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Sue Knauer, Co-Treas, Personnel &
Constitution

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Randy Krater - Property

Pam Leisey - Learning

Jan Risser - Love, Inc.

Ryan Ranck - Youth Ministry

David Sauder - Call Committee

Lee Showalter - Disaster Response

Tom Showalter - Safety & Security



THE RISING SUN NEWSLETTER
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NOVEMBER 2021

From Pastor Scott

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19a

Appropriately enough, my first Sunday leading worship with you was Reformation Day, October 31. On Reformation Day, the church celebrates the day in 1517 when Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk and professor of theology, nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther's study of scripture led him to conclude that many of the church's practices and doctrines were not aligned with scripture.

The purpose of his posting of those theses was to foster public debate. It worked. In fact, it sparked much debate and ultimately launched what historians call the Reformation which divided the Western Church into Roman Catholic and Protestant camps. Luther and those of like mind were kicked out of the Roman Church, forcing them to establish their own independent worshipping communities. We Lutherans are the product of the Reformation.

However, we must re-

member that the real main character in Reformation Day is not Luther. It's the Word of God. What Luther discovered is that for centuries, the true teachings of the Word of God had been hidden by century upon century of tradition. That's what Reformation Day is about: it's about pulling back the covers and releasing the power of the Word of God and the beauty and the truth of the gospel. That's why we celebrate Reformation Day.

At Swamp, as I begin my service as your pastor, we too have begun a new chapter in the life of the church. One strength I see is the strong committee and mission work you do. I perceive a real sense of Christian community at work at Swamp. Another intriguing thing for me about Swamp is your commitment to the past combined with an openness to new directions and approaches to worship and mission. That is, while you respect your traditions, I sense a desire for renewal and some new beginnings.

Do not be alarmed, I do not come here with a multi-point action plan to impose upon the worshipping community at Swamp. For now, I want to get

to know you better and observe how things are done currently. Sure, I have some ideas, but I don't claim to have all the answers. Likewise, I am not the main character in Swamp's future. The main character is God. I firmly believe that the Holy Spirit works in and through all of us. Consequently, I see my role as guiding a process of exploration and visioning as we discern just what God is up to here and what God is calling us to be and do. I hope that you will join in this process as it unfolds.

We must never forget that along with our challenges come opportunities. Since the only constant is change, I am sure that over the next several years we will reform as we do some new things but, in the process, we will respect our traditions as we create new ones. As the saying goes, we must avoid throwing the baby out with the bath water! Let us always remain faithful to God and respectful of one another.

I am feeling so blessed to join you in the Holy Adventure that God is calling us to embark upon together. May God continue to bless and keep us all.

Pastor Scott

IN PERSON WORSHIP CONTINUES MASKS REQUIRED

THREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Mask wearing optional for fully vaccinated. All other protocols remain in place.

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.



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.

Earl Myers
Katie Houck
Joan Long
Hunter Leisey
Josie Reitz
Ashton Faust
Susan Levan
Janice Moyer Kelly
Claire Sweigart
Nancy Kulp
David Klingensmith

Jean Wolf
Debbie Myers
John Frantz
Margaret Elser
Sharon Fremont—friend of Sue Kreitz
Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz
Mary Kring—aunt of Linda Ream
Lisa Buckles—friend of Sue Ellen Knauer
Carl Maxey—friend of Matt Sweigart
Lauren Krall—friend of Hagy family



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

Dear Friends, Lois and I are deeply grateful for the wonderful reception and gifts we received on our last Sunday with you. The expressions of love and support and thanks for our time together are shared among all of us. Our prayers are with you as you now move into the future with your new pastor. May God richly bless you with his gifts of grace and love.

*Peace be with you,
Pastor Kurt and Lois Strause*



On behalf of the Service Committee, I want to thank everyone who donated items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We assembled 108 kits which will be distributed to children throughout the world. Special thanks to Debbie Carvell and Denise Null for organizing the items, assembling the kits and delivering them to the collection site. Also thanks to Peggy Coble for donating the boxes. Thank you again for your support of Lutheran World Relief kit ministry. Jane Leshner

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

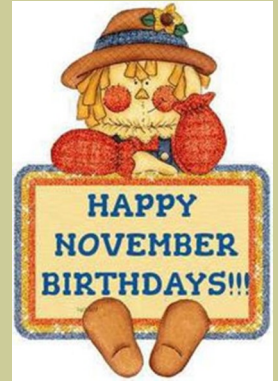
DONNA HILL 11/5
24 ASPEN DRIVE
MANHEIM, PA 17545

JEAN WOLF 11/5
76 REINHOLDS ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

DOLORES D'AIELLO 11/17
62 SPECK ROAD
MOHNTON, PA 19540

GALE BACHMAN 11/24
675 BLUE LAKE ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

ROBERT HERSHEY, JR. 11/26
46 STONY RUN VILLAGE
DENVER, PA 17517



DENVER & EPHRATA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Due to the rising surge of COVID-19 Virus the annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner has been canceled.



As a church we continue as a point of distribution for EASS, distributing 20-25 boxes of food once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We are packing and distributing all dry goods. Our need for non-perishable items and volunteers is an ongoing need. Contributions may be dropped off at the church during the morning hours M-F or on Sunday before or after service. We are unable to distribute items past their expiration date. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lori Gockley.



Current needs for the pantry are: ketchup, mustard, relish, jam, paper towels, toilet paper individually wrapped, **canned meat**, **canned fruit**, coffee, tea and snacks.

Shawn Moyer	02
Deb Henly	03
Jonathan Templin	03
Samantha Showalter	04
Hanna Weller	04
Tess Shank	07
Bill Knauer	07
Dylan Koehle	08
Samantha Young	09
Melody Ulrichh	10
Noah Roseboro	11
Pam Danzinger	12
Leslie Diestel	12
Debbie Carvell	14
Maren Rineer	15
Eric Long	17
Melissa Miller	17
Laraine Kramer	21
Gail Bachman	24
Missy Kramer	24
Nick Troutman	24
Nathan Keppley	25
Robert Hershey Jr.	26
Janelle Kerr	26
Abigail Martzall	26
Lori Gockley	27
Collin Hall	27
Josh Rapp	29
Fallon Hagy	29

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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

UPDATES ON MEMBERS

Barbara Nicholas
200 Saint Luke Drive
Apt. 124
Lititz, PA 17543

Pastor Jim Miller
200B N. Ridge Road
Reinholds, PA 17569
717-335-1657—New Home



Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Rev. Jim Miller
Margaret Elser
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Betty Hornberger
Charles Moyer
Ella Shirk
Alverta Showalter

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 20, 2021

Council Meeting Highlights 20 October 2021

Your Council met Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Highlights include:

Learning Committee: Swamp will be hosting a “Fall Blessing” on November 21, 2021. They will do pumpkin decorating, pumpkin bowling, playing fall bingo and other fun games. They are asking everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank. More details to follow.

Love, Inc: The family has moved out and they are currently seeking a new family.

Service Committee: The community meal held Thursday, October 14 served 56 people.

They will again be doing the reverse advent calendar.

The summer lunch program served between 50 and 60 lunches at each of the district’s parks, Reamstown, Adamstown and Reinholds. Thanks to Denise Kidwell, Ruth Kramer, Gaile Gehman, Pat & Nancy McQuate and Lori Sauder.

Community meals for 2022 are scheduled for January 13 and May 12.

Helping Hands: Our food bank has provided food to 12 families in October.

They prepared a funeral luncheon for Sue Kittler.

Will be doing the pig stomach drive thru dinner on Saturday October 30 from 2 until sold out. Would like to ask the congregation to make a dessert for the dinner. It can be dropped off Friday night October 29 from 5-8pm or Saturday morning.

Youth Ministry: Will be making a Thanksgiving meals for families this year. A Christmas event is being planned.

Property: Lighthouse Vocational Services are unable to continue cleaning the church due to staffing shortages. After contacting several cleaning companies, it was decided to hire “A Clean Hometown Services” from Denver to clean the church.

Three new programmable thermostats have been installed in the sanctuary, 2 for the A/C and one for heating.

Bids are being accepted for professional carpet cleaning of the social hall, classrooms and offices. Separate bids will be given for the sanctuary.



TURN BACK
YOUR CLOCK

12:01AM

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Other items discussed: The Treasurer's position on Council will be changed in the by-laws from a voting member to a non-voting member and will be voted on at the annual congregational meeting in December.

The COVID task force made and council approved the following policy:

The policy of our church continues: For those who are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask indoors is optional. However, in light of continued high transmission of COVID disease in our area and

out of concern for our vulnerable neighbors, we strongly urge all people to wear a mask while inside the church.

If you are not vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask while inside the church.

The Phillies were in the playoff hunt until the last 4 games of the season....I can hardly wait until next year!



CUB SCOUT PACK 95 NEWS

Pack 95 is asking the congregation to keep Justin Rittenour (Pack Committee Chair) in your prayers as he is recovering from a life threatening hospital visit 2 weeks ago. He is home now and has a long recovery ahead.

NOVEMBER 7 is pick up day for meat sticks orders. There will be extras to sell for all interested.

NOVEMBER 13— SCOUTING FOR FOOD - Pack 95 will participate with Pack 3204(Adamstown), 6759 (Reinholds VFW Girls) and 4318 (Adamstown) to hang food bags in the Reinholds area. Please look for the bag!

NOVEMBER 15—Pack 95 will tour Reamstown Fire Hall

NOVEMBER 20—SCOUTING FOR FOOD—All Packs included in bag distribution will be collecting the full bags on this day. Please leave the food bags on your porch or at end of driveway by 9AM. The food is for the EASS Food Bank operated through Swamp Lutheran Church so all donations from areas other than Reinholds are welcome to be brought to church.

Pack 95 is always looking for new members. Anyone interested please contact Travis at 717-381-1608 or Justin at 717-466-9932.

ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION will be held Sunday, November 7th from 2:00PM onwards at Camp Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Road, Biglerville, PA 17307. All proceeds from the day benefit the Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come. LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction. This is a free event and includes an evening meal. Fun for the entire family.



GIFT CARDS AND PREPAID CARDS for the holidays are now available. Order forms will be at the front door. Orders will be due on Sunday, November 14 so that we have enough time to receive cards before the holidays. Any questions, call Missy Regan at 717-314-

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR CANDLE

Contact Joyce Stoner at 717 -336-7077 if you want to place flowers or candle in honor or memory of someone. Many Sundays are open.



WELCOME BACK



COVID-19 halted activities, but now we're back and the Swamp Lutheran Youth Group (SLY) welcomes you to join us at our Thanksgiving/Fall Fest event!

We will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for families (and for ourselves, dinner IS included) and we will be decorating pumpkins and making Thanksgiving Day cards!



Ages: 6th grade - 12th grade

When: November 21st, 5pm-8pm

Where: Swamp Lutheran Church

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Next Council Meeting :
November 17, 2021

Newsletter Submission for
DECEMBER

Friday, November 19, 2021

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH
FALL BLESSING**

November 21, 2021 9:30AM-11:30AM

Pumpkin Decorating & Bowling, & Fall Bingo

GIVE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE IN NEED.

Please bring a non perishable food item
for the community food bank.



**THE NIGHT OF MUSIC IS BACK,
LIVE AND IN PERSON!**

Swamp's Night of Music will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in sharing their talent, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or speak to me anytime at church.

Also, donations of cookies for refreshments after the program are always appreciated. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS DAY—Celebrated at Swamp Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 7. Mark your calendar.