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Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, PA 17569

717-336-2849

STAFF

MINISTERS:

Congregation

PASTOR:

Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

ADMIN ASST:

Brenda Johnston

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Susan Kreitz

ASSISTANT ORGANIST

Grady Daub

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

SEXTON

John Frantz

WORSHIP

8:00AM & 9:00AM

Sunday School

10:15AM

**THREE OPTIONS AVAIL-
ABLE**

1. Watch video on YouTube
2. Tune in to FM 87.9 in your car parked in church lot
3. Join us inside for in person worship.

Those who participate from car or outside will be brought communion.



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

MAY 2023

From Pastor Scott

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

We continue our journey in the season of Easter, empowered by the wonderful experiences of Holy Week. My thanks to all who worked so hard to ensure that our Holy Week activities were a success. Everything was amazing and beautiful and life-giving.

I am seeing new life springing forth everywhere. I see it outside and inside the walls of the church. Not only are flowers and trees blooming, but so too are our various ministries. I am particularly excited about our Spring Fest on May 20. That promises to be tons of fun for all ages. Come and bring

a friend or three with you.

Also, mark your calendars for our Ascension Day Holy Communion service with the Lenten cluster churches at Swamp on May 18 at 7 PM. Pastor Tim Craven of Mellingers is preaching.

We will return to our summer worship schedule of one service at 8:30 on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. I will be on a staycation from the Monday prior, so Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr. will be leading us in worship on Pentecost.

The Easter season is a great time to reflect on the love that God shows us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. I mean, his resurrection changes the history of salvation and gives our suffering purpose. We have the freedom to live our lives as God intended and experience real joy and happiness. Even when we are buried in our sorrows, we

can hold onto the hope that eternal joy is coming, and God shall comfort us in our sufferings.

As we lean into Pentecost, we focus on the Holy Spirit as a great gift from God. This gift of the Holy Spirit reveals God's love for us; but it also reveals the fact that God trusts us to be co-workers, and with that comes responsibility and accountability. It is the Spirit working through us that turns us into loving people, capable of forgiveness, enabling reconciliation, showing mercy, a people of joyful hope.

I think the question to ask ourselves is 'what did I do with the gifts God gave me?' Let's all use our gifts to further God's work at Swamp.

In Christ,
Pastor Scott

Church Office Requests



Please call the church office at 717-336-2849 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In an emergency, call Pastor Brubaker at 717-598-4663.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident.

- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.**
- There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce).
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.**

Important for keeping data base current.
 You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee. To be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Katie Houck
Joan Long
Hunter Leisey
Susan Levan
Clair Sweigart
Charles Hoppman
Michael Wargo
Jan Lorah
Jean Wolf
John Frantz
Ray Fox
Honey Notobartolo
Sandy Clemens
Karen Gardner
Muffy Reinecker
Kenny Rauch
Anna Habecker

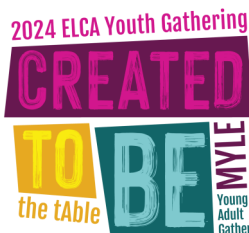
Ed Miller
Nettie Kriener
Michael A. Crowther
Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz
Mary Kring—aunt of Linda Ream
Grace Ranck
Reba Ranck
Faith Moyer
Kent Weinhold
Gene Miller
John Wesner
Nancy Leffler
Kelly Martin
Pastor Jim Miller
Bruce Wagner
Beaty Gress
Family of Nancy Kulp
Josh Garrison



When someone is put on the prayers list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off unless you make another request to have them put back on.

Mark Your Calendars

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering
July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans, LA



Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023).
Young adults who are 18 to 35 are invited to take part in the first-ever ELCA Young Adult Gathering. Participants will be split up into cohorts by age. Financial support by the congregation is critical.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

JOAN LONG SHAWN'S PARK 24493 WHITE STREET MILLSBORO, DE 19966	5/5	KATHRYN MILLER PO BOX 210 REAMSTOWN, PA 17567	5/17
JOAN REINECKER 600 N. MUDDY CREEK ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	5/7	ANDREW KELLY JR 104 BURROWS STREET SINKING SPRING, PA 19608	5/24
SHERRILYN ARTZ PO BOX 53 390 BLUE LAKE ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	5/15	DIANNE CRILLS 137 MEADOW VALLEY ROAD LOT #50 EPHRATA, PA 17522	5/28
CARL FRANCK 8 EDIE DRIVE DENVER, PA 17517	5/16	EVAN FRANTZ 130 S. FORT ZELLER ROAD NEWMANSTOWN, PA 1707	5/28

ALTAR FLOWERS

Grumbine Flowers, is providing our weekly altar flowers and candle. The flower price is \$40.00 and the candle price is \$5.00. The flower calendar is posted on the Narthex bulletin board or call Joyce Stoner at 717-336-7077,



Flowers are Full for May



Please advise the office if this is the magic year that you turn 70! Just give Brenda a call at 717-336-2849 or email her at secretary@swamplutheran.org

Ephrata Area Social Services and Swamp Lutheran Church continue on a monthly cycle to partner with food distribution. Monthly on the second Wednesday we distribute food boxes on behalf of EASS. Currently, there is a shortage of SPAM, cereal and canned chicken. Thank you for helping as you are able.



Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Charles Moyer
Ella Shirk
Leona Showalter
Anna Adams
Jim Miller



GRADY DAUB	01
ANJA FERRY	02
CASEY COBLE	03
ANNA ADAMS	03
JEN WEITZEL	03
JOAN LONG	05
MARY ANN KING	07
JOAN REINECKER	07
ERIC ARTZ	08
RANDY KRATER	08
LAURA RAPP	08
KEITH KITTLER	08
TAYLOR KIDWELL	10
STEVE KAUFFMAN	11
JASA LORAH	11
JESSICA MILLER	11
CORINNE SWEIGART	12
TAYLOR HIGGINS	14
SHERRILYN ARTZ	15
CARL FRANCK	16
KATHRYN MILLER	17
EMILY SHOWALTER	18
JESS ZOOK	18
DENISE NULL	19
RAY WEITZEL	19
JAMES KING	22
TAYLOR WEAVER	22
ADDISON MCQUATE	22
JON KOON	23
CARTER SHOWALTER	24
ANDREW KELLY	24
KIERSTEN SHOWALTER	24
RANDY LEISEY	26
DENNIS TROUTMAN	27
ABBEY RINEER	28
EVAN FRANTZ	28
KAYLIE CARMAN	28
WILLIAM MULLIGAN	29
CONNOR SHOWALTER	30
MELISSA HERSHEY	31



May 18	7:00PM	Ascension Day	Pastor Tim Craven
		Swamp Lutheran	
May 20	11:00AM-2:00PM	Spring Fest	
May 24	7:00PM	Last Choir Rehearsal before Summer	
May 28	8:30AM	ONE SERVICE BEGINS	
June 4	8:30AM	Confirmation Sunday	

GRADUATES. Swamp Lutheran wants to recognize those who have graduated from high school or college this year on Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4. Please inform the office of any graduates so that we can celebrate their accomplishment. If sending an email please identify if it is high school or college graduation.



Next Council Meeting
MAY 17, 2023



Gently Used Sneakers Needed. Cub Pack 95 is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. The sneakers will be purchased from the Cubs by an organization that resells or recycles them, saving landfill space and natural resources while helping the Scouts raise money to fund their activities. The Cubs are **not** able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. You may support these efforts by writing a check to Swamp Lutheran with the memo marked Disaster Response. The church will then send one check to Lutheran Disaster who in turn will donate 100% of the donation to assist those impacted.

THANK YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY!!



The church needs your help as a volunteer. From time to time members of the church need assistance in getting somewhere or even to get to church. It is not often but when the need arises we would appreciate having some folks who are willing to drive if available. Please call Brenda at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family.

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS
GIFT + THANK YOU TO PASTOR SCOTT
FOR HIS VISIT. THANK YOU FOR THE
CARDS.

THANK YOU
MARION + JOHN
BERGMAN



Thank you for the hospitality box
and the wonderful goodies in it. Also
thank you for all of the beautiful
Christmas cards I received. It is
so nice to be remembered even
though I cannot attend services.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Betty Kames

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED

It has come to our attention that patients at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon need Lap Robes. The size of the Lap Robe needed is **3.5' x 5'** and may be knitted, crocheted, or made of fleece. Since the Lap Robes are sent home with the patient when they leave the VA, there is an ongoing need for them. If you currently make prayer shawls, please consider switching to making Lap Robes. **Yarn is available from the church, if needed.** We will be collecting the Lap Robes in the Church Library. The VA is appreciative ! **Thank you to all continuing to work on this outreach.**



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 16, 2023

Your Council met Thursday, March 16th. Highlights include:

Service: Reported that John Frantz and Deb Henly updated the outside food pantry
Contact Jodi Showalter if you are interested in being on the updated prayer chain.

Love, Inc: The family in their house was granted a 90 day extension
The strawberry shortcake fundraiser will be held on May 25-28 at the Adamstown Community Days

Kitchen Krew: Our Food Bank provided food for 25 families in March.
Ash Wednesday Supper served 49 folks
Vision Process Luncheon served 28 folks.
Thursday April 6, Friday April 7 and Easter Sunday will serve breakfast.

Welcome: 83 cards were mailed out.
The Spring Fest will be held May 20th. The band will play from 11:30-1:00.
They are hoping to get a video of the band and post on our website
Food will be provided

Youth Ministry: March 31-April 1--Flashlight Egg Hunt and sleepover
April 23—Poverty simulation will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran in Neffsville.
May 21—Habitat for Humanity will be our guests.
They are starting to plan for the 2024 Youth Gathering
April 2 will be a parent meeting for the gathering
Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers

Scouts: March 25—The Blue & Gold Banquet will be held.
Campout being planned for May
Slip and slide kickball during the Spring Fest event.
An upcoming sandwich Fundraiser is being planned.

Learning: They are estimating 30-35 kids for the Egg hunt on April 8
Gabe Leed will have his First Holy Communion on Easter morning

Worship: Dates and times to keep in mind:
Cocalico Choralaires will be here March 26, one service at 8:30 with a breakfast following.
April 6--Maundy Thursday service starts at 7:30pm
April 7—Good Friday service starts at 8:00pm
April 9--Easter Sunday services at 6 and 8:30am with breakfast between
June 4—Confirmation of two youth
May 28—Summer worship schedule starts. One service at 8:30

Other items discussed: COVID task force met and reviewed the current numbers and recommended that we make no changes at this time.

Online/mobile giving now has the Pick 6 options available

The Synod Assembly will be held in June. Connie Taylor and Guy Templin will be our representatives.

We are looking for a new Property Chairman. If you are interested, let Pastor or myself know.

Time and Abilities forms will be mailed out to the congregation. Please take the time to complete the form to support your church.

A temple talk will be scheduled to talk about opportunities to support a new Ukranian refugee family.

Phillies Opening Day is only 11 days away!! Let's Go Phils!!

Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or or committee chair Tyler @ 717 740 3674 email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com.

Adult Volunteers are always needed.



- * 5/8 Mini Golfing
Sub Fundraiser ends
- * 5/19-21 Camping at Camp Mack
- * 5/20 Will run the Slip N Slide Kickball event at Spring Fest
- * 5/29 Marching in Reinholds Memorial Day parade



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

FULL and PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>

Check out the above link for specific information.

Red geraniums are available for purchase for Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023. Cost is not known at this time. Please contact Jodi Showalter at 717-413-7149 by May 14.



Have you updated your will and remembered the ministry of Christ at Swamp Lutheran?

Swamp Lutheran Church can be named a beneficiary in your will and/or in your life insurance policy.

Give a gift that celebrates your life and commitment to Christ!

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

- Lori Gockley, President,
- David Sauder, Vice President,
- Danielle Kauffman, Secretary
- Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary
- Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer
- Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

- Danielle Kauffman - Communications
- Sue Ellen Knauer - Constitution; Personnel
- Lee Showalter - Disaster Response
- Guy Templin - Finance
- Deb Sweigert - Love, Inc.
- Randy Krater - Property
- Tom Showalter - Safety & Security
- Pastor Scott Brubaker - Scouts
- Deb Kohl - Service
- Fritz Fichtner - Generosity
- Jen Weitzel - Welcome; Learning
- Alan Worley - Youth Ministry

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church				
Treasurers Report				
Mar 01, 2023 through Mar 31, 2023				
Account	Budgets March 2023	Actuals March 2023	% of Budget	Remaining
Income	\$ 26,679.25	\$ 30,549.33	114.51%	\$ (3,870.08)
Expense	\$ 28,981.96	\$ 37,306.03	128.72%	\$ (8,324.07)
OPERATIONS	\$ 3,745.86	\$ 3,325.43	88.78%	\$ 420.43
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,741.70	\$ 7,437.66	427.03%	\$ (5,695.96)
BENEFITS	\$ 2,590.44	\$ 2,717.72	104.91%	\$ (127.28)
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 9,125.50	\$ 9,095.50	99.67%	\$ 30.00
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 602.88	0.00%	\$ (602.88)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 66.67
PROPERTY	\$ 5,251.71	\$ 7,354.62	140.04%	\$ (2,102.91)
WORSHIP	\$ 662.52	\$ 1,023.87	154.54%	\$ (361.35)
SERVICE	\$ 83.34	\$ 200.00	239.98%	\$ (116.66)
COMMUNICATIONS (16-03-01-01)	\$ 16.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 16.67
GENEROSITY	\$ 41.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 41.67
WELCOME	\$ 466.68	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 466.68
LEARNING	\$ 437.52	\$ 70.01	16.00%	\$ 367.51
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 4,751.68	\$ 5,478.34	115.29%	\$ (726.66)
Income less Expense	\$ (2,302.71)	\$ (6,756.70)	293.42%	\$ 4,453.99

Thank You



Generosity Minute

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Stewardship Tip:

10-10-80 Principle



The 10-10-80 Principle of money management has been lifted up in different contexts over the years. The principle itself is pretty basic. It encourages each disciple to prayerfully embrace an approach to their incomes around these three percentages:

- 10% (tithe) is offered to the work of God's kingdom in the world through the church and other charitable giving
- 10% is saved for future needs (retirement, emergencies)

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80% is the amount of one's income that one lives on – with a prayerful sense of God's guidance and priorities for this use

Many of us probably have no idea what percentages we are currently using in these three areas. In fact, there is likely a whole host of us that are saving nothing for the future, offering whatever we have available in the week that we actually worship and living from paycheck to paycheck with supplemental borrowing through the use of credit cards.

Our culture is not much help. Its mantra is "Spend, spend, spend!" But if you want financial health, then the Christian Stewardship principle of 10-10-80 is the way to go.

Sometimes it just takes a resource from which to work to lead us into a better approach toward some aspect of our lives. It may be something we hear in a sermon. It may be something we read in the Bible or some other book. It may be something we heard in a conversation or on television.

10-10-80 can be this kind of resource for you as you work with your finances and consider your future goals. It may even be a goal to work toward where you start at whatever level is currently being embraced and look to move year-by-year toward the goal of 10-10-80.

This 10-10-80 principle is simple and worth considering as one looks to live faithfully in every area of our lives. It is said that Luther spoke of three conversions necessary, "the heart, the mind and the purse!" His sense was that the purse was the last conversion to which we open ourselves.

How is that "conversion of the purse" at work in your life?

(Adapted with thanks to Pr. Blair Morgan, SW PA synod ELCA)

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Newsletter Submission
JUNE
WEDNESDAY
MAY 23, 2023

Come Join Us
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Swamp's
**Spring
Fest**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

MAY 20 • 11AM-2PM

**AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH
275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569**



**THE SWING FEVER BAND, FREE FOOD
& GAMES FOR KIDS**

ACTIVITES:

The Swing Fever Band will be playing starting around 11:30am.
They are a 21 piece WWII Swing Band, dressing accordingly.

Cub Pack 95 will be holding a Slip N Slide Kickball Game
Don't forget your swim suits

Additional games and activities will be available for all ages!

OPPORTUNITIES



ELCA Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH AND THE CHARITIES YOU LOVE THROUGH YOUR LEGACY

Have you included a gift to your church in your estate plan?

Do you want to leave a legacy gift to other ministries of our church?

Through partnership between the ELCA Foundation and your ELCA Synod and regional ministries, free charitable estate planning is available to you.

Gift planning services for individuals:

We can help you navigate your options to create a gift plan that benefits the ministries that mean the most to you, while maximizing your financial and estate-planning goals. Options include:

- Facilitation of gifts made through wills, trusts or estates.
- Personalized gift plan illustrations
- Resources specific to your legacy needs.
- Tools that create multiple avenues of approach such as donor-advised funds, named endowment funds, and charitable trusts and annuities.
- Gifts of cash, securities, and real estate
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from your qualified retirement accounts.



Your Regional Gift Planner

Marianne Brock
(717) 574-9066

Marianne.Brock@elca.org



Marianne is the gift planner for Allegheny, Upper and Lower Susquehanna, Northeastern and Southeastern PA, and Virginia Synods. She is available to assist individuals and couples in creating legacy and estate plans benefitting family and loved ones, the ministries of our church, and other non-profit organizations.

Contact Marianne to set up a confidential, no-cost, no-obligation appointment.



Homes of Hope Mentor Training

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR WITH LOVE INC'S HOMES OF HOPE MINISTRY? USE YOUR GIFTS TO HELP SERVE FAMILIES IN NEED. THIS TRAINING WILL EQUIP YOU TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF MENTORING A FAMILY THROUGH LOVE INC'S HOMES OF HOPE PROGRAM. OPEN TO NEW AND CURRENT HOMES OF HOPE MENTORS.

Wednesday, May 17th
6:00-8:00 PM - Via Zoom

Link will be provided after registration.
Email Julia Solano - jsolano@loveinc Lancaster.org to register for this FREE training.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

WORK DAYS AT CAMP

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM
SATURDAY, MAY 6 - KIRCHENWALD, 9:00 AM

Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.
A noon meal will be provided.
So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP by April 21 at LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittet Farm
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Can't wait to get together again
with Lutheran Women?

You can register for the Twelfth
Triennial Convention and Gathering
to be held

September 19-24, 2023, in Phoenix, AZ.
Visit welcatg.org for more information.



Twelfth Triennial Theme

BERKS ENCORE presents THE HUMP DAY DANCE PARTY

...featuring DJ Ted

Shake off the "rust" and get your Happy Feet moving every Wednesday!

"If you're 50 + ...then you gotta join us!"

The FUN starts Wednesday, April 12th
from 2 to 4 PM

Encore Mifflin Center
Grace Lutheran Church
30 Liberty Street Shillington, PA 19607

Let's Get This Party Started!!

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