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Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, PA 17569

717-336-2849

STAFF

MINISTERS:

Congregation

PASTOR:

Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

ADMIN ASST:

Brenda Johnston

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Susan Kreitz

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

SEXTON

John Frantz

IN PERSON WORSHIP

8:00 AM Worship

9:00AM Worship

10:15AM Sunday School

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

APRIL 2022

From Pastor Scott

Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia! During the month of April, we transition from the Lenten season into the season of Easter. Transitioning from a time of reflection and renewal and repentance to one of celebration and rejoicing and new birth. May we all celebrate with great joy the promise of our new life in Christ, our Risen Lord. We, indeed, are sons and daughters of New Life in Christ.

The Lord Jesus, through his cross and resurrection, has destroyed the power of sin and death and brought us into His life. Christ has won for us victory over the grave. The Church, in her wisdom, asks us to keep this feast alive for fifty days until the Day of

Pentecost (June 5).

We need to reflect on this and just how much our Lord loves us. Although we should enjoy them, Easter is so much more than flowers, cards, Easter eggs, candy and even beautiful music. It is the historical event that gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our lives.

Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we no longer must fear sin and death. The victory has been won in Christ. We celebrate Jesus who is our Paschal Lamb who died out of sheer love for us.

It's been a rough two years of pandemic for all of us. As I write, it is a hopeful time to celebrate the downward trends of COVID. Accordingly, restrictions have been suspended.

To those who have been away from the

Church, I sincerely welcome you home this Easter season. It is my fervent hope and prayer that by worshipping with us, being nourished by the Word and Sacrament of Holy Communion, you will encounter the Risen Christ.

Please take note in these pages of the many activities planned in the coming months as our ministries are renewed and reoriented. Swamp is open and back to work doing God's work as the Holy Spirit leads us! I encourage you to join in this new life in Christian community at Swamp.

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you all,

Pastor Scott

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.

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
 Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz
 Mary Kring—aunt of Linda Ream
 David Metzger (friend of Sue Kreitz)
 Ed Miller
 Erika Eberly (friend of Jennifer Taylor)
 Larry Knauer
 Cindy Hornberger Stahl
 Randy Gockley



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 unless you make another request to have them put back on.

Handbell Practice Schedule Reminder UPDATED

Mon. Apr. 4
 Mon. Apr. 11
 Mon. Apr. 25
 Mon. May 9
 Mon. May 16

Play Sun. Apr. 17 (Easter)

Play Sun. May 22



SUNDAY APRIL 3 IS ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 8:30AM.



We welcome Cocalico High School Choralaires and Cocalico Middle School Select Singers as they assist with music during worship. Let's extend a warm Swamp Lutheran welcome. Breakfast will be served after the service in the Social Hall. Sunday School at 10:15AM

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

BETTY KRAMER 4/7
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS
APT. 209
EPHRATA, PA 17522

RONALD STONER 4/7
720 S. COCALICO ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

JUDY HABECKER 4/19
637 N 11TH AVENUE
LEBANON, PA 17046

SALLY HAGY 4/20
500 BLUE LAKE ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

RONALD ARTZ 4/21
PO BOX 53
390 BLUE LAKE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

SANDRA HAWS 4/22
712 VINEMONT ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

LARRY WOLF 4/25
75 REINHOLDS ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

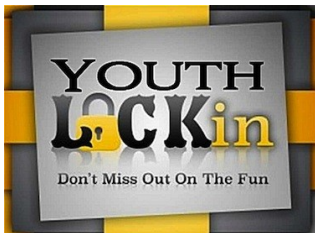


Brittney Hickernell	01
Grace Ranck	02
Stacey Mixell	05
Mark Bansner	06
Serena Bingaman	07
Betty Kramer	07
Ron Stoner	07
Melinda Laudenslager	08
Danielle Kauffman	09
Heather Kittler	09
Kurt Eckenroad	11
Tom Leshner	11
Lindsey Sauder	11
Anna Sweigart	12
Deb Sweigert	12
Jane Leshner	13
Alexa Metzler	14
Katie Sauder	14
Krystal Brown	15
Allison Witmer	16
Michelle Young	16
Laura Pannebecker	18
Judy Habecker	19
Sally Hagy	20
Kathy Hickernell	20
Ron Artz	21
Josh Jones	21
Sandy Haws	22
Larry Wolf	25
Makiah Roth	26
Addyson Kauffman	27
Katie Miller	29
Alex Van Zant	30

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 ketchup, mustard, snacks, and canned tuna .



FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT



Swamp Lutheran Youth (SLY) along with youth from CALM churches will have a fun evening including a LOCKin at Swamp.

DATE: April 8 at 6:00PM—April 9 at 9:00AM

WHERE: Swamp Lutheran Church

WHAT: Dinner, Bonfire, Flashlight Egg Hunt, Movie and maybe some sleep.

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



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 MARCH 15, 2022

Your Council met Tuesday March 15, 2022. Highlights include:

Learning Committee: The scouts have volunteered to fill eggs for the flashlight egg hunt and regular egg hunt.

- Confirmation ministry was discussed. It is a 2 year program that will complement the Middle School Sunday School class and attend 3 years of Confirmation Camp.
- Camp this year will be June 19-25 at Camp Kirchenwald. Pastor Brubaker and Connie Taylor will be in attendance
- A follow up meeting will be held with parents of the students.
- Vacation Bible School will be here at Swamp with Mellinger's. The theme is Christmas in July.

Helping Hands: Our food bank provided food for 19 families in March.

- They served 23 folks at the Ash Wednesday supper.
- Holy week breakfasts will be held Thursday, Friday and Easter Sunday this year.

Welcome: Mailed out 72 cards this month

- The Spring Fling will be held Saturday May 21st starting at 11 am.
- Food will be served in the social hall.
- A 21 piece band will play in the social hall
- Learning committee will coordinate children's activities.

Youth Ministry: Snow tubing event had 20 folks participating.

- March 27th the youth will be making snack baskets for first responders in the area.
- Flashlight egg hunt lock in will be held on April 8-9th and will be open to the CALM 5 churches.

Service: The next community meal will be held May 12th.

Finance: The Lenten pick 6 has collected \$2300.

Scouts: March 12th day hike at Middle Creek canceled due to snow.

- They visited the Arcade museum in Ephrata
- March 26th is the Blue/Gold banquet
- June 18th they are having a slip n slide kickball game including surrounding Scout packs

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday
April 20, 2022

Other items discussed: Connie Taylor and Guy Templin will be our Synod representatives this year.

- Welcome committee is concerned with the number in attendance on Sunday mornings. They are going make contact with members with the goal of letting folks know we are still here and checking to see if they need anything.
- Also mentioning the COVID restrictions and that masks are optional.
- An app for giving will be added to the U-tube Church video.
- Changing tables will be installed in the four restrooms.
- We are looking to collect any keys that are outstanding from prior council members or any other individuals that may have some. Please return to Pastor Brubaker or myself.

I am excited to announce that Major League baseball opening day will be April 7th. The Phillies begin their road to the World Series on April 8th against the Athletics. Let's Go Phils!

Worship Services Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday

April 10 Palm Sunday	Worship	8:00AM and 9:00AM
April 14 Maundy Thursday	Worship	7:30PM
April 15 Good Friday	Worship	8:00PM
April 17 EASTER	Sunrise Service	6:00AM
	Worship	8:30AM

Invite your neighbors, friends and family to join us as we walk the journey of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection together. Mark your calendars.



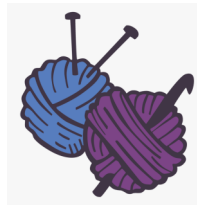
Have you updated your will and remembered the ministry of Christ at Swamp Lutheran?

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 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

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
 Dave Borrell –Helping Hands
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 Tom Showalter-Safety & Security
 Pastor Scott Brubaker - Scouts
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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.



WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES 2022 – RETURNING TO JOY 7PM

- 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

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UKRAINE RELIEF - Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting Ukraine through the Lutheran World Federation. Donations are used for items such as bedding, hygiene items, food and pastoral care through a group of local Eastern Europe Lutheran churches. You may support this effort by writing a check to Swamp Lutheran with the memo marked Ukraine. The church will then send one check to Lutheran Disaster who in turn will donate 100% of the donation to assist those impacted by the war in Ukraine.



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EASTER WEEK BREAKFAST MENU SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6:00AM

- Waffles/Ice Cream with toppings
- Sausage mushroom bake casserole

GOOD FRIDAY, 6:00AM

- Ham
- Home Fries w/wo onions
- Sausage
- Toast
- Creamed dry beef
- Fruit salad

EASTER SUNDAY, 7:00AM

- Scrambled eggs
- Dutch Fry with sausage
- French toast
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Toast



Join Us For
Breakfast

Take Note that as of May 1, 2022 the cost of altar flowers will increase to \$45.00. This change is due to the increase in gas prices. Joyce Stoner organizes the flowers and candles so please call her if interested in sponsoring.

717-336-7077



COMMUNITY EGG HUNT - Swamp Lutheran will be hosting a community egg hunt on Saturday, April 16. Gathering place will be in the Social Hall at 10:00AM. Children ages Nursery through 5th grade are invited. Age appropriate groups will be organized. Snacks and prizes included. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors. In-

MCC has a material resource center in Ephrata at 517 West Trout Run Road. Their Recycling initiatives help cover relief shipping costs and keep items out of the landfill. There are many things that can be recycled at the MRC. The church office has begun to recycle their office paper in an effort to cut down on landfill and to assist in the worldwide outreach of MCC. Might you want to consider recycling in this manner?

[MCC Material Resources Center, Ephrata - Home | Facebook](#)

Did
you
know?

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church				
Treasurer Report				
Feb 01, 2022 through Feb 28, 2022				
Account	Budgets February 2022	Actuals February 2022	% of Budget	Remaining
Income	\$ -	\$ 22,805.69	0.00%	\$ (22,805.69)
INCOME	\$ -	\$ 22,805.69	0.00%	\$ (22,805.69)
Expense	\$ 25,432.12	\$ 25,175.65	98.99%	\$ 256.47
OPERATIONS	\$ 4,562.52	\$ 5,677.76	124.44%	\$ (1,115.24)
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,941.71	\$ 1,169.19	60.21%	\$ 772.52
BENEFITS	\$ 2,419.42	\$ 3,829.41	158.28%	\$ (1,409.99)
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 10,400.43	\$ 8,030.50	77.21%	\$ 2,369.93
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 305.00	0.00%	\$ (305.00)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 66.67
PROPERTY	\$ 2,641.29	\$ 2,899.77	109.79%	\$ (258.48)
WORSHIP	\$ 583.36	\$ 197.53	33.86%	\$ 385.83
SERVICE	\$ 70.84	\$ 200.00	282.33%	\$ (129.16)
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
WELCOME	\$ 416.69	\$ 283.12	67.94%	\$ 133.57
LEARNING	\$ 187.51	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 187.51
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,141.68	\$ 2,583.37	120.62%	\$ (441.69)
Income less Expense	\$ (25,432.12)	\$ (2,369.96)	9.32%	\$ (23,062.16)

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

April 8-10—Pack 95 campout at Camp Mack, Newmanstown

April 11—Frisbee Golf—Denver Park, Denver

April 16—Pool Cleanup at Olivet Boys & Girls Club Camp, Hamburg
(meet 8AM at Swamp—lunch will be provided)

April 18—No Den Meeting

Fundraiser for April will be in partnership with Redners. Details will be shared at a later date.

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.



With Holy Week quickly approaching we have an opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to join us in the journey of repentance and celebration of life! Jesus lived, died and was resurrected for the salvation of all. Let's embrace this time of year to celebrate God's glory and share the

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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
God's work. Our hands.

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.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
EPHRATA AREA
SOCIAL
SERVICES
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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
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God's work. Our hands.

Contributions to this ministry support the work to eradicate hunger in the United States and throughout the world financially.



Jan's
CIRCLE OF
FRIENDS

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



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

Help fund camperships for needy campers.



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

Summer Camp Open House



Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Come join us!!!

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificates for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

Sunday, March 20
Sunday, April 10
2:00-4:30 pm

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Aradaville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.
For more information, visit www.LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.




WORK DAYS AT CAMP



SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM
SATURDAY, MAY 7 - KIRCHENWALD, 9:00 AM

Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP by April 22 at LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211

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The Wittel Farm Growing Project 2022 Events

Spring Volunteer Days

April 2	April 9
April 23	April 30
	May 7

Planting Days

May 14
May 21

THE GROWING PROJECT IS DEDICATED TO GROWING FRESH VEGETABLES TO HELP FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE IN LEANING COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

WITTEL FARMWORKS
LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION

Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald April 29-30, 2022

Need a weekend with the guys? Come on out to Kirchenwald for a retreat that's sure to put hair on your chest. Get your hands dirty with on-site service projects, break a sweat with some athletic competition and bike riding, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment.



The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Participants must be at least 18 years old, or 15 if accompanied by an adult. (It's a great way to spend time with your son/grandson/nephew, etc!)

Registration is \$85 for the retreat. Please register by April 22.
Register at LutheranCamping.org or by calling the Camping Office 717-677-8211



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Earth Day Celebration 2022

Sunday, April 24, 2022 • 2-6pm
Kirchenwald

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages welcome.

RSVP to 717-677-8211 or LutheranCamping.org by April 16

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Lutheran Camping Corporation Opportunities

