



THE RISING SUN NEWSLETTER
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From Pastor Kurt

This month Lutherans throughout the world observe Reformation Day. On October 31, All Saints Eve (Hallow'een) in 1517, a young Augustinian monk and Professor of Bible at Wittenberg, Germany, posted 95 propositions for an academic debate on the castle church door, which served as a community bulletin board. Martin Luther had no idea he was about to set off a fire-storm that eventually would change the face of Europe. The movement he started would become known as the Reformation and one of the churches resulting from the split of the Roman Catholic church would take his name, the Lutheran church.

At the heart of Luther's theology is the insistence that the good News of Jesus Christ is always proclaimed as a promise of new life, without any barriers or conditions. Here's an example of such promise filled proclamation: "Because Jesus died on the cross and now lives with death behind him, his love for others is victorious. There-

fore you are free to love your neighbor, not as a way of earning God's favor, but simply because your neighbor is in need." Hearing this proclamation as Good News for you is what Luther means by "faith." Faith is not a separate work we perform. Faith is the joyful response of hearing a gospel promise.

By the time Luther was active the medieval church had often obscured the gospel promise. Pilgrimages, indulgences, monastic vows, acts of repentance and contrition; all sorts of "good works" pushed the responsibility of salvation on the hearer and took it away from Christ. Luther's own spiritual despair that God's grace was so far away as to be unobtainable led him into hopeless depression.

But Luther was a scholar of the Bible. As he read deeper into the original languages of Hebrew and Greek he began to hear this gospel promise

for himself. "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified (made right) by (God's) grace as a gift.." (Romans 3:23-24). He began to teach this in his classes and draw out the implications of this good news for the life of the church. This was the debate he hoped would happen when he posted his propositions to the church door.

Hearing the gospel of Jesus as promise is what made me a "Lutheran." It turns out Luther never wanted his followers to be named after him, but in the end he didn't get that choice. I'm glad to wear the name because behind it stands the man and the movement that is still so very relevant today. The world still needs to hear the only Good News that makes a real difference, that Jesus Christ lives and in him all things are made new.



IN PERSON INSIDE WORSHIP October 4, 2020 at 8:30AM

FOUR OPTIONS AVAILABLE

We are excited to announce that we will resume Inside Worship starting, October 4, 2020 at 8:30AM.

1. *Watch video on YouTube*
 2. *Bring lawn chair and listen to service at front on church on lawn.*
 3. *Tune in to FM 87.9 in your car parked in church lot*
 4. *Join us inside for in person worship.*
- Those who participate from car or outside will be brought communion.*

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
Psalm 34.3*



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 Strause at 717-475-4377.
- 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.

Congregation Joins Ephrata Area Social Services in Food Distribution

A new partnership serving the needs of the hungry begins this month as Swamp Lutheran teams with Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS). A box of nutritious fresh produce as well as non-perishable items will be distributed to individuals and families beginning Wednesday, October 14 and continuing on the second Wednesday of the month. The goal is to provide 20 to 25 boxes each month.

EASS, working with The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, will provide the fresh and frozen food items which will be delivered directly to the church. Swamp Lutheran will collect non-perishable items as well as provide the volunteers to assemble the boxes and distribute them to individuals for pick-up at the church.

Non-perishable canned and dry goods may be brought to the church each Sunday or to the church during regular office hours. Please note that we cannot distribute any items past their expiration date. A rotating group of volunteers are also needed to work once a month from about noon until 3:00 p.m. assembling boxes and distributing them to individuals and families. If you are interested in volunteering please speak to John Frantz.



Lots of love,

David & Anita
Kupp, Brett & Lea
Kupp, Alex Kupp

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Swamp Lutheran Kitchen Committee and Katie Krater for their expert catering and cocktail skills for our son Brett Kupp and his wife Lea (Formica) Kupp's Wedding this summer. John, Jerry, Lori, Randy, Katie and Dave Borrell were such a God send to us.

They were all willing and excited to help us fill a need on their wedding day. We could not have been happier with the result. It was better than we could have ever hoped,. Having their familiar faces and their kind words with us that day meant so much. We did not have to worry about anything! Our church family means everything to us and we are grateful for all of them.

God's plan was better than any other plan could have been .

Thank You all so much.
We appreciate you!!

PRAYER LIST



Sue Kittler	Ray Fox—cousin of Connie Taylor	<i>Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Casey Pope who went home to our Lord on September 18, 2020 and to the family of Ray Showalter who the Lord took home on September 23, 2020..</i>
Katie Houck	The family of Casey Pope	
Jean Wolf	Susan Levan	
Don Risser	Nancy Kulp	
Mary Jane Miller	Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sure Kreitz	
Kristen Ramsey— fiancé of Eric Long	Family of Ray Showalter	When someone is put on the prayers list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off the unless you mane another request to have them put back on.
Mary Kring— aunt of Linda Ream		



Ephrata Area Social Services is experiencing high demand during this time of pandemic with a decrease in donations. They are accepting monetary donations to help bridge the gap. Monetary donations can be made out to EASS. Their address is:

EASS
227 North State Street
Ephrata, PA 17522

Thank you in advance for your help.

UPDATES ON MEMBERS



Please put these changes in your pictorial directory.

Charles Moyer, Jr.
300 St. Mark Avenue #606
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Michael Crowther
Clarice Haws
Betty Hornberger
Charles Moyer
Henry Rehlich
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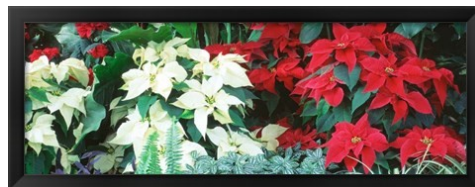
Next Council Meeting :
October 21, 2020

Newsletter Submission for
November
Friday, October 16



CONNIE TAYLOR 45 CARDINAL DRIVE STEVENS, PA 17578	10/1	EDITH SNYDER 27 STONECREEK COURT EPHRATA, PA 17522	10/23
MARY ANNE WEITZEL MENNONITE HOME 1520 HARRISBURG PIKE LANCASTER, PA 17601	10/4	MARY JANE MILLER 200B NORTH RIDGE ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	10/23
BARBARA NICHOLAS 570 BLUE LAKE ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	10/16	ELLA SHIRK <u>MENNONITE HOME</u> 1520 HARRISBURG PIKE LANCASTER, PA 17601	10/27
GLENN BEARD 753 SOUTH FOURTH ST DENVER, PA 17517	10/22	MARGARET ELSER 250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS AVE APT. 101 EPHRATA, PA 17522	10/27

Jodi Showalter will have Red and White Poinsettias and Cyclamens available again this year for the Christmas Season. Deadline for ordering is November 29, 2020. Jodi is your point person (717-413-7149) and checks are to be made out to Swamp Lutheran Church. Cost of each plant will not be available until late October. Feel free to make your order now.



CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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