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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

WORSHIP 8::00AM & 9:00AM

Sunday School 10:15AM

THREE OPTIONS AVAIL-ABLE

- I. 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.

The





Newsletter

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

From Pastor Scott

Dear Friends at Swamp Lutheran Church:

Over two and a half years ago, Pastor Trout retired after fifty years of serving you. At the same time, the world was shutting down due to the pandemic.

There were serious concerns about what effect that would have on the church. Many of us feared a scarcity world would take over, but that is not what happened.

You continued in the work God had set before you and, a year ago, you called me as your pastor.

Take a look now as we re-emerge from the pandemic. God has been abundantly present.

It is in times of difficulty that the world sees the importance of the church and our message of grace more clearly. God is up to something here at Swamp and it is exciting to be part of that.

First, let me say thank you for the ways in which you stepped up to continue to worship, to care for one another, and to look for opportunities to share the Gospel when our community so clearly needed the Gospel during the pandemic

You also demonstrated significant generosity to

make certain that this ministry remained strong.

OCTOBER 2022

Now, let me encourage you that I believe what God has shown us through this crisis is our need to walk together, continue to innovate, and step up the ways in which we share God's love to a world that still so desperately needs to recognize God's presence.

We are looking forward. God is calling us to great new adventures and your generosity will help us accomplish so much.

As we enter into our stewardship drive this year, let's think about all the ways that we see generosity and abundance.

In Christ,
Pastor Scott



Church is who we are Not where we go

Church Office Requests



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

- \square You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In an emergency, call Pastor Brubaker at 717-598-4663.
- ☐ You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.
- ☐ You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.
- in your family status of a group or commit-(birth, death, marriage, tee. To be open and or divorce).
- ☐ You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.

Important for keeping data base current.

☐ You schedule a ☐ There is a change meeting or an event communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Earl Myers Katie Houck Joan Long **Hunter Leisey**

Susan Levan Clair Sweigart

Nancy Kulp Charles Hoppman

Bill Sweigart Michael Wargo lan Lorah

Glenn Beard, Sr.

lean Wolf John Frantz 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 Dottie Good

|| Johnson

Family of Sister Phyllis Enck

Faith Moyer

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. Currently, there is a shortage of canned carrots, mixed vegetables and peaches, tomato soup, rice and canned chicken and spam. Thank you for helping as you are able.





A Joyous 91 Years of Life

Join Mary AnneWeitzel in celebrating 91 years. Her birthday is to be honored with a card shower. Mary Ann Weitzel, Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, 17602 Help her know she is remembered and loved!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CONNIE TAYLOR 10/1 45 CARDINAL DRIVE STEVENS, PA 17578

GLENN BEARD 10/22 753 SOUTH FOURTH ST. DENVER, PA 17517

LARRY KRAMER 10/2

2685 HEIDELBERG AVE. EDITH SNYDER 10/23 NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073 27 STONECREEK COURT EPHRATA, PA 17522

MARY ANNE WEITZEL 10/4

MENNONITE HOME 1520 HARRISBURG PIKE LANCASTER, PA 17601

ELLA SHIRK 10/27 MENNONITE HOME

1520 HARRISBURG PIKE RM 330 LANCASTER, PA 17601

BARBARA NICHOLAS 10/16

570 BLUE LAKE ROAD DENVER, PA 17517

CLAIR SWEIGERT
120 WOODCHUCK DRIVE

EPHRATA, PA 17522

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

TAKE NOTE

October 3 Meat Stick Fundraiser Money Due

October 10 NO MEETING—Columbus Day

October 24 Cinnabon Fundraiser Starts

October 31 Halloween Party/Den Meeting

Pack 95 needs additional leader volunteers. If you are interested please contact Travis.



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



Comme rayion	٠.
Melissa Troutman	01
Larry Kramer	02
Connie Malafarina	02
Danielle Witmer	02
Rachel Roseboro	03
Emily Oropollo	04
Courtney Pannebecker	04
Brian Koehle	05
Tom Laudenslager	05
Rolf Eckenroad	07
Jennifer Reimer	11
Jodi Showalter	12
Bonnie Trout	12
Nichole Weitzel	13
Barb Nicholas	16
Julie Witmer	16
Scott Zook	16
Darrick Keppley	17
Kaitlyn Martzall	18
Glenn Beard	22
Richard Shirk	23
Edie Snyder	23
Chris Chirigos	23
Annie McQuate	26
Lisa Sweigert	26
Donna Glover	27
Ryan Ranck	27
Ella Shirk	27
Achilles Salas	28
Garrett Strunk	29
Nick Ferry	29
Krista Pannebecker	31
Clair Sweigart	31

SLY UPCOMING EVENTS JOIN US and BRING YOUR FRIENDS



October 8 November 20 December 4 December 17

5-8PM 10:15AM Washington DC Day Trip Thanksgiving Meal Hospitality Baskets Wreaths Across America Indiantown Gap

NIGHT OF MUSIC

Swamp's Night of Music will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in sharing their talent, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or speak to Sue anytime at church.

Donations of cookies for refreshments after the program are always appreciated. Thank you!

Next Council Meeting

October 19, 2022



If you are missing something and have been to church please call the office to double check if it might be here. We do find things left in the sanctuary from time to time.

The church picnic and Rally Day along with Touch a Truck were a great success and fun for those who attended. Of course, the details of these events

take coordination and a great deal of volunteer work. The church is grateful to our members who sacrificially give of their time and talents so that we can share the love of Christ through our activities outside of worship. Our kickoff to the new church year has begun!



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.



October 2 11:30AM

1:00PM-4:00PM

Mondays at 6:00PM Mondays at 7:00PM October 4 7:00PM Wednesday at 7:00PM

October 10

October 12 1:00PM-4:00PM

October 13 6:30PM October 19 7:00PM Blessing of Pets

God's Work, Our Hands

CUBS

Handbells (no practice the 10th)

Welcome Committee

Choir

Columbus Day

EASS Food Distribution

Learning Committee

Church Council



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

Swamp Lutheran Church can be named a beneficiary in your will and/or in your life insurance policy.

Give a gift that celebrates your life and commitment to Christ!

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED

It has come to our attention that patients at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon need Lap Robes. The size of the Lap Robe needed is 3.5' x 5' and may be knitted, crocheted, or made of fleece. Since the Lap Robes are sent home with the patient when they leave the VA, there is an ongoing need for them. If you currently make prayer shawls, please consider switching to making Lap Robes. Yarn is available from the church, if needed. We 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Your Council met Thursday September 22nd. Highlights include:

Service: The next community meal will be held October 13th.

Kitchen Krew: Our Food Bank provided food for 15 families in September.

They served 45 folks at Margaret Elser's Funeral luncheon

Pig Stomach dinner will be held on October 22nd. Take out only.

All you can eat breakfast fundraiser for Pastor Glenn Allen Beard's future disaster trip will be held October 29th.

Welcome: Mailed out 88 cards this month

Youth Ministry: September 25th they are having a kickoff activity, game night and make your own pizza.

October 2nd they are doing God's Work, Our Hands at the Love inc. house.

October 8th they are planning a day trip to Washington DC. Abigail Brubaker will be the tour guide.

November 20th they will be preparing a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family.

Will participate with Wreaths Across America in December.

They are doing Hospitality Baskets during the Hanging of the Greens.

They are starting to plan for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Scouts: Pastor Brubaker drove the truck for the scouts in the Ephrata Parade.

They are selling Meat sticks again.

Property: The committee is reviewing new sound system quotes.

Live streaming was discussed

They are waiting on a quote to paint the front doors.

New soap dispensers were installed in the rest rooms.

The electrician will be resetting the timers for the outside lights.

Disaster Response: They are having a meeting on Thursday, November 11th at Luther Acres to discuss the next trip.

Other items discussed: Covid task force met and reviewed cases and recommend we make no changes to the current policy at this time.

Roxanne's Flowers is going out of business the end of the year. Looking for a replacement.

Mellinger's reached out to us to discuss a combined Thanksgiving Eve service.

Blessing of the pets will be held 2 October at 11:30 under the carport. Survey results: A proposed change to the services was made. to go to one service.

The Ist and 3rd Sundays of the month would feature the less formal service and the 2nd and 4th Sundays would feature the more formal service. Fifth Sundays would hold a special event, special music guests or performers.

Council would appreciate your feedback on this proposal.

The Phillies sit firmly in the wildcard playoff picture holding on to the third spot!

LET'S GO PHILS!

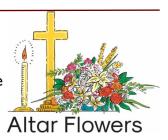
POINSETTIAS and CYCLAMENS



It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias and cyclamens. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Pricing will not be known until sometime later in October. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 31.

NAME	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Phone Number
Poinsettias	RED	WHITE
Cyclamens	RED	WHITE
In Memory	of	
In Honor of		

Each Sunday we are blessed to enjoy the gift of Altar Flowers and an Altar Candle. We have many Sundays open and are actively seeking members to sponsor the flowers. Flowers are \$45 a week and the candle is \$3.00 per week. Please call Joyce Stoner at 717-336-7077 to reserve your Sunday.



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FINANCE UPDATE

	Swamp	Evange	lical Lutheran C	hurch				
	Treasurers Report							
	Aug 01, 2022 through Aug 31, 2022							
Account	 Budgets August 2022		Actuals August 2022	% of Budget		Remaining		
Income	\$ 	\$	17,680.03	0.00%	\$	(17,680.03)		
REGULAR	\$ -	\$	17,680.03	0.00%	\$	(17,680.03)		
Expense	\$ 25,431.91	\$	19,663.18	77.32%	\$	5,768.73		
OPERATIONS	\$ 4,562.50	\$	1,441.59	31.60%	\$	3,120.91		
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,941.66	\$	1,852.10	95.39%	\$	89.56		
BENEFITS	\$ 2,419.42	\$	3,814.43	157.66%	\$	(1,395.01)		
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 10,400.41	\$	7,918.45	76.14%	\$	2,481.96		
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$	225.00	0.00%	\$	(225.00)		
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	66.67		
PROPERTY	\$ 2,641.25	\$	3,774.09	142.89%	\$	(1,132.84)		
WORSHIP	\$ 583.33	\$	637.52	109.29%	\$	(54.19)		
SERVICE	\$ 70.84	\$	-	0.00%	\$	70.84		
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-		
WELCOME	\$ 416.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	416.67		
LEARNING	\$ 187.50	\$	-	0.00%	\$	187.50		
PICNIC	\$ -	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-		
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,141.66	\$	-	0.00%	\$	2,141.66		
Income less Expense	\$ (25,431.91)	\$	(1,983.15)	7.80%	\$	(23,448.76)		



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 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.



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



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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.



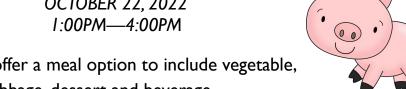
Sunday School has Commenced

Our teachers are looking forward to a fun experience for our children and youth as they explore Jesus and his life.

Thank you to our Volunteer Teachers!

PIG STOMACH TAKEOUT

OCTOBER 22, 2022



We will offer a meal option to include vegetable, purple cabbage, dessert and beverage.

Cost per person per meal is: \$18.00 \$24.00 Cooked Pig Stomach only cost is:

We welcome all who can make and donate desserts that can be individually wrapped to include with meals. Please contact Lori Gockley with questions at 717-203-8551.

Cooked pig stomach ONLY will be sold. Deadline for Order is October 14. Call office at 717-336-2849 to order.

Proceeds benefit kitchen equipment maintenance and repair.



"God's Work, Our Hands,"

On Sunday, October 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., we will meet at 108 E. Main, Adamstown, the Homes of Hope property next to Bollman Hat Company, for our "God's Work. Our Hands." project. We will do cleaning, outside maintenance, organizing and other work. Call the office or speak with Pastor Scott if you plan on helping.

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GUESS WHO?

I grew up in Sullivan County in a small Lutheran Church. The Lutheran tradition firmly instilled in me, I continued my education at Muhlenberg College. Growing up in a small, rural community, the church was the center of my life.

I transferred to Swamp Lutheran Church 43 years ago. I have taught Sunday School over 50 years. I helped in creating the curriculum for my Sunday School class. Karen Klingensmith and I worked together to organize our VBS program.

In the past I have been active with our Youth Group. Transporting our youth to help at various outreaches allowed me the opportunity to be involved with local mission such as Luther Acres or Soup Kitchens in Reading. I chaperoned 4 youth who attended the Youth Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia. The Youth Gathering is an awesome opportunity for our local youth to connect and learn from other youth from around the country. I love watching our young people grow!

My passion is Worship! I continue to work with our Youth by instructing them and working with them in preforming specific services during our Worship.

Participating with Confirmation Camp continues to be a priority. I continue to include our youth in special visits I make to various shut-in members. Our church members always enjoy having young visitors. These visits help in bridging the Generational Gap.

I have served on Church Council and was recently on the Call Committee for Pastor Scott Brubaker. My participation in events of the church remains a priority.

One of my special events that I am known for is making a "Seder Meal" for my Sunday School class. This meal is prepared during our Passover Celebrations. The meal includes Lamb and haroset. I have many fond memories around the "Seder."

A number of years ago I was blessed by being invited to join a mission trip to India. My eyes were abruptly opened when I saw a school made out of concrete. There were no books, pencils or paper. The teachers made what they needed to teach the children. They sang songs and played games. There was no complaining, no fighting. There was rice in burlap bags. I am very grateful I had this opportunity. Teaching is one of my passions.

I have participated on committees on the Synod level and have met and worked with many wonderful people. At Swamp Lutheran Church we learn to respect God, respect people, respect our Congregation, and to respect ourselves. It is important to me to share my faith with my family and Swamp Lutheran Church is the center of all of that.

SEPTEMBER ANSWER: ROBERT HERSHEY, JR.

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GENEROSITY MINUTE

SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

RECOGNIZING YOUR NEED TO GIVE

It is a fundamental spiritual and psychological principle that life and its gifts are to be used and shared. Life cannot be hoarded or it turns in upon itself and you lose it. "Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 16:25) We each have a deep inherent need to give. To give is to live!

But unfortunately, instead of focusing on our own need to give, all too often we center on the need of the church to receive. The church does seek our support but we must remember it is God's Church and it will prosper and flourish in God's own good time whether we give to it or not. The wonder of it all is what God invites us to be a part of--God's church and to experience the joy and blessing of generously supporting and extending its mission.

Just as a coin, Christian giving has two sides. For too long, we centered mostly on the side entitled "The Need of the Church." We need to begin concentrating on the side headed "My Need to Give" for giving is an integral part of spiritual life and growth.

-from Building a Culture of Generosity, GSB Consulting.

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



Newsletter Submission NOVEMBER Tuesday October 25



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

OPPORTUNITIES

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 LANGASTER 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.

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Fall Foliage Day

t Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Kirchenwald
Pumpkin Painting
Canoeing / Kayaking

anoeing / Kayaking Mountain Biking Hiking And More! Nawakwa
Pumpkin Painting
Apple Butter Boil
Hayrides
Hiking
And More!

Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm. An evening meal will be provided.

Registration is \$15/person (5yrs and older).

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org by October 14 to register.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm PO Box 459, Arendsville, PA 17303 717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org





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