

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

8:30 AM



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Visitors are welcome and invited to make themselves at home. If you're interested in learning more about Swamp Lutheran, have questions, or are looking for a church home, speak with Pastor Scott or church members. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or sign guest register in narthex.

Restrooms are located off the narthex (lobby) by the coat rack.

The worship service is printed in this bulletin. **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship. **Children's** active presence is welcomed in our worship. There are special kids bulletins available in the narthex and at the side entrance.

Offering plates are passed. Additionally, there is an offering drop box in the narthex. Online giving via cell phone is easy and secure. Just use this QR code from your phone's camera app.



Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church—gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God's constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of scripture readings, connects us through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. We believe “Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.” (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Website – Be sure and check our website www.swamplutheran.org regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. Full prayer list is in the newsletter each month

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE BELL CHOIR EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT ARR. BENJAMIN TUCKER

congregational responses are in bold type.

stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM BELL CHOIR WE ARE THE CHRISTIANS (CHAMPIONS) ARR. NICHOLAS HANSON

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: **Acts 2:1-21**

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *read responsively*

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

SECOND READING: **Romans 8:22-27**

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;

liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;

you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

ORDER for CONFIRMATION

Presentation

The presiding minister will invite the four confirmands to the front of the church. They will gather around the baptismal font. Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the baptismal font.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

The Church Council president will present the candidates for Confirmation.

I present Haylee Renee Martin, Brooke Frances Koehle, Beckah Mae Koehle and Molli Kathryn Smith, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister continues with prayer.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these confirmands, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Stand

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those who are being confirmed. The whole congregation stand and joins in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the confirmands and the congregation.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

**that is, the true, universal Christian church of all times and places*

Sit

Affirmation

The presiding minister addresses those being confirmed.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each Confirmand responds individually.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these confirmands and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay hands on the head of the person and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead and say:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Haylee, Brooke, Beckah and Molli the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. In the name of the Father, and † the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The confirmands face the assembly. The presiding minister continues:

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The confirmands return to their seats.

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share the peace.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY

HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE

J. WAYNE KERR

OFFERING *In addition to the plate, online giving via cell phone is safe and secure. See QR code on the inside cover of this bulletin.*

As the offering is brought to the table, the congregation stands and sings.



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Father, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *remain standing*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following the direction of the ushers, approach by the center aisle and return to your pew by the side aisles. Please get a cup from the stack by the first pew before receiving bread. Grape juice and gluten free options available—tell the usher.

COMMUNION HYMNS (Congregation Encouraged to Sing)

O LIVING BREATH OF GOD

ELW 407

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

ELW 396

After all have communed, stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son,

1. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
2 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
3 And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:
4 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

J. WAYNE KERR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Michael Wargo, Jan Lorah, Sandi Clemens, Nettie Kriener, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Kelly Martin, Jean Wolf, Bruce Wagner, Honey Notobartolo, Charles Moyer, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsing, Edith Snyder, Sharon Levan, JJ Johnson, Robert Bachman, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Betty Kramer, Tyler Leed, Henry, Dennis Troutman, Larry Knauer, Robyn Reihner, David Metzger, Linda Mohn, Pauline Wassmer, Jerry Landis, Bob Shank, Rachel Craven, Laney Garrison, Karen Nye, the family of Anna Hershey.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of June and Edwin Kramer, by their family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in memory of Anna Hershey by the Congregation.

ALTAR FLOWERS – A 2024 altar flower calendar is in the Narthex. Flower & Candle costs remain at \$40.00 & \$5.00, respectively. Standing orders remain on the calendar from year to year. Please support the church by signing up for the weeks that do not have sponsors. Sue Kreitz, 717-283-9444 and John Frantz, 717-606-8994 are now taking care of the flower and candle sign-up if you have questions or want to schedule. Several opportunities for candles are available.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you give via the online option, let us know by email (secretary@swamplutheran.org) or by phone to the office so that you will no longer receive offering envelopes for 2023.

FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is an urgent need for paper towels, toilet paper and there is always a need for canned vegetables (except corn) canned fruit, canned soup, spaghetti, pasta and rice. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Please check for a current expiration date.

ATTENTION THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS. The Thrivent “Action Teams” program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran’s activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process.
Email: lgockley2@gmail.com or call 717-203-8551.



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

ACTION FUND – Donations are sought for Swamp Action Fund to help the needy in our community. Write “Action Fund” in the comment line of your check payable to Swamp Lutheran Church.



To our **knitters and crocheters**, please focus on prayer shawls. When you finish, please bring it to church and leave it in the library. *THANK YOU for supporting this church ministry.*



Save the Dates:

Reinholds Community VBS: July 7-11, 2024

Reinholds Carnival Grounds 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

GERANIUMS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Dale Sweigert by Deb Sweigert

Scott's parents, Etta and Vincent Brubaker, by Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker

Loved ones by Linda and Howard Ream

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Chmielewski, by John and Carol Chmielewski

Her father, Mr. Kenneth Mummah, by Carol and John Chmielewski

Nana and Pop Pop Krater by Maggie, Janet, and Katie Krater

Parents and grandparents by Sue Ellen and Larry Knauer

Nancy Kulp by Doug Kulp

All family and friends by Denny and Judy Habecker

Harry "Ducky" Lorah by the family

Tim O'Neal Lorah by the family

Parents, Russell and Mary Derr, by Tom and Jane Leshner

Parents, Charles and Carolyn Leshner, by Tom and Jane Leshner

Their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kauffman, by Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary

Their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Linton D. Myers, by Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary

Their favorite Mema, Irene Myers, by Earl Myers family

Mahlon and Lucy Sweigart by the family

James and Nancy Frantz by John and Jerry

Musser and Miriam Landis by John and Jerry

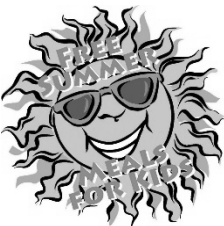
Jeffrey Landis by John and Jerry

Parents and grandparents, Vernon and Edith Showalter, by Lee, Jodi, Matthew, and Eric
Showalter

Parents and grandparents, Gil and Joann Gockley, by Lee, Jodi, Matthew, and Eric
Showalter

GERANIUMS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Anna and Robert Hershey's 70th wedding anniversary by Deb Sweigert
Jen's parents, Jay and Maggie Kiralfy, by Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker
Children and granddaughters by Linda and Howard Ream
Her mother, Mrs. Ruth Mummah, by Carol and John Chmielewski
Children and grandchildren by Sue Ellen and Larry Knauer
Happy frolicking goats by Chris Zander
Son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren by Denny and Judy Habecker
Special friends by Denny and Judy Habecker
Grandson, Chace, by Nana
Granddaughter Molli's confirmation, by Nana
Family by John and Jerry
Our church family by John and Jerry
Children, Debbie, Dwayne, Peggy, and Gary, by Earl Myers
His favorite grandson, P. Casey Coble, by Earl Myers
His favorite granddaughter, Stevie Nicole and Erik Posegay, by Earl Myers
His great granddaughters, Avery Ann and Olivia Nicole Posegay, by Earl Myers
Our children, Matthew and Kiersten and Eric and Lindsay, by Lee and Jodi Showalter
Granddaughter, Emily Joann, by Lee and Jodi Showalter
Grandson, Noah Lee, by Lee and Jodi Showalter



COCALICO MINISTERIUM'S ACTS OF LOVE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM. Swamp will be preparing and delivering on Wednesday, July 3. Persons interested in helping should contact Denise Kidwell. 717-725-8795.

Week in the Parish (May 20- May 25)

May 20	11:00AM	Worship Cmte
May 21	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study (Final one until September)
May 22	10:00AM	Anna Hershey Viewing
	11:00AM	Anna Hershey Funeral
	7:00PM	Property Cmte
May 26	8:30AM	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23-26		Homes of Hope Strawberry Shortcake Stand Adamstown Community Days
May 28	7PM	Homes of Hope Mtg.
June 3	6:00PM- 8:00PM	Spring Clean Up
June 10	6:00PM- 8:00PM	Mulch Detail
July 7-11	6:30PM-8:30PM	Reinholds Community VBS
July 26	2:30PM	Philadelphia Phillies Bus Trip

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<i>Monday May 20</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
<i>Tuesday May 21</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Genesis 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
<i>Wednesday May 22</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 20:19-23
<i>Thursday May 23</i>	Psalm 29 Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20 Romans 8:1-8
<i>Friday May 24</i>	Psalm 29 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 8:9-11
<i>Saturday May 25</i>	Psalm 29 Isaiah 5:15-24 John 15:18-20, 26-27

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday The Holy Trinity Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17



Homes of Hope
Strawberry Shortcake Stand
Adamstown Community Days
May 23-26 in the Picnic Grove.



**Lancaster
County**

The Project

The **Service Committee** would like to sponsor the following local service opportunity over the summer. This is being organized by Love Inc.

How does The Project work?

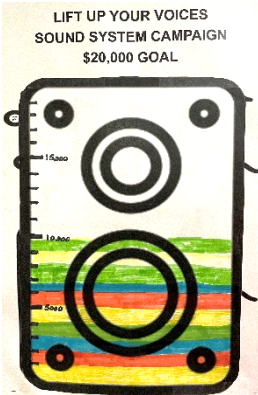
It all begins when churches want to do a “missions trip” in their community. Talented and handy people are willing to serve neighbors who cannot afford repairs and are experiencing financial hardships due to fixed income constraints.

Swamp is seeking those who are good with simple carpentry, electric, plumbing, painting, outdoor yard work, or cleaning (just to name a few). Please prayerfully consider helping by completing the below and returning to Jodi Showalter, 717-413-7149. The exact project and timing will be determined based on the helpers who sign up.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Outside Projects		Inside Projects	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Painting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stripping wallpaper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Painting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caulking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spackling/wall repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trim bushes and trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repair/replace leaky faucets, toilets, sinks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mulch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repair/replace broken lights and fixtures
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fix screens/replace screen doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	House cleaning/carpet cleaning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove trash/clean out debris	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fix cabinets/doors; replace locks/hardware
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power washing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caulking/weatherstripping/replace trim

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE



LIFT UP YOUR VOICES PLEDGE

We continue to stretch towards our goal of \$20,000. 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.

Give via QR code now



PACK 95 is looking for more **Cubs** and a **Cubmaster** and **Treasurer**. To learn more, talk to Pastor Scott or Cubmaster Travis Leed: 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com

*Join us for a
berry sweet
time!*

Luther Acres
A LutherCare Community

Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 1 • 11 AM - 1 PM
Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St., Lititz, PA

Rain or shine! In the event of rain, will move indoors.



\$7.00

**Strawberries, Shortcake,
Ice Cream, Whipped Cream**

\$5.00

Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

**Plus, a raffle for strawberry-themed items,
such as dishes and ceramics.**

Must be present to win.

Prices: • \$5 for two tickets

• \$10 for arm's length strip of tickets

• \$15 for double arm's length strip of tickets

*Proceeds benefit the charitable activities
of the Luther Acres Residents' Council.*

GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 19, 2024

DAY OF PENTECOST

Fed by God, Nourished by Christ

After the Wind and Fire

Jesus had his own way of urging hearers to “not miss the forest for the trees.” Recall some of his familiar lines: “You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel” (Matthew 23:24), “Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear?” (Mark 8:18), or “Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?” (Luke 6:41). Look deeply. Listen carefully. Then pay attention to what is most important.

Attention-grabbing as the wonders on the Day of Pentecost may be—a house filled with rushing wind, tongues of fire alighting on the heads of apostles, and the whirling of alien languages from stupefied mouths—take care to not let their bewildering extraordinariness blunt the true and greater wonder of this gospel event: the Advocate comes.

All the times and events of Jesus’ life—among close followers, watchers from afar, believers as well as doubters; the astounding miracles, puzzling parables, curious teachings, and scandalous associations—were for one purpose only: to open to all of them, to the whole world, the mercy and love of God.

But Jesus will not be at hand for long in the room, at the table, on the road and hillside, at the temple or synagogue, in the boat. The sound of his voice will become a memory; the image of his face will fade from sight. So, what happens when the hopeful days with Jesus end?

The Advocate comes! Yes, we retell the story now of an extraordinary moment of one ancient day on Pentecost, but oh, the greater, true gospel wonder is the ever-extraordinary presence of Jesus’ Spirit bringing us hope and the way of God’s mercy and love meant for, given to, and enduring in the world forever. Pray that we have eyes to see it and ears to hear of it.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

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**SPRING
FEST**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

May 19 @ 11AM

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

**The Swing Fever Band, Free Food, Games
for Kids & Auction Benefiting Reinholds
VFW Stocking for Soldiers Program**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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