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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 SUMMER SCHEDULE**

8:30AM

#### **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

JUNE 2022

### *From Pastor Scott*

From Pastor Scott  
"My heart is full!"  
That is what I told people who asked how I liked my Service of Installation on May 22. Through all the kindness, well-wishes, fellowship, and celebration, I truly felt the Holy Spirit at work in my life here at Swamp. Thank you for welcoming me into the Swamp family.

So much has happened in the last seven months and so much lies ahead of us in the ministry we share together. Recently, in addition to my installation as your pastor, we have had a successful Spring Fling event with the awesome Swing Fever Band, Ascension

Day service, Spring clean-up and mulching, and SLY Game Night.

With the coming of summer, so does our summer worship schedule of a single service at 8:30 am with no Sunday School. We are considering holding one Sunday worship per month outdoors (more details to come).

Much more lies ahead as we recognize our graduates on Pentecost Sunday (June 5), recognize Fathers on June 19, head to Camp Kirchenwald for Confirmation Camp (June 19-25) and prepare for an awesome Christmas in July Vacation Bible School at Swamp in partnership with Mellingers Lutheran (July 17-21). Blessing of the Backpacks (students) will occur during worship later in the fall.

Planning for the fall has begun. Stay tuned for exciting details about our annual Church Picnic (Sept. 11), Rally Day (Sept. 18), and Blessing of the Pets (after worship on October 2 under the carport).

Folks, the Holy Spirit is active at Swamp Lutheran. As we celebrate the birthday of the Church on Pentecost Sunday, remembering how God sent the Spirit's flame to compel the people to engage in spreading the Good News, can we, too, hear what the Spirit is saying to us? God is doing something new, and we all have a part in it. We can, and should, be on fire for the healing of the world. See you in church!

Pastor Scott

SKIP ROPE  
NOT CHURCH

Blessed and Safe

SUMMER

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MAY 18, 2022

Your Council met Wednesday 18 May 2022. Highlights include:

**Love, Inc.** The current family is leaving the end of May. The home has been approved for the Lead Abatement program, so no additional families have been approved until that is completed.

**Helping Hands:** Our food bank provided food for 14 families this month..  
Served 30 folks for the Baptismal luncheon

**Welcome:** Mailed out 90 cards this month  
The Spring Fling was held yesterday.  
Picnic style food was served in the social hall.  
Approx. 70 folks enjoyed the Fever Swing Band--A 21 piece band that played in the social hall  
Drone demonstration by the Ephrata Police Dept.  
The silent auction netted approx \$600 for the Keystone Military families organization  
Carnations were handed out for Mother's Day.

**Youth Ministry:** May 15<sup>th</sup> they held a game night and had 3 youth and 5 adults attending.

Planning is beginning for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans  
The Synod Leadership Camp information came out this week. It is for any youth in grades 9-12 who show leadership skills in their church and are nominated by their pastor or Council members.

**Service:** They served 82 meals at the community meal on May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Our dates for the summer lunch program will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We are working with Faith United and Denise Kidwell will head this project.  
Contact her if you want to participate.

**Scouts:** May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> they went to Cabela's and Blue Mountain Camp. Cabela's has a program that offers the scouts free gear.

They set up a table at the spring fling to promote scouting.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> they will have a fundraiser at Two Cousins in Stevens. That night 15% of the sales will go to the Scouts. This is a cash only sale...no credit cards.

**Property:** The two work details held this week and last went well. Thank you to all who helped at the events. If you notice anything that needs repairs, put a note in the property mailbox.

**Worship:** Summer worship service schedule is set to begin on May 29<sup>th</sup> with one service at 8:30am and no Sunday School. After Pentecost Sunday, the service will be changed to a shorter summer format.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday  
June 15, 2022

**Learning:** Confirmation Camp will be held June 19-25 with 8 or 9 students attending.

They are beginning to recruit teachers for the fall for Sunday School.

Blessing of the Backpacks will occur later in the fall..

September 18<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Day for the beginning of Sunday School featuring Touch a Truck

Vacation Bible School will run July 17<sup>th</sup> -July 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Other items discussed:**

Pastor Brubaker's installation will be held today at 4pm with a luncheon afterward.

He will also be on vacation from May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr will lead worship May 29 and Pastor Tim Craven will be available for pastoral emergencies.

Council had a discussion on holding one service a month outside. That was turned over to Worship committee to plan.

My monthly Phillies report: We are currently 8 games behind in the NL East. We are going with the thought that we don't want to peak too early in the season. It's a long season so "Let's Go Phils!!"

#### **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  
Deb Sweigert -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



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.



## 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  
 Michael Wargo  
 Nettie Kreiner

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  
 John Bergman  
 Melissa Gress Swift  
 Beaty & Edgar Gress  
 Joan Reddig



## 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.



a time of renewal and rest as we enter our summer season.

Thank you to our Chancel Choir under the leadership of Susan Kreitz and our Handbell Choir under the leadership of Doug Kulp for their commitment to God's glory in their time, energy and music throughout the year. We wish them



From time to time members of our congregation need help with rides for various reasons. We need **VOLUNTEERS** for this outreach. Please call the office and let Brenda know that you are willing to be put on an available driver list.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JOHN ELSEY 6/6  
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS AVENUE  
APT. 101  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

JUNE EBERLY 6/23  
119 MARTZALL ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

TOM HENLY 6/19  
505 S. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
DENVER, PA 17517



Katie Houck	01
Tyler Leed	02
Chris Laudenslager	03
Kenzie Stopper	03
Ali Templin	03
Pam Hertzog	04
Samantha Donmoyer	04
Bronson Reedy	05
John Elser	06
Larry Knauer	08
Katie Laudenslager	08
Jim Martzall	11
Chace Smith	14
Ashlie Artz	14
Eric Showalter	14
Hailey Ranck	15
Stephen Ranck	15
Colin Reimer	16
Olivia Reimer	16
Lisa Ferry	17
Peggy Coble	17
Adara Kittler	17
Brian Reedy	17
Tom Henly	19
Guy Templin	21
Vanessa Knauer	22
Zach Rineer	22
Maeve Van Zant	22
June Eberly	23
Troy Hagy	23
Faith Stoltzfoos	25
Rachel Young	25
Greg Diestel	27
Jerry Landis	27
Anson Kauffman	28
Mike Mixell	29



**REMINDER** –As of May 1, 2022 the cost of altar flowers is \$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

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 nacks, canned tuna and cereal.



### Online Giving to Swamp Lutheran

Easy, Secure, Convenient  
Set it and Forget it!

<https://swamplutheran.org/giving>

If you haven't yet signed up for online giving, now is the perfect time. In just a few easy steps, you can set up regular giving at the intervals you choose. No more writing checks. No more fussing with giving envelopes. One less thing to remember. Just set it up and forget it. It is a safe, secure, and convenient way for you to practice your faithful giving to the ministries at Swamp Lutheran. Our trusted and respected payment processing partner Vanco makes it easy. Just click on <https://swamplutheran.org/giving> to get started.



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](mailto: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  
Anna Adams



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Support Swamp Lutheran Church at no  
extra cost when you shop at  
[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

### How do I shop with AmazonSmile?

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://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 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.

**US FLAGS** When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be re-



**Did  
you  
know?**

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](#)

**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 European 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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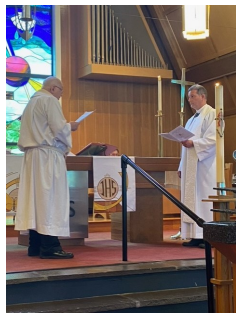
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**CUB SCOUT PACK 95** will have their last weekly Den Meeting on Monday, June 6, as school comes to a close. Their planned Summer Bash will be on Saturday, June 18, at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds. Activities will include a Slip 'n Slide Kickball.

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 via email [pack95reinholds@gmail.com](mailto:pack95reinholds@gmail.com). Pastor Scott and the



**SWAMP'S SPRING FLING** on May 21 was a smashing success. All enjoyed the delicious food prepared by the Kitchen Krew and the music of the Swing Fever Band who entertained us with forties swing music. The kids enjoyed the many outdoor games and the drone demonstration by the Ephrata Police. The Welcome Committee is pleased to report that the silent auction netted \$600 to support Keystone Military Families and their work of support for families of deployed servicemembers. The Welcome Committee thanks all who made this event a success. "We appreciate all that you do!"



**IT'S OFFICIAL!** Pastor Scott was officially installed as our pastor on May 22. The Reverend Larry Hummer, Secretary of the North Lancaster Conference, Lower Susquehanna Synod, presided. Over a hundred well-wishers attended the 4 pm worship service. "I am incredibly honored and humbled to serve as Swamp's pastor. I want to thank all who came and especially wish to thank the worship assistants and the Kitchen Krew who made my special day extra special. My heart is full," said Pastor Scott.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MANY GRADUATES!**



From Cocalico High School: Luke Zook, Dylan Koehle, Krystal Brown, Brian Reedy, Jack Pannebecker and Andrew Hagy. We wish them blessings as they move forward on their life journey beyond High School.

- Nathan Shugarts graduated from the University of Maryland with a doctorate in Molecular and Cellular Biology.
- Laura Gockley Martin graduated with a Master of Arts in Strategic Leadership, Messiah University.
- Matt DeBock graduated from Penn State University
- Brett Kulp graduated from Lancaster Bible College.
- Jake Diestel graduated from the University of the Sciences, Philadelphia

**God Speed!!**

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church				
Treasurers Report				
Apr 01, 2022 through Apr 30, 2022				
Account	Budgets April 2022	Actuals April 2022	% of Budget	Remaining
Income	\$ -	\$ 27,338.89	0.00%	\$ (27,338.89)
Expense	\$ 25,682.12	\$ 28,360.22	110.43%	\$ (2,678.10)
OPERATIONS	\$ 4,562.52	\$ 4,813.01	105.49%	\$ (250.49)
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,941.71	\$ 2,133.08	109.86%	\$ (191.37)
BENEFITS	\$ 2,419.42	\$ 3,814.43	157.66%	\$ (1,395.01)
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 10,400.43	\$ 7,918.45	76.14%	\$ 2,481.98
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 478.95	0.00%	\$ (478.95)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 66.67
PROPERTY	\$ 2,641.29	\$ 2,470.60	93.54%	\$ 170.69
SCOUT BUILDING	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
WORSHIP	\$ 833.36	\$ 454.85	54.58%	\$ 378.51
SERVICE	\$ 70.84	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 70.84
WELCOME	\$ 416.69	\$ 4,011.93	962.81%	\$ (3,595.24)
LEARNING	\$ 187.51	\$ 181.58	96.84%	\$ 5.93
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,141.68	\$ 2,083.34	97.28%	\$ 58.34
Income less Expense	\$ (25,682.12)	\$ (1,021.33)	3.98%	\$ (24,660.79)

## GUESS WHO?

I have been a member of Swamp Lutheran Church since 1954. I have served as Council President and also dabbled on the Property Committee. I was married in Swamp Lutheran Church early on a Saturday morning in June 68 years ago. I remember seeing my lovely wife outside the Reinholds Restaurant, next to the Post Office, thinking WOW, she has great looking legs. And she still has them today! I am told I have pretty blue eyes, but I am also told I had the ugliest green & orange striped shirt (that WAS my Favorite shirt!).

I was raised in a nearby town called Talmage. I was 1 of 10 children – six boys and four girls. I was the 2nd youngest. My Mother died when I was 4. My Father died when I was 16. In my younger days, I learned how to use a Hammermill, I drove truck delivering potatoes, apples, and beer. I was the youngest Foreman – leader of the Black Top Gang. I have been working at my most recent job since 1970, starting as a packer. I have 2 daughters, 2 son-in-laws, 2 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.

Fall is my favorite time of year and at this time, I love driving to the mountains. I make a special delivery in the fall, dropping off about 65 of these. I love going out to eat. One of my favorites was the Glass Kitchen in Lancaster, it now is a Sushi Bar. I have traveled to 48 out of 50 States, missing North Dakota and Alaska.

These days, I LOVE deviling my wife. My words of Wisdom are – “keep your mouth shut”. My Motto is – “to whom much is given, much is required”. God has been the pillar of my life, and continues to be by my side today. Growing up in Talmage, I learned about compassion, creativity, reliability, generosity, loyalty and a love for domestic life. I strive for all of these everyday. I am very Blessed.

## WHO AM I?

**WATCH FOR ANSWER IN JULY NEWS**

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Newsletter Submission  
for  
JULY  
WEDNESDAY  
June 22, 2022



OPPORTUNITIES

**STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH,  
ONE CAMPER AT A TIME**

Recent studies have shown that individuals who experience church camping as children and youth are more likely to stay involved in faith communities as adults.

**Why?**

- Church camp experience offers opportunities to live a faithful life in a non-threatening environment.
- Campers practice living as Jesus intends us to live in a community of people striving to do the same.
- Campers have opportunities to practice times of quiet, individual devotion, as well as active, participatory worship.
- Campers are given a safe space to discuss faith topics with peers and mentors.
- Campers are given opportunities for worship leadership and participation.
- Campers learn how to be faithful Christian disciples, eager to proclaim the Gospel and serve others.

All of this faith formation takes place within the setting of an outdoor community that seeks to build character, foster independence, encourage good relationships, and teach life skills... benefits that campers will carry for the rest of their lives. Congregations, in turn, will grow and flourish with members who are eager to lead and serve.

Since 1929, the Lutheran Camping Corporation has provided a Christ-centered ministry for people in all stages of life. LCC is in partnership and cooperation with congregations of the Lower Susquehanna Synod for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The camps of LCC provide unique and effective settings and experiences where the Gospel is shared, and faith is nurtured in the lives of children, adults and families. LCC's programs serve as an extension of congregational ministry, and participants of all ages return to their homes and families renewed and strengthened for Christian living.

**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT  
LUTHERANCAMPING.ORG**

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of  
Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenvald, Newkirk, & The Witten Farm  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)

Insert #4



## Vacation Bible School

Swamp & Mellingers Lutheran Churches

**July 17 to July 21, 2022**

(6:30PM - 8:00 pm)

Held @ Swamp Lutheran Church

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

I (parent or guardian) of above-named child,

\_\_\_\_\_ Permit

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not permit

Mellingers or Swamp Lutheran to use my child's photo on their website, social media and/or power point presentations

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP

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