

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield**  
**139 Craig's Meadow Road, East Stroudsburg PA 18301**  
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stpaulscommunitychurch.com  
Church office: 570- 223-9422

**Congregational Council Members**

Laura Pride – President	570-807-6114		
Carrie Strohl – Vice President	570-656-5600	Patricia Clements	570-856-7433
Kay Malinowtizer – Secretary	570-242-3157	Ed Stephens	570-460-2028
Laura Biddulph -	570-369-0359	Don Carr	Treasurer
Patricia Clements –	570-856-7433	Church Secretary	Juli Jupin
Adrian Martenco –	570-807-3897	Choir Director	Katherine Ertle
Tom McGhee –	570-994-4169	Music Director	Dave Libecap
Dick Rehm -	570-350-2615	Financial Secretary	Dana Strohl
		Sunday School Superintendent	Stephanie Stephens



***SAINT PAUL'S CALL – February 2019***

**Regular Sunday Schedule**

Worship – 8:15 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Confirmation – 9:00 a.m.  
Adult Class – 9:00 a.m.  
Worship – 10:15 a.m.

**Each Month**

First Sunday - Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> service)  
Second Sunday - Teaching and Prayer Service (Communion 1<sup>st</sup> service)  
Third Sunday - Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> service)  
Fourth Sunday - Contemporary Service (Communion 1<sup>st</sup> service)  
Fifth Sunday - Healing Service

**St. Paul's Mission Statement**

We are a community of faith called to share the good news of Jesus as our model of life. We seek spiritual maturity through worship, learning and serving. We invite and welcome all who desire to share this journey of faith active in love.

## Epiphany.

Darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples;

But, the Lord will rise upon you  
and his glory will be seen.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness  
of your rising.

- Isaiah 60:1-3

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The following is the procedure for inclement weather. The church council will make the decision if services will be delayed or cancelled due to weather. If there will be a delay or closing or if Sunday School is cancelled, that information will be on Facebook. There will also be a message put on the answering machine for the church. If you are not sure if services are cancelled, please call the church at 570-223-9422 and listen for a message. If there is not a special message, then services are at their usual time.

**If you were unable to attend the semi-annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 27th, and didn't receive the church ministries and committee report, it will be sent out this week by e-mail and posted on the church web site. If you are interested in a printed copy please contact office and one will be saved for you.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

First of all, I would like to say how truly honored I am to be able to serve all of you again in a new capacity as your council president. I assure you I will give this position the reverence and commitment it deserves. We are in the transition zone. We have been here longer than we planned and it is and has been uncomfortable. Unfortunately, our time in the transition zone has been costly. When we fail to navigate the transition zone well, church leaders become distressed, and social and relational breakdowns occur. This creates a growing climate of alienation and distrust, and even betrayal. These dynamics can result in losses of ministry and church vision, and outright division within the congregation. Basically, they prevent us from actively pursuing our mission. It might seem that our mission right now is to call a new pastor, but it's actually not. According to our mission statement (that is hanging above the doors to the sanctuary),

"We are a community of faith called to share the good news of Jesus as our model of life. We seek spiritual maturity through worship, learning and serving. We invite and welcome all who desire to share this journey of faith active in love."

As we continue going through the transition zone, we need to refuse to give up any sense of urgency for the mission of God to which our congregation has been called. The absence of pastoral leadership has no bearing on the need for passionate, thoughtful followers of Jesus who speak out against injustice, love unconditionally, and who serve with the conviction of Jesus himself. Our congregation is full of people willing and eager to serve. I may have been chosen to lead our church council, but I absolutely will not be able to do it without Carrie, Kay, Ed, Laura B., Pat, Dick, Tom M., Dana, and Don and that is the absolute truth. Dana and Lynne have been invaluable in supporting and training our new secretary Juli. Hank and Tom S., and Ted continue to keep the church grounds clean, and in good repair. The time, commitment, and gifts lavished on this church in the name of Christ literally takes my breath away. I would personally like to thank everyone who shares their talents from sewing, to cooking, to teaching, to making music, to managing money, to packing food, and mowing the lawn. You ALL matter and are integral to seeing us through this transition. I would like us to simply remember whose children we are and to be kind to each other. If you have questions or concerns, call me. Call a council member. All of our phone numbers are at the top of this newsletter. If we don't have the answer you need, we will find someone who does. Truth. We have the resources of the Synod as well as the pastoral guidance of Pastor Deb Taylor. Please, don't spread dissension! I'm going to try and make sure nothing falls through the cracks. I'll need everyone's help to do that. The apostle Peter reminds us that we have been given "everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Pet. 1:3). I pray that with this promise, that when a new pastor comes to us, she or he will be able to keep up with all of us as we continue to be passionately engaged in bringing God's kingdom to our community—even while living in the transition zone!

Yours In Service,

Laura Pride

P.S. My cell phone # is above. My home phone is 570-476-9225. My email is [papride5@ptd.net](mailto:papride5@ptd.net)



## Worship and Music Highlights



### Stewards of The Good News

*“St. Paul’s Stewardship committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We are committed to sharing the Good news with our congregation and reminding them that stewardship is not just about money. It is about Love! We hope that our short messages shared on the fourth Sunday of each month challenge us all to reimagine the ways in which we steward God’s resources — time, talents and treasures — in response to God’s commandment to love God and our neighbors. Join us!”*

***The Stewardship Committee will begin to share a program called “Opening Your Spiritual Gifts” this month. The program will assist us all in opening our spiritual gifts by guiding us through three activities:***

***Scripture Review: highlighting scripture references that support the existence of spiritual gifts and identify those which are commonly found in service today. Watch for “Gift Definitions and References” in our Stewardship Insert in the bulletin beginning in a few weeks!***

***Self-Assessment: A list of 60 questions which will help you identify the gifts you have received in greatest measure. Go to [www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools](http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools). (copy and paste this link) and take the self-assessment. Copies to do by hand will be available in mid-October.***

***Exploration Of Use: Suggestions for the various types of ministry you might be most effective in because of your spiritual gifts.***

***The Stewardship committee would like to remind everyone to return their commitment cards and their time and talent sheets. We need to have them so we can do the budget for 2019.***

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield**  
**Income & Expense Statement (Unaudited)**

	December <u>2018</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>CHURCH INCOME</b>			
GENERAL INCOME	\$14,779.56	\$133,146.68	\$156,850.00
<b>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</b>			
Regular Benevolence	330.00	2,221.00	3,000.00
Thrivent Choice	0.00	1,286.00	700.00
Pantry/Good Samaritan	737.00	8,415.40	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	65.36	0.00
Designated Scholarship	0.00	100.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	2,192.61	96,227.12	12,650.00
INTEREST INCOME	(1,017.54)	(1,686.21)	110.00
MEMORIAL INCOME	0.00	870.00	0.00
MUSIC EQUIPMENT	499.00	499.00	0.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	0.00	2,734.24	0.00
CELEBRATION HALL WISH LIST	0.00	150.00	0.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	<u>2.99</u>	<u>23.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$17,523.62</u></b>	<b><u>\$244,052.55</u></b>	<b><u>\$173,310.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
STAFF	\$3,690.39	\$36,689.04	\$86,285.00
<b>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE</b>			
Benevolence (Synod)	583.34	7,000.00	7,000.00
Pantry/Good Samaritan	1,141.49	9,536.24	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	65.36	0.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	360.66	6,506.74	7,550.00
WORSHIP	631.00	5,494.07	6,800.00
LEARNING	354.72	2,318.55	3,400.00
PROPERTY	4,384.69	44,200.05	47,475.00
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,173.89	14,086.68	14,087.00
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	522.08	1,250.00
OUTREACH	40.00	40.00	0.00
WITNESS	50.00	292.50	400.00
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	319.36	3,273.52	3,300.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
COMMUNITY GARDENS	0.00	131.96	0.00
PLAYGROUND REPAIRS	0.00	99.00	0.00
TRANSFER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>24.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$12,729.54</u></b>	<b><u>\$132,280.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$177,547.00</u></b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)</b>	<b><u>\$4,794.08</u></b>	<b><u>\$111,772.52</u></b>	<b><u>(\$4,237.00)</u></b>

**Cash Accounts**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$52,918.31	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	129,038.93	
VANGUARD	<u>0.00</u>	\$181,957.24
MIF - DESIGNATED FUNDS		<u>5,036.57</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS</b>		<b><u>\$186,993.81</u></b>



### TEE Shirts for Sale!!

There are a limited number and sizes left of St. Pauls t-shirts left for sale. Shirts are \$10 each. Please show your support by making a purchase before the summer. Sizes and number of shirts left: Small: (5), Medium: (10), Large: (3), XL: (8), XXL: (3) See Mike & Nita Romer, Adrian Martenco, or Jeannette Richardson if you are interested.



**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** Grades 6 thru 12. Gather your friends. Come and have fun!



Please be sure to check the acolyte and crucifer schedule to see if your child is scheduled to serve. We appreciate our wonderful children and their supportive families!

First Communion is set for Palm Sunday, April 14 for children in second grade or older. Please contact Stephanie Stephens if you child will be receiving First Communion this year.

### ***Pocono Wildlife Center is in need of the following items:***

Hand Towels  
Quilted Paper Towel  
Toilet Paper

Lysol  
Laundry Detergent  
Hand Sanitizer



There is a box in the Narthex for donated items.

Thank you

*Tracy Lasslett and Faye Jones*



We are All Companions on the Way  
Drop in on a Wednesday Night for a refreshing Spiritual Formation Worship Service.  
We Share Scripture, Prayer, Meditation, Discussion, and of course Food!  
To Eat with Friends First,  
First Wednesday of the Month: Bring a dish to share at 6:00 pm  
Second – Fourth Wednesdays: Bring your own Dinner 6:00 pm  
Worship 6:30p.m. – 7:15p.m.



The Women's Prayer Group is Going Great!  
We are steadily in our study of "Power of a Praying Woman"  
Group Meets the Second and Fourth Sundays  
Immediately After the second Service  
Building Relationships with One Another and Strengthening our Prayer Lives Together!!  
All Are Welcome to Drop in for Prayer and Discussion!  
We have books if you don't already have one. See Laura Biddulph for more information.



## *Community Garden*

The garden has produced an abundance of produce this season. From lettuce in late spring, a monster crop of zucchini, tomatoes, and green beans in the summer, to jewel-colored onions, carrots, and beets this fall! We have been blessed by God and Dick Rehm's green thumb and our pantry clients and congregation members are so grateful! This fall material purchased with money we received from Thrivent will be wrapped around our apple trees for deer control. The garden is being cleaned up, weeded and closed for the winter. We will start up again in March & April 2019, help is always welcome! No Experience necessary!!!! See Dick Rehm, Ed Stephens or call the church office at 570-223-9422 if you are interested.



There are many odd jobs to be done on a continual basis to maintain our church property. If you would like to donate time to the upkeep of our church property please contact Ted Strohl at 570-856-8008. There are always jobs to be done! The Property Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**The Social Hall floor needs to be replaced. The estimated cost of the materials is \$3000.00. Donations for this cause are appreciated. You may indicate such on your envelope. Thank you!**



**FEBRUARY IS CEREAL MONTH. PLEASE BRING AS MANY BOXES AS YOU ARE ABLE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY AND PUT THEM IN THE BASKETS ON THE ALTAR! THANK YOU!!** Laundry and dish detergent, toothbrushes and personal hygiene items are also welcome. *Thank you to our fabulous volunteers!!*

The pantry does not turn anyone away and makes due with what we have so that every family receives groceries every two weeks. St. Paul's and the community thank you for your continuous support of this important ministry. In addition to the "food of the month" item requested in the bulletin, donations of any nonperishable food items along with laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, bath soap, and other hygiene items are most welcome. Also, don't forget when purchasing items for our pantry to also hand in your Weis Market Receipts! I offer a tremendous and heart-felt thank you to those who have helped pick up food at the stores! We could not do it without your help. For more information or questions on the food pantry, please see Laura Pride, Jackie McGhee, and Nancy Fritz.



**The Hospitality Committee** meets quarterly to review the operation of Celebration Hall. They take care of advertising the hall as a venue, booking events and acting as on-site stewards during those events. They also oversee the care of the hall including maintenance and cleaning. The committee met on September 26<sup>th</sup>. At this time there are several items that Celebration Hall is in need of. As the committee plans fundraising efforts, they would like to offer a list of these items to the congregation in hopes that we might be able to donate funds to defray costs.

**The following is a list of items needed and their estimated cost.**

***1 Round Table: \$200.00, 20 Stacking upholstered chairs: \$25.00 each, 6 Banquet-Length Tablecloths: \$25.00 each***

If you would like to help, please see a member of the Hospitality Committee: Laura Pride, Faye Jones, Kay Malinowitzer, Sam Malinowitzer, Audrey Barr, or Ed Stephens. Thank you!



**We are in search of a coordinator to help with Family Promise.** The job includes making phone calls to the congregation to enlist their help in providing two meals during our co-host week. We co-host with Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church 4 times a year, and our next co-host date will be in February 2019. We NEVER have to host during a holiday! If you're interested please see Laura.

# SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY (Corrected)

## Greeters

**3** Laura and Alan Pride  
**10** Alisa Roth and Savannah Metzger  
**17** Lynn Williams and Noreen Manda  
**24** Tom and Jackie McGee

## Ushers

**3** Faye Jones and Sally Herps  
**10** Nancy Fritz and Doug Albertson  
**17** Don Killeen and Jeanette Albertson  
**24** Laura Biddulph and Marylee Rehm

## Lay Readers

**3** Nancy Fritz  
**10** Sam Malinowitzer  
**17** Stephanie Stephens  
**24** George Power

## Nursery Assistants

TBA

## Acolytes

**3** Ashley Tully  
**10** Connor Hartman  
**17** Marissa Stephens  
**24** Grace Carr

## Communion Assistants

**3** Pat Clements and Dick Rehm  
**10**  
**17** Ed Stephens and Alan Pride  
**24**

## Coffee Servers

**3**  
**10**  
**17**  
**24**

## Crucifer

**3** Chloe Shane  
**10**  
**17** Hannah Stephens  
**24**

## Counters:

**3** Joy Donnelly  
**10** Faye Jones  
**17** Jaime Frailey  
**24** Carrie Strohl



Ruth Ann Rumbold and Freda Seiple \*\*\*If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** and notify **Laura Biddulph lbiddulph0812@yahoo.com** as soon as possible. Thank You.



# SPAGHETTI DINNER

ST Paul's Lutheran Church  
of Smithfield

In Celebration Hall

**February 21, 2019**

4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Donation - \$6.00 per person

Eat in or Take out



If you have any questions...Please call:

Kay Malinowitzer

(h) 570-223-5049 or (c) 570-242-3147

Faye Jones ~ (h) 570-223-8035

**Directions:** Take business 209 N ~ Turn L onto Craig's Meadow Road ~ 1/4 mile behind Country Kettle on Craig's Meadow Road ~ Celebration Hall is located behind the church.

*Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee  
Raffle Sponsored by People of the Way*

# Pack 82

## St Paul's Lutheran Church



Come join us on Monday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
here at St Paul's Lutheran Church.

Boys from 1st grade to 5th are welcome.

For more information please contact

Bill Donovan : [bdonovanpack82@gmail.com](mailto:bdonovanpack82@gmail.com)

Or

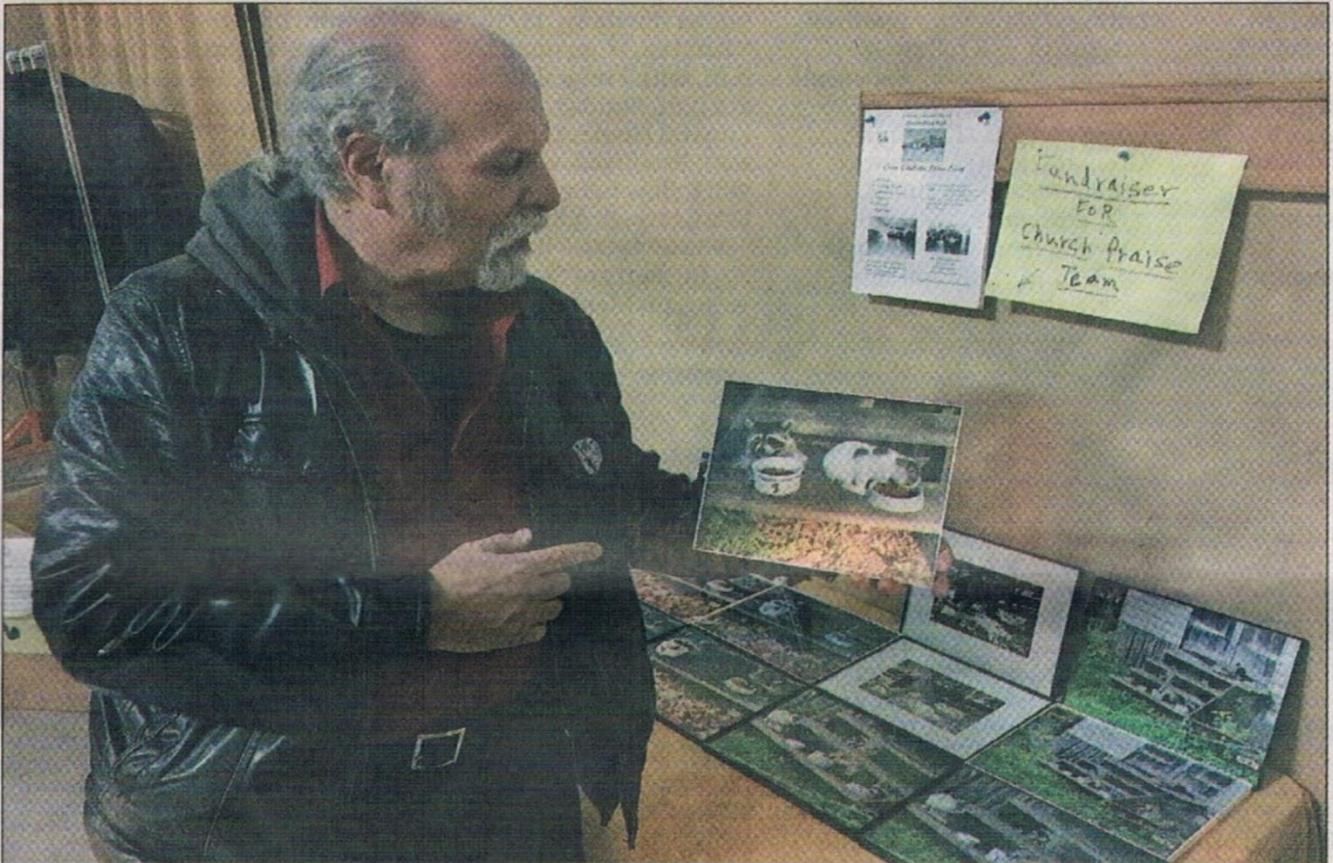
Mike Romer :

[LEE123@PTD.NET](mailto:LEE123@PTD.NET)



**This Article about Sam's fundraiser ran in the Pocono Record Web Site, Facebook and Daily Paper**

## Pictures show peaceful animal co-existence



**During the monthly spaghetti dinner Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Smithfield Township, Sam Malinowitzer holds one of the pictures he took showing one of his two cats eating with a raccoon at his home. Malinowitzer is selling these pictures, from which people can learn to peacefully co-exist as animals do, to raise money for church praise team equipment. Anyone wishing to buy a picture can contact Malinowitzer at (570) 242-3155. [ANDREW SCOTT/POCONO RECORD]**

**There are different framed pictures available that Sam took in his backyard with his cat's and different wildlife who visit at dinner time.**

**Sam now has new animal tee shirts and coffee cups for sale to help raise money for church organ. You can purchase these items at church and at the spaghetti dinner.**

## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 10:00 Friday Ladies	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School, Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship- Communion	<b>4</b> 6:00 Music and Worship Meeting  7:00 Property Meeting	<b>5</b> 11:30 am Bible Study  7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal  7:00 Church Council Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:00 First Wednesday Potluck Dinner followed by  Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall at 6:30	<b>7</b> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>  10:00 am Friday Ladies	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:15 Worship- Communion 9:00 Sunday School, Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 am Bible Study  7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 6:00 Bring your own meal followed by  Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall at 6:30	<b>14</b> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal  6:30 Finance Meeting	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Friday Ladies  Youth Group 6:30-8:30 in CH  Game Night 6:00 -- in FH	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School, Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship- Communion	<b>18</b> 7:00 Evangelism Meeting	<b>19</b> 11:30 am Bible Study  7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 6:00 Bring your own meal followed by  Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall at 6:30	<b>21</b> 4:30-7:00 Spaghetti Dinner  7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Friday Ladies	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:15 Worship- Communion 9:00 Sunday School, Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Contemporary Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:30 am Bible Study  7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 6:00 Bring your own meal followed by  Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall at 6:30	<b>28</b> 6:00 Stewardship Meeting  7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>Cub Scouts:</b> Every Monday at 6:30-8:00 p.m. <b>Girl Scouts:</b> 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. <b>Karate:</b> Every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 p.m. <b>NA:</b> Every Thursday and Saturday 6:30-9:30 p.m.	



# KARATE CLASSES

We invite you to become part of our karate family. Our certified instructors will teach age appropriate Isshin-Ryu Karate as well as grappling, judo and self-defense techniques.

## Class Information:

Days:

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Times:

Children (6-12) 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Adults (13 and up) 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location:

St Paul's Lutheran Church  
139 Craig's Meadow Road  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Cost:

Suggested donation: \$40 per month

**Phoenix Martial Arts Society is a public 501(c)(3) charitable organization.**

For more information contact:

## **Phoenix Martial Arts Society**

PO Box 326  
Analomink, PA 18320  
Phone: 570-982-4999

E-mail: [info@phoenixmartialartssociety.com](mailto:info@phoenixmartialartssociety.com)

Web: [www.phoenixmartialartssociety.com](http://www.phoenixmartialartssociety.com)

Come and explore the many benefits that martial arts training has to offer.

- Confidence
- Leadership
- Discipline
- Coordination
- Physical Fitness
- Friendships
- Anti-Bullying
- Self Defense

Each class focuses on the traditional Okinawan karate values and skill sets while making sure our students have a great time!



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