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Newsletter

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

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IN PERSON WORSHIP

8:00 AM Worship

9:00AM Worship

10:15AM Sunday School

THREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- I. Watch video on YouTube
- 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.

From Pastor Scott

Welcome to Lent We enter the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 2, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days of preparation for his public ministry.

It's hard to avoid the subject of fasting when Lent comes around every year. I used to work with a guy who fasted from swearing during Lent; he struggled to finish his sentences (obviously, he had a swearing problem!). I never thought to ask him if he swears in Church on Easter morning!

Anyway, people ask me if they should give up Facebook or chocolate or eating meat on Fridays? As with all parts of Christian living, it depends on the motivation of your heart. You should not give up something if your motiva-

tion is to suffer a little bit with Jesus or to follow the rules.

For the Christian. Lent is ultimately about fasting from sin. It is an avoidance of anything that could interfere with, distract from, or disturb the preparation for the new Christian life with the risen Christ. The temporary interruption of some selfish habit for a limited time, with the inold habit after Easter, does not accomplish the Christian's goal. Lenten observances should aim for a permanent improvement of the Christian life. Consequently, you may give up something if your motivation schedule inside). is to grow in your faith.

One thing we might all want to consider giving up during Lent—and all year long, for that matter, is unloving, divisive speech and thinking. If we fasted from nastiness, just think about the healing

that could occur in Christ's name.

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Another thing to consider is doing something extra. For instance, I invite you to support the Pick Six Lenten offering program (details inside). Try giving an additional weekly offering in addition to your regular giving to support ministries that help others.

You might also wish to consider redirecting your energies from yourself to others by volunteering in a tention of resuming the new way on the various committees here at Swamp.

> Of course, Lent is a perfect time to read the Bible and pray more often as we praise and worship the Lord. Take advantage of the midweek Lenten worship opportunities on Wednesday evenings (see

In this season of Lent, a time of repentance (changing direction) and self -examination, might we all redirect our minds and efforts to enhance our relationship with the Lord.

Never forget that God loves you and so do I,

Pastor Scott

Church Office Requests



Please call the church office at 717-336-2849 when:

 \square 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.

in your family status of a group or commit-(birth, death, marriage, tee. To be open and 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 ☐ There is a change meeting or an event 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 Charles Hoppman Bill Sweigart

Jean Wolf John Frantz Margaret Elser

Sharon Fremont—friend of Sue Kreitz Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz

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Sue Schultz

David Metzger (friend of Sue Kreitz)

Ed Miller

Erika Eberly (friend of Jennifer Taylor)

Clair Sweigart and Family

Chester Peachey (neighbor of Sue Kreitz)



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

Handbell Practice Schedule Reminder UPDATED

Mon. Mar. 7

Mon. Mar. 14 Play Sun. Mar. 20

Mon. Mar. 28

Mon. Apr. 4

Mon. Apr. 11 Play Sun. Apr. 17 (Easter)

Mon. Apr. 25

Mon. May 9

Mon. May 16 Play Sun. May 22



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

LAMAR EBERLY
119 MARTZALL ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

JOSIE REITZ
46 BROOKFIELD DRIVE
EPHRATA, PA 17522

FRITZ FICHTNER
40 COOPER WAY
DENVER, PA 17517

MICHAEL MILLER 3/15 PO BOX 210 65 NORTH MAIN STREET REAMSTOWN, PA 17567 WANDA MAXEY 3/19 278 W. FARMERSVILLE RD. LEOLA, PA 17540-9794

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Karl Kittler 01 Cooper McQuate 01 Christian Metzler 04 Nick Higgins 05 Ashlyn Rapp 06 Jodi Bingaman 07 Olivia Posegay 09 Lamar Eberly 10 **Josie Reitz** 10 Kylee Kidwell 23 Fritz Fichtner 13 Mike Miller 15 Susan Levan 16 17 George Philippopoulos Ryan Brown 18 Wanda Maxey 19 William Fetter 20 Denise Kidwell 21 Nathan Laudenslager 22 Brooke Koehle 23 Beckah Koehle 23 **Dolores Becker** 24 Sue Van Zant 24 Sandy Clouser 25 Josh Lorah 25 Lee Showalter 25 Rev. James Miller 25 Michael Witmer 27 Stacey Pannebecker 28 Chris Zander 28 lustus Lorah 29 Doug Kulp 31

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 we need paper towels, toilet paper, canned fruit, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and relish.



Orders are being taken for Easter Lilies. Price is \$10.50 per lily and deadline for ordering is March 27. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717)413-7149.

Name	
Phone Number	
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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
Margaret Elser
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Betty Hornberger
Charles Moyer
Ella Shirk
Alverta Showalter
Leona Showalter

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Council Meeting Highlights 16 February 2022

Your Council met Wednesday, February 16. 2022. Highlights include:

Love, Inc: reported there is a new family in the house. Also, they are looking for someone to do some plaster work after this family leaves and the next one starts. If interested, contact Deb Sweigert.

Learning Committee: The students made valentines for the shut ins and Veterans.

They are still looking for teacher help for the younger class. If interested, contact Jen Weitzel.

Vacation Bible School will be with Mellinger's this year since everything was planned prior to the pandemic. They will look at other options for next year. The theme is Christmas in July.

Confirmation camp will be the week of June 19th.

Helping Hands: Our food bank provided food for 17 families in January They served 130 folks at the Hickernell funeral yesterday.

A light meal will be served prior to the Ash Wednesday service.

Welcome: Mailed out 82 cards this month

Council approved the committee's proposal of having a "Spring Fling" on May 21 in lieu of the Senior citizen banquet this year. The congregation and community would be invited. This would signify the end of the Sunday School year.

Youth Ministry: Youth will be going snow tubing on February 27 at Iron Valley Golf Course. 15 youth are signed up to participate including youth from the CALM 5 churches.

Flashlight egg hunt will be held on April 19th.

April 22nd they are going to make snack baskets for the first responders. They have a goal of holding 2 activities a month to engage the youth.

Scouts: February 26th is the Pinewood derby. March 12th is a day hike at Middle Creek March 26th is the Blue & Gold banquet

Finance: They are having a "Pick Six" Lenten offering to support our benevolence ministries. Each week of Lent, you would have the option to donate to one of the 10 ministries. The ten options are:

Swamp Action Fund
Swamp Food Pantry
Community Meal
Hunger Appeal
Confirmation Camp
Jan's Circle of Friends
Disaster Response
Luthercare
Ephrata Area Social Services
Lutheran Camping Corporation

Other items discussed: Pastor Brubaker's installation will be held here Sunday, May 22nd at 4pm with a luncheon after the service.

Just to keep you up to date: Spring Training is supposedly now starting March 5th.



NOTE CHANGE

During Lent choir rehearsal will be moved to **Thursday night at 7PM** to accommodate our availability for the Wednesday Lenten Series. Please mark you calendars and contact Sue Kreitz with any questions. 717-283-9444



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.

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 truly appreciate all of those that have graciously given their time and their talent in supplying the prayer shawls these past years. We will be collecting the Lap Robes in the Church Library. Thank you in advance for considering making the change.

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

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David Sauder, Vice President,
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Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary
Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer
Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

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Danielle Kauffman - Communications

Sue Ellen Knauer - Constitution; Personnel

Lee Showalter - Disaster Response

Guy Templin - Finance

Dave Borrell -Helping Hands

Deb Sweigart -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

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Support Swamp Lutheran Church at no extra cost when you shop at smile.amazon.com

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (Swamp Lutheran Church) every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to **Swamp Lutheran Church.**

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I shop with AmazonSmile?

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone within the Settings or Programs & Features menu. On your web browser, you can add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping with AmazonSmile.

How do I select Swamp Lutheran Church as my charitable organization to support with AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Then select **Swamp Lutheran Church** as your charity of choice. It will remember your selected charity whenever you shop at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation for your selected charity. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

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WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2022 - RETURNING TO JOY

7PM

MARCH 9 RETURNING TO A PARTY LUKE 15:11-23
The Rev. Marissa Becklin at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
80 E. Main St., Adamstown

MARCH 16 THE TREES SHALL CLAP THEIR HANDS ISAISH 55:1-3,6-13
The Rev. Tim Craven at Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut St., Denver

MARCH 23 I AM ABOUT TO DO A NEW THING ISAISH 43:1-7, 14-21 The Rev. Jim Goodyear at Muddy Creek Lutheran Church I I S. Muddy Creek Rd., Denver

MARCH 30 EVERLASTING JOY SHALL BE UPON THEIR HEARTS ISAIAH 51:4-11 The Rev. Sandy Gideon at Mellingers Lutheran Church 80 Gockley Rd., Stevens

APRIL 6 GOD HAS THE LAST WORD REVELATION 21:1-7
The Rev. Scott Brubaker at St. John Center Lutheran Church
599 Reading Rd., East Earl

MAY 26 (ASCENSION) RETURNING WITH JOY LUKE 24:44-53
The Rev. Peter Schwabe-Fry at Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd, Reinholds



On Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday, we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the

life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism.

COME JOIN US

FOR A LIGHT SUPPER AT 5:30PM
FOLLOWED BY OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022



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TREASURERS REPORT								
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Account		Budgets January 2022	1	Actuals January 2022	% of Budget		Remaining	
Income	\$	-	\$	23,049.26	0.00%	\$	(23,049.26)	
Expense	\$	25,282.12	\$	23,963.58	94.78%	\$	1,318.54	
OPERATIONS	\$	4,562.52	\$	5,925.08	129.86%	\$	(1,362.56)	
ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,941.71	\$	1,166.46	60.07%	\$	775.25	
BENEFITS	\$	2,419.42	\$	4,302.67	177.84%	\$	(1,883.25	
THROUGH STAFF	\$	10,400.43	\$	8,776.65	84.39%	\$	1,623.78	
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$	66.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	66.67	
PROPERTY	\$	2,641.29	\$	1,411.52	53.44%	\$	1,229.77	
WORSHIP	\$	433.36	\$	19.95	4.60%	\$	413.41	
SERVICE	\$	70.84	\$	-	0.00%	\$	70.84	
STEWARDSHIP	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-	
WELCOME	\$	416.69	\$	-	0.00%	\$	416.69	
LEARNING	\$	187.51	\$	177.91	94.88%	\$	9.60	
BENEVOLENCES	\$	2,141.68	\$	2,183.34	101.95%	\$	(41.66	
Income less Expense	\$	(25,282.12)	\$	(914.32)	3.62%	\$	(24,367.80)	

CUB SCOUT PACK 95 continues with their weekly meetings on Mondays at 6PM under the leadership of Travis and Justin. Events for March are as follows:

March 12th DAY HIKE AT MIDDLE CREEK

We invite members of the congregation to join us as Pastor Scott leads the hike. Please meet at the VISITOR CENTER between 11:30 & 11:45. The hike will start promptly at 12noon. Bring water and a snack if you feel you need it though the hike will not be a long one.

March 14 Gameseum: Mega ARCADE & MUSEUM, EPHRATA

March 26 Blue AND GOLD BANQUET 5PM

The public is invited to show support for the scouts in Pack 95 as they get there awards and perform skits. This banquet celebrates the year in Scouting. A pot luck dinner will be served.

March fundraiser will be Redners sub tickets. Cost per ticket is \$5 and can be used at any Redners Quick Shop. Orders will be accepted from February 28—March 28. The tickets do not have an expiration date. An order form will be on the hall bulletin board or you can check with the church office. There will be two Sundays during this period that the scouts will take orders after church. Travis or Justin are available to take orders as well. Thank you for your support.

Pack 95 is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in finding out more information about Pack 95 can contact Cubmaster Travis at 717 381 1608 or Committee Chair Justin at 717 466 9932 or via email pack95reinholds@gmail.com . Pastor Scott and the church office can also provide information.

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Pick Six Lenten Offering

This year, Swamp Lutheran will begin a new giving opportunity for Lent: Pick Six. For the six weeks of Lent, we are encouraging you to give a special, weekly offering in addition to your regular giving. The benevolence giving options listed below are opportunities to give to ministries benefitting those in need—sharing God's love outside the walls of Swamp.

Envelopes with these options listed on them are available on the table in the narthex. Please grab a pack of six envelopes (one for each week of Lent). Call the office if you need them mailed to you.



Swamp Action Fund: Help those in dire need of support for rent, bill payment, etc.



Community Meal: Contributions to this ministry support the purchase of food and supplies for the monthly community meal Swamp supports in the community.



Confirmation Camp: Help subsidize the cost of Confirmation Camp held at Camp Kirchenwald in June.



Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Help bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by



disasters in the United States and around the world.

SOCIAL Contributions help provide services to people in our community in the areas of food, clothing, fuel, transportation, and meals on wheels.



Swamp Food Pantry: Contributions support Swamp's ministry of food to those challenged by food insecurity.



ELCA World Hunger

Contributions to this ministry support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Work to eradicate hunger in the United States and throughout the world financially.



tal loss.

Jan's Circle of Friends: Contributions to this organization fund efforts to assist children coping with domestic violence and paren-



Help fund camperships for needy campers.



Support activities and special projects to enrich the lives of senior residents.

Newsletter Submission for **APRIL** Wednesday, March 23, 2022



A LENTEN DAY APART

at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, March 12, 2022 9am-3pm



Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart.

Casual, comfortable clothing will be appropriate.

A \$15 registration fee covers program and meal costs.

Register at Lutheran Camping.org or Call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211 by March 4.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:30 AM—ONE SERVICE ONLY

Our church will welcome the Cocalico High School *Choralaires* and the Cocalico Middle School *Select Singers* to share their music with us during service on April 3. Mark you calendar so that you do not miss this special Sunday of music and service.

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WHY CAMP? A place for Christ-centered community

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.



REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHERANCAMPING.ORG

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm LutheranCamping.org

See Pastor Scott for information on discounts.













A gathering of women to share fellowship and talents.

Camp Kirchenwald

Friday, March 18 - Sunday, March 20, 2022

Cost of the full weekend (Fri-Sun) is \$165. Two days (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) is \$100. One day (Sat, 9am-4pm) is \$60.

Register by March 11

Registration forms are available at LutheranCamping.org or by calling the Camping Office at 717-677-8211



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