



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pam Leisey –Learning

Jan Risser –Love, Inc.

Ryan Ranck –Youth Ministry

Lee Showalter –Disaster Response

Tom Showalter-Safety & Security

From Pastor Scott

Dear Friends in Christ,
Happy New Year! At least that is my prayer for us all. 2021 has been another difficult year under the shadow of the COVID pandemic. I doubt many of us escaped unscathed or unaffected in some way by the pandemic. Friends, co-workers, or loved ones have either been infected or worse. This, of course, is on top of all the other trials and travails of ordinary life. We are weary.

I, for one, am particularly chagrined that I contracted COVID right before Christmas, although I am fully vaccinated and have the booster (kept my symptoms mild). I have recovered. It grieved me to not be able to lead you in worship inside the church. Sigh. I want to thank Guy Templin and my daughter, Abigail, for their technical and production assistance with the live Zoom service I was able to lead from my living room on Christmas Eve. For those who were able to watch it, I hope it

left you fed in Word and Spirit. It is still available on the website.

Looking ahead, I long for the ordinary. I am sure you do too. And yet, in the life of the church, Ordinary time are those times of the year when we are not observing feasts, special sessions, or solemnities. We Lutherans do not talk much (or at all) about Ordinary Time, but our Catholic siblings do. According to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *“Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ... Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply*

into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.”

Ordinary time, then, does not mean ho-hum time. It is a term based on the Latin term, *ordo*, which means order and is tied into counting time. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Know that life is not yet normal, per se, but that we live in expectant hope even though things continue to seem out of order and disorienting. Live in that ordinary time where we focus on the life and teachings of Christ that not only comfort us but guide our lives of love for our neighbors in need.

Blessings to you all for the new year! *In Christ, Pastor Scott*

IN PERSON INSIDE WORSHIP

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.

8:00 AM Worship

9:00AM Worship

10:15AM Sunday School

**NO SERVICE
JANUARY 2, 2021**

Mask wearing strongly recommended. Required for unvaccinated..

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
Clair Sweigart
Nancy Kulp
Phyllis Shealer
Zach Hickernell

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
Shirley Martzall—friend of Ranck family
Lisa Buckles—friend of Sue Ellen Knauer
Sue Schultz
Family of Brandon Hilton
David Metzger (friend of Sue Kreitz)
Ed Miller



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

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 make another request to have them put back on.

SNOW TUBING - The Swamp Lutheran Youth Group welcomes you to join us for our snow tubing event! We will be meeting at Swamp Lutheran Church at 11:30AM, have a pizza lunch, leave for Iron Valley Golf Course by 12:30PM and be back by 3:30PM. Family and Friends are welcome!

Ages 6th grade through 12 th grade –invite friends

WHEN: January 23, 2022, 11:30AM-3:30PM


(exact time to be determined)

WHERE: Meet at Swamp Lutheran Church, tubing at Iron Valley Golf Course



Rev. Scott V. Brubaker will be installed as Pastor of Swamp Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 9, 2022. The Installation will be at 4:00PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Mark your calendar!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

CHARLES HOPPMAN 519 S. SIXTH STREET DENVER, PA	1/3	DEWEY TATE 225 VERA CRUZ ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	1/24
LINDA CHRISTY 67 HAWK VALLEY LANE DENVER, PA 17517	1/8	DIANNE CRILLS 137 MEADOW VALLEY RD #119 EPHRATA, PA 17522	1/24
ROBERT BACHMAN 675 BLUE LAKE ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	1/11	DAVID BORRELL 972 WHITE OAK RD DENVER, PA 17517	1/29
JAN RISSER 38 KEELER AVENUE STEVENS, PA 17578	1/17	JAY HERTZOG 89 HAWK VALLEY LANE DENVER, PA 17517	1/30
LOWELL HAWS 712 VINEMONT ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	1/18	CHARLES MOYER 300 SAINT MARK AVE. APT. 606 LITITZ, PA 17543	1/30
GERALD WERNER 88 E MAIN STREET REINHOLDS, PA 17569	1/19	 <p>Charles will be 90 on January 30. Let's shower him with love by sending him greetings. His daughter would like this to be a surprise so please do not tell him. May his heart be full!</p>	
SALLY BERGMAN 268 W. MAIN STREET REINHOLDS, PA 17569	1/19		
SHIRLEY HOPPMAN 519 S. SIXTH STREET DENVER, PA 17517	1/22		

We give thanks for the time, talent and finances that have gone into our celebration of Christ's birth. From the hanging of the greens, to the Night of Music, to the Sunday School Program and of course our many outreaches. Much manpower dedication was required and provided by a giving congregation. Your team of staff members Thank You!!


A Special
THANK YOU




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



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



Garrett Bansner	01
Randy Gockley	02
Charlie Hoppmann	03
Robert Shank	03
Corbin Showalter	03
Patrick Weitzel	03
Anita Kupp	05
Fonda Miller	05
Carol Chmielewski	06
Linda Christy	08
Christine Reedy	09
Steve Weller	09
Bobby Bachman	11
Ryan Martzall	11
Andrew Showalter	14
Cliff Weitzel	16
Reagan Kerr	17
Jan Risser	17
Lowell Haws	18
Sally Bergman	19
Jolynn Leed	20
Matt Sweigart	20
Alan Worley	20
Nolan Hagy	22
Shirley Hoppman	22
Brett Kupp	22
Avery Posegay	22
Lindsay Matter	22
Dianne Crills	24
Dewey Tate	24
Darrin Weaver	24
Missy Strunk	25
Maya Van Zant	26
Jeffrey Metzler	26
Derek Miller	27
Steve Strunk	28
David Borrell	29
Jay Hertzog	30
Adam Laudenslager	30
Charlie Moyer	30
Kristin Gockley	31

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 15, 2021

Council Meeting Highlights 15 December 2021

Your Council met Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Highlights include:

Learning Committee: On November 21, the 4 youth and the leaders prepared meals for 2 families.

- ◆ 28 Hospitality baskets were put together and delivered.
- ◆ The Christmas program will be held today. Santa will be in the social hall after the program.
- ◆ A request was made to put a survey before the congregation concerning changing the Sunday School times before Council votes. Pastor Brubaker will put together a draft survey and send it to Council for approval. After council approval it will be put on the website, email and also a hard copy will be available in the church. Please vote!

Service Committee: They will again be doing the reverse advent calendar. The food will be used in our food bank.

The next community meal will be January 13, 2022. See Jodi Showalter if you are interested in helping.

Disaster Response: After a discussion on the Kentucky tornado disaster...it was decided to use the disaster relief offerings from the next four services for the tornado relief.

Helping Hands: Our food bank has provided food to 13 families in November.

Served lunch for Hanging of the Greens and cookies for the Night of Music.

Youth Ministry: December 5th was their Christmas party.

They are planning snow tubing in January with surrounding congregations.

Property: Ray Weitzel attended the meeting to explain the door locks to Council. After a discussion, Council voted to move the lock box inside the building so Service folks can get in the building without having anyone go to the church to open doors for them. This is being done on a temporary basis

- ◆ Carpet cleaning will be done by Woods Carpet Cleaning of Lancaster at a cost of \$3000.

- ◆ New blue tooth electronic programmable thermostats are installed in the sanctuary for AC and Heating units.
- ◆ New heat pump control board installed for office unit.
- ◆ Front lawn 75 watt LED lights replaced with 125 watt LED units
- ◆ Boiler state inspection completed and passed. Will get certificate in the mail.
- ◆ New regulation by West Cocalico Twp...Septic system now has to be pumped every 3 years—pumping is scheduled with Nolt's Services.

Scouts: Cub Pack 95 has re-chartered with our church with Pastor Brubaker on their roster.

Worship: Christmas Eve we will have 2 services...4:30 and 7:30pm.
December 26 there will be one service at 8:30 with readings and carol singing.

Other items discussed: The COVID task force met and Council approved the following recommendations:

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.

Every other pew in the sanctuary will be roped off to provide distance between family units starting Christmas Eve.

Added chairs will be added to the overflow area starting Christmas Eve and moving forward until numbers decrease.

Pastor Brubaker's installation will be held January 9th 2022 at 4pm with a reception after.

The officers for your 2022 Council are:

President—Lori Gockley
Vice-President—David Sauder
Secretary—Danielle Kauffman
Co-Treasurer—Sue Knauer
Co-Treasurer—Guy Templin
Financial Secretary—Deb Kohl

The Eagles are in the hunt for the playoffs, Penn State is playing Arkansas in the Outback Bowl on January 1 and hopefully Phillies pitchers and catchers report in 56 days.



Junior Class Officers for Cocalico Class of 2023 were named. Our own Cameron Nye was elected Treasurer by his peers. Well done, Cameron!

From Stewardship to Generosity

A reflection by Rev. Robert Schnase
“Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.”

-Luke 6:38, The Message

What’s the difference between “stewardship” and “generosity?” What comes to mind when you hear those words? For what distinctive purposes are they best suited? How do people respond to those terms?

We are stewards of the earth. We are stewards of those things entrusted to us, inherited by us, and earned by us. We are stewards of our wealth and possessions and physical bodies. Stewards are people in ancient times who were trustees, who had responsibilities, who cared for things owned by someone else. Today you don’t hear much about stewards and stewardship outside the church; it’s a language derived from our biblical roots and our church heritage. It risks becoming insider language, not easily accessible or immediately understandable by those new to the church.

Generosity is an aspect of character. The opposite of generosity is selfishness, self-centeredness, greed, and self-absorption. No stories from Scripture tell of people living the God-related spiritual life while fostering a greedy attitude. Generosity extends beyond merely the use of money, although it most definitely includes that. There are generous spirits; generous souls; people who are generous with their time, with their teaching, with their love. Generosity finds many biblical sources, and is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). It sounds more organic, more generative, less legalistic, less formal than stewardship.

Generosity is not a spiritual attribute someone acquires apart from the actual practice of giving. It becomes discernable through action. We never describe people as generous who keep everything for themselves and only serve themselves.

Generosity focuses on the spiritual qualities of the giver, derived from the generosity of God, rather than on the church’s need for money. One of these terms is not superior to the other. Perhaps there are shades of differences in how they are perceived by young and old, those new to the faith from those long-established in our churches. Using both wisely helps us reach people at different places on the journey of faith.

What has been your experience with the term “stewardship?” With “generosity?” What’s the difference between them?

Which most helpfully inspires your giving as you seek to grow in the image of God and in service to Christ?

Excerpted from *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving* by Robert C. Schnase (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2011), pp. 11–13.

<https://swamplutheran.org/giving>

Bea and Edgar Gress want to thank the congregation for their thoughtfulness over the past couple of months while Edgar is recuperating at home. Your cards, visits and holiday hospitality are greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas!



CUB SCOUT PACK 95 has two special events in January. On the 10th they will be bowling at Dutch Lanes in Ephrata. On January 29 they will hold the Klondike derby (Webelos only).



Our Recharter is complete . Pastor Scott is our Charter Organization Rep

Other new leaders are Justin Rittenour as Committee Chair and Kenny Minnick as Asst. Cub Master

Pack 95 earned the Gold Journey to Excellence Award for the second consecutive year.

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

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Handbell Practice Schedule Reminder UPDATED

Mon. Jan. 24
Mon. Jan. 31
Mon. Feb. 7
Mon. Feb. 21
Mon. Mar. 7
Mon. Mar. 14
Mon. Mar. 28
Mon. Apr. 4
Mon. Apr. 11
Mon. Apr. 25
Mon. May 9
Mon. May 16

Play Sun. Feb. 27

Play Sun. Mar. 20

Play Sun. Apr. 17 (Easter)

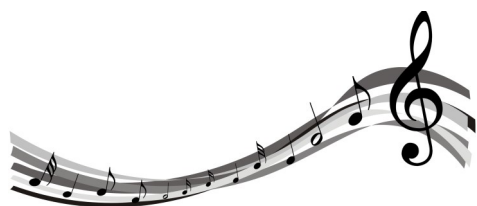
Play Sun. May 22



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CHOIR REHEARSAL

Will resume on
January 26,2022

Poinsettias and Cyclamens December 2021



In memory of:

- ◆ Tom Wenzel by Pat Wenzel
- ◆ Polly Knauer by Bill Knauer
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Chmielewski by Carol and John Chmielewski
- ◆ family and friends by Linda and Glenn Beard
- ◆ Vincent, Etta, and Robin Brubaker by Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker
- ◆ Mahlon and Lucy Sweigart by the family
- ◆ his father, John Sauder, by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ her grandmothers, Leila Crum and Betty Snyder, by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ his mother, Judy Sauder, by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ his grandparents, William and Helen Hershey, by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ her stepfather, Kenneth Lerch, by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ our friend, Jan Roseboro, by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ Charlie Boyer by Jeff and Laurie Sauder
- ◆ parents, Mary and Russell Derr and Carolyn and Charles Leshner, by Tom and Jane Leshner
- ◆ Ralph Good by Dottie, Pam, Randy, Cody, and Hunter Leisey
- ◆ parents, Lorraine and Barry Crowther, brother, Dane, and friend, Spanky, by Michael Crowther
- ◆ loved ones by Judy and Denny Habecker
- ◆ husband, father, and grandfather, Bob Christy, by Linda Christy and Laura and Ashlynn Rapp
- ◆ father and grandfather, Earl Rapp, by Josh and Ashlynn Rapp
- ◆ Harry "Ducky" Lorah by Lucille Lorah and family
- ◆ Tim O'Neal Lorah by Lucille Lorah and family
- ◆ their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Kauffman, by Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary
- ◆ their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Linton D. Myers, by Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary
- ◆ father and grandfather, Glen Taylor, by Jennifer, Chace, and Molli
- ◆ Joel Smith, by Jennifer, Chace, Molli, and Connie
- ◆ husband, Don Risser, by Jan Risser
- ◆ parents, Henry and Jeannette Bitler and Don's parents, Robert and Irene Risser, by Jan Risser
- ◆ great grandson of Don and Jan Risser, Baby Jaxon, by Jan Risser
- ◆ our parents, Betty and Lloyd Templin John and Judy Sauder, and Charles Boyer by Sue and Guy Templin
- ◆ our grandparents, Effie and Edwin Templin and Helen and Bill Hershey, by Sue and Guy Templin
- ◆ parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hileman, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Taylor, by Connie, Jennifer, Chace and Molli
- ◆ Vernon and Edith Showalter by the Rineer family
- ◆ parents James and Nancy Frantz from John and Jerry

- ◆ parents and brother Musser, Miriam, and Jeff Landis from John and Jerry
- ◆ our grandparents from John and Jerry
- ◆ Judy Sauder from John and Jerry
- ◆ parents, grandparents, and Bob Christy by Randy, Lori, Laura and Kristin Gockley
- ◆ parents and grandparents, Gil and Joann Gockley, by Lee, Jodi, Matthew, and Eric Showalter
- ◆ parents and grandparents, Edith and Vernon Showalter, by Lee, Jodi, Matthew, and Eric Showalter

In honor of:

- ◆ Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Mummah by Carol and John Chmielewski
- ◆ Taylor and Mac by Linda and Glenn Beard
- ◆ Kylee and Dan by Linda and Glenn Beard
- ◆ children, Denise, Glenn and Lisa, and Missy by Linda and Glenn Beard
- ◆ birthday of Emily Wagner by Jane and Tom Leshner
- ◆ their children, Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary, by Earl and Irene Myers
- ◆ their favorite grandson, P. Casey Coble, by Earl and Irene Myers
- ◆ their favorite granddaughter, Stevie Nicole and Erik Posegay, by Earl and Irene Myers
- ◆ their great granddaughters, Avery Ann and Olivia Nicole Posegay, by Earl and Irene Myers
- ◆ family by Judy and Denny Habecker
- ◆ grandparents, Alan and Donna Smith, and Connie Taylor by Chace and Molli
- ◆ grandchildren, Chace and Molli, and daughter, Jennifer by Connie Taylor
- ◆ children of Don and Jan, Lee and Kelly Risser and Jason and Adriana Risser, by Jan Risser
- ◆ grandchildren of Don and Jan, Courtney, Anthony, Taylor, Domenic, and Justin by Jan Risser
- ◆ great grandchildren of Don and Jan, Sunnie, Sonya, Lindsee, Jasper, David, Ember, Iris, and Morgan, by Jan Risser
- ◆ our church family from John and Jerry
- ◆ Pastor Scott Brubaker and wife, Jen, from John and Jerry
- ◆ our family from John and Jerry
- ◆ our Lord's birth by Chris Zander
- ◆ Faye and Ed Harting by the Rineer family
- ◆ Bob and Donna Rineer by the Rineer family
- ◆ Tom Showalter by the Rineer family
- ◆ Bonnie Showalter by the Rineer family
- ◆ our girls, Kenzie and Maren, by Zach and Abbey Rineer
- ◆ our daughter, Ali Templin, by Guy and Sue Templin
- ◆ our son, Jonathan Templin and Mariah Wilcox, by Sue and Guy Templin
- ◆ friends, Sherry Brubaker, Denny and Bonnie Trout, Earl and Irene Myers, John Frantz, and Jerry Landis by Randy, Lori, Laura, and Kristin Gockley
- ◆ our parents, Randy and Lori Gockley, by Laura and Kristin
- ◆ our children, Matthew and Kiersten and Eric and Lindsay, by Lee and Jodi Showalter
- ◆ our granddaughter, Emily Joann, by Lee and Jodi Showalter
- ◆ our grandson, Noah Lee, by Lee and Jodi Showalter

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