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Swamp Lutheran Church  
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IN PERSON WORSHIP  
SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:30AM

**THREE OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE**

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

AUGUST 2023

*From Pastor Scott*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD ASSEMBLY HELD ON JUNE 2-3

In addition to myself, Swamp's lay representatives, Connie Taylor and Guy Templin, attended the Friday evening, June 2nd Zoom Assembly session. On Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we drove to Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill for the in-person portion of the assembly.

There were 349 voting members: 200+ lay and 100+ clergy (including retired). With about 227 congregations in the Synod, I was a bit disappointed in the low attendance.

The Assembly voted to add the option for congregations to increase their number of representatives to the Synod Assembly by adding, in addition to the regular one male and one female, a youth representative and/or a representative of color or a language other than English.

It was reported that, while the Synod had a \$50,000 deficit, we also had received \$234,000 in government COVID grants to more than meet budget.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, was the keynote speaker. Bishop Eaton thanked the Lower Susquehanna Synod for its mission support of \$712,000 and for the Synod's offering of \$443,000 for world hunger and \$526,000 for Ukrainian war relief. She reported that the ELCA will discuss changing its structure to more properly represent the decrease in membership.

The National Youth Gathering being held in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024, was promoted.

In 2025, the Assembly will be four days long as we will be electing a new Bishop. Bishop Dunlop will be retiring after 12 years of service as Bishop.

Sadly, absent this year were the various organizational information display tables. And the bookstore set-up was missing too.

Overall, it was a nice time to meet and worship in-person with our brothers and sisters across the Synod. The venue worked but was a little tight. My hope is that we return to the format from previous years of a Thursday evening through Saturday Assembly that includes a day of learning along with the business meeting and worship. For that to work effectively, I believe that we need to return to a larger venue like a college or university.

In Christ,

*Pastor Scott*

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

August 7, 14 & 16	7:00PM	Special Handbell Rehearsal
August 9	1:00PM-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
August 13	8:30AM	Blessings of School Backpacks
August 18 & 19		ELCA Women's Conference at Swamp
August 27	After Worship	Church Brunch Picnic
September 10	TBD	God's Work. Our Hands
September 11	7:00PM	Handbell Choir Resumes
September 13	7:00PM	Choir Resumes
September 17	10:00AM	Touch-a-Truck
September 23	TBD	Cub Scout Bike Rodeo

Next Council Meeting

August 16 2023



## SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

### LIFT UP YOUR VOICES PLEDGE

Pledge Cards are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. A one time gift or a weekly, monthly, quarterly pledge is welcome. Feel free to call or email the office if you want a pledge card mailed to you.



Easy on line giving is also available by using this QR code



## Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

### 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 August 13 and 27  
Candle is available August 6 and 13

August 13, 2023  
8:30AM Service

We will give thanks and praise for our children and teachers and the fact that they will have all they need as they begin their school year with our Blessing of the Backpacks. As a manner of encouragement to the excited and comfort to the anxious, Pastor Scott will invite the teachers and children and their backpacks/ work bags to the front for prayer. Bring your school bags on August 13!



Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at [pack95reinholds@gmail.com](mailto:pack95reinholds@gmail.com)



**TAKE NOTE**

August 4	4:00PM-900PM	Fundraiser	Subway 2350 Reading Rd. Denver
August 20	5:30	Rocket Launch	Pack 61 @ Swamp
August 22	6:00PM	New Member Meeting	Swamp Lutheran
August 28	6:00PM	First Den Meeting	

**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



**US FLAGS** When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be retired in proper fashion. Thank you for your consideration.



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!**

**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. So far the church has delivered 25 lap robes to the VA in Lebanon. Thank you to all continuing to work on this outreach.



## 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  
 Family of Karen Gardner  
 Russ Herbein

Ed Miller  
 Nettie Kriener  
 Grace Ranck  
 Reba Ranck  
 Faith Moyer  
 Gene Miller  
 John Wesner  
 Kelly Martin  
 Pastor Jim Miller  
 Bruce Wagner  
 Beaty Gress  
 Robert Shank  
 Steve Laudenslager  
 Jackson Sensenig  
 Muffy Reinecker

Shirley Achey  
 Mary Kring  
 Russ Herbein  
 Marilyn Gelsinger  
 Josh Garrison  
 Doreen McGonnell  
 Bobby Hershey  
 Anna Hershey  
 Kenny Rauch  
 Anna Habecker  
 J.J. Johnson  
 Charles Moyer  
 Sharon Levan  
 Lucille Lorah

Teresa Sweigart  
 Mel & Troy Ulrich  
 Eric Hammaker  
 Joan Reinecker



When someone is put on the prayers list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken

**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. We are so grateful to the congregation for their continued support of this outreach. Currently, there is a shortage of canned green beans, corn and carrots, canned fruit, noodles, and toilet paper. Thank you!



## AUGUST 27 AFTER 8:30AM SERVICE



### Church Picnic

This year's picnic will be a Brunch directly after Worship. Entertainment will include the Bell Bottoms Band, and a dunking tank featuring Pastor Scott to raise money for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Spread the word and mark your calendar.

Come and Enjoy the Fellowship

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

LARRY HAGY 500 BLUE LAKE ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	8/1	JERE MARTIN 74 HAWK VALLEY LANE DENVER, PA 17517	8/16
JANET ALBERT-HERMAN 5015 CHERRY LANE MOHNTON, PA 19540	8/2	GARY REDDIG 21 STONE CREEK CT. EPHRATA, PA 17522	8/17
LINDA REAM 230 EDMONT LANE NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073	8/3	RON CRILLS 137 MEADOW VALLEY RD #50 EPHRATA, PA 17522	8/21
LINDA BEARD 300 St. Mark Ave. #1117 Lititz, PA 17543	8/4	JOHN LEVAN 208 HAWTHORNE CT. NORTH READING, PA 19610	8/22
RONALD BINGEMAN 580 GOCKLEY ROAD STEVENS, PA 17578	8/4	CLYDE SHOWALTER FAITHFUL LIVING 2015 W. READING RD. #117 DENVER, PA 17517	8/27
LOUETTA FRANCK 8 EDIE DRIVE DENVER, PA 17517	8/8	ELIZABETH BRUBAKER 104 MECHANIC STREET REINHOLDS, PA 17569	8/28
JANICE KELLY 104 BURROWS STREET SINKING SPRING, PA 19608	8/12	SUSAN HEYDENREICH 48 COOPER WAY DENVER, PA 17517	8/31
BEATRICE GRESS 155 S. BLAINSPORT ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	8/16		

## DRIVERS NEEDED

From time to time members of our congregation need help with rides for various reasons. We need VOLUNTEERS for this outreach. Please call the office and let Brenda know that you are willing to be put on an available



Please put these changes in your pictorial directory.

Please let us know if you have change of address, email or phone number.

secretary@swamplutheran.org



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Garden Spot  
433 S. Kinzer Avenue  
Room 104  
Springwood Building  
New Holland, PA 17557  
717-351-2513

Clyde Showalter  
Mary Ann Weitzel  
Michael A. Crowther  
Clarice Haws  
Charles Moyer  
Leona Showalter  
Anna Adams  
Pastor Jim Miller  
Edie Snyder

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
everyone born in the month

**AUGUST**

LARRY HAGY	01
PAM LEISEY	01
CAMERON NYE	01
JANET ALBERT-HERMAN	02
MELIA VAN ZANT	02
LINDA REAM	03
HEATHER WEAVER	03
JEN BRUBAKER	03
LINDA BEARD	04
RONALD BINGAMAN	04
BETH NYE	04
ALEX KUPP	05
CHELSEA HAGY	06
ERIK POSEGAY	06
LOUETTA FRANCK	08
KATHY WORLEY	08
JERRY HOWE	09
ZAC BROWN	11
JANICE KELLY	12
TOM SHOWALTER	12
DENISE WELLER	15
BEATTY GRESS	16
JERE MARTIN	16
SHAWNA MOYER	17
GARY REDDIG	17
GILLIAN CHIRIGOS	20
RONALD CRILLS	21
JOHN LEVAN	22
BETH SWEIGERT	24
MICHELLE BROWN	27
NATHAN SHUGARTS	27
LAURIE SAUDER	27
CLYDE SHOWALTER	27
SUSIE HEYDENREICH	31



**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 Lesher, 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



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TOUCH, HONK, EXPLORE

ALL AGES WELCOME

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

10:00AM

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH  
275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

Refreshments available with donation.

**SEE YOU THERE**

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<b>Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>				
<b>Treasurers Report</b>				
Jun 01, 2023 through Jun 30, 2023				
<b>Account</b>	<b>Budgets June 2023</b>	<b>Actuals June 2023</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 26,679.25</b>	<b>\$ 20,729.63</b>	<b>77.70%</b>	<b>\$ 5,949.62</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 26,679.25</b>	<b>\$ 20,729.63</b>	<b>77.70%</b>	<b>\$ 5,949.62</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 28,631.74</b>	<b>\$ 24,779.89</b>	<b>86.55%</b>	<b>\$ 3,851.85</b>
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 3,745.82</b>	<b>\$ 1,467.05</b>	<b>39.16%</b>	<b>\$ 2,278.77</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 2,891.66</b>	<b>\$ 2,880.17</b>	<b>99.60%</b>	<b>\$ 11.49</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 2,590.41</b>	<b>\$ 2,717.72</b>	<b>104.91%</b>	<b>\$ (127.31)</b>
<b>THROUGH STAFF</b>	<b>\$ 9,125.50</b>	<b>\$ 9,075.50</b>	<b>99.45%</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>REIMBURSED EXP.</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,068.52</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$ (1,068.52)</b>
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	<b>\$ 66.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$ 66.67</b>
<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 5,251.66</b>	<b>\$ 4,374.32</b>	<b>83.29%</b>	<b>\$ 877.34</b>
<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>\$ 662.50</b>	<b>\$ 72.64</b>	<b>10.96%</b>	<b>\$ 589.86</b>
<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 83.34</b>	<b>\$ 324.00</b>	<b>388.77%</b>	<b>\$ (240.66)</b>
<b>GENEROSITY</b>	<b>\$ 41.67</b>	<b>\$ 35.49</b>	<b>85.17%</b>	<b>\$ 6.18</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>\$ 466.68</b>	<b>\$ 681.14</b>	<b>145.95%</b>	<b>\$ (214.46)</b>
<b>LEARNING</b>	<b>\$ 437.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$ 437.50</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,251.66</b>	<b>\$ 2,083.34</b>	<b>64.07%</b>	<b>\$ 1,168.32</b>
<b>Income less Expense</b>	<b>\$ (1,952.49)</b>	<b>\$ (4,050.26)</b>	<b>207.44%</b>	<b>\$ 2,097.77</b>

# Scouts Bike Rodeo

Hosted by Cub Scout Pack 95 Reinholds  
Cub Scout Pack 61 & BSA Troop 61 Adamstown

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12pm**

**Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds**

(275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds, PA 17569)



For more information contact:  
Travis (Pack 95 & Troop 61) at 717-381-1608 or  
Stacey (Pack 61) at 717-575-7846

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Newsletter Submission  
SEPTEMBER  
Friday  
August 25

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## United Lutheran Theological Seminary Gettysburg Food Pantry

Gift cards are being collected for seminarians and their families (many are second career).

Also international students appreciate the cards so they may prepare foods from their cultures.

These four stores are in the Gettysburg area: **Weis, Giant, Aldi's, and Walmart.**

**Your gifts are greatly appreciated and will be accepted until Aug. 13.**

Please give the Gift Cards to Sally Hagy. She will be sure and get them to the seminary. Thank you.



**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

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## GENEROSITY MINUTE

### **Stewardship of our leisure time**

*I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun. Ecclesiastes 8:15*

Busy-ness keeps us from living with joy and peace in today's 24/7 world, but Scripture reminds us that this is hardly new. Ecclesiastes was written some 2,500 years ago! Ecclesiastes does not give license for mindless pleasure-seeking, but rather affirms that our hard work should be balanced with time for relaxation and enjoyment with friends and family.

Saints and mystics have long touted the need for rest and renewal. In the monastic tradition it's referred to as *otium sanctum* – Holy Leisure. Not just wasting our free time, but using it for renewal. As steward/disciples, we aim to use our leisure time wisely. Here are some ideas:

**Keep the Sabbath:** God actually *commands* us to stop working one day per week, as Exodus 20:8-11 makes clear. It's one of the Top Ten! Though we are prohibited from *working* on the Sabbath, there is no prohibition against leisure. (Why else would God give us a day off?)

**Plan your vacation:** Even if you're taking simple STAYcation, *plan* your time for maximum rest and enjoyment. Visit local museums or historic places. Take day trips to local parks, mountains or waterways. Invite friends or family over. Select books to read, movies to stream and games to play.

**Manage your schedule:** Are you a slave to your appointment book, driven by *other people's* priorities? Put yourself first – scheduling in time for leisure. Even if it's just 30 minutes here and there, make – and take – time for yourself!

**Find an activity you like:** What do you do just for you? Exercise? Read? Scrapbook? Play an instrument? Walk? Fish? Discover – or REdiscover – what brings you joy, then make time to do it.

**Socialize:** Friends and family make life enjoyable. Spend time with them. Ideas: a hike, a picnic, a meal on your deck, drinks under the stars, a game of cards or a board game.

**Invest, don't waste, time:** Many activities pass the time but don't give back much in renewal or refreshment. Choose activities wisely. God expects us to work, but not work ourselves to death. Sabbath and leisure time provide means for us to find balance in our life, as well as friendship, love, renewal and purpose.

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## **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 10, 2023.**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

We know that the gospel changes lives and that God’s power and grace are real and at work today. We live out our purpose through worship and service, in our congregations and communities, through our individual vocations and our collective work as church together. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday offers a special opportunity to be church together and to share Jesus’ love by inviting others to join in a day of service. Extending invitations to others is a way to widen the welcome and engage with people who may not be familiar with the ELCA but are committed to serving in their communities. Working side by side with our neighbors connects with the ELCA’s purpose to “activate each of us so that more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love,” while directly affecting the ministry goal of “engaging with new people.” This call for service unites all the ELCA expressions to focus on serving and accompanying our neighbors.

Last year, we worked at Homes of Hope house in Adamstown. Volunteers from Swamp will gather after worship on September 10 and head out to work on service project(s) (yet to be determined).

**We hope to order custom T-shirts with Swamp Lutheran on the back. Let Pastor Scott know if you intend to help and your t-shirt size.**

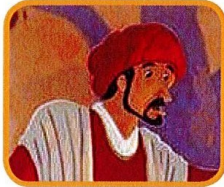
Questions? Ask Pastor Scott.

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*WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN  
STAND.....*

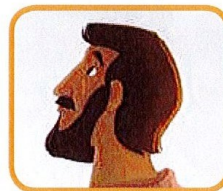
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## Zacchaeus' "Z" Letter Search Maze

Find your way through the letter maze connecting only the letter Zs.



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