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Swamp Lutheran Church
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STAFF

MINISTERS:

Congregation

PASTOR:

Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

ADMIN ASST:

Brenda Johnston

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Susan Kreitz

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

SEXTON

John Frantz

8:30AM

IN PERSON WORSHIP
SUMMER SCHEDULE

Resume Two Services
September 25
8:00AM & 9:00AM

Sunday School
10:15AM

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

From Pastor Scott

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven - Ecclesiastes 3:1 NRSV

Autumn is my favorite time of year. The weather is the most pleasing—in my opinion. Leaves begin to change color. It's fair season and football season (yes, and baseball playoffs too!). It's also a great time for me to lounge by my firepit. The downside to autumn for me is that my daughter, Abigail, returned to college and I miss her already.

Autumn at Swamp Lutheran is also an exciting time where we return to more active ministry. We have our Church Picnic on September 11 with outdoor worship in the tent. September 18 is Touch-A-Truck which kicks off our return to Sunday School and two

worship services on September 25.

The choir returns in September and SLY gears up for another year (see the schedule of planned events in this newsletter—good stuff!).

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

SLY leadership is working on a God's Work, Our Hands, day of service for this fall sometime. If you have an idea for a one-day service project suitable for those aged 6 and older, let me know.

I want to thank all of you who shared your preferences on our worship survey. It was very helpful. Council has reviewed them and concluded that there was no clear mandate—one way or the other—concerning worship and Sunday School scheduling. Consequently, further dis-

cussion and discernment will need to take place before any action will be brought before the congregation for consideration. Please help keep the conversation going by sharing ideas and concerns with your council members. We did learn of your interest in exploring some new avenues to worship and grow in discipleship. Pray for discernment about how God is calling us to serve others and be the church here at Swamp.

for the survey results. Click "control" and.

<HERE> for survey results.

Building a Culture of Generosity is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church over the last year, but also points us to know that we can grow into this in even more profound ways. Stay tuned for more communication.

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

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
Susan Levan
Clair Sweigart
Nancy Kulp
Charles Hoppman
Bill Sweigart
Michael Wargo
Jan Lorah
Glenn Beard, Sr.
Jean Wolf
John Frantz

Family of Margaret Elser
Ed Miller
Larry Knauer
Nettie Krieder
Luann Shuman
Beaty & Edgar Gress
Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz
Mary Kring—aunt of Linda Ream
David Metzger (friend of Sue Kreitz)
John Bergman
Melissa Gress Swift
Family of Alverta Showalter
Dottie Good

Prayer Requests



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, rice,, condiments, all starches, jelly, mac and cheese, canned meat and tuna. *Thank You!*



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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BETTY KAUFFMAN 20 LANE ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	9/1	SHARON LEVAN 208 Hawthorne Ct. N Reading, PA 19610	9/15
SHEILA REEDY 70 HICKORY ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	9/2	JANET BINGAMAN 580 GOCKLEY RD STEVENS, PA 17678	9/22
JOYCE STONER 720 S. COCALICO ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	9/3	STEVE LAUDENSLAGER 7 GARVIN ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	9/23
LARRY EBERLY 115 DURLACH HILL ROAD STEVENS, PA 17578	9/3	BONNIE KOEHLE-KOON 195 HOLLOW ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	9/25
PAT WEITZEL 429 N. STATE ST. EPHRATA, PA 17522	9/8	MARION BERGMAN 17 RAY DRIVE DENVER, PA 17517	9/26
DAVID KRAMER PO BOX 161 REINHOLDS, PA 17569	9/13	DENNIS HABECKER 637 N 11 TH AVENUE LEBANON, PA 17046	9/27
LEONA SHOWALTER GARDENS AT STEVENS #112 400 LANCASTER AVE STEVENS, PA 17578	9/14		



Morgan Higgins	01
Betty Kauffman	01
Caitlin Ranck	01
Ned Marini	02
Sheila Reedy	02
Larry Eberly	03
Joyce Stoner	03
Katie Koehle	04
Dana Shugarts	06
Stacey Artz	07
Barb Eckenroad	08
Molli Smith	08
Barry Donmoyer	08
Pat Weitzel	08
Josh Hagy	09
Tyler Keppley	09
Deb Leed	09
Ryelee Martin	09
Jan Press	09
Travis Leed	10
Delphine Weitzel	10
Pam Sweigart	11
Brian Binkley	11
Sarah Zook	11
Matt Showalter	12
Kendra Carman	13
Carson Bansner	13
David Kramer	13
Troy Pannebecker	14
Leona Showalter	14
Sharon Levan	15
Jake Diestel	16
Robert Bingaman	17
Hunter Leisey	17
Amy Martzall	18
David Sauder	19
John Lorah	20
Janet Bingaman	22
Elise Higgins	22
Steve Laudenslager	23
Shawna McQuate	23
Justin Jones	24
Antonio Sensenig	24
Brian Walmer	24
Nolan Weitzel	24
Gary Coble	25
Bonnie Koehle-Koon	25
Marion Bergman	26
Denny Habecker	27
Deb Kohl	29
Lori Donmoyer	29



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Our annual church picnic will follow our service on Sunday, September 11. Sign up for the Cake Walk (sign up sheet at church or call office) Donations of cakes and cookies needed. Come join us!



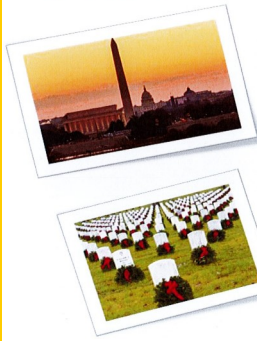
Please put these changes in your pictorial directory.

Please let us know if you have change of address, email or phone number.

secretary@swamplutheran.org



Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Betty Hornberger
Charles Moyer
Ella Shirk
Leona Showalter
Anna Adams



SLY UPCOMING EVENTS JOIN US and BRING YOUR FRIENDS

September 25	5-8PM	Kickoff Activity
October 8		Washington DC Day Trip
November 20	5-8PM	Thanksgiving Meal
December 4	10:15AM	Hospitality Baskets
December 17		Wreaths Across America
		Indiantown Gap



WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER YEAR OF SUPERHERO HANDBELLS!

Welcome Back! Since this is the **21st year** of bell choir, we are now officially legal! In that case, I guess we should start to act like adults! (Just kidding! That will never happen while Lori, Ray and I are in the group!) I truly felt that last year the bell choir reached new levels of performance ("I Will Rise" and "Hallelujah" – WOW!) and I am very excited for another season of fun and musical excellence (How does a Paul McCartney Christmas song sound?) I would ask that you please continue to be diligent in letting me know if you will be missing any rehearsals or performances so that I can fill spots in a timely manner. Since we do not have a lot of spare ringers, I would once again like to invite and encourage new ringers to join our group! If you know of anyone new who would like to join us, please invite them along to our first practice on MON. SEPT. 12. Tell them that we are all very friendly and patient and they will have a lot of fun! (Ok, a small lie won't hurt anyone!) As always, I look forward to seeing everyone again with fun and fellowship, and sharing our musical talents at the upcoming practices and worship services!

BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE – 2022/2023

Practices from 7:30 – 8:30

Mon. Sept. 12
Mon. Sept. 26
Mon. Oct. 3
Mon. Oct. 17
Mon. Oct. 24
Mon. Nov. 7
Mon. Nov. 14
Mon. Nov. 21
Mon. Nov. 28
Mon. Dec. 5

Mon. Dec. 19
Mon. Jan. 2
Mon. Jan. 9
Mon. Jan. 16
Mon. Jan. 30
Mon. Feb. 6
Mon. Feb. 13
Mon. Mar. 6
Mon. Mar. 13
Mon. Mar. 20
Mon. Mar. 27
Mon. Apr. 3
Mon. Apr. 17
Mon. May 1
Mon. May 15

Possible Play Dates

Play Sun. Oct. 9

Play Sun. Nov. 13

Play Sat. Dec. 10 (Chapel Concert)
Play Sun. Dec. 11 (Morning and Night of Music)
Play Sun. Dec. 18 (Coleman Chapel)
Play Sat. Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

Play Sun. Jan. 22

Play Sun. Feb. 26

Play Sun. Mar. 19

Play Sun. Apr. 9 (Easter)

Play Sun. May 21

Next Council Meeting

September 22, 2022

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

September 11	Church Picnic	Following Service
September 12	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM
September 14	Choir Rehearsal Resumes	7:00PM
September 18	Rally Day & Touch a Truck	Sunday School Kickoff
September 25	Resume Two Servicees	8:00AM & 9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	SLY Kickoff Activity	5:00PM-8:00PM

The Swamp Lutheran Handbell Choir will be starting their 21st season of ringing and we are looking for some new recruits to join in the fun! Our first practice/meeting will take place on Mon. Sept. 12 at 7:30 in the church sanctuary. No experience is necessary. We are happy to work with beginners at all musical levels. Please contact Doug Kulp or any member of the Bell Choir for more information. Hope you can join us as we begin our new season!



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.



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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2022

Your Council met Wednesday 17 August 2022. Highlights include:

Helping Hands: Our food bank provided food for 14 families in July and August.
October 22 will be the pig stomach dinner. It will be take out only.

Welcome: Mailed out 77+ cards this month
The church picnic will be held Sunday, September 11th after the 8:30 service. This service will be held outdoors.
A pig roast with all the trimmings will be served
Games will be available to play
Tim and Kim Craven will provide entertainment
Sign up on the sheets around the church for the cake and cookie walk donations

Youth Ministry: September 25th they are having a kickoff activity.
October 8th they are planning a day trip to Washington DC
November 20th they will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family
They are starting to plan for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Scouts: They have some potential new scouts and are looking for Den Leaders.
Look for their meat stick fund raiser soon.
September 18th they will have a recruitment booth at the Touch A Truck Rally Day event.
September 21st they will have a float in the Ephrata Parade.

Property: The committee is reviewing new sound system quotes.

Learning: September 18th will be Rally Day for the beginning of Sunday School featuring Touch a Truck

Vacation Bible School had 17 youth and 7 adults attending.
With the number of youth and the amount of time invested in preparing for the week, the committee is recommending that we join the Reinholds Community Vacation Bible School next year.
Confirmation camp had 37 children including 8 from Swamp.
Pastor Brubaker will do a Blessing of The Backpacks today.

Communications: Danielle Kauffman has a form for anyone requesting info on the website, facebook or flyer for any activity at the church. She will put the info on social media.

Randy Gockley will handle the printed media

We are also looking for a photographer to take pictures at the events and send them for social media. If interested, see Pastor Brubaker.

Disaster Response: October 29th from 7-10am will be an All You Can Eat Breakfast fund raiser for the disaster trips that Pastor Glenn Beard coordinates.

Other items discussed: The recent survey that Council requested input from the congregation was discussed. Pastor Brubaker reviewed the results. A few of the items discussed were:

- ♦ There is a need to service young families in the congregation.
- ♦ The idea of one service was discussed based on the response that most folks would attend the 8:00 service if Sunday School was moved between the two services.
 - ◇ Many suggestions, ideas and observations were made during this discussion.
 - * The merging of the two services is more of a formal vs. informal service than a time issue.
 - * One suggestion was made to alternate formal one week and informal service the next week
 - ◇ Discussed the idea of holding some alternate worship options to grow the church.
 - ◇ The survey was very inconclusive with many of the responses being equally divided. We are still processing the information, so, at this time no decision was made.
 - ◇ The survey summary is on the website for your review

The Phillies are currently holding the second wild card spot! We need a win against the Mets today to split the series!

LET'S GO PHILS!

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FINANCE UPDATE

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church				
Treasurers Report				
Jul 01, 2022 through Jul 31, 2022				
Account	Budgets July 2022	Actuals July 2022	% of Budget	Remaining
INCOME	\$ -	\$ 22,027.57	0.00%	\$ (22,027.57)
Expense	\$ 25,831.91	\$ 18,383.88	71.17%	\$ 7,448.03
OPERATIONS	\$ 4,562.50	\$ 4,097.04	89.80%	\$ 465.46
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,941.66	\$ 1,704.87	87.80%	\$ 236.79
BENEFITS	\$ 2,419.42	\$ 1,507.00	62.29%	\$ 912.42
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 10,400.41	\$ 7,918.45	76.14%	\$ 2,481.96
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 180.00	0.00%	\$ (180.00)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 66.67
PROPERTY	\$ 2,641.25	\$ 2,576.52	97.55%	\$ 64.73
WORSHIP	\$ 583.33	\$ 150.00	25.71%	\$ 433.33
SERVICE	\$ 70.84	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 70.84
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ 250.00	0.00%	\$ (250.00)
WELCOME	\$ 416.67	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 416.67
LEARNING	\$ 587.50	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 587.50
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,141.66	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 2,141.66
Income less Expense	\$ (25,831.91)	\$ 3,643.69	-14.11%	\$ (29,475.60)

Next Council Meeting

September 22, 2022

**Attention Amazon Shoppers**

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

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 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 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.



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UKRAINE & KENTUCKY RELIEF - Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting Ukraine and Kentucky through third party groups. Donations are used for needs that only local organizations have a full scope of. You may support these efforts by writing a check to Swamp Lutheran with the memo marked Ukraine or Kentucky. 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 or natural catastrophe in Kentucky..



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
IS
RALLY DAY/ TOUCH A TRUCK
WHICH IS THE KICK OFF FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
25, SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE AT
10:15AM EACH SUNDAY.

COME JOIN US!!

Choir rehearsals will begin **Wednesday,
September 14 at 7:00PM.**

Hello all,



It is time to get together to sing! The first choir rehearsal will be on September 14 at 7PM in the choir room and our first Sunday to sing will be September 25.

I am looking forward to seeing you to learn some new music and some "old" as well.

Please invite others to join us. The more the merrier. Sue

GUESS WHO?

I was confirmed at Swamp Lutheran Church when I was 18 years old in the Reformed Church. I met my wife at Moyer's Restaurant on the corner of Main Street and Mechanic Street in Reinholds. We have 2 daughters and a son. I owned a business from 1966 - 1989. I have seen many trains come & go. Since then, I have done various jobs here and there. I have served on the Church Property Committee. I was on the Call Committee after Pastor Minnich died. I helped in the Church Cemetery, marking the graves and also closing them after the service. I was Church Council President and then Financial Secretary for some time.

We did not have yearly Church Picnics. Instead, we had Parish Homecoming Services. Pastor Minnich started them in August 1939. The Parish consisted of Salem Lutheran Church (Lincoln), Mellinger's Church and Swamp Lutheran Church. The services were held at Swamp Reform at the Band Shell and their social hall. (We were sharing the church with them at this time). There would be Sunday School in the morning along with Church Services. Music was provided by the Choirs all day. In the afternoon and again in the evening, church services were highlighted with ministers from other churches. Lunch and dinner were served in the Social Hall by the church ladies. We would have Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Chicken Corn Soup.

I also helped in the kitchen for the Mother / Daughter Banquet. I was the "clean up guy". Usually, the dishes waited until after the program ended. I thought it would be a good idea to wash the dishes as they were being emptied and stacked instead of waiting to clean up later. I also participated in the Entertainment Program. We had a "Special Boscov's Fashion Show" featuring guys dressed up like the gals. I remember one guy singing, "Tip toe through the Tulips". I dressed like a pregnant woman pushing a baby coach!

Swamp Church shows that God has a humorous side. Swamp Lutheran Church has survived some very serious events. While our "A-frame" church was being erected in 1958, the pylon crashed to the ground. There were people working on site and people watching this memorable occasion and by the Grace of God – no one was injured. We worked through our Church Funds being embezzled and also Pastor Trout's Pension Fund. And then there was the fire during the blizzard in 2010. I think I was the last person on the property. That day I was helping to plow snow. And then the fire started later that day. We are stubborn Dutchmen. We push on. We don't let anything stop us.

When we voted on building our "A-Frame" church, we did not have the funding we needed. But we moved forward trusting God to see us through. I am very proud to have been a part of that. God is still with us today and He will help us to keep on moving forward.



AUGUST ANSWER: LUCILLE LORAH

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August 24

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! **Kits will be put together on Sunday, September 25 at 10:15AM during Sunday School. Join Us!**

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 Leshner, 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



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



Robust Ministries**A reflection by Rev. Robert Schnase****“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”****-Matthew 6:33, NIV**

“It is through giving of ourselves as God has given to us that we help the body of Christ flourish. Offering our material resources to God is a fundamental activity that is so critical to the church’s mission that failure to perform it in an exemplary way leads to the decline of the church. Churches that nurture proportional giving and tithing among their members thrive. They accomplish great things for Christ, offer robust and confident ministry, and they prosper for the purposes of Christ and make a difference in the lives of people.

Every sanctuary and chapel in which we have worshipped, every church organ that has lifted our spirits, every pew where we have sat, every Communion rail where we have knelt, every hymnal from which we have sung, every praise band that has touched our hearts, every church classroom where we have gathered with our friends, every church kitchen that has prepared our meals, every church van that has taken us to camp, every church camp cabin where we have slept—all are the fruit of someone’s Extravagant Generosity.

We have been the recipients of grace upon grace. We are the heirs, the beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched by the generosity of Christ enough to give graciously so that we could experience the truth of Christ for ourselves. We owe the same to generations to come. We have worshipped in sanctuaries that we did not build, so to us falls the privilege of building sanctuaries where we shall never worship.

People who practice Extravagant Generosity pray for their congregations to flourish in the ministry of Christ for children, youth, adults, members, and strangers near and far. They serve the church, offering their best efforts.

They push the church to offer bold and vital ministries that transform the world, relieving suffering, deepening justice, encouraging love. And they give—regularly, generously, sacrificially, faithfully, and humbly.

Extravagant Generosity is not just about the church’s need to receive, but about the Christian’s need to give. Generosity is an essential quality of spiritual maturity and growth. The practice of Extravagant Generosity changes churches.

How have you been the recipient of another person’s Extravagant Generosity?
Have you been the recipient of a congregation’s Extravagant Generosity? Of God’s?

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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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.

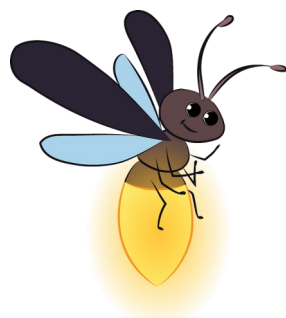
Our greatest commandment is to love, so we look forward to coming together as a congregation to actively love our neighbors and live out God’s grace through personal acts of service! If interested, for more information and examples, please visit www.elca.org/dayofservice



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

TAKE NOTE

Now—October 4	Meat Stick Fundraiser	
September 5	Labor Day	NO MEETING
September 13-17	Denver Fair	PACK has a stand
September 18	Touch a Truck	Recruiting Table
September 21	Ephrata Parade	PACK Float



**IF GOD CAN MAKE A BUG’S
BUTT LIGHT UP, THINK OF
WHAT HE CAN DO FOR YOU**

OPPORTUNITIES

SWAMP CHURCH PICNIC

September 11, 2022
(after church service)



Pig Roast
Cake and Cookie Walks
Games

Entertainment by Tim and Kim Craven

Join us for some fun, food and fellowship!

(please sign up for cake and cookie donations)



SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

OUR ORGANIZATION EARNS 15% ON ALL TAKEOUT,
ONLINE, CATERING OR GIFT CARD ORDERS*

Thursday, September 8, 2022

TO BENEFIT

Ephrata Area Social Services

AT ISAAC'S

Ephrata
120 N. Reading Rd. Ephrata

ONLINE ORDERS - Enter "Fund" in the box on the payment page
TAKEOUT ORDERS - Let Isaac's team member know you're part of
our fundraiser when placing your order.

*Sorry, we cannot accept coupons, discounts or Loyalty perks on Fundraising orders.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

TOUCH - HONK - EXPLORE

SEP 18
10am-12pm

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, PA 17569

Come climb and explore various
trucks and tractors.

Refreshments available by donation

Proceeds to support Swamp's
Community Food Bank

**ALL AGES
ARE WELCOME!**

REVERBERATE 2022

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
4 - 8 PM • LONG'S PARK
FOOD TRUCKS 4-6 PM
WORSHIP BEGINS AT 6 PM

LANCASTER UNITED IN WORSHIP



Let's Worship God & Celebrate His Impact on Lancaster!

Lancaster is uniting once again for
Reverberate, a night of unity, praise,
and encouragement for believers in
Christ from across Lancaster County!
Join us to hear powerful testimonies
and worship with local bands,
spanning across denominations, and
worship styles.

LEARN MORE AT: ReverberateLancaster.com



PRESENTED BY:



AHAVA' In Concert



Come and join us in the Grove for Traditional
Jewish and Contemporary Christian music
Sunday September 18th 5pm
St. John Center Lutheran Church
599 Reading Rd. East Earl, PA 17519

Please bring lawn chairs - Free will offering
Handicap accessible restrooms
Concession stand with light refreshments

Please practice social distancing and follow current CDC guidelines.

For any questions please call: 717-354-6575 or email vickiekissinger@gmail.com

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



Saturday, October 29, 2022
7:00-10:00 AM

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED
BEEF, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA,
JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

ADMISSION BY DONATION
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO: NORTH LANCASTER
CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NORTH LANCASTER CONFERENCE
DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY IN 2023

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD,

REINHOLDS

PHONE 717-336-2849



GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.