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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

**WORSHIP**  
**8:30AM**

**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

**JUNE 2023**

### *From Pastor Scott*

Dear beloveds,

On Pentecost, we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early disciples, which marked the birth of the Church. Pentecost is a time to reflect on the transformative power of the Spirit in our lives.

The disciples gathered in Jerusalem and were filled with the Holy Spirit, igniting a fire within them. Similarly, the Spirit continues to work among us, breathing life into our weary souls. As followers of Christ, we are called to live by the Spirit,

allowing her presence to guide and transform us.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church is not merely a building, but a living organism empowered by the Spirit. We are each equipped with unique gifts to serve and build up the body of Christ. Let us embrace our roles and contribute to the advancement of God's reign.

Furthermore, Pentecost reminds us of the universality of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit transcends barriers of language and culture, extending the love of God to all. Let us embrace diversity, seek unity, and extend the love and grace of Christ to all.

This Pentecost season, let us seek personal renewal and a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. May we discern God's leading amidst the noise of the world and faith-

fully follow wherever God may lead us.

As we celebrate the birth of the Church and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, let us recommit ourselves to the mission of making disciples of all nations. May this Pentecost be a season of revival and transformation in our lives and community.

In Christ's love,  
*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.

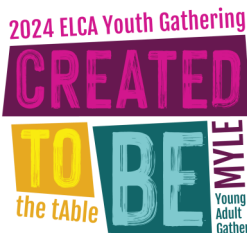
Katie Houck  
Joan Long  
Hunter Leisey  
Susan Levan  
Clair Sweigart  
Charles Hoppman  
Michael Wargo  
Jan Lorah  
Jean Wolf  
John Frantz  
Ray Fox  
Honey Notobartolo  
Sandy Clemens  
Karen Gardner  
Muffy Reinecker  
Kenny Rauch  
Anna Habecker  
J.J. Johnson  
Jackson Sensenig

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  
Kelly Martin  
Pastor Jim Miller  
Bruce Wagner  
Beaty Gress  
Josh Garrison  
Doreen McGonnell  
Bobby Hershey  
Randy Gockley  
Anna Hershey



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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

PAM HERTZOG 89 HAWK VALLEY LANE DENVER, PA 17517	6/4	TOM HENLY 505 S. 6 <sup>TH</sup> STREET DENVER, PA 17517	6/19
JOHN ELSER 250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS AVENUE APT. 101 EPHRATA, PA 17522	6/6	JUNE EBERLY 119 MARTZALL ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	6/23

## 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 available June 18 & 25  
Candle is available June 11 & 25



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@swamlutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamlutheran.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, canned chicken, paper towels, pasta sauce, canned carrots, corn, mixed vegetables and canned pears and pineapples.. 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



Katie Houck	01
Tyler Leed	02
Chris Laudenslager	03
Kenzie Stopper	03
Ali Templin	03
Pam Hertzog	04
Samantha Donmoyer	04
Bronson Reedy	05
John Elser	06
Larry Knauer	08
Katie Laudenslager	08
Jim Martzall	11
Chace Smith	14
Ashlie Artz	14
Eric Showalter	14
Hailey Ranck	15
Stephen Ranck	15
Colin Reimer	16
Olivia Reimer	16
Lisa Ferry	17
Peggy Coble	17
Adara Kittler	17
Brian Reedy	17
Tom Henly	19
Guy Templin	21
Vanessa Knauer	22
Zach Rineer	22
Maeve Van Zant	22
June Eberly	23
Troy Hagy	23
Faith Stoltzfoos	25
Rachel Young	25
Greg Diestel	27
Jerry Landis	27
Anson Kauffman	28
Mike Mixell	29



## Upcoming Events

June 4	8:30AM	Confirmation Sunday Recognize Graduates
June 5	5:30PM	Mulching Swamp
June 18	4:00PM	Confirmation Camp Week Starts
June 24	1:00PM-4:00PM	John Frantz Retirement Celebration—Drop In
July 9-13	6:30PM-8:30PM	Reinholds Community Vacation Bible School Reinholds Carnival Grounds
August 18/19		Women of ELCA Conference @ Swamp
August 27	Following Worship	Church Brunch Picnic

**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

JUNE 28, 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](mailto: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. 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.

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from *Edgar, Beaty & Brian Gress*

We want to thank everyone for the prayers and phone calls after the passing of our beloved daughter, Melissa Swift. Thank you Pastor Scott for all your visits and phone calls. We are grateful for our church family.



This is a heartfelt thank you to our congregation for all the wonderful donations of both kits and supplies for our LWR personal care kit effort. Because of you, Swamp will be supplying 50 kits for the LWR to distribute this year. Your generosity is overwhelming! Thanks again for making this project a huge success.

*Jane, Denise, Connie and Debbie*

A heartfelt thanks to Pat Weitzel who hand-knitted washcloth roses for all the Mothers of the congregation on Mothers Day. A gift from the heart that continues to give!



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**DISASTER RESPONSE** - Pastor Glenn Beard and those who participated in the most recent disaster response mission trip will be gathering to tell their stories and show photos from their trip on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join them and allow them to say, "thank you" for supporting this very important outreach ministry.

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### **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. 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 MAY 17, 2023

Your Council met Wednesday May 17. Highlights include:

**Service:** The Community meal served 54 folks on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Kitchen Krew:**

- Our Food Bank provided food for 24 families in May.
- 65 meals were prepared for the community meal.
- Eight Pastors served at the North Lancaster Rostered Leaders monthly meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 58 served after Ascension Day service
- Spring fest plans to serve 150 folks. (actual count by print date)

**Welcome:** The Spring Fest is Saturday, May 20. Actual—was well attended and over \$600 was raised for Stockings for Soldiers.

**Youth Ministry:** On Sunday, May 21, Habitat for Humanity will come and speak to the youth about what they do and how they can get involved.

July 12—Youth will go to the Wittel Farm at Camp Kirchenwald.

**Learning:**

- Families are to notify office of current graduates
- Last day of Sunday school is May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Nate Laudenslager and Melia VanZant will be confirmed on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Property:** Outside spring clean up will be held May 31 and mulching will be done June 5<sup>th</sup>. Both start times are 5:30pm.

**Other items discussed:**

- The sexton job description was discussed. It was voted to make this a paid position with the salary starting at \$15/hour for 20 hours per week.
- Good Sound has ordered the needed equipment. It may take several months to arrive.
- Generosity committee will meet to discuss a special fund drive to help raise funds to cover the cost.

**One thought concerning the Phillies: It's not how you start, but how you finish!  
LET'S GO PHILS!**

As a church family we are grateful to Susan Kreitz and Doug Kulp for their leadership of the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir throughout the year. We also recognize Grady Daub in his position as Assistant Organist. The commitment of these leaders and their choir and handbell participants is what allows us, the congregation, to enjoy Godly music each week.

  
*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**  


May you enjoy a well earned break!



**VBS VOLUNTEERS WANTED** - This year, instead of hosting our own VBS, we are joining the Reinholds Community VBS efforts. The Reinholds Community VBS is looking for volunteers to help make this year's VBS the best yet! VBS is July 9-13 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Reinholds Carnival Grounds. Use the SignUpGenius link below for more information and to sign up for various different areas. Any questions, please see/contact Abbey Rineer. Thank you in advance for joining us for this fun week as "Keepers of the Kingdom"!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4daeaf2ba4f85-reinholds4#/#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4daeaf2ba4f85-reinholds4#/)



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

**SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

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

Check out the above link for specific information.



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.

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**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				
Treasurer Report				
Apr 01, 2023 through Apr 30, 2023				
Account	Budgets April 2023	Actuals April 2023	% of Budget	Remaining
<b>Income</b>	\$ 26,679.25	\$ 30,155.90	113.03%	\$ (3,476.65)
INCOME	\$ 26,679.25	\$ 30,053.90	112.65%	\$ (3,374.65)
MATCHING FUNDS RETURNED	\$ -	\$ 102.00	0.00%	\$ (102.00)
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 26,146.96	\$ 26,036.59	99.58%	\$ 110.37
OPERATIONS	\$ 3,745.86	\$ 4,875.21	130.15%	\$ (1,129.35)
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,641.70	\$ 1,046.58	63.75%	\$ 595.12
BENEFITS	\$ 2,590.44	\$ 2,717.72	104.91%	\$ (127.28)
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 9,125.50	\$ 9,075.50	99.45%	\$ 50.00
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 467.66	0.00%	\$ (467.66)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 66.67
PROPERTY	\$ 5,026.71	\$ 1,989.33	39.58%	\$ 3,037.38
WORSHIP	\$ 812.52	\$ 261.25	32.15%	\$ 551.27
SERVICE	\$ 83.34	\$ 290.00	347.97%	\$ (206.66)
GENEROSITY	\$ 41.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 41.67
WELCOME	\$ 466.68	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 466.68
LEARNING	\$ 437.52	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 437.52
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,091.68	\$ 5,313.34	254.02%	\$ (3,221.66)
<b>Income less Expense</b>	\$ 532.29	\$ 4,119.31	773.88%	\$ (3,587.02)

**LWR SCHOOL KITS** - Last year, Swamp assembled and delivered 120 school kits to the LWR pick-up site. Many thanks to all who donated supplies and helped us reach this goal! This year we're aiming for a match or more!

We are presently accepting donations of items for this year's Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project through the end of September. Please help make this year's project a success. **Donations may be given to Jane Leshar, Denise Null and Connie Taylor.** Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.

Items most needed: **notebooks, scissors and pens.**

**Items not needed:** No backpacks (thanks to Jane); No pencils, thanks to a generous donor.

We appreciate everyone following the guidelines listed below, as Lutheran World Relief will not send anything that doesn't adhere to these guidelines. Each backpack will contain:

- **70-80** sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8"x10 1/2" - 4 per backpack
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side - 1 per backpack
- Pencil sharpener - 1 per backpack
- **Blunt** scissors (safety scissors). (They must say this on the packaging) - 1 per backpack
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - 5 per backpack
- Black or blue ink pens - 5 per backpack
- Packs of 16 or 24 crayons - 1 per backpack
- 2 1/2" erasers - 1 per backpack





# CELEBRATING JOHN

## HAPPY RETIREMENT JOHN

Join us to celebrate with John Frantz  
his retirement as Sexton  
at Swamp Lutheran Church!

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
**Drop In 1:00 to 4:00**

**Social Hall of Swamp Lutheran Church**  
**Reinholds, PA**

Please consider bringing a gift card to add to John's  
Flower Gift Card Bouquet!

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Monday—Friday

## GENEROSITY MINUTE

**One of My Own**

*This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way...*

2 Corinthians 9:11, The Message

A long-time member and proud grandfather stood at the baptismal font for the baptism of his baby granddaughter. Another infant from another family was baptized at the same service. During the picture time following the service, the grandfather offered to hold the boy while his mother got something from her baby bag. Several members commented to the grandfather about the baby. He kept saying, "Oh, this one isn't mine; I'm just holding him for a minute."

The next day, the grandfather visited the pastor and said, "I want to change my will to include the church." The stunned pastor asked him what brought the grandfather to this decision. The older man's eyes grew moist as he said, "Yesterday I realized something while I was holding that other baby. I kept telling people that he wasn't my child, but then it dawned on me that he was part of my family, part of my church family. I've been a member of this church for over forty years, and in God's eyes I'm a grandfather to more than just my own. I've taken care of my own children in my will, but I realized I also need to provide for the children of the church. So, I want to divide my estate to leave a part to the church as if the church were one of my children."

A generous heart filled with gratitude to God has a God-given vision and faith to plant seeds for trees whose shade they will never see.

Excerpted from *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving* by Robert C. Schnase (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2011), pp. 83-84



# OPPORTUNITIES



**ELCA Foundation**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## 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.

Join us for a berry sweet time!



## Strawberry Festival

**Saturday, June 3 • 11 AM – 1 PM**  
Luther Acres, 600 East Main Street, Lititz.  
Rain or shine! In the event of rain, event moves indoors.



**\$6.00**  
Strawberries, Shortcake,  
Ice Cream, Whipped Cream

**\$4.00**  
Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

*Plus, win a beautiful quilt!*

Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of two beautiful queen size quilts, shown here.

Prices: • \$5 for two tickets  
• \$10 for arm's length strip of tickets  
• \$15 for double arm's length strip of tickets




For more information, visit [www.LutherCare.org](http://www.LutherCare.org).  
*Proceeds benefit charitable activities of Luther Acres Residents' Council.*

**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](http://welcatg.org) for more information.**



*Twelfth Triennial Theme*



# KIDS PAGE

## God Gave Samson Strength Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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God helps me 

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