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Swamp Lutheran Church
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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

AUGUST 2022

From Pastor Scott

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." –Genesis 8:22 NRSV

The heat is on! As I write this message at the end of July, a heatwave is upon us. Don't get me wrong, I love the heat much better than the cold of winter, but I could do without the stifling humidity. Consequently, my plans for outdoor projects around the house are a slow go for now. I hope you all are finding ways to stay cool and safe.

Vacation Bible School has just concluded. 17 kids enjoyed Christmas in July along with many teen and adult teachers and helpers. 7 adults joined

me in the adult class too. Many thanks to Jen Weitzel, Michelle Brown, the Mellingers Lutheran team, and the other volunteers who made it a success.

As the author of Genesis writes, time marches on. So, we look ahead to end of summer and fall activities at Swamp. In that vein, please take a minute to complete the Worship Preferences Survey. It will help us plan worship and Sunday School times when we return to two services. It's anonymous and online at <https://tinyurl.com/swampworshipsurvey> or via paper (on table in Narthex). Using the online version expedites tabulation.

On August 14, Quinton LeeRoy Rineer, son of Abbey and Zach Rineer, is welcomed into the Christian family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

On August 21, during worship, we will bless

backpacks for our returning students. Students of any age are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship for a blessing.

September 11 is the Church Picnic (likely with outdoor worship preceding it).

Rally Day with Touch-a-Truck is September 18. Join us as we kick-off the resumption of Sunday School.

Blessing of the Pets will occur on October 2 after worship and Sunday School under the carport. Bring your tame pets to the rear of the church at noon for this special service of blessing.

Also, see the information about God's Work, Our Hands. We need your ideas for projects.

God's blessing and grace to you and yours. See you in church!

Pastor Scott



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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.

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 retired in proper fashion. Thank you for your consideration.



Next Council Meeting

August 17, 2022

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



SWAMP LUTHERAN WORSHIP SURVEY –We need your input. Your answer to each question will assist the Church Council in its planning for worship services. The survey is anonymous. Please do not provide your name. One survey per adult.

CLICK HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/swampworshipsurvey>

August 21, 2022

8:30AM Service

We will give thanks and praise for our children and the fact that they will have all they need as they begin their school year with our Blessing of the Backpacks. As a manner of encouragement to the excited and comfort to the anxious Pastor Scott will invite the children and their backpacks to the front for prayer. Children bring your school bags on August 21!



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

August 21	Blessing of the Backpacks	
September 11	Church Picnic	
September 12	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM
September 14	Choir Rehearsal Resumes	7:00PM
September 18	Rally Day & Touch a Truck	Sunday School Kickoff

Swamp Lutheran Church & Mellingers Lutheran Church sponsored a successful VBS during July. 17 children from the churches and the community enjoyed the opportunity to learn about Jesus through Bible stories, videos, games, crafts and fellowship. The VBS team and volunteers did an impressive job with their dedication and faithfulness to Jesus and to the children. Thank You. During VBS, Pastor Scott lead an adult class having 7 participants. We are so grateful to ALL for their sacrificial giving of time and talents.



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

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 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 will be collecting the Lap Robes in the Church Library. So far the church has delivered 25 lap robes to the VA in Lebanon. Thank you to all continuing to work on this outreach.



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
Ashton Faust
Susan Levan
Janice Moyer Kelly
Clair Sweigart
Nancy Kulp
Charles Hoppman
Bill Sweigart
Michael Wargo
Jan Lorah
Glenn Beard, Sr.

Jean Wolf
John Frantz
Margaret Elser
Ed Miller
Larry Knauer
Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz
Mary Kring—aunt of Linda Ream
David Metzger (friend of Sue Kreitz)
Cindy Hornberger Stahl
John Bergman
Melissa Gress Swift
Nettie Krieder
Luann Shuman
Family of Nicki Brown
Alicia Brubaker



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.

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 canned fruits & vegetables, all starches, cereal, soups, jelly and pasta sauces.



DRIVERS NEEDED



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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

LARRY HAGY 500 BLUE LAKE ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	8/1	DOTTIE GOOD P. O. BOX 101 BOWMANSVILLE, PA 17507	8/20
JANET ALBERT-HERMAN 5015 CHERRY LANE MOHNTON, PA 19540	8/2	IRENE MYERS 1845 FURNACE HILL ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	8/20
LINDA REAM 230 EDMONT LANE NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073	8/3	RON CRILLS 137 MEADOW VALLEY RD #50 EPHRATA, PA 17522	8/21
LINDA BEARD 753 SOUTH FOURTH ST. DENVER, PA 17517	8/4	JOHN LEVAN 208 HAWTHORNE CT. NORTH READING, PA 19610	8/22
RONALD BINGEMAN 580 GOCKLEY ROAD STEVENS, PA 17578	8/4	ALVERTA SHOWALTER 400 LANCASTER AVE. RM. 104 STEVENS, PA 17578	8/26
LOUETTA FRANCK 8 EDIE DRIVE DENVER, PA 17517	8/8	CLYDE SHOWALTER FAITHFUL LIVING 2015 W. READING RD. #117 DENVER, PA 17517	8/27
JANICE KELLY 104 BURROWS STREET SINKING SPRING, PA 19608	8/12	ELIZABETH BRUBAKER 104 MECHANIC STREET REINHOLDS, PA 17569	8/28
BEATRICE GRESS 155 S. BLAINSPORT ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	8/16	SUSAN HEYDENREICH 48 COOPER WAY DENVER, PA 17517	8/31
JERE MARTIN 74 HAWK VALLEY LANE DENVER, PA 17517	8/16		
GARY REDDIG 21 STONE CREEK CT. EPHRATA, PA 17522	8/17		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
everyone born in the month

AUGUST

CINDY GOLDEN	01
LARRY HAGY	01
PAM LEISEY	01
CAMERON NYE	01
JANET ALBERT-HERMAN	02
MELIA VAN ZANT	02
LINDA REAM	03
HEATHER WEAVER	03
LINDA BEARD	04
RONALD BINGAMAN	04
BETH NYE	04
ALEX KUPP	05
CHELSEA HAGY	06
ERIK POSEGAY	06
LOUETTA FRANCK	08
KATHY WORLEY	08
JERRY HOWE	09
ZAC BROWN	11
JAMICE KELLY	12
TOM SHOWALTER	12
DENISE WELLER	15
BEATTY GRESS	16
JERE MARTIN	16
SHAWNA MOYER	17
GARY REDDIG	17
GILLIAN CHIRIGOS	20
DOTTIE GOOD	20
IRENE MYERS	20
RONALD CRILLS	21
JOHN LEVAN	22
BETH SWEIGERT	24
ALVERTA SHOWALTER	26
MICHELLE BROWN	27
NATHAN SHUGARTS	27
LAURIE SAUDER	27
CLYDE SHOWALTER	27
SUSIE HEYDENREICH	31

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

GUESS WHO?

I was baptized at Swamp Reform Church when I was 13 years old. I have been very active at Swamp Lutheran Church. I taught the kindergarten class in Sunday School for many years. We would have 15-20 children attend class. Our Sunday School rooms were located where the Social Hall is now. Swamp Lutheran Church was smaller in size then. I also taught at V.B.S. I remember we would have V.B.S. in late June or early July each year and we would have over one hundred children attend. I've always enjoyed nurturing children. They bring so much joy.

I also served on the Entertainment Committee for the Father & Son Banquet. The men always cooked for the Mother & Daughter Banquet. My husband and I always enjoyed attending the church Halloween party. We had so much fun dressing up in costumes. My husband and I were Youth Group Advisors at the time our sons participated in Swamp Society for Youth Partnership. I remember visiting other local church youth groups and sharing in activities together.

I served on the "Pulpit Committee" which is the same as the recent "Call Committee." I helped interview Minister candidates after Pastor Minnich passed away. I remember thinking Pastor Trout and his family were incredibly young. Our congregation was thinking we should pick a younger minister at that time. We had Pastor Minnich for 32 years. Then we had Pastor Trout for 51 years. I was Pastor Trout's secretary for a time.

There have been many changes at Swamp Lutheran Church. We used to take Communion only twice a year—once in the Spring and the second in the Fall. Then Communion went to once a month. Now we have it every Sunday. I have always enjoyed the music at Swamp Lutheran Church. I need to confess I miss singing the oldy hymns. They are very meaningful to me.

My husband and I were married for 49 years. He worked for Gunzenhauser Bakery in Lancaster, PA. delivering baked goods from house to house. I worked at A.N. Wolf Company in the office. I left this job after 12 years to help my husband run his own business delivering a delicious treat house to house. We had that company for 15 years. I also delivered Meals on Wheels for over 20 years. I enjoy cooking, playing cards, reading Nicholas Sparks books, and doing jigsaw puzzles. I usually have a puzzle set up on my table to work on each day.

I feel prayer is very important. Sometimes you have to wait for God's answer. Waiting is hard. Having people pray for you helps you work through your problems more easily and reminds you that you are not alone.



JULY ANSWER: GLADYS ECKENROAD

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SCHOOL KITS

LWR SCHOOL KITS— Last year, Swamp assembled and delivered 108 backpacks to the LWR pick-up site. Thank you to all who donated supplies and helped us reach this goal!

We are presently accepting donations of items for this year's Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project through the end of September. Please help make this year's project a success. **Donations may be given to Jane Lesher, Denise Null and Connie Taylor.** Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.

Items most needed: **notebooks, scissors, crayons, and pens.**
Items not needed: No backpacks (thanks to Jane!) No pencils thanks to a generous donor.

We appreciate everyone following the guidelines listed below, as Lutheran World Relief will not send anything that doesn't adhere to these guidelines. Each backpack will contain:

- 70-80** sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2" – 4 per backpack
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side – 1 per backpack
- Pencil sharpeners – 1 per backpack
- Blunt** scissors (safety scissors). (They must say this on the packaging) – 1 per backpack
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers – 5 per backpack (**We have enough**)
- Black or blue ink pens – 5 per backpack
- Packs of 16 or 24 crayons – 1 pack per backpack
- 2 1/2" erasers – 1 per backpack



Gently Used Sneakers Needed. Cub Pack 95 is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. The sneakers will be purchased from the Cubs by an organization that resells or recycles them, saving landfill space and natural resources while helping the Scouts raise money to fund their activities. The Cubs are **not** able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com



Ownership

A reflection by Rev. Robert Schnase

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.”

-James 1:17, NIV

“Fundamentally, we either consider the material things in our life—our money, house, property—as owned by God and belonging to God, and we manage them for God’s purposes, or we view them as owned by us. If they are owned by God, then our tithes and offerings represent our returning to God what belongs to God already. What we keep also belongs to God, and we feel obligated to spend it wisely and not frivolously, and to invest it in ways that do not dishonor God’s purposes. We try not to waste money or to live more lavishly than we should. We spend responsibly, allowing our relationship with God to form our minds. We manage God’s resources as faithfully as we can.

But if we believe that our material resources fundamentally belong to us and that we entirely possess them ourselves, then we can do whatever we please with what we own, and our tithes and offerings are giving something that belongs to us, to God. God should be grateful for our generosity in giving a percentage for God’s purposes rather than our feeling grateful for the privilege of using what belongs to God.

Think about the possession of land. Suppose we hold legal title and own land according to civil authorities. In the larger span of the earth’s history, does our patch of soil actually belong to us, or are we temporary stewards? The land didn’t begin with us and doesn’t end with us. The land we claim to own has existed for millions of years, was used by humans for millennia before us, and will remain for eons more after we are gone. For the ordering of civil life, we rightly say we own the property, and it belongs to us. But our mortality assures that we are only the temporary stewards, managers, and keepers. At our dying, what will the things we own mean to us? Whose will they be? People live and perish, but purposes are eternal. With that understanding comes a profound and humble sense of responsibility about how we use the land. It’s temporarily ours to enjoy, but we do so with respect and awe, because ultimately everything belongs to God, and not to us.

This concrete example applies to all of the temporal elements of our lives—our possessions, our wealth, even our bodies and minds. Which perspective is truer, more ethically sound, more aligned with reality? That it all belongs to us and we can do whatever we want? Or that we are the temporary beneficiaries, and we find meaning in using what God has entrusted to us to the highest purposes?

Which perspective fosters better decisions and deepens a spiritually grounded sense of community and responsibility? The wisdom revealed in Scripture and tradition for more than three thousand years is that those who practice from the perspective of a steward find greater happiness.”

Which of these two views do you hold?

How does this belief shape your actions? Your giving?

Excerpted from *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving* by Robert C. Schnase (Abingdon Press: Nashville, 2011), pp. 39-40.

Give online at <https://swamplutheran.org/giving>

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“God’s work. Our hands.”



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We’re looking for new ideas and opportunities for a church-wide day of service!

Is there a service project or organization that you have connections to or feel passionate about? Is the work appropriate for all ages, or at least appropriate for youth grades 6-12 and adults?

If so, please contact Pastor Scott at pastor@swamplutheran.org or Hailey Ranck at herratio3@gmail.com with any ideas or questions.

Our greatest commandment is to love, so we look forward to coming together as a congregation to actively love our neighbors and live out God’s grace through personal acts of service! If interested, for more information and examples, please visit www.elca.org/dayofservice



Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com

TAKE NOTE

August 9	4:00PM-9:00PM	Fundraiser	Subway 2350 Reading Rd. Denver
August 22	6:00PM	New Member Meeting	Swamp Lutheran



ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER