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Swamp Lutheran Church 275 Swamp Church Rd Reinholds, PA 17569

717-336-2849



MINISTERS:

Congregation

PASTOR:

Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

ADMIN ASST:

Brenda Johnston

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Susan Kreitz

ASSISTANT ORGANIST

Grady Daub

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

WORSHIP 8:30AM

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.









Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

JULY 2023

From Pastor Scott

Dear beloveds,

We are now in the middle of summer. Drought conditions have lately been replaced by thunderstorms. Many of you have or are about to take vacations. At Swamp, we are taking a break from Sunday School and Bible study.

And although we take breaks during the summer, God still calls us to seek him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Indeed, summer is an opportunity to use some of the free time we gain to listen for God.

Confirmation Camp has just ended (June 18-24) and five youth from Swamp participated. Our study curriculum this year was Listening. Listening with Jesus, listening to God, listening to others. Confirmands had the opportunity to learn about listening via bible study, communication techniques, and prayer activities.

At the core of listening with and to God is prayer. Prayer is an opportunity to snap out of our busyness, social media rabbit holes, and culture-imposed identities to get closer to God. Praying is the most real thing we do, and if summer is when we are most awake, then let it teach us how to pray.

One of the key themes shared with the confirmation campers was the need to make space to listen for God in prayer. They learned techniques such as praying with the scriptures, silent prayer, meditation, breathing, solitude, labyrinths, prayer beads and much more.

As Seth Barnes de-

scribes, in scripture "God implores us over and over to seek him. Why not take a risk and begin searching for the still, small voice of God that may be speaking to you, even today?" Click here for a free download of a Three Day Listening Prayer devotional to get you started: Free 3-Day Listening Prayer Devotional

(thewritepractice.lpages.c o)

During your summer "break," I invite you to lean into listening to God more intentionally so that you might live more fully into your Christian calling to "Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 46:10a In Christ.

Pastor Scott

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, 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 tee. To be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Katie Houck Joan Long Hunter Leisey Susan Levan Clair Sweigart Charles Hoppman Michael Wargo lan Lorah lean Wolf Iohn Frantz Ray Fox Honey Notobartolo Sandy Clemens

Karen Gardner

Michael. A. Crowther

Edith Snyder

Ed Miller Nettie Kriener Grace Ranck Reba Ranck Faith Moyer Gene Miller Iohn Wesner Kelly Martin Pastor Iim Miller Bruce Wagner **Beaty Gress** Robert Shank Steve Laudenslager Jackson Sensenig Shirley Achey—neighbor of Sue Kreitz Mary Kring—aunt of Linda Ream Russ Herbein—friend of Guy & Sue Templin Family of Kent Weinhold Family of Abbey Howard Marilyn Gelsinger

Josh Garrison Doreen McGonnell **Bobby Hershey** Randy Gockley Anna Hershey Kenny Rauch Anna Habecker J.J. Johnson Charles Moyer

Sharon Levan

Please keep office appraised when someone can be removed from the prayer list.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering New Orleans, LA July 13-16, 2024

Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023). Mark your calendars now and plan to head to New Orleans. If you are even remotely interested to hang out with over 25,000 Lutheran youth, sing songs, participate in a service project, deepen your faith, meet people from across the US, try a beignet (fancy French word for a deep fried donut topped with a pile of powdered sugar), learn about the history of New Orleans, eat alligator or crawfish or oysters or a Po Boy sandwich, ride on an airboat or a steamboat, hear amazing speakers, zipline inside, laugh, all while learning who God created you to be...this is the trip of a lifetime for you! More specific details in the future.

Questions? Ask Pastor Scott or Connie Malafarina or check out the Gathering website: https:// www.elca.church/gathering

We will be soliciting the congregation's financial support and prayers to make this trip a success.

To help send our youth to New Orleans, please give online here https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT46/

JULY BIRTHDAYS

PAT WENZEL 7/I 429 N. STATE ST EPHRATA, PA 17522

JOAN LEED 7/2 250 GALEN HALL ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569

JEAN WOLF 7/5 75 REINHOLDS RD REINHOLDS, PA 17569

CLARICE HAWS 7/8
GARDEN at STEVENS, Rm 104,
400 LANCASTER AVE.
STEVENS, PA 17578

PAT MCQUATE 7/9 423 SPRUCE STREET DENVER, PA 17517

JOAN REDDIG 7/10 21 STONE CREEK CT. EPHRATA, PA 17522 JOAN REDDIG 7/10 21 STONE CREEK CT. EPHRATA, PA 17522

HOWARD REAM 7/10 230 EDGEMONT LANE NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073

JOY MAIER 7/13 7 ARABIAN COURT REINHOLDS, PA 17569

ANNA HERSHEY 7/15 46 STONY RUN VILLAGE DENVER, PA 17517

NANCY LEFFLER 7/16 250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS RD #202 EPHRATA, PA 17522

MARION BERGMAN 7/26 17 RAY DRIVE DENVER, PA 17517

GLADYS ECKENROAD 7/29
113 E. MAIN STREET
REINHOLDS, PA 17522



PAT WENZEL 01 KIM HOUCK 02 **JOAN LEED** 02 **AUSTIN SWEIGART** 03 **CATHY CAMMAUF** 04 **NATE OROPOLLO** 05 JEAN WOLF 05 **DYLIN SWEIGART** 06 **MAGGIE KRATER** 06 **CLARICE HAWS** 08 PAT MCQUATE 09 09 JENNIFER TAYLOR 09 JAKE HILL **HOWARD REAM** 10 10 JOAN REDDIG **JOY MAIER** 13 LAURA MARTIN 14 JEFF MILLER 14 **MADISON WEAVER** 14 DAN CLOUSER 15 ANNA HERSHEY 15 **NANCY LEFFLER** 16 KIM WEACHTER 16 **GRETA HIGGINS** 18 ANDREW HAGY 19 20 JASON HERSHEY **LUKE ZOOK** 23 **CODY LEISEY** 24 NATHAN ARTZ 24 OWEN HAGY 25 **ROSS HOUCK** 25 KAREN LAUDENSLAGER 25 **JESSE MARTIN** 25 **KAYE MARINI** 26 MARION BERGMAN 26 RICHARD ECKENROAD 27 **IIM HICKERNELL** 27

KATHY TROUTMAN

GLADYS ECKENROAD

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Glenn & Linda Beard, Sr. 300 St. Mark Ave. #1117 Lititz, PA 17543 Edith Snyder

Ephrata Manor

99 Bethany Road

Skilled Care #107B

Ephrata, PA 17522

Nursing Home

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



July 9-13 6:30PM-8:30PM Reinholds Community Vacation Bible School

Reinholds Carnival Grounds

July 21 11:30AM Widow/Widowers Luncheon, Udder Choice
August 13 8:30AM Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks
August 18/19 Women of ELCA Conference @ Swamp

August 27 Following Worship Church Brunch Picnic
September 10 God's Work/ Our Hands

September 17 Touch-a-Truck



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 10, 2023.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We know that the gospel changes lives and that God's power and grace are real and at work today. We live out our purpose through worship and service, in our congregations and communities, through our individual vocations and our collective work as church together. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday offers a special opportunity to be church together and to share Jesus' love by inviting others to join in a day of service. Extending invitations to others is a way to widen the welcome and engage with people who may not be familiar with the ELCA but are committed to serving in their communities. Working side by side with our neighbors connects with the ELCA's purpose to "activate each of us so that more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love," while directly affecting the ministry goal of "engaging with new people." This call for service unites all the ELCA expressions to focus on serving and accompanying our neighbors.

Last year, we worked at Homes of Hope house in Adamstown. Volunteers from Swamp will gather after worship on September 10 and head out to work on service project(s) (yet to be determined).

We hope to order custom T-shirts with Swamp Lutheran on the back. Let Pastor Scott know if you intend to help and your t-shirt size.

Questions? Ask Pastor Scott.

Next Council Meeting

AUGUST 16, 2023

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS... MARK YOUR CALENDARS August 13th



Calling all students, teachers, administrators and helpers!

Bring your backpack or bag to worship on August 13 and receive a special blessing to start the school year off right. Just a little reminder that you are loved and supported throughout the year.

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 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



5/23/2023

In Reply Refer To: 595/10V

Swamp Lutheran Church 275 Swamp Church Road Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Lebanon VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 14 lap blankets for distribution to veterans.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

ason Lane, Chief, Voluntary Service

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. 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 28 2023

Your Council met Wednesday June 28th. Highlights include:

Love, Inc: The family has been granted a one month extension.

Good weather at Adamstown Days provided good profit at the strawberry stand.

Service: The committee will meet July 5th at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please plan to attend.

The group is working on updating the prayer chain. Let Deb Kohl or Pastor know if you want to be included.

Working on a project for September 10, God's Work, Our Hands.

Kitchen Krew: Our Food Bank provided food for 26 families in June.

Over 60 folks were served at John Frantz's retirement party.

Welcome: 80 cards were mailed out this month.

Fifty prayer shawls were donated to the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute.

The church picnic will be held August 27 following the 8:30 service. It will be a brunch menu and the entertainment will be The Bell Bottoms. Doug Kulp plays in this band.

A dunk tank will also be on site. Pastor Brubaker will be in the tank. The money from the proceeds will go toward the youth gathering in 2024.

Learning: Five youth from Swamp attended Confirmation Camp June 18-24.

Vacation Bible School is being held July 9-13. Volunteers are still needed.

A link is provided on the website to sign up.

Touch A Truck will be held September 17 from 10-12pm.

Property: Steve Kauffman is our new property chairman. Our thanks go out to Ray Weitzel who held that position for many years.

Other items discussed: The sound system will be here hopefully, sometime this summer. Stewardship/Generosity Committee will meet to discuss a fund drive to raise funds to cover the cost.

There are pledge cards available if you would like to make a pledge toward the sound system.

Council approved co-sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family. If you are interested in being on this team, please contact Pastor Brubaker.

This would be a 6 month commitment to assist in setting up their house, transport to dr. appointments, grocery stores etc.

We would like approx 7-10 folks to agree to work on the committee.

THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEETING



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: AUGUST 27 AFTER 8:30AM SERVICE

This year's picnic will be a Brunch directly after Worship. Entertainment will include the Bell Bottom Band, and a dunking tank featuring Pastor Scott. Spread the word and mark your calendar.

Come and Enjoy the Fellowship



The church needs your help as a volunteer. From time to time members of the church need assistance in getting somewhere or even to get to church. Please call Brenda at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family.

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

LIFT UP YOUR VOICES PLEDGE



Pledge Cards are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. A one time gift or a weekly, monthly, quarterly pledge is welcome. Feel free to call or email the office if you want a pledge card mailed to you.

Easy on line giving is also available by using this QR code

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

Lori Gockley, President,
David Sauder, Vice President,
Danielle Kauffman, Secretary
Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary
Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer
Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Danielle Kauffman - Communications

Sue Ellen Knauer - Constitution; Personnel

Lee Showalter -Disaster Response

Guy Templin - Finance

Deb Sweigert -Love, Inc.

Randy Krater - Property

Tom Showalter-Safety & Security

Pastor Scott Brubaker - Scouts

Deb Kohl- Service

Fritz Fichtner - Generosity

Jen Weitzel - Welcome; Learning

Alan Worley - Youth Ministry



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

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

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

FINANCE UPDATE

		Swamp E	vang	elical Luthera	n Church			
		Treasurers Report						
	May 01, 2023 through May 31, 2023							
Account		Budgets May 2023		Actuals May 2023	% of Budget		Remaining	
Income	\$	26,679.25	\$	24,119.76	90.41%	\$	2,559.49	
INCOME	\$	26,679.25	\$	24,119.76	90.41%	\$	2,559.49	
Expense	\$	25,746.74	\$	27,179.20	105.56%	\$	(1,432.46)	
OPERATIONS	\$	3,745.82	\$	2,826.55	75.46%	\$	919.27	
ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,641.66	\$	1,447.87	88.20%	\$	193.79	
BENEFITS	\$	2,590.41	\$	2,717.72	104.91%	\$	(127.31)	
THROUGH STAFF	\$	9,125.50	\$	9,075.50	99.45%	\$	50.00	
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$	-	\$	370.00	0.00%	\$	(370.00)	
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$	66.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	66.67	
PROPERTY	\$	5,026.66	\$	1,993.00	39.65%	\$	3,033.66	
WORSHIP	\$	412.50	\$	1,098.83	266.38%	\$	(686.33)	
SERVICE	\$	83.34	\$	115.00	137.99%	\$	(31.66)	
GENEROSITY	\$	41.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	41.67	
WELCOME	\$	466.68	\$	981.98	210.42%	\$	(515.30)	
LEARNING	\$	437.50	\$	2,550.00	582.86%	\$	(2,112.50)	
BENEVOLENCES	\$	2,091.66	\$	4,002.75	191.37%	\$	(1,911.09)	
Income less Expense	\$	932.51	\$	(3,059.44)	-328.09%	\$	3,991.95	

LWR SCHOOL KITS - Last year, Swamp assembled and delivered 120 school kits to the LWR pick-up site. Many thanks to all who donated supplies and helped us reach this goal! This year we're aiming for a match or more!

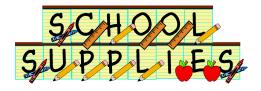
We are presently accepting donations of items for this year's Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project through the end of September. Please help make this year's project a success. **Donations may be given to Jane Lesher, Denise Null and Connie Taylor.** Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.

Items most needed: notebooks, scissors 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"x10 1/2" 4 per backpack
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side I per backpack
- Pencil sharpener I per backpack
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors). (They must say this on the packaging) I per backpack
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers 5 per backpack
- Black or blue ink pens 5 per backpack
- Packs of 16 or 24 crayons I per backpack
 2 1/2" erasers I per backpack





Reinholds Community VBS Reinholds Community VBS will be held July 9-13 at Reinholds Carnival Grounds from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. A free meal will be available from 5:30 to 6:15 pm (pre-registration is required for the meal) Put these dates on your calendar and

To register for VBS/Meal go to www.myvbs.org/rc

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4daeaf2ba4f85-reinholds4#/

ALTAR FLOWERS

Grumbine Flowers, is providing our weekly altar flowers and candle. The flower price is \$40.00 and the candle price is is \$5.00. The flower calendar is posted on the Narthex bulletin board or call Joyce Stoner at 717-336-7077,

Flowers are available July 30 Candle is available July 16 and 30



06.09.2023

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church 275 Swamp Church Road Reinholds, PA 17569

Dear Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your very generous donation to EASS. Below is the donation that was received

\$2500

Your donation will go to support our 4 core programs:

- Meals on Wheels
- · Community Support Services Hand-UP Food Pantry
- Transportation Department

The message of 2023 is <u>hope</u>. EASS is serving more families and individuals than ever before. Every time EASS can say "we can help you..." the feeling of <u>hope</u> starts to form. <u>Hope</u> for a person, a neighbor, a whole community. This is possible because of donations like yours.

Ephrata Area Social Services is a 501 (C) 3 organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation.

Casey Ellis

"EASS exist to engage, support, and educate the community, so that there is hope for the

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 paper towels, cereal, canned soup other than Tomato or Chicken Noodle, canned fruit, beef stew, noodles, and ketchup.

Thank you for helping as you are able.

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SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Newsletter Submission AUGUST FRIDAY JULY 23, 2023

GENEROSITY MINUTE

Generosity Is Paradoxical

Those who give, receive back in turn. By spending ourselves for others' well-being, we enhance our own standing. In letting go of some of what we own, we better secure our own lives. By giving ourselves away, we ourselves move toward flourishing. This is not only a philosophical or religious teaching; it is a sociological fact. The generosity paradox can also be stated in the negative.

By grasping onto what we currently have, we lose out on better goods that we might have gained. In holding onto what we possess, we diminish its long-term value to us. By always protecting ourselves against future uncertainties and misfortunes, we are affected in ways that make us more anxious about uncertainties and vulnerable to future misfortunes. In short, by failing to care for others, we do not properly take care of ourselves. It is no coincidence that the word "miser" is etymologically related to the word "miserable."

<u>Christian Smith & Hilary Davidson, Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose, Oxford University Press.</u>

Online Giving is Safe and Convenient – Set it and Forget it

Have you ever found yourself in worship saying, "Oh, I left my checkbook at home," or "Oops, I forgot my giving envelope?" Now you can avoid all that hassle by setting up your online giving using VANCO online giving to the ministries at Swamp. You can set up automatic monthly giving that is safe and convenient. You can also designate an amount and direct any contributions to Swamp's general fund or to a variety of other ministry funds. Once set up, you can contribute at any time and in any amount. Your faithful financial donations to further God's work here at Swamp are greatly appreciated. Swamp's online giving portal:

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT46/home

or just use this QR code from your phone's camera app:

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. You may support these efforts by writing a check to Swamp Lutheran with the memo marked Disaster Response. The church will then send one check to Lutheran Disaster who in turn will donate 100% of the donation to assist those impacted.

THANK YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY!!

OPPORTUNITIES

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



WHEN: August 18 & 19, 2023

WHERE: Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reinholds WHO: Anyone who would like to enrich their faith, and grow in their understanding of the purpose of the Women of the ELCA.

THEME: "Shepherd Me, O God"

SCRIPTURE: "I came that they may have life, and have it

abundantly" John 10:10b

The Facility is Handicap Accessible

Registration Deadline is July 17, 2023.

Contact Sally Hagy for costs and questions. 717-336-2682

WHAT AND WHOM TO EXPECT at CONVENTION

Schedule

Registration Friday -11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Friday opening of Convention 1:00 p.m.
Friday Evening Banquet: 5:30 p.m.
Entertainment by: Swamp Handbell Choir
Registration – Saturday- 8:15-8:45 a.m.
Eucharist Worship Service, Saturday at 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Saturday Lunch 12:00 noon
Closing 2:30 p.m. Saturday
Workshops held Saturday
Saturday Lunch 12:00 noon
Workshops held Saturday
Closing: Saturday, 3:30 p.m.



Who's Who at Convention

Bishop James Dunlop, Bishop Lower Susquehanna Synod Rev. Scott Brubaker: Pastor at Swamp Lutheran Church

Churchwide Representative: Lorie Garcia

Chaplain: Rev. Marissa Becklin: Pastor at Faith United Lutheran, Denver

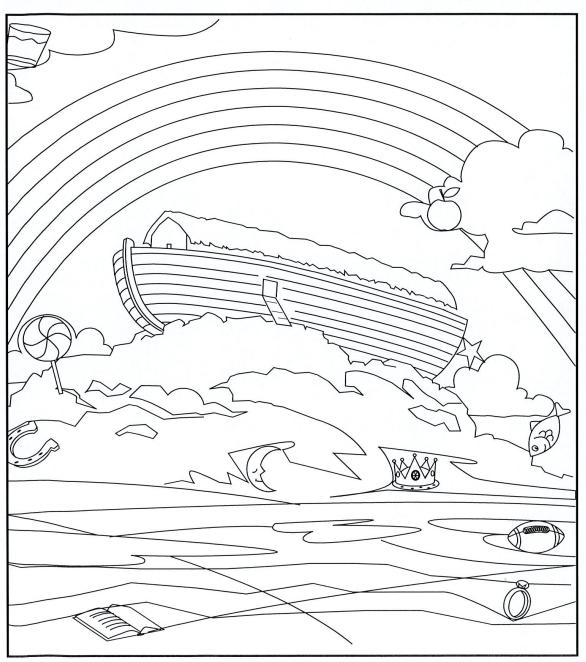
Convention Coordinator: Sally Hagy

Organist: Sue Kreitz Registrar: Jackie Fetter

KIDS PAGE

Hidden Pictures: God Made a Promise to Noah

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: apple, book, crown, football, fish, glass of water, horseshoe, lollipop, moon, ring, star.



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