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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

**ASSISTANT ORGANIST**

Grady Daub

**BELL CHOIR**

Doug Kulp

**SEXTON**

John Frantz

**WORSHIP**

8:00AM & 9:00AM

Sunday School

10:15AM

**THREE OPTIONS AVAIL-  
ABLE**

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

**FEBRUARY 2023**

### *From Pastor Scott*

#### True Love

In February, we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will share our love with flowers, cards, candy, and various other kinds of trinkets or gifts.

Of course, the love celebrated on Valentine's Day by the world is not the love that Christians celebrate every day. Valentine's Day is a day in which sensuality, materialism, and commercialism are thinly veiled in the name of love. While there is nothing wrong with showing love toward loved ones with gifts, mere worldly love does not reflect the true love that Christians celebrate daily.

Every moment

of our lives, we celebrate the love of Jesus as it was given and shown in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. This love is known to Christians as *agape* (Greek: ah-gah-pay) love—sacrificial—the highest and greatest form of love demonstrated by God to a lost and fallen world through His Son, our Savior Jesus.

God's *agape* love shown in Jesus produces faith, forgiveness, and salvation by the Spirit working through the gospel. Such "true love" shown in our lives can only be a gift of the Spirit. Its greatest demonstration is always and only in Christ's life and death. God's true love for us is celebrated not only on one particular calendar day but continually by those who have been called to faith in Christ.

Whether on Valentine's Day or any day, we

strive to practice the love empowered by Jesus: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

Love well, love often, love in all ways, love in the way Jesus loves us.

See you in church and Sunday School,

*Pastor Scott*



**CHURCH IS A GIFT FROM GOD;  
ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!**

## 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.

John Bergman  
Katie Houck  
Joan Long  
Hunter Leisey  
Susan Levan  
Clair Sweigart  
Nancy Kulp  
Charles Hoppman  
Michael Wargo  
Jan Lorah  
Jean Wolf  
John Frantz  
Larry Knauer  
Ray Fox  
Larry Eckenroth

Ed Miller  
Larry Knauer  
Nettie Kriener  
Michael A. Crowther  
Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz  
Mary Kring—*—* aunt of Linda Ream  
Melissa Gress Swift  
Grace Ranck  
Reba Ranck  
Faith Moyer  
Kent Weinhold  
Deb Lorah  
Gene Miller  
Karen Gardner  
Family of Dennis Goshert



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.



## SWAMP CHURCH PUZZLE NOOK

**DONATE PUZZLES**—Complete puzzles only. Donated puzzles will not be returned. Place in donate bin.

**BORROW PUZZLES** - 2 week borrowing window with a limit of 3 puzzles or 1 puzzle set. Label incomplete puzzles returned. Place in return box.

**Puzzle Nook located in Sanctuary in overflow area towards organ end.**

## BE HUGGED by the VALENTINE'S DAY BUG

Share Christ's love by creating a little surprise treat bag and send a "hug" to a neighbor.

Details in the Narthex



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

LUCILLE LORAH 236 FIELDCREST LANE EPHRATA, PA 17522	2/1	DENNIS HILL 24 ASPEN DRIVE MANHEIM, PA 17545	2/12
KENNETH MARTIN 74 HAWK VALLEY LANE DENVER, PA 17517	2/3	BARBARA MIZDAIL 107 MUSTANG TRAIL REINHOLDS, PA 17569	2/20
ANNA ROSE SCHANNAUER 65 FIELDCREST LANE EPHRATA, PA 17522-2913	2/10	MICHAEL WARGO 123 E. WASHINGTON ST WERNERSVILLE, PA 17565	2/21

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Starting January 2023 we have a new florist, Grumbine Flowers, providing our weekly altar flowers and candle. The flower price will be decreased to \$40.00 and the candle price is increased to \$5.00. Watch in the newsletter starting January 2023 to see what Sundays remain open for the upcoming months. The flower calendar will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board or you can call Joyce Stoner at 717-336-7077,



Sundays Available in February

February 5, 12 and 26 are available for flowers

February 5, 12 and 26 are available for candle.

**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 fruits and vegetables. We are especially short on canned fruit. Thank you for helping as you are able.



Phil Kerr	01
Lucille Lorah	01
Noah Weller	01
Matthew Albert	02
Maya Bingaman	03
Ken Martin	03
Missy Ragan	05
Nancy McQuate	06
Karen Klingensmith	08
Dan McQuate	08
Dakota Moyer	08
Patti Walmer	08
Nate Sauder	09
Stevie Posegay	09
Anna Rose Schannauer	10
Katie Krater	11
Lori Sauder	11
Missy van Zant	11
Ros Bansner	12
Toni Showalter	12
Troy Ulrich	12
Michael Higgins	14
Tim Chynoweth	15
Jack Pannebecker	15
Karen Krater	16
Mikalee Kerr	18
Jamie Pannebecker	18
Barbara Mizdail	20
Cameron Hall	21
Michael Wargo	21
Ann Hilton	22
Stella Roseboro	22
Kendall Melcher	23
Gabe Leed	24
Tammy Higgins	26
Pastor Scott	26
John Frantz	27
Isaac Zook	27
Sue Kreitz	28



Please put these changes in your pictorial directory.  
Please keep the church updat-



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

# Pick Six Lenten Offering

This year, Swamp Lutheran will again offer a special giving opportunity for Lent: Pick Six. For the six weeks of Lent, we are encouraging you to give a special, weekly offering in addition to your regular giving. The benevolence giving options listed below are opportunities to give to ministries benefitting those in need—sharing God’s love outside the walls of Swamp.

Envelopes with these options listed on them are available on the table in the narthex. Please grab a pack of six envelopes (one for each week of Lent). Call the office if you need them mailed to you.



**Swamp Action Fund:** Help those in dire need of support for rent, bill payment, etc.



**Community Meal:** Contributions to this ministry support the purchase of food and supplies for the monthly community meal Swamp supports in the community.



**Confirmation Camp:** Help subsidize the cost of Confirmation Camp held at Camp Kirchenwald in June.



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Help bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.



Contributions help provide services to people in our community in the areas of food, clothing, fuel, transportation, and meals on wheels.



**Swamp Food Pantry:** Contributions support Swamp’s ministry of food to those challenged by food insecurity.



**ELCA World Hunger**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

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



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



Contributions help cover the cost to send Swamp Youth and Advisors to the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.



Contributions support the Cocalico Area Homes of Hope transitional housing home in Adamstown and provides housing, mentoring, and budget coaching to participants.

Orders are being taken for Easter Lilies and Tulips. Price will not be known until the time of actual purchase. The final day for orders will be February 26. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717)413-7149.



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Lily \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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**LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY** - Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr. needs volunteers to make phone calls in York County to residents impacted by Hurricane Ida who potentially have unmet needs in our own backyard. Lutheran Disaster Response will be holding its second telethon on Saturday, February 4th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the York County Office of Emergency Management, 120 Davies Drive, York. If you could offer an hour or two of your time, please let Pastor Beard know @ [GBeard@luthercare.org](mailto:GBeard@luthercare.org) or (717) 471-1067. You will be provided everything you need to make these important calls.

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**HELP SLY** tackle hunger in our community. From now until Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, bring a can or three of soup or other non-perishable food items to church and leave at the goal post collection point in the Narthex. Your donation benefits

Swamp Lutheran Food Pantry and Ephrata Area Social Services.

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**February 22, 2023**

**Schedule**

Noon to 1 PM: **Ashes to Go** drive-through at the carport to receive ashes from Pastor Scott

5:00 PM: **Supper** in Social Hall

7 PM: **Eucharistic Worship and Imposition of Ashes.** Mellingers Lutheran will be joining us



# Upcoming Events



February 5	SLY Laser Tag	
February 8	EASS Distribution	
February 12	Final Day of Souper Bowl Donations	
February 19	SLY Meeting	
February 22	Ash Wednesday Drive by Ashes	12:00PM—1:00PM
	Ash Wednesday Supper	5:00PM
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00PM



## SWAMP'S KITCHEN EVENTS 2022

The Kitchen Krew at Swamp has a very active ministry. Throughout 2022 they served 1,612 meals!

EASS/Swamp Food Bank Families	190
Baptisms/Funerals Luncheons	339
Breakfasts	401
Community Meals	255
Various Other Church Activities	427

We recognize and thank all the dedicated volunteers who show up for planned and unplanned events! You are appreciated!!

**UKRAINE , KENTUCKY, FLORIDA RELIEF** Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting Ukraine, Florida 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, Florida 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 and Florida.



## 50 Plus Year Membership at Swamp

We need your help!! We would like to recognize folks who have been members for over 50 years who joined from 1970—1973. If you are a member who joined the church during these three years please call the office at 717-336-2849 and give Brenda your month and year of membership. Thank you!

# Visioning Project for Swamp's Future Stories Matter!

Stories are how we make sense of our lives. Our personal and communal stories help us see how we are part of God's story. As living variations of scripture, together we will look at our future as Swamp Lutheran Church. This is a season for us to celebrate our sacred stories, especially as we look forward with hope toward the future.

We need *your* stories to be included in a two-part visioning workshop called *Story Matters*. Please plan to attend. Pastor Richard Jorgensen and Deacon Marsha Roscoe of our Synod staff will lead us in this project.

In part one, we will reflect on the stories of our lives and our congregation. In part two, we will name how we are part of God's story. We are inviting members of every age and stage, regardless of how long you have been a member here. What matters most is that God has a story to tell through you! In this highly interactive workshop series, you are invited to come with openness to notice how God is working through our lives. We are working to secure childcare for those who need it.

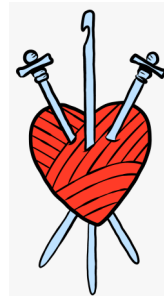
**Part two will be on Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 9:00 am to noon followed by lunch.**



**HOMEWORK for Part 2: Write down the name of a biblical story or text that reminds you of the congregation, explain briefly why you selected that story, and give it to Pastor Scott. The facilitators will use your stories to help us discern where God is calling us going forward. If you have any questions or need help, please ask Pastor Scott.**

## 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. The VA is appreciative! **Thank you to all continuing to work on this outreach.**



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## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 18, 2023

**Kitchen Krew:** Our Food Bank provided food for 27 families in January.  
Prepared 70 meals for the community meal.  
Served 22 folks at the Vision Meeting.

**Welcome:** 90 cards were mailed out.  
Lap blankets for veterans were delivered.  
Prayer shawls were given to the Cancer center and ALS meeting for distribution.  
The Spring Fling will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
The church picnic will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> after church with a brunch menu.  
They are working of a Valentine's project to encourage Random Acts of Kindness for our neighbors.

**Youth Ministry:** January 29—Snow tubing  
February 12—Last day for Souper Bowl Soup Collection  
March 31—Flashlight Egg Hunt and sleepover

**Scouts:** January 23—visiting Reinholds Fire Company  
February 6—Denver Boro Manager, Rod Redcay, will attend their meeting.  
February 25--Pinewood Derby at Swamp.  
March 25—They will hold their Blue & Gold Banquet.

**Learning:** Thank you to Randy & Karen Krater for their work on the Christmas program.  
Confirmation Camp will be held June 18-24 with a cost of \$425 per student and the church paying half of the cost.  
Noah Weller and Gabe Leed will be receiving their first communion.  
April 8 will be the Egg hunt for Nursery to 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Disaster Response:** The next trip will be to Houston, Texas from April 16-22.  
40 folks can attend. Contact Glenn Beard, Jr. if you are interested.

**Other items discussed:** COVID task force met and reviewed the current numbers and recommended that we make no changes at this time.  
Will be working on an idea to record the living history of Swamp Lutheran Church by interviewing members such as Gladys Eckenrode, Anna Rose Schannauer, Lucille Lorah and Bobby Hershey. In addition, possibly inviting them to a Sunday School class to share their stories with all of us.  
A puzzle nook has been set up in the overflow. Drop off a puzzle to share or pick one up to complete. We ask that you return the borrowed puzzle within 2 weeks so the selections can keep rotating.  
The Lenten Cluster services were presented. Will be printed in the newsletter and bulletins.

23 days until Phillies pitchers and catchers report to spring training!

Eagles: one step closer to the Super Bowl! Fly Eagles Fly!!



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**And the raffle winner is.....**

Toni Showalter won the Jan Risser Cake Raffle for the filling out of intention forms. Toni shared that she does not even like cake but her family enjoyed it! Thanks to all who participated by completing your intention form.



Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at [pack95reinholds@gmail.com](mailto:pack95reinholds@gmail.com). Excited to share that we have 3 new Cubs and 3 new adult helpers. Adult Volunteers are always needed.

SPRING FLOWER BULB FUNDRAISER is going on now. There is a large variety of bulbs available for \$13.00 each. Final day for order is February 24 with a delivery in early April. As you think about your Spring Flowers please consider contacting Cub Scout Pak 95.

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**2022 Giving Statements**

Giving statements for the 2022 calendar year will be mailed out in early February. We are so grateful for your faithful support of God's work at Swamp. If there is an error or if you do not receive one and feel you should have, please call the office and let us know.



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!**

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Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church				
Treasurers Report				
Dec 01, 2022 through Dec 31, 2022				
Account	Budgets December 2022	Actuals December 2022	% of Budget	Remaining
<b>Income</b>	\$ -	\$ 36,418.98	0.00%	\$ (36,418.98)
<b>INCOME</b>	\$ -	\$ 36,418.98	0.00%	\$ (36,418.98)
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 27,866.72	\$ 25,997.90	93.29%	\$ 1,868.82
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 4,562.48	\$ 2,076.67	45.52%	\$ 2,485.81
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 2,041.63	\$ 1,516.32	74.27%	\$ 525.31
<b>BENEFITS</b>	\$ 2,419.41	\$ 3,814.43	157.66%	\$ (1,395.02)
<b>THROUGH STAFF</b>	\$ 10,400.41	\$ 7,918.45	76.14%	\$ 2,481.96
<b>REIMBURSED EXP.</b>	\$ -	\$ 622.18	0.00%	\$ (622.18)
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	\$ 66.66	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 66.66
<b>PROPERTY</b>	\$ 2,866.21	\$ 4,767.05	166.32%	\$ (1,900.84)
<b>WORSHIP</b>	\$ 533.31	\$ 234.94	44.05%	\$ 298.37
<b>SERVICE</b>	\$ 220.82	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 220.82
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 50.00
<b>WELCOME</b>	\$ 416.64	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 416.64
<b>LEARNING</b>	\$ 237.49	\$ 199.52	84.01%	\$ 37.97
<b>BENEVOLENCES</b>	\$ 4,051.66	\$ 4,848.34	119.66%	\$ (796.68)
<b>Income less Expense</b>	\$ (27,866.72)	\$ 10,421.08	-37.40%	\$ (38,287.80)

**FEBRUARY 5**



Swamp Lutheran Youth will enjoy a pizza lunch and a fun afternoon of laser tag at the The Laser Mill in Wyomissing. \$10.00 for SLY and their guests. Pizza lunch at 11:15AM with a departure by 12:00noon. RSVP to Kristin Gockley at 717-330-0628 or at kgoek261@live.kutztown.edu.

**COME JOIN US AND INVITE A FRIEND**



**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](mailto:pack95reinholds@gmail.com)



TURNING TOWARDS GOD'S ABUNDANCE  
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES DURING MARCH

7:00PM

Wednesday, March 1	Faith United, Denver	Pastor Jim Goodyear
Wednesday, March 8	St. Paul's Adamstown	Pastor Marissa Becklin
Wednesday, March 15	Bergstrasse, Ephrata	Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry
Wednesday, March 22	Muddy Creek, Denver	Pastor Scott Brubaker
Wednesday, March 29	Mellingers, Schoeneck	Pastor Sandy Gideon
Wednesday, May 18	Ascension, Swamp, Reinholds	Pastor Tim Craven

Offering to benefit Disaster Relief Trip to Houston, Texas, April 16-22, 2023.  
Checks to: North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT PROJECT**

We are currently accepting donations dedicated to the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Project. We will be collecting items through the end of April. Donations may be given to **Jane Leshner, Denise Null, Connie Taylor and Debbie Carvell**. Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.



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

- One bath-size towel, (approximately 52"x27"), dark color recommended
  - Two bath-size bars (4 or 5 oz) of soap, in it's original wrapping
  - One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging
  - One sturdy comb, (wide-toothed preferred), remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Wrap all items in the towel and tie with ribbons or yarn. Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. **If you don't feel comfortable wrapping an entire kit, we will accept donations of any of the items and gladly assemble the kits! Hint for buying towels: Big Lots carries really nice towels that are the exact size needed for the kit. We bought some last year for a price of \$5.00 each!**

**As always, thank you for making this project a success!**

**GUESS WHO?**

I grew up in the area. I attended East Cocalico High School. I played flute and piccolo in the band. I studied under Floyd Sweigart and Don Peters. They encouraged me to play with the Rohrerstown Band. My Father also played the clarinet there. My wife and I were high school sweethearts. We were the first class to graduate at the Cocalico-Union High School (where the Cocalico Elementary School is now) in 1956.

After High School, I studied Chemistry and played in the band at F & M College in Lancaster. I graduated in 1960 and then continued my higher education in Chemistry at Cincinnati University in Ohio. I worked in the Nuclear Weapons Division for the Dept of Energy for 40 years. I also was a part time Adjunct Professor teaching Analytical Chemistry at the University of Dayton. I taught for 3 years. After I retired, I worked part time consulting about explosives.

My wife and I will be married for 62 years on June 11 this year. I remember my boutonniere was red. We adopted a son and a daughter. Our daughter has adopted her son from a Lutheran Agency in York. God must have been working in this, as she was told that because she herself was adopted, she was a very good candidate. An adopted mother has special skills understanding the “ins” and “outs” of adoption. We are very proud of our family.

We moved back to the area in 2000. I was Council Vice President. I sing in the choir. I have sung in a few church choirs for a total of 45 years. I have served on the kitchen committee. My wife and I were busy with the kitchen after the fire in 2010. I enjoy cooking. I believe food should not only taste good, but should also look pleasing. Presentation is everything. I also believe you should be flexible when it comes to cooking. Be willing to try new foods and enjoy the experience. I remember when my wife and I were first married, we would read cookbooks in bed before falling asleep. I am quite the romantic!

I have a few hobbies. I love history. I have been President of the Historical Society of Cocalico Valley. I enjoy genealogy and Ancestry.com. My wife and I have visited 49 states and have made trips to Europe and to the UK. I also enjoy gardening – both vegetables and flowers. I am tickled with my Siberian Garlic. Several people have told me it is delicious in their meals. I am very proud of my “dinner plate” size Dahlias. Another favorite flower of mine is the Columbine. I am also active in the Lions. While I was in Ohio, I was District Governor 1980-1981. I had been a member of the Reinholds Lions Club before they folded. I am currently active in the Denver Lions Club.

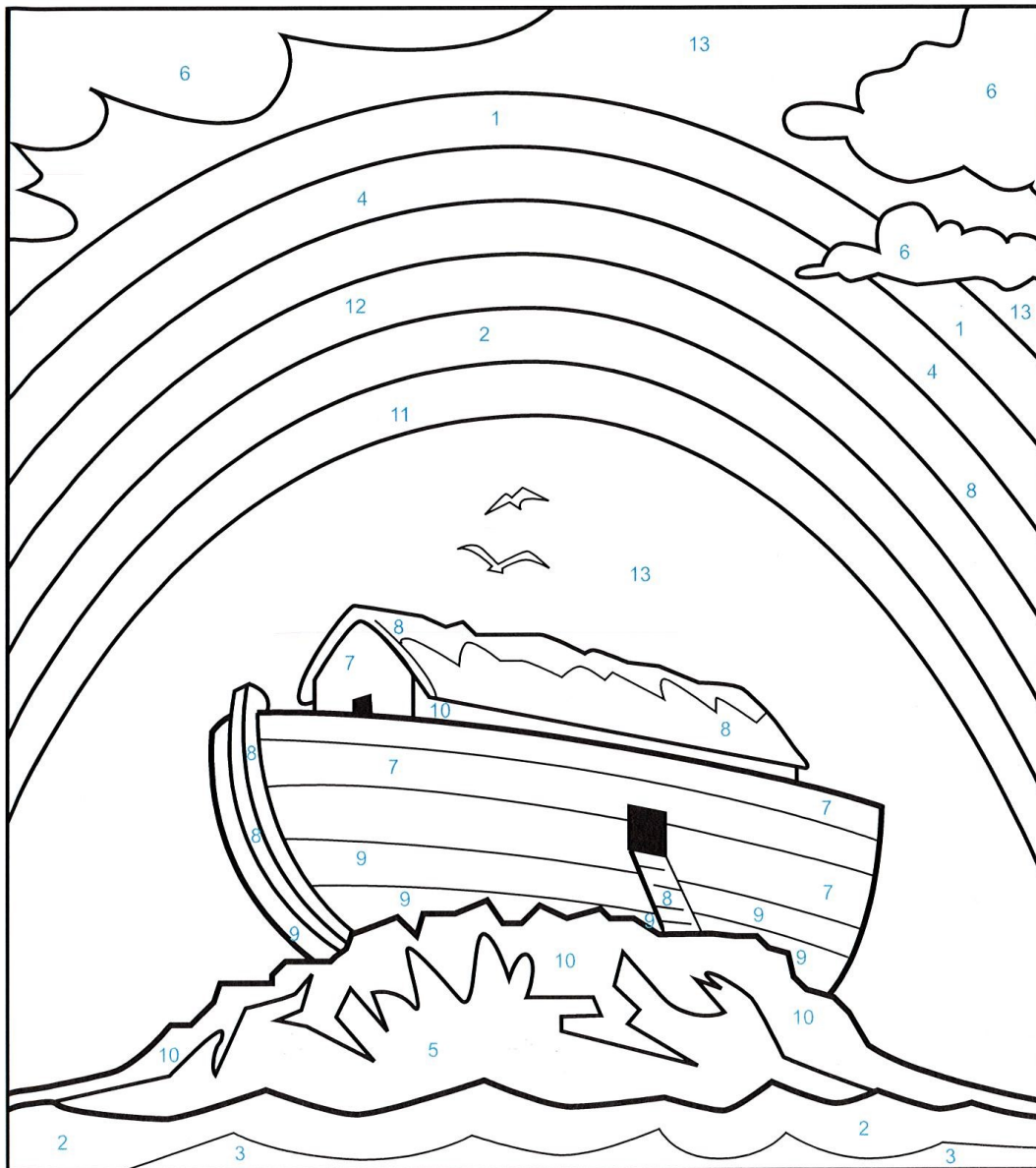
I have been a Lutheran all my life. I enjoy our formal service. I enjoy the Liturgy. It is special participating in the congregation - singing, speaking, praying, taking Communion. We are a group of people doing the same thing at the same time. It is meaningful to me to worship together. It gives me a good feeling. I think we take God for granted. When I go out in the morning to pick up the newspaper, I am in awe of all the beauty surrounding me. God made all of this. God has provided everything. I am reminded that He keeps me alive every day and I am lucky to share in the marvelous wonders of His nature.



# KIDS PAGE

## God Made a Promise to Noah Color by Number

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



1. Red
2. Dark Blue
3. Blue
4. Orange
5. Dark Green
6. Light Gray
7. Tan
8. Yellow
9. Brown
10. Dark Gray
11. Violet
12. Light Green
13. Sky Blue

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**ELCA Foundation**  
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God's work. Our hands.

## SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH AND THE CHARITIES YOU LOVE THROUGH YOUR LEGACY

**Have you included a gift to your church in your estate plan?**

**Do you want to leave a legacy gift to other ministries of our church?**

Through partnership between the ELCA Foundation and your ELCA Synod and regional ministries, free charitable estate planning is available to you.

### **Gift planning services for individuals:**

We can help you navigate your options to create a gift plan that benefits the ministries that mean the most to you, while maximizing your financial and estate-planning goals. Options include:

- Facilitation of gifts made through wills, trusts or estates.
- Personalized gift plan illustrations
- Resources specific to your legacy needs.
- Tools that create multiple avenues of approach such as donor-advised funds, named endowment funds, and charitable trusts and annuities.
- Gifts of cash, securities, and real estate
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from your qualified retirement accounts.

### **Your Regional Gift Planner**

**Marianne Brock**

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[Marianne.Brock@elca.org](mailto:Marianne.Brock@elca.org)



Marianne is the gift planner for Allegheny, Upper and Lower Susquehanna, Northeastern and Southeastern PA, and Virginia Synods. She is available to assist individuals and couples in creating legacy and estate plans benefitting family and loved ones, the ministries of our church, and other non-profit organizations.

Contact Marianne to set up a confidential, no-cost, no-obligation appointment.

[www.swamplutheran.org](http://www.swamplutheran.org)

Newsletter Submission  
MARCH  
WEDNESDAY  
February 22, 2023

# OPPORTUNITIES

**Summer Camp Open House**

**Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa**

**Come join us!!!**

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

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

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




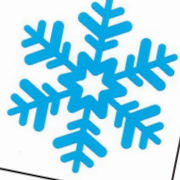
**Winter Fun Day**  
at Kirchenwald

Sunday, January 15  
Sunday, February 19  
1:00pm - 6:00pm

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)



**New Group Forming**

Begins: February 5, 2023  
Time: 3-4:30pm  
Where: Real Life Ministry  
239 Main St. Denver PA

Contact: Mohn's Hill EC Church  
610-775-3667  
[www.mohnshill.org](http://www.mohnshill.org)

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

Cordially invites you to  
A free community concert

**Essence of Joy Choir**

from Penn State University

Sunday – March 26, 2023 4 o'clock pm



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 167 East Main Street in Ephrata. Parking is available behind the church, and the facility is handicapped accessible.

This concert is sponsored through a grant from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation.

For further details, please contact 717-733-4134

**Swamp Lutheran Youth**  
Invites you



**LASER TAG**  
@ **THE LASER MILL**  
1109 Bern Rd., Wyomissing  
Next to the Works ☺  
\$10 for Swamp Youth and their Guests  
\$30 for non-Swamp Youth & Adults

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**11:15 AM to 3 PM**

Pizza Lunch at 11:15 am  
Leave for The Laser Mill at noon  
Return to Swamp Lutheran at 3 pm  
275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds, PA 17569

RSVP to Kristin Gockley 717.330.0628 kgock261@live.kutztown.edu

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