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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:

Terri Renninger

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Susan Kreitz

ASSISTANT ORGANIST

Grady Daub

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

SEXTON

Jonathan Gyorko

IN PERSON WORSHIP

8:00AM

9:00AM

Sunday School 10:15AM

TWO OPTIONS
AVAILABLE

1. Watch live stream video on YouTube
2. Join us inside for in person worship



Newsletter of Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

From Pastor Scott

Go, tell...

Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” Mark 16:6-7

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We shout these words on Easter morning in our worship. At 6 am, we have the fire and the light of Christ in the Paschal Candle and the affirmation of our baptisms with aspersion. At 8:30, filled with a hearty breakfast, we praise God and welcome young ones into the church through the sacrament of Baptism. We accompany it all with the Word of God in preaching, organ, piano, and choir.

It's a festive time of celebration of our Risen Lord. We are wholeheartedly grateful to be God's people, and to honor God's Easter victory of reconciling all things. And yet, Easter is not the end of the story. It's the beginning of something new; something to be proclaimed and shared and lived.

“But go, tell...” the young man in Jesus' empty tomb tells the women who came on Sunday morning to anoint Jesus' body as was the custom of the day. “But go, tell...” is our job too. Go tell of Jesus' resurrection. Go tell that it is a new beginning for everyone; for the world.

So, with such great news to share, let us all lean into the mission of being Christ's disciples in proclamation and in love for others. Go, tell others by the testimony of your life. Go, tell others to join you in worship. Go, tell others to come join in our fellowship activities. Go, tell others that God loves them and so do you.

Go, tell....

Let us pray.

God of life, God of new life, we praise you for such bright promise and hope. We praise you for Jesus, risen from the dead, who leads us in the way of life and peace. We give thanks for this community of faith, where we experience your mercy, your compassion and forgiveness. We pray that you will fill all our days with patience and joy, with courage and peace. Send your Spirit to help us care for each other well, with encouragement and comfort. Empower us to “Go, tell” in witness to others. We pray in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.**

portant 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.

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Katie Houck
 Hunter Leisey
 Susan Levan
 Clair Sweigart
 Michael Wargo
 Jan Lorah
 Jean Wolf
 John Frantz
 Ray Fox
 Honey Notobartolo
 Sandy Clemens
 Amber Weaver
 Katie Krater
 Judy Habecker



Ed Miller
 Nettie Kriener
 Grace Ranck
 Reba Ranck
 Faith Moyer
 Gene Miller
 John Wesner
 Kelly Martin
 Jackson Sensenig
 John Elser
 Edie Snyder
 Michael A. Crowther

Shirley Achey
 Karen Klingensmith
 Marilyn Gelsing
 Doreen McGonnell
 Bobby Hershey
 Anna Hershey
 Anna Habecker
 J.J. Johnson
 Charles Moyer
 Sharon Levan
 Lucille Lorah
 Robert Bachman
 Earl Myers
 Joan Long
 Anna Rose Schannauer



FAITH ISN'T HOPING GOD CAN
IT IS KNOWING THAT GOD WILL

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

BETTY KRAMER c/o ROBERT KRAMER 805 N 5TH ST DENVER PA 17517	4/7	RONALD ARTZ PO BOX 53 390 BLUE LAKE ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	4/21
RONALD STONER 720 S. COCALICO ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	4/7	SANDRA HAWS 712 VINEMONT ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	4/22
JUDY HABECKER 637 N 11 TH AVENUE LEBANON, PA 17046	4/19	LARRY WOLF 75 REINHOLDS ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	4/25
SALLY HAGY 500 BLUE LAKE ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	4/20		

ALTAR FLOWERS

A new 2024 flower calendar is in the Narthex. Costs remain at \$40.00 for flowers and \$5.00 for the candle. Year to year altar orders are placed on the calendar but we have many open Sundays for flowers and the candle.

Sue Kreitz, 717-283-9444 or John Frantz, 717-606-8994 will be your new contact for these orders. They will keep track of the calendar sign-ups or you can just call them. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



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

FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is an urgent need for cereal and condiments and there is always a need for canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, canned meat and tuna, pasta, rice and mac & cheese. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Please check for a current expiration date.



BETTY KRAMER
c/o ROBERT KRAMER
805 N 5TH ST
DENVER PA 17517



Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Charles Moyer
Anna Adams



Brittney Hickernell	01
Grace Ranck	02
Stacey Mixell	05
Mark Bansner	06
Serena Bingaman	07
Betty Kramer	07
Ron Stoner	07
Melinda Laudenslager	08
Danielle Kauffman	09
Heather Kittler	09
Kurt Eckenroad	11
Tom Leshar	11
Lindsey Sauder	11
Deb Sweigert	12
Ruth Kramer	12
Jane Leshar	13
Katie Sauder	14
Krystal Brown	15
Allison Witmer	16
Michelle Young	16
Laura Pannebecker	18
Judy Habecker	19
Sally Hagy	20
Kathy Hickernell	20
Ron Artz	21
Josh Jones	21
Sandy Haws	22
Larry Wolf	25
Makiah Roth	26
Addyson Kauffman	27
Katie Miller	29
Alex Van Zant	30



April 7	8:30	Choralaires & Select Singers Breakfast to follow
April 10	1PM	EASS Food Distribution
April 17	7PM	Council Meeting
April 21	5PM	SLY First Responder Baskets
May 5	11:15AM	SLY Mini—Golf
May 9	7PM	Ascension Day Worship
May 19	12PM	Spring Fling
May 23-26		Homes of Hope Fundraiser- Strawberry Shortcake Stand Adamstown Community Days
May 27	Office Closed	Memorial Day
June 16-21		Confirmation Camp
July 7-11	6:30-8:30PM	Reinholds Community VBS
July 26		Phillies Bus Trip

Next Council Meeting
April 17th 2024
7PM



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

Cub Scout Update



Recruiting: If anyone can help us recruit kids to join the pack we are open to ideas. We have 3 kids on the roster and a minimum of 5 is required to continue the pack for 2024/25 scout year. We need a Cubmaster and a Treasurer too. The challenges are many and we will appreciate any help.

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



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 Terri in the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family.



LutherCare's 75th Anniversary Clay Classic

May 24 | 8:30AM-2PM

Central Penn Sporting Clays, Wellsville, PA
Register: <https://www.luthercare.org/clay-classic/>

Chace Smith Eagle Scout Project

Your help is Needed

Lifetime Swamp member Chace Smith is pursuing his Eagle Scout award as a Scout with BSA Reamstown Troop 60. To accomplish this goal, an Eagle project benefiting a local nonprofit is required. Chace thought of his church.

Consequently, the Church Council has approved Chace's proposal to build six 8-foot picnic tables and four 4-foot benches placed near the ball field to replace those in disrepair there now. Chace will lead a team of Scouts, friends, and family to complete this project that will improve the area, providing tables for church events such as picnics or youth activities, as well as giving families and spectators of baseball games a place to safely sit and relax while watching the games.

Chace expects to begin the project soon. Although he has asked area businesses to donate supplies, Chace needs monetary support to help cover the **estimated cost of \$3,000. Monetary donations can be given to Swamp Lutheran Church, memo: C. Smith Eagle Project.** Let's all pitch in to help Chace help us.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED Thank you for changing your focus back to making Prayer Shawls. Your donations can be left in the library. Thank you to all who continue to work on this outreach.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 18, 2024

Your Council met Monday, March 18, 2024. Highlights include:

Service: They are collecting items for Health kits.

Next Community meal is Ascension Day, May 9th. If you would like to help, see John Frantz or Lori Gockley.

Kitchen Krew: 26 families with a total of 76 folks were given food from our food bank

Fed 19 folks at Game day

Upcoming dates:

April 7—Breakfast after Choralaires one service

May 9--Ascension Day—snacks after service

Welcome: Spring Fest will be held Sunday, May 19 starting at 11:30. A band and free food will be available.

Scouts: They are looking for more young folks to join the pack

Youth Ministry:

April 21—Making First Responder Baskets

They are continuing to raise funds for the Youth Gathering with coffee sales and Lenten Pick 6.

Worship Committee: Upcoming Dates:

May 9—Ascension Day

May 19—Pentecost 8:30 service Last day of Sunday School

May 26—Holy Trinity again at 8:30am

June 2 starts the summer schedule

Learning: Upcoming Dates:

May 19—One service at 8:30

4 youth will be confirmed

July 7-11—Vacation Bible School: The Great Jungle Journey

Syrian Family Update: They are no longer being supported by Bethany Services.

Continuing to work with the family on budgeting

Family is observing Ramadan this month. Fasting during the entire day and eating meals before sunrise and after sunset. Similar to our Lent.

Other items discussed: The Synod assembly on May 31 is an evening zoom session and the next day is in person. We can send a male, female and a youth. If interested, see Pastor.

The pictorial directory will be done later this year.

Save the date: July 26—Phillies bus trip. Details to follow.

Speaking of the Phillies, Opening Day is only 4 days away. If you would like to be included on the Phillies bandwagon, we always have room!

Let's go PHILS!

Welcome to Our New Members!



Ken and Sam Reimert. Originally from Reading, Ken and Sam married in 1961. The Reimert's moved into the Chapel Gate community in Reinholds from Florida several years ago. Retired antique dealers, they desired to move back to the area to be closer to their son Kevin. Son Keith and daughter-in-law Vicki live in Tennessee as do grandchildren, Zachary, Natasha, and Trevor.

Sam loves to volunteer. She has taught GED classes at Berks County Prison and taught ESL to a Vietnamese couple in charge of bowling for adults with developmental disabilities. She is helping with Swamp's Food Pantry and Welcome Committee. In addition to antiques, Ken made tires for 23 years at Firestone in Pottstown. Ken has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Both enjoy antiques, golf, walking, and working out at the Ephrata Recreation Center.

When asked what attracted them to Swamp Lutheran, they responded, "felt very welcomed from the first service that we attended. We enjoy the church services very much."



Lauren Sauder. Lauren is the wife of Lindsey Sauder, and they live near Lebanon. Born in New Jersey and raised in southern Lancaster County, Lauren is the proud parent of Kylie Bannister, Kiera Noland, and Landon Sauder. Lauren has a professional background in counseling, possessing a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in health psychology, and a certificate in health coaching. A veteran of the US Army, she enjoys cooking, getting out in nature, and attending Phillies games with family.

When asked what attracted her to Swamp Lutheran, she replied, "When I met my wife, she invited me to come to church and I really enjoyed how different it was from the church I grew up in, because everyone was so welcoming, and I have been looking for a home church for a while."

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 LIAISONS

Danielle Kauffman — Communication
Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;
Service; Personnel
Lee Showalter — Disaster Response
Guy Templin — Finance; Worship
Deb Sweigert — Love, Inc.
Randy Krater — Property
Pam Leisey — Learning
TBD—Safety & Security
Pastor Scott Brubaker — Scouts
Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew
Fritz Fichtner — Generosity
Jen Weitzel - Welcome
Alan Worley - Youth Ministry



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!

FINANCE UPDATE

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church						
Balance Sheet						
Feb 01, 2024 through Feb 29, 2024						
Account (*=Inactive)	Balance as of 2024-02-01	Balance as of	2024-02-29 Debits	Credits	Change +/-	Change %
Assets	\$ 330,908.82	\$ 329,908.92	\$ 27,221.72	\$ 28,221.62	\$ (999.90)	-0.30%
GENERAL - CHECKING (011-05	28,298.01	\$ 27,298.11	\$ 27,221.72	\$ 28,221.62	\$ (999.90)	\$ -3.53%
Unrestricted (GENERAL - CHS	28,298.01	27,298.11	\$ 27,221.72	\$ 28,221.62	\$ (999.90)	\$ -3.53%
Verna Brown Estate (081-15-	\$ 2 19,977.96	19,977.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Thrivent Financial (045-02-02	\$ 82,632.85	82,632.85				0.00%
Liabilities	\$ (7,538.70)	\$ (7,899.82)	\$ 3 61.12	\$ -	\$ (361.12)	4.79%
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - \$ - \$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Benefits	\$ (7,538.70)	\$ (7,899.82)	\$ 361.12	\$ -	\$ (361.12)	4.79%
Retirement Employee (016-1	437.67	437.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
County Tax Withheld (016-11	\$ (55.32)	\$ (55.32)	\$ 361.12		\$ (361.12)	0.00%
Staff FICA (016-11-05-05)	\$ (7,921.05)	\$ (8,282.17)				4.56%
Assets less Liabilities	\$ 338,447.52	\$ 337,808.74			\$ (638.78)	-0.19%

Generosity Minute

Thank God for our Food

God said [to Adam and Eve], “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.-**Genesis 1:29**

There’s an old joke about the first-grade teacher who asks her class, “Where do apples come from?” Little Ian speaks up: “From the supermarket!”

We laugh, but the sad truth is that many of us are so far removed from farms that we forget that our food – every bite – comes from life, life that God alone created. Yes, farmers sow seeds and care for the plants and trees, but it’s God’s miracle of life that makes them grow.

As stewards and disciples, we desire to cultivate in ourselves and our communities a deep appreciation for all God provides us, particularly what we need to live. With every mouthful at every meal we thank God for our daily bread, and for the soil, air and water that sustains life. Easter and springtime are perfect occasions to celebrate God’s miracle of life that gives us fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, fish and dairy foods. Here are some ideas:

- Mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seedtime, growth and harvest; for life-nourishing soil, water and air.
- While eating, discuss the origins of the variety of food on your plate. How and where are the plants grown? How do they get to your kitchen?
- As a church or family, celebrate Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) by learning about food production and how climate change, pollution and economics impact our food.
- Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden in your yard or community garden on church grounds.
- Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us, and why. Promote healthy eating.
- Learn about food waste in our culture and take steps to reduce it in your home.
- At church, reserve a Sunday for a service highlighting creation and food. Maybe “Blessing of the Seeds,” or the ancient “Rogation Sunday” ritual.

We live in a culture where food is all around us all the time. As steward-disciples, we want to be sure not to take even a mouthful for granted.

-Rob Blezard

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Save the Dates:
Reinholds Community VBS: July 7-11, 2024
Reinholds Carnival Grounds 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



Handbell Practice Schedule Reminder

Mon. Apr. 8	
Mon. Apr. 15	Play Sunday, April 21
Mon. Apr. 29	
Mon. May 6	
Mon. May 13	Play Sunday, May 19

Choralaires are coming!

Sunday April 7th will be ONE SERVICE ONLY at 8:30AM.

We will welcome the Cocalico High School *Choralaires* and the Cocalico Middle School *Select Singers* to share their music with us during this service. Come join us! Breakfast will follow the service. No Sunday School.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT PROJECT

We are currently accepting donations dedicated to the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Project. We will be collecting items through the end of April. Donations may be given to **Jane Lesher, Denise Null, Connie Taylor and Debbie Carvell**. Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.



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

- One bath-size towel, (approximately 52"x27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 or 5 oz) of soap, in it's original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging
- One sturdy comb, (wide-toothed preferred), remove packaging

One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Wrap all items in the towel and tie with ribbons or yarn. Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. **If you don't feel comfortable wrapping an entire kit, we will accept donations of any of the items and gladly assemble the kits! Hint for buying towels: Big Lots carries really nice towels that are the exact size needed for the kit. We bought some last year for a price of \$5.00 each!**

As always, thank you for making this project a success!



Cocalico Education Foundation

Yard Sale

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7 a.m. - Noon

Denver Elementary Parking Lot

Support students of Cocalico School District by renting stand space today.

Food by Swamp Church's Kitchen Krew and Farm Show Milkshakes available!

Applications available in Cocalico school offices or at www.cocalicoeducationfoundation.org.

72nd semi-annual ST. PAUL'S ADAMSTOWN FREE COMMUNITY OUT- GROWN EXCHANGE



Clothing for all ages, toys, & Household items

DATES TO DONATE & COME SHOP

SEE SCHEDULE BELOW

WEEK OF APRIL 1-6

Come and get items but we also will be taking donations of clean items on all the days except as listed below. You do not need to drop off to come get items. Donation & shopping days are as follows

DONATION ONLY DAYS

Monday, April 1 — 9 am—1 pm (donation only)

Tuesday —CLOSED

Wed., April 3 & Thurs. April 4— 9 am to 1 pm (donation only)

DONATION AND SHOPPING DAYS

Thursday, April 4 — 5 —8 pm (donation and shopping)

SHOPPING DAYS ONLY

Friday, April 5 — 9 am to 1 pm (NO DONATIONS)

Saturday, April 6— 8 am—noon (NO DONATIONS)

No TV's, furniture, computers or copiers or other electronics accepted, NO VHS or Car seats. No public bathroom usage. Left over items will be donated to various charities.

We can limit the number of children's items you take. No Charitable donation forms

**St. Paul's Lutheran
80 E. Main Street
Adamstown
For more information:
717-484-4885**

Stevens Fire Company

Friday April 12 & 26 at 6 pm

Bingo Nights.

Denver Elementary

Saturday April 20 7:30 am – 12 pm

Farm Show Milkshake stand being hosted by Denver Fair.

Schoeneck Fire Company

Saturday April 20 9 am

Annual Consignment Sale and Quilt Auction. Quilt auction begins at 11 am.

First Energy Stadium, Reading

Sunday April 21 9:30 am – 3 pm

Touch a Truck event. Explore and learn about vehicles involved in health and safety, public works, construction, delivery, landscaping and beyond.

Berks County Heritage Center

Saturday April 27 10 am — 4 pm

Opening day for the 2024 season to visit and tour the National Historic Landmark. More information can be found on the FB event page and their website. www.countyofberks.com/

KIDS PAGE

Word Search for Paul Learned About Jesus

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

L I S I T L U L L A F A C I D
U B A P T I Z E D T U E R I S
L O R E R G E C T E M D J T A
N U L L A H C O N S E Q E I U
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DAMASCUS
GENTILES
JERUSALEM

LIGHT
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Newsletter Submission

for
MAY
MONDAY
April 22

SLY First Responder Basket Making



April 21, 2024

5 – 8 PM

Ages: 6th to 12th grade

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds

Dinner | Baking Cookies | Chocolate Pretzels

Basket- Packing | Devotion

Swamp Lutheran Youth (SLY) invites you to join us in making gift baskets for local first responders. Dinner will be provided. We will be making cookies and chocolate covered pretzels (and eating some!). Devotional time too.

We are asking kids to bring a box of single-serving, individually packaged snack items (e.g., Goldfish, crackers, nuts, fruit snacks) to include in the baskets.

Bring a Friend!

RSVP: Kristin Gockley 717-330-0628 or
kgock261@live.kutztown.edu

SWAMP LUTHERAN'S
HANDBELL CHOIR

Spring Concert

SATURDAY MAY 11
2:00 PM

REINHOLDS CHAPEL
114 E MAIN ST, REINHOLDS, PA 17569



**Lancaster
County**

Service committee would like to sponsor the following local service opportunity over the summer. This is being organized by Love Inc.

How does The Project work?

It all begins when churches want to do a “missions trip” in their community. Talented and handy people are willing to serve neighbors who cannot afford repairs and are experiencing financial hardships due to fixed income constraints. A church gathers those who are good with simple carpentry, electric, plumbing, painting, outdoor yard work, or cleaning (just to name a few). This Summer, as suits your church team’s schedule, Christ-followers go build relationships and help their neighbors. Whether individuals have a knack for being handy or just a heart to serve, your church family can make a kingdom impact with the gifts God has given you!

If you are interested in helping with this new service project, please let a committee member know. electric, plumbing, painting, outdoor yard work, or cleaning (just to name a few). This Summer, as suits your church team’s schedule, Christ-followers go build relationships and help their neighbors. Whether individuals have a knack for being handy or just a heart to serve, your church family can make a kingdom impact with the gifts God has given you!

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**SPRING
FEST**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

May 19 @ 11AM

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds, PA 17569

**The Swing Fever Band, Free Food, Games
for Kids & Auction Benefiting Reinholds
VFW Stocking for Soldiers Program**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 717.336.2849**



Lutheran Camping Night

Friday, May 17th @ 7:00pm EDT
Harrisburg Senators vs Erie SeaWolves

The Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team invite your church family to a night of fun and fellowship at FNB Field on Harrisburg's City Island for our annual Lutheran Camping Night!

A portion of each Advance Sale Ticket will benefit the Lutheran Camping Corporation's Campership Fund.

Get your tickets here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutherancamping24>



Earth Day Celebration 2024

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ● 2-6pm
Kirchenwald

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee.
All ages welcome.

RSVP to 717-677-8211 or
LutheranCamping.org by April 12



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org



**LS SWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA
DAY OF RENEWAL REGISTRATION FORM**

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Registration: 8:30-9:15 a.m.
(refreshments upon arrival)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



**Place: St. Paul Lutheran Church
200 W Orange St, Lititz, PA**

Cost: \$30.00 (Includes program and lunch)

Theme: "Footprints...Encounters with Jesus"

Special Offering: Lititz Warwick Community Chest
(Shelf Stable Foods, toilet paper, paper towels)

Contact for Questions: Sandy Bingaman
Phone: 717-665-5265
Email: sandyi.bingaman@gmail.com

Sponsored by,
The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Lower Susquehanna, Synodical Women's Organization

Church is handicap accessible

Following the presentation, CD's will be available in the narthex for purchase. Also, the W/ELCA, LS SWO craft table will be available.

About the speaker:

Heartsongs Ministries, Inc. presents **Karen Knight** who is an inspirational speaker, concert artist, and actress. The Mission Statement for "Heartsongs Ministries, Inc. is dedicated to glorifying God by presenting the truth of the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ through music, worship and the spoken word."

Karen's concerts include inspirational, contemporary, gospel and well loved hymns.

She often includes moments of dramatic storytelling to bring even greater meaning to the music. Her style is warm, humorous and completely engaging. Karen has created inspiring presentations based on the lives of Biblical & Historical Women of Faith.

Karen is probably best known for one of her many lead roles at Sight and Sound's Millennium Theatre as Mrs. Noah in the renowned production, Noah, in Lancaster.

During her time with Sight and Sound, Karen performed to audiences of over 6,000 on a daily basis, but her heart's desire is to reach out to people on a more personal basis with the hope and peace found in Jesus Christ.

Her inspirational speaking combined with singing and storytelling has taken her all over the United States, Italy, Germany, South America, Asia and Israel.

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Daniel comes from a family that is all about baseball. Their vacations and their summer plans all revolve around coaching, playing, and refereeing games and visiting famous ballparks and baseball history museums. But every summer, Daniel makes sure that he has one week set aside to go to camp – even if it means missing a game or two.



“A week at camp is like nothing else I do,” Daniel says. “It’s different than being on a team playing a game. Our cabin group – and the whole camp community – is like a family. The counselors are fun, and you can tell they really care about us, and nobody has to be the best at anything – we just have fun together! And I like talking about God with the staff and other people my age.” Camp provides daily opportunities for prayer, faithful conversation with other Christians, stewardship of God’s Creation, elements of service to God and others, and daily devotions. We hear and experience God’s Word, and have opportunities to put it immediately into practice. We live out our baptismal promises, reminded that we are named, claimed, and sent. It’s an immersion in a loving, grace-filled community of Christ that offers us the a glimpse of the promised Kingdom - a fully immersive experience of the loving presence of Jesus, thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit - and, as Daniel reminds us, we also have a lot of fun. Maybe it’s time we rethink the value we place on church camp. It really does reinforce everything we teach about being a beloved child of God and allows us to encounter the living Christ in powerful ways.



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