

Parish Press

February 2018 / Monthly Newsletter of Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Fellowship
Hour**

**February 4th
Caring Ministry**

**February 11th
Finance Ministry**

**February 18th
Christian Education Ministry**

**February 25th
W/ELCA**

**January Love Envelope
Jubilee Kitchen**

The Jubilee Kitchen offers a simple, free lunch for individuals or families of all ages September through June between the hours of 11 AM and 12:30 PM. The dining hall doors open at 9 AM for coffee, doughnuts.

The Great Forty Days – The Season of Lent

In the first centuries of the existence of the Christian Church, the season we call “Lent” was referred to as *the forty days* or *the quadragesimal feast*. It was a time of solemn preparation that preceded the eagerly anticipated joyous celebration of the Lord’s resurrection on Easter Day.

From early on, Lent was a time for the catechumens (those preparing to join the Church) to learn the fundamentals of the Christian faith in preparation for their baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter. For some, it was a time to do public penance after making confession of some notorious sin. For all Christians, according to decrees of the early church councils and meditations of writers from the early church, it was a time for abstinence.

Even now, the 21st Century, Lent continues to be a time for abstinence. Worship abstains from the use of *Alleluias* during Lent. The liturgy does not use the Hymn of Praise. Hymns are more somber and often in a Minor key. All of this helps prepare us for the joyful celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Day.

To aid us in our Lenten discipline there are additional opportunities for worship during the season. Ash Wednesday (14. February) will be a service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

Wednesdays in Lent will offer soup and bread at 6:00 pm and the Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm

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All services will be at Pine Street. Trinity has been invited to join us. Pastor Trevor Hahn and Pastor Koons will lead these services.

Lent is a *tempora closa* – a “closed time”. It is usual for there to be no parties, baptisms, weddings or other festivities during this time/ It is to be a reserved time for reflection, recollection and repentance.

My pastor at St. Matthew, Bloomsburg announced Ash Wednesday in Sunday’s bulletin this way: “**February 14 is Ash Wednesday** (yes, we know— Valentine’s Day – credit to God’s sense of humor) (by the way, Easter this year is on April 1 – April Fool’s Day).”

In spite of the “interesting” alignment of the days, I hope we have a meaningful and penitential Lenten season. In the March issue, I will talk more about Holy Week and Easter.

In Christ!
Pastor Koons+

The 2017 contributions statements have been mailed. If you have not received your statement please contact the office at [570 275-2110](tel:5702752110)

REPORT FROM UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD Giving Statement

- Amount sent from membership of PSELC
- Mission Support Benevolence
\$4,680.00 Pledge \$3,300.00
- World Hunger Appeal \$225.00
- Lutheran World Relief \$5.00
- Hurricane Response, U.S. \$595.00
- Domestic Disaster Response \$70.00
- Camp Mount Luther \$175.00
- Blankets \$210.00
- **TOTAL RECEIVED \$5960.00**

Mental Health Support Group

**Topic: “Forgiveness”
Part 2**

Tuesday, January 9th 7:00 PM

St. Joe’s
68 Church St. Danville
2nd Floor Meeting Rm.

Our Mental Health Support Grp. aims to provide spiritual/emotional support and fellowship for persons with mental health issues and their families with Jesus Christ as our model. This group is ecumenical and nondenominational.

Confidentiality is required.

For more information contact

Andrew Matrigrano

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**TEMPORARY OFFICE
HOURS
Monday through
Thursday 9am-noon**



Ministry News

Stephen Ministry



CHANGES IN LIFE'S JOURNEY

We visited my grandparents in Painted Post, NY. My grandfather, over 70 years old, wanted me to walk with him around the property line of his 20 acres. I thought he is short of breath and what will I do if he has a struggle. I knew it was important to him and we began our walk. He talked much about his life on our journey around his farmland. I was blessed with our relationship. At 76 he was in the hospital with pneumonia with leukemia. He smiled as he seen my wife and I. He adored my wife. He stood up out of his bed. He was silent for a moment looking ahead. I had seen in eyes that he was going to begin another life journey. I miss him.

Years down life's road I'm chasing my granddaughter around in many childhood games. I was full of energy. She was 6 years old then and now 11 years old. She wanted to go down the hill to the water flowing at the bottom. We walked down the steep grade, laughing all the way. The water flow was frozen with some flow. One area was frozen solid, but could see the water flowing underneath. It was beautiful and we were both amazed. God blessed me with his love. The walk back up, I used a staff so I wouldn't fall and was breathing very heavily. It brought back memories of old. Please, precious granddaughter, don't forget me.

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide comfort

Caring Ministry

Served Lunch January 27 at Jubilee Kitchen.

Special Thanks to the Volunteer Helpers- Chef Caz Baylor for preparing the lasagna.



WEATHER REMINDER

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



Thank You!

To The Congregation of PSELG;

Thank you for your donation to the Good Samaritan Crisis Fund. We are in the midst of assisting several individuals and families in Danville/Riverside area with heating bills

during these brutally cold days. Your generous gift allows us to continue to help and serve those with great needs. Your kindness is much appreciated.

In Christ,
Natalie Kupus,
Treasurer-Crisis Fund

Dear Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran
Church,

We give thanks to God for you and the ways you are empowering lives in Africa and around the world. We are truly grateful! Thank you for your generous donation of \$355.00 and helping make this ministry possible. We look forward to the journey ahead with great joy as we empower lives together.

Don Rogers
Empowering Lives International



Calendar of Events for the ...

Women of the ELCA

Feb 6th 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* (Muffin Man)

Feb 6th 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

Feb 27th 12:00 *Board Mtg.*

March 6th 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* (Muffin Man)

March 6th 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

March 14th 1:30 PM *Lenten Tea*

April 10th 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* (Muffin Man)

April 10th 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

April 14th *Chicken & Waffle Dinner*

May 1st 11:30 AM *Ruth Circle* (Muffin Man)

May 1st 5:00 PM *Martha's Circle* (Friendly's)

June 12th *Semi Annual Mtg.*

July 10th 6:30 PM *Picnic*

July 21st *Convention @ Camp Mt. Luther*





WHAT'S COMING UP AT PINE STREET LUTHERAN CHURCH...

Pine Street Ev. Lutheran Church CELEBRATES 160 YEARS June 10, 2018

Volunteers needed to organize our celebration.

- OPEN HOUSE
- MUSIC
- TOURS
- FOODS

LENT SERVICES

**Pine Street Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran
Will Worship Together At Pine Street
Lutheran.**

**The Reverend Trevor Hahn & The Reverend
John Koons**

6:00 pm Soup and Bread gathering

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary

**February 21, & February 28,
March 7, March 14 & March 21**

**If you would like to provide soup or bread. The
sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall.**

**We look forward to worshipping with our
friends and neighbors.**



2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS and Ministries they serve on

Mary Ann Landi President & Hospitality Ministry Chair, Memorial Committee

Mike Dennehy VP & Finance Ministry, Administration Ministry Chair

Nancy Leighow Secretary & Property Ministry chair, Memorial Committee

Roxanne Patton Treasurer & W/M Ministry, Hospitality Ministry

Roberta Recla Treasurer

Mary Jane Snyder Property Ministry liaison, Memorial Committee, Caring Ministry

Barb Wintersteen Hospitality Ministry Liaison

Alf Bashore Administration Ministry

Art Sticklin Finance Ministry

GOLDEN TREASURE'S Celebration

FEBRUARY 11 10:30 SERVICE

Following with Fellowship

**CELEBRATING AND THANKING GOD FOR
YOU. FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE AND
THE BLESSING YOU ARE**

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Shirley Hawley

Emily Curry

Seth Snover

Mary Louise Kemp

Viola DeWald

June Livzey

Lillian Stahl

Treasured Goldens from 89 years to 92 years.
We have invited friends and families to join us
for the service and lunch.

Our Ministries have joined together to celebrate
the blessing of our Golden Treasures.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON THIS EXCITING DAY
IN SAYING THANK YOU.**



Pine Street Prayer List

Homebound

Congregation Members

Sherry Achey, Joan Greely,
Burrnell Metzger and
Lillian Stahl

Congregation Members

Hunter Beasley, Pete Dyer, Pat
Fry, Shirley Hawley, Irene
Hinkle, Ann Hummer, Daniel
Love, Tom 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, Susie
Curry Balonek, Ethel Bashore,
Jeff Baylor, James Bergenstock,
Patsy Berns, Benny Bordner,
John Binder, The Billig Family,
Neina Brady, Tom Brady, Sr.,
Rhonda Brouse, Robert Buehner,

Albert Churm, Ruth Crum,
Nancy Curry, Kady Curry
Davenport, Cody Davenport,
Mary Ann Davis, Cameron Elder,
Stan Davis, Idita Dennehy,
Kathryn DiOrto, Ivadene Ficsher,
Cathi Flanagan, Joan Fulkroad,
Connie Gibbs, Diane Hanson,
Anna Hare, Harold Hauck, Jonah
Inch, Jackie Jackson, Autumn
Kern, Roxanne Kerr, Alex Knox,
Brenda Kile, Hele Kuivaemi,
Kelli Lambert, Joan Livziey,
Nathan Lubeski, Pam Lynn, Gail
Miles, Chet Miller, Pastor Brian
Moyer, Debbie Neitz, Marlin
Neitz, Emily Sue Nillson, Elroy
Neitz, Britni Newman, Mark
Pontiac, Linda Pritchard, Pat &
Tom Puckey, Tim Raup, Ralph
Reedy, Iris Reibsome, Scott
Reibsome, Connie Reich, Ron
Shipe, Larry Shirk. Molly Shultz,
John Stoker, Mary Sweetra,

Justin Tharp, Abby Thomas,
Crystal & Robert Torbash,
Leann Ulrick, Rod Vincent,
Spencer Vincent, Kay Warner,
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, S.R. Matthew
Woods, 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, Eric
Schneider

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

EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS

- Al-anon : 800-628-8920
(National Hotline)
- 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 (Northeast Inter-group)
- American Cancer Society 1-800-ACS-2345

FEB. & MACH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

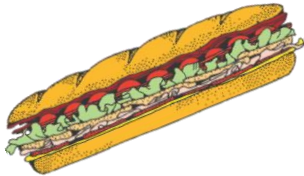
Gail Acor-2/4
Cassie Smith-2/4
Eric Snover-2/4
Ryleigh Hepner-2/11
Nathan Hepner -2/12
Nichole Lambert-2/13
Dawn Carr-2/14
Lorene Binder-2/18
Dale Stamm-2/20
Randi Wilson-2/22
Brandon Hixson-2/23
Charles St.Clair-2/26
Brenda Fischer-Denchy-2/27

Crystal Lambert-2/27
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
Geoffrey Lees-3/12
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



HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **February 22nd**
with the deadline to

order and pay by February 18th

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!!

MEMORIALS



A gift was given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *James Diehl* by:

† James Fry
† Lillian Stal

"It is hard to fall, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

"We must work to bind up the wounds of a suffering world — to build an abiding peace, a peace rooted in justice and in law."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for."

Barack Obama





Please consider sponsoring the **BULLETINS** or **FLOWERS** for a week, or the **SANCTUARY CANDLE** for a month. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex by the stairs. You may dedicate them in honor of, or in memory of, a person or persons. To facilitate the bookkeeping, we would appreciate if you would pay promptly for these sponsorships. You may also call the office at 275-2110 to sign up.



GLScrip Gift Cards order deadline **February 11th**
Order forms can be found on the table in the Narthex or one can be mailed to you. *They work same as cash, make great gifts and for everyday use!* Weis and giant are now only available through glscrip.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE
<http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org>

Organist: Ronald Kline * **Sexton:** Caz Morgan * **Secretary:** Nicole Cummins

Ministers: All the people of Pine Street

Interim Pastor: The Reverend John Koons * Phone: 570-204-3153

Church Office: 275-2110;

Temporary Hours Mon.-Thur. 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. **Fri.** Closed

Church e-mail: pinestch@ptd.net * **Website:** www.pinestreetlutheran.org

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