled.2012.pdf). For more information
contact Pastor Sell at
prmsell@verizon.net.

New Web Page for Hunger

The Upper Susquehanna Synod World Hunger Task Force has a new page on the Synod website: <http://www.uss-elca.org/for-congregations/world-hunger/advocacy-ministry>. It features "Focus on Advocacy," a document that answers questions about advocacy such as: "What is advocacy?"; "Why are we involved?"; "How does the ELCA understand advocacy to be part of its mission?"; "How is the ELCA involved?"; and more. Check out how you and/or your congregation can become involved! If you are attending Synod Assembly, be sure to check out our workshop and display table! Find out how you can speak out on behalf of those who experience injustice!

82 Ways to Engage the Book of Faith in Your Congregation

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes (Zion, Kratzerville) is on a mission to help people "learn to love the people in the Bible as our best friends" so that "God's story guides our daily life story." She has helped to make engaging with Scripture a regular part of the worship and community life of her congregation, both as a pastor and as a "Book of Faith Advocate" of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. "My belief is that the Book of Faith's main thrust is to get the Bible into as many parts of our life together as possible," Sipes says. "With this in mind, I have taken a 'throw it all at the wall and see what sticks' philosophy."

The Book of Faith Initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America represents our church's commitment to encourage all members of our congregations, from children to adults, to dig deeper into our book of faith, the Bible. Resources available at www.bookoffaith.org offer congregations and individuals ideas for engaging the Bible in our daily lives.

Pastor Sipes has compiled her own list of ways her congregation has tried to help bring the words of Scripture more readily to worshipers' minds and lips. To download her list of 48 tried and true ways (plus 34 ways they haven't yet had the chance to try out!), click on this link:

<http://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Ways-To-Engage-The-Book-of-Faith-Initiative.doc>. Sipes welcomes the chance to talk with other leaders about her passion for the Book of Faith. To contact her, or another member of the synod's LEARN Team, visit <http://www.uss-elca.org/for-congregations/learn-team>.

Sipes also points to this place on the Book of Faith website (<http://www.bookoffaith.org/graphics.html>) where one can order BOF bookmarks (free for the cost of shipping) or download a PDF file of the same. The bookmarks include appropriate questions for four different approaches to reading the Bible.

Social Ministry Coach Available to Congregations

Sandy Grier, AIM, is the USS Social Ministry Project Coach. That program is funded by Diakon to help congregations discern what outreach ministries will work best with the gifts of your congregation and the needs of the community. If you would like to meet with Sandy, contact her at 570-220-5039 or sandygrier@comcast.net. There is no fee for this service. To read some stories about outreach ministries, visit <http://www.uss-elca.org/for-congregations/social-ministry-spotlight>.

May 5-6, 2012: Weekend with Shawn Smith

The Faith Formation Team of Christ's Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, is excited to offer an unforgettable weekend of music, fellowship, music, team building, and Bible study, for youth and adults with Christian singer and song writer Shawn Smith. On Saturday, May 5, Shawn will lead all youth in grades 6 thru 12 in a "Servant Event" running from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The day will include interactive music, Bible study, small group team building, lunch, community servant events, and dinner. Then, at 7:00, Shawn will present a concert for all youth, adults, friends, teammates, classmates, etc. On Sunday, May 6th, Shawn will participate in worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., providing music before, during, and following the service and preaching the sermon. Shawn will also

help lead worship at the 7:00 p.m. RADIATE service for youth and adults. *Registration is required for the Saturday Servant Event - \$10.00 per student or \$5.00 per student for congregations sending five or more students.* This event is a great year-end conclusion for all Confirmation Classes and provides an excellent team building event for all youth planning to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. For further information or to register, call/contact Christ's Lutheran Church at 570-524-0745 or email Christchurch@dejazzd.com.

May 6, 2012: Captive Free Concert

Cross Fire, Youth Encounter's International Team Ministry Band, will present a contemporary Christian concert at Messiah Lutheran Church, corner of West Southern Avenue and Howard Street in South Williamsport, on Sunday, May 6. All ages are invited to this family-friendly concert. Cross Fire is composed of five young adults who commit to a year of ministry through music and depend on offerings and other donations to support their ministry as they tour in the U.S. and internationally to share the gospel. The band is currently touring in Africa and is eager to share their experiences with our community. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cross-cultural concert. A brief campfire-style worship service will follow at 7:45 p.m. A free will offering will be taken.

May 20, 2012: Workshop on Connecting with Young Adults

A workshop for congregational members on "Connecting with Young Adults" will be offered on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, Lewisburg. Assistant to USS Bishop Robert Driesen, Pastor Beth Ann L. Stone, will offer this engaging presentation about the generational differences, world views, and needs of today's young adults, and what makes it challenging for congregations to connect with them. She'll also share ideas and suggestions for forging those connections in new ways. There is no cost to attend. For more information, please contact Pastor Stone at bethann@uss-elca.org. (Preregistration is not necessary, but is helpful to assist with event planning. To do so, send your name/number of participants to Pastor Stone.)

June 15-16, 2012: Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly

The 2012 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place in Weber Chapel Auditorium on the campus of the Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove on Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 2012. Registration materials have been mailed to all USS congregations and rostered leaders. Register by April 15 for a \$10 discount.

June 30, 2012: A Gathering of Faith for All Ages

From our neighbors at St. John Lutheran, Millheim: It is important to show our children that continuing Christian education is important throughout our lives. So, the idea of holding a one day-long program on a Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 101 Mill Street, Millheim, as an alternative to a week-long vacation Bible school this year grew into a gathering to include all ages. The focus of the day will be our stories as Christians, Fruit of the Spirit, and following God's plan for us as individuals. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with morning refreshments provided. Attendees will be broken up into groups - young adults/adults, preschool, Grades K- 2, and Grade 3-6. The morning for young adults/adults will include "ice breaker" warm-up activities, video clips of faith in action, small discussion groups on a variety of topics, and a message on "Peace." Since we will be talking about world missions, "appetizer" foods from different countries will be offered at lunch along with hot dogs and salads. For adults, the afternoon will include service projects, a mission talk on trips to Haiti and Native Americans in Canada, and writing Encouragrams to missionaries. The day for the various age groups of children will include singing, a lot of games focused on the Fruit of the Spirit, the mission talk, and Encouragrams. The program for the preschoolers will

finish up at lunchtime, just in case the "little ones" need an afternoon nap. We would like to extend an invitation to congregations throughout the Allegheny and Upper Susquehanna Synods of the ELCA. We hope that you will come for the day, but if that isn't possible, feel free to drop in and take part in whatever activities may interest you. Bring friends or neighbors along. It will be very important to have a good estimate of participants in order to prepare enough food for lunch. Please phone Beckie Lease, Administrator at St. John's Lutheran Church in Millheim at 814-349-5349 no later than June 1st with your name, home congregation, contact phone number, and how many people will be in your group (provide number in each age group).

EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS

Food Bank/American Red Cross: 275-1441
 Good Samaritan Mission Center: 275-2500
 Women's Center: 784-6631
 Child Abuse Hotline: 800-932-0313
 Poison Center: 800-521-6110
 Alcoholics Anonymous: 286-7436 or 654-0488 (Northeast Inter-group)
 Al-anon: 800-628-8290 (National Hotline)
 Narcotics Anonymous: 988-7177
 Gambler's Anonymous: 717-652-4400

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **May 15 for the June Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten articles are especially appreciated. It may be to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.



*Bring your Mom
 (and Grandmother) to
 Church on Mother's Day.*



W/ELCA Highlights

CIRCLES

The Women of the ELCA Circle Meetings Tuesday, May 1:

- Ruth Circle at 11:30 AM at Muffin Man.
- Martha Circle at 6:30 PM.

(Note: In case of bad weather there will not be meetings.)



**Read Romans 12
 &
 Pray daily!**

(W)holy, (W)holy, (W)holy Health Healing and Wholeness

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."

(Romans 7:15, NRSV)

A recent posting on FaceBook really brought to my attention, the broad impact that Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) have on daily life. The individual shared a recent article by John O'Neil titled, *Learning to Drive with ADHD*

(www.nytimes.com/2012/03/27/health)

In the article, the author cites a 2007 study by Russell A Barkley of the Medical University of S.C. and Daniel J Cox of the University of VA Health System, which indicates that young drivers with ADHD are "two to four times as likely as those without the condition to have an accident, meaning that they are at a higher risk of wrecking the car than an adult who is legally drunk".

Researchers say that many teenagers with attention or learning problems can become good drivers, but not easily or quickly, and that some will be better off not driving until they are older – or not at all." They go on to say that, "When a driver takes his eyes off the road for two seconds or more, he's doubled the risk of a crash." With both ADD and ADHD, often come distractibility,

impulsivity and risk-taking. Add to all this, the distractions from within the vehicle, by stereos, cell phones and passengers, and you've got the recipe for problems.

There are numerous things parents can do to help their child with ADD or ADHD ease into learning to drive. It begins by honestly assessing the maturity of your child – have there been ongoing behavior problems or multiple instances of poor judgment? If your child is very oppositional or defiant, he/she probably should not be driving. Other considerations include:

- Has he/she had medical treatment – the study's authors go so far as to propose that "medication should not really be optional".
- Schedule an eye exam; does he/she have problems with visual processing?
- Give serious consideration to formal one-to-one driver training, and recognize that this training should take as long as necessary for the learner to develop confidence – plan for more than the 40-50 hours set by the state.
- Parents should also seek coaching tips from the trainer, since mom or dad will be handling the bulk of the child's training time.

Let your teen know that driving is a privilege, not a right, and that the privilege goes hand-in-hand with safe driving skills. Although the state may not take away this privilege, you will not hesitate

to do so if you feel his/her driving is unsafe. In addition:

- Make sure that the driver knows the route needed to get to his/her destination.
- Discourage driving during peak times such as rush-hour and after dark.
- Limit passengers to one friend, and confine it to a friend that you trust to not become a distraction.
- No eating while behind the wheel.
- If you cannot get your teen to agree to not listen to music while driving, set the expectation that he/she pick one CD or radio station before putting the car in gear and that no changes will take place until the car is stopped.
- Instead of eliminating the cell phone, make sure it is turned off, and is out of reach – put it in the trunk.
- Above all, model good driving habits, and begin discussing driving skills long before your child comes of age.

ADD and ADHD are chronic issues that follow us into adulthood, and according to The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, may be manifested by: not properly observing signs/signals – slowness in responding to traffic lights – slowing/stopping on green or going on red; failure to yield the right-of-way; drifting from the lane of traffic; fluctuating or inappropriate speeds; impaired eye/hand/foot coordination and, the inability to focus or deal with distractions while driving.

Getting a driver's license is a huge milestone for

most teens. Celebrate the occasion by asking your pastor or priest to offer a "blessing of the keys" for all new drivers in the congregation, and get into the habit of saying a prayer for safe travel with every click of the seatbelt!

May blessings! Debbie

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Nurse's Notes

May 6, 2012

The Hidden Dangers of Button Batteries

They power your remotes and watches, make musical greeting cards sing and keep your calculators running. They also can be highly dangerous to your children. Lithium batteries, those button-shaped discs that fuel many household items and electronics, are becoming more and more common. Small children often have easy access to some of these devices, and many parents are not aware of the risk.

Young children put so many objects in their mouths — the most common object being the penny — but if your child should swallow a lithium battery, it can get stuck in the esophagus. The saliva triggers an electric current which causes a chemical reaction that can severely burn the esophagus in a little as two hours.

By the numbers:

- In 2010, more than 3,400 kids swallowed button batteries.
- More than 80 children nationwide have suffered permanent damage from injuries caused by button batteries.
- Eleven of the 15 total fatalities have occurred in the last six years.
- Most of the incidents occurred in children younger than 4 years.

Symptoms of swallowing a button battery

Many parents witness their child swallowing the battery, but there are many cases when no one witnesses the child ingest the object. Here are some symptoms to look out for:

- Airway obstruction or wheezing
- Drooling (there may be black flecks in the saliva)
- Vomiting
- Chest discomfort
- Difficulty swallowing
- Decreased appetite or refusal to eat
- Coughing, choking or gagging while eating or drinking
- Some kids might have no symptoms at all

You can protect your child from the dangers of button batteries by:

- Knowing where the batteries are in the home
- Securing them out of reach of children
- Informing your friends and relatives about the risk

(The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania's Safe Kids Network)

May 13, 2012

Trouble sleeping? Try these tips:

1. Sprinkle just-washed sheets and pillowcases with lavender water. The scent has been shown in studies to promote relaxation, which can lead to better sleep.
2. Buy a new pillow. Studies show that pillows with an indent in the center can enhance sleep quality and reduce neck pain. Also try a "cool" pillow – one containing either all natural fibers or a combination of sodium sulfate and ceramic fibers

that help keep your head cool.

3. Eat a handful of walnuts before bed. You'll give yourself a boost of fiber and essential fatty acids along with the amino acid tryptophan – a natural sleep inducer.
(David Katz MD, MPH, director of Yale University's Prevention Research Center as posted on WebMD)

May 20, 2012

25% That's how much less likely passengers and drivers of hybrid vehicles are to be injured than those in conventional cars. Why? Hybrids are 10% heavier!
(Prevention Magazine, April 2012, pg. 132)

May 27, 2012

Here are the percent of common surfaces that are dangerously dirty. Avoid touching them when possible, and use hand sanitizer when you can't:

71%	gas pump handles
68%	sidewalk mailbox handles
43%	escalator rails (probably stair rails as well)
41%	ATM buttons
40%	Parking meters
35%	crosswalk buttons
35%	vending machine buttons

(Jenna Bergen, 7 *Germiest Public Places* Prevention Magazine, March 2012, pg. 40)

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"I made a New Year's resolution to eat more fruit, but surely I can't be expected to go through with it after that!"

What more can “You” Do?

- I will do more than belong-I will participate.
- I will do more than care-I will help.
- I will do more than believe-I will trust.
- I will do more than dream-I will work.
- I will do more than teach-I will inspire.
- I will do more than earn-I will enrich.
- I will do more than give-I will serve.
- I will do more than live-I will grow.
- I will do more than be friendly-I will be a friend.
- I will do more than talk-I will listen.
- I will do more.