



June 2024

# Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

### Pastor's Message

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.*

1 Corinthians 12:12

Over the past couple of years that I have had the tremendous privilege to serve as pastor of Swamp, I have heard from a lot of people about how welcoming our congregation is. Visitors have commented on it when choosing to become members. New visitors have talked about how great the community is and keep coming back. They are praying and considering making this their church home. We can be proud of this, because not all churches are as friendly and welcoming. So, keep on inviting and welcoming others to join us.

The challenge that confronts us, though, is taking the next step that comes after welcoming. That is belonging. Belonging means being a part of this congregation. Belonging goes beyond showing up on Sunday mornings for worship to investing in the church with both time and money. Essentially, it means having a stake in the ministry of the congregation. This is something we can and should work on. Can you help?

Every single ministry and committee at this church has spoken about the need to have more people power to get their work accomplished.

Beginning in June, we move to our single service format for the summer with worship at 8:30. This pattern of worship will continue year-round with the addition of the choir and children's church in the fall. Based on congregational input, it will be a less formal worship experience than we have had in the past. Festival days, however, will be more formal to reflect the mood of the celebration.

With this change in worship style, there are new opportunities for members to assist. Lay readers, communion set-up/clean-up, acolytes, communion assistants, etc. This summer, we will not be robing, and many roles will not require sitting in the chancel. In the fall, children's church teachers will also be needed. Please let Connie Taylor or me know if you are interested or want to learn more.

Change and growth is not always a comfortable process, but it is often well worth the effort. I am so very grateful to be engaged in the ongoing work of the body of Christ at Swamp with you all.

In Christ,

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

Swamp Lutheran Church  
275 Swamp Church Rd  
Reinholds, Pa 17569  
717-336-2849

Ministers :  
Congregation

#### Staff

Pastor:  
Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

Admin Asst:  
Teresa Renninger

Sexton:  
Jonathan Gyorke

Organist/Choir Director:  
Susan Kreitz

Assistant Organist:  
Grady Daub

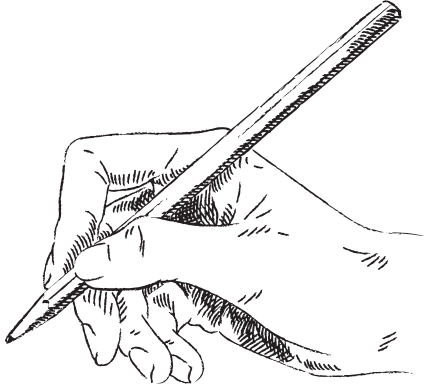
Bell Choir:  
Doug Kulp

In person worship  
8:30AM

Two options available:

- Watch live stream video on YouTube
- Join us inside for in person worship

# Notes from the Pastor



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 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 Calender and in the Weekly Bulletin.

## Prayer Requests

Katie Houck  
Hunter Leisey  
Susan Levan  
Clair Sweigart  
Michael Wargo  
Jan Lorah  
Jean Wolf  
John Frantz  
Ray Fox  
Honey Notobartolo  
Sandy Clemens  
Amber Weaver  
Judy Habecker  
Bruce Wagner  
Teresa Sweigart  
Dennis Troutman  
Larry Knauer  
Rachel Craven  
Laney Garrison

Ed Miller  
Nettie Kriener  
Grace Ranck  
Reba Ranck  
Faith Moyer  
Gene Miller  
John Wesner  
Kelly Martin  
John Elser  
Edie Snyder  
Michael A. Crowther  
Bob Shank  
Jerry Landis  
David Metzger  
Mel and Troy Ulrich  
Tyler Leed  
Henry  
Pauline Wassmer  
Karen Nye  
Alicia Andrews

Shirley Achey  
Karen Klingensmith  
Marilyn Gelsinger  
Doreen McGonnell  
Bobby Hershey  
Anna Habecker  
J.J. Johnson  
Charles Moyer  
Sharon Levan  
Lucille Lorah  
Robert Bachman  
Earl Myers  
Joan Long  
Anna Rose Schannauer  
Elizabeth Sherman  
Betty Kramer  
Robyn Reihner  
Linda Mohn  
Elmer Gockley



Faith isn't hoping God can  
It is knowing that God will

## June Birthdays

PAM HERTZOG  
89 HAWK VALLEY LANE  
DENVER, PA 17517

6/4

JOHN ELSER  
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS  
AVENUE  
APT. 101  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

6/6



TOM HENLY 6/19  
505 S. 6TH STREET  
DENVER, PA 17517

GUY TEMPLIN 6/21  
2401 ANDREW COURT  
SINKING SPRING, PA  
19608

JUNE EBERLY 6/23  
119 MARTZALL ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

Please advise the office if this is the magic year that you turn 70! Just give Terri a call at 717-336-2849 or email her at [secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org)

## Happy Birthday to all born in June!

Katie Houck	01
Tyler Leed	02
Chris Laudenslager	03
Kenzie Stopper	03
Ali Templin	03
Pam Hertzog	04
Samantha Donmoyer	04
John Elser	06
Larry Knauer	08
Katie Laudenslager	08
Bradyn Zwally	08
Jim Martzall	11
Chace Smith	14
Ashlie Artz	14
Eric Showalter	14
Hailey Ranck	15
Stephen Ranck	15



Colin Reimer	16
Olivia Reimer	16
Lisa Ferry	17
Peggy Coble	17
Adara Kittler	17
Tom Henly	19
Vanessa Knauer	22
Zach Rineer	22
Maeve Van Zant	22
June Eberly	23
Faith Moyer	25
Rachel Young	25
Greg Diestel	27
Jerry Landis	27
Anson Kauffman	28
Mike Mixell	29
Gaile Gehman	30

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please let us know if you  
have a change of  
address, email or  
phone number.  
[secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org)

### Nursing Home

RESIDENTS

Clyde Showalter  
Mary Ann Weitzel  
Michael A. Crowther  
Clarice Haws  
Charles Moyer  
Anna Adams  
Marion Bergman

# Swamp Safety Committee

## Tornado Safety

As of May 15, 2024 the Weather Channel reported 701 “confirmed” tornadoes in the United States. This is above normal averages. On May 30, 1985, 19 tornadoes touched down in Pennsylvania on that single day killing over 65 citizens. Tornadoes and high wind events are serious threats to our area.

It is critical that family members and employees of businesses know what to do. A tornado “Watch” means it could occur and is usually issued several hours in advance. A tornado “Warning” means it has been spotted or observed on radar.

Immediately, get to the lowest floor of the building. Seek out rooms with few or no windows. If there is no basement, go to interior windowless rooms such as closets, restrooms, etc. If possible, get low to the floor on your knees and elbows with your hands or a pillow covering your head.

Keep in mind that severe thunderstorms can have “straight” line winds with the same velocity as a tornado without the rotation. The same protective action should be taken.

In the aftermath of a high wind event, check for injuries and be cautious of down energized wires, as well as building collapse. Call 911 if you need assistance.

Records show that Lancaster County has a tornado every 2.5 years on average. Adults, as well as children need to know what to do.

If you want additional information on tornado and storm safety, contact Randy Gockley at 717-466-9050.



### 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 LIAISONS

Danielle Kauffman —  
Communication

Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;  
Service; Personnel

Lee Showalter — Disaster  
Response

Guy Templin — Finance;  
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Love, Inc.

Randy Krater — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

TBD—Safety & Security

Pastor Scott Brubaker — Scouts

Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew

Fritz Fichtner — Generosity

Jen Weitzel - Welcome

Alan Worley –Youth Ministry

Next Council Meeting  
June 19, 2024  
7PM

# Church Council Highlights

## May 15, 2024

### Your Council met Wednesday May 15, 2024. Highlights include:

**Love, Inc:** Their annual Strawberry festival fund raiser will be held May 23-26 (Memorial Day weekend) at the Adamstown Community Days

**Service:** Service committee reported they delivered 59 meals at the community meal.  
“The Project”—still trying to get volunteers and a project.

**Kitchen Krew:** 30 families with a total of 86 folks were given food from our food bank.  
Prepared and packaged 59 meals for the Community meal.  
28 folks were served snacks after Ascension Day Service'  
Delicious food serve at Spring Fest.

**Welcome:** Spring Fest will be held Sunday, May 19 starting at 11:30. A band and free food will be available.

**Scouts:** They are looking for more young folks to join the pack

**Youth Ministry:** Five youth and 4 adults made baskets for First Responders on April 21.  
They are continuing to raise funds for the Youth Gathering.  
May 19 is the last event until the Fall. They will be going Mini-Golfing.

**Worship Committee:** Upcoming Dates:  
May 26—Holy Trinity Sunday again at 8:30.  
June 2 starts the summer schedule at 8:30.

**Property:** June 3 will be weeding the property and June 10 will be mulching. Both days will begin at 6pm. Any help will be greatly appreciated

**Learning:** May 19, we will confirm 4 youth  
Also, May 19 is the last day of Sunday School.  
July 7-11—Vacation Bible School: The Great Jungle Journey at Reinholds Carnival Grounds.  
They are looking for Sunday School teachers for the 2024-25 school year.

**Syrian Family Update:** Ruth Kramer is continuing to help get them to their various appointments.  
Mom has gotten her learners permit and is looking for someone to teach her how to drive.

**Other items discussed:** Congregation members will be asked to be greeters at the front door starting in June.

The Phillies bus trip is sold out!

Speaking of the Phillies, I feel this is their year! It's going to be a great ride!  
Currently 34-14 and in first place in the NL East!

**Let's go PHILS!**



2024 Acts of Love Summer  
Lunch Program  
Wednesday, June 12, 19, 26,  
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,  
August 7, 14  
12 noon-1 pm

Meals are provided by various churches and organizations of the Cocalico Ministerium and will be held at the 4 parks listed below. Meals will vary each week depending on the group providing the food. If you have any questions, please reach out to

Real Life Community Services at 717-336-7797 option 1.

- **Adamstown Grove 339 W. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569**
- **Denver Park 801 W. Main St., Denver PA 17517**
- **Reamstown Park E. Church St., Stevens, PA 17578**
- **Chapel Gate Park (Reinholds) 57 Park View Dr., Reinholds, PA 17569**

**ALL MEALS ARE ON WEDNESDAYS**

If you are in need of additional food help this summer, please reach out to Real Life community Services in Denver at 717-336-7797 or Ephrata Area Social Services located in Ephrata at 717-733-0345.

**Swamp Lutheran is providing the meal on July 3. To help, please contact Denise Kidwell 717-725-8795 or [denisekidwell321@yahoo.com](mailto:denisekidwell321@yahoo.com)**

*The Cocalico Community feeding our Children!!*



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!**

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- 05** The college funding gap and resulting student loans at each college.



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# Generosity Minute

## Living by the 80/10/10 rule

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TITHING    SAVING    LIVING

**THE 80/10/10 RULE GOES LIKE THIS:  
LIVE OFF OF 80% OF YOUR INCOME.  
INVEST 10% IN GOD'S KINGDOM.  
SAVE 10% FOR THE FUTURE.**

Simple right? First let's talk about why the 80% part is difficult. Often, we believe the lie that money (and the world for that matter) is all about us. Scriptures encourage us not to let our lives be consumed by money and what it can buy (Hebrews 13:5). Furthermore, Paul told us we are blessed, not for ourselves, but to bless others that God might be glorified (2 Corinthians 9:11). Let's be honest. Living off 80% of our income feels like we are missing out. At first it might. However, once you realize you don't need a brand-new car, bigger home or every new gadget, living off of 80% is actually comfortable for most people.

### **PRACTICAL WAYS TO LIVE ON 80% (or LESS) OF YOUR INCOME:**

- **DRIVE DEPENDABLE CARS FOR THE LONG HAUL.** Let's address the reality of the situation. If your car has a decent stereo and AC that works, it's a pretty great ride by historical standards. Ten years from now nobody will care if you had the newest, fastest or most luxurious ride in the neighborhood. The money saved each month goes a long way toward living below your means. If you can avoid the big car payments in your 20s and 30s, you're freeing up margin for the future.
- **NEVER LET THE BANK TELL YOU WHICH MORTGAGE YOU CAN AFFORD.** Try to avoid a house payment that eats up 30-35% of our income. This always seems to be difficult for young couples. You see friends buy a big or new home and convince yourselves that you are missing out. Fact is, margin is freedom. Without a looming mortgage payment or debt burden that forces you to stay in jobs or careers you don't feel called or committed to is freedom. Don't allow your desire for a model home rob you of your future freedom (eating out when you want, going on vacation, etc).
- **AVOID CREDIT CARD DEBT.** We likely all have at least one credit card. Perhaps you are literally flying free by taking advantage of the points and companion pass. However, you should always pay off the balance. Crippling credit card debt ruins people's financial lives. Many cards have 15-30% interest rates (just under what the federal government considers loan sharking). That kind of interest can kill your chances at an early pay off. When you realize just how much money you're losing to credit card lenders, you begin to see why it's such a lucrative business (for them). This gets into the good debt vs bad debt debate which is a conversation for another day. If you don't have a personal budget grab one [here](#) from Dave Ramsey Solutions. Tell your money where to go. Stop wondering where it went.

Living by the 80/10/10 rule will help bring you into right relationship with God and your money.





# GATHER ON THE HILL

**SENIOR EVENT | JOIN US ON THE 1ST  
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 11:30-2:00PM**  
No July meeting

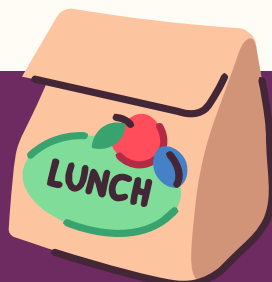
*Where:* Bergstrasse Church -  
9 Hahnstown Rd, Ephrata, PA 17522

## June 4: Movie

Need transportation? We've  
got you covered.  
Call EASS at 717.733.0345 ext.  
112 to schedule a ride to and  
from Bergstrasse.

PLEASE CALL EPHRATA AREA  
SOCIAL SERVICES AT  
717.733.0345 TO RSVP.

RSVP IS REQUIRED BY THE  
FRIDAY BEFORE EACH EVENT.



## GREETER SCHEDULE

### JUNE

2 Pat Wenzel & Bill Knauer  
9 Glenn & Linda Beard  
16 Ray & Jen Weitzel  
23 Tom & Deb Henly  
30 Pam Leisey

### JULY

7 Sue Ellen Knauer  
14 Deb Kohl  
21 Jane Leshner  
28 Larry & Sally Hagy

### AUG

4 David & Laraine Kramer  
11 Lowell & Sandy Haws  
18 Cody Leisey & Aubrey Page  
25 Jen Brubaker

*Thank you for serving as greeters.  
Please try to be at the front door by 8:10 am.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3 6:00PM Spring Clean-Up  
June 10 6:00PM Mulching Detail  
June 16-21 Confirmation Camp  
at Camp Kirchenwald  
June 18 6:00PM Widow and Widowers  
Dinner  
July 7-11 6:30-8:30PM Reinholds  
Community VBS  
July 26 Phillies Bus Trip  
August 25 10:30AM Church Picnic



### JUNE ACOLYTE SCHEDULE:

June 2 Avery Garrison  
June 9 Molli Smith, Makenna Blatt  
June 16 Ryelee Martin  
June 23 Beckah Koehle, Brooke Koehle  
June 30 Kenzie Stopper



**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)

### 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.

A church gathers those who are good with simple carpentry, electric, plumbing, painting, outdoor yard work, or cleaning (just to name a few). This Summer, as suits your church team’s schedule, Christ-followers go build relationships and help their neighbors. Whether individuals have a knack for being handy or just a heart to serve, your church family can make a kingdom impact with the gifts God has given you!

If you are interested in helping with this new service project, please let a committee member know or Jodi Showalter, Chair, at 717-413-7149.

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## 2024 Confirmands



On May 19, Pentecost Sunday, (L to R) Beckah Mae Koehle, Haylee Renee Martin, Mollie Kathryn Smith, and Brooke Frances Koehle affirmed their baptisms in the Rite of Confirmation.

**Congratulations!**



### FOOD PANTRY

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.

**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD DISASTER RESPONSE CREW** would like to thank you for supporting their efforts to rebuild Ft. Myers area, following Hurricane Ian. On Sunday,, June 9th at 7:00 PM at Luther Acres Community Room, join them to hear stories and see pictures from the response crew.

**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. *Thank You as You Continue to Give Generously!!*



**KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED** Thank you for changing your focus back to making Prayer Shawls. Your donations can be left in the library.

*Thank you to all who continue to work on this outreach.*



**SAVE THE DATES:** July 7-11, 2024. 6:30 – 8:30 pm.  
Reinholds Community VBS at  
Reinholds Carnival Grounds for Ages 3 to Junior High.





**RECRUITING:** If anyone can help us recruit kids to join the pack we are open to ideas. We have 3 kids on the roster and a minimum of 5 is required to continue the pack for 2024/25 scout year. Adult Volunteers are always needed. We need a Cubmaster and a Treasurer too. The challenges are many and we will appreciate any help. Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or committee chair Tyler@717-740-3674. Email pack95reinholds@gmail.com



### **ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE UPDATE:**

The altar flowers that have been sponsored thus far have been beautiful and we thank all who donated to this ministry. Your continued support would be appreciated. The following dates are available to sponsor the Altar Flowers: August 25, September 1, September 29, October 20, November 3, December 8, December 29. There are many opportunities to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle.

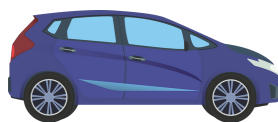
Flowers are \$40.00 and Candle is \$5.00.

Contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.

**Thank you**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** As a church family we are grateful to Sue Kreitz and Doug Kulp for their leadership of the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir throughout the year. We also thank Grady Daub in his position as Assistant Organist and Randy Krater for his bass accompaniment. The commitment of these leaders and their choir and handbell participants is what allows the congregation to enjoy Godly music each week.

May you enjoy a well-deserved break!



**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. It is not often but when the need arises we would appreciate having some folks who are willing to drive if available. Please call Terri at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family.

## 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 Leshner, Denise Null and Connie Taylor. Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.

Items most needed: notebooks, pencils, erasers.

Items not needed: No backpacks (thanks to Jane).

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 - 1 per backpack
- Pencil sharpener - 1 per backpack
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors). (They must say this on the packaging) - 1 per backpack
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - 5 per backpack
- Black or blue ink pens - 5 per backpack
- Packs of 16 or 24 crayons - 1 per backpack
- 2 1/2" erasers - 1 per backpack



May 24, 2024

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

Dear Friends at Swamp Lutheran Church

On behalf of Jan's Circle of Friends, we would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$645.00! Jan's Circle of Friends is an organization with the purpose of creating a substantial pool of funds to invest effectively in projects that will assist local children of domestic violence and those struggling with the loss of a parent. With every dollar making a difference, your contribution is making a transformation in the lives of children in our local community.

Thank you again for your donation, our work would not be possible without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Laurie J. Sauder".

Laurie J. Sauder  
Treasurer



**Note:** Jan's Circle of Friends is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Please retain this receipt for your 2024 tax records. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

## Why Camp? A place for families

“My family absolutely LOVES Family Camp at Nawakwa. We love it so much that we start a countdown for the next year as soon as our week at camp is over. Seriously, we are that excited!” ~ Amy Koch

“Every year, the first dates we put on our new calendar are Family Camp at Kirchenwald. We’ve been going since our first child was a baby, and our children have never known a summer where we weren’t at Family Camp.”

~ Pastor Alex Martini

People often talk about Family Camp as though it’s just another vacation option, like going to the beach or Walt Disney World or the Grand Canyon, but Family Camp is so much more than that. Pastor Martini says, “We have made new friends we see year after year. Our faith is strengthened in worship, Bible study, and conversations with the staff and other campers. Our children have learned to love camp and God’s creation in new and profound ways.”

Koch says her favorite thing about Family Camp is the people. “Our first year, we met a family from another congregation, and we have grown extremely close. We get together throughout the year, and I love that our friendship has a foundation built on faith.”

Maybe it’s time to rethink the value of Family Camp. It might be just what your family needs to reconnect with each other and with God’s family.



**Register Now for Summer  
Camp at**

**LutheranCamping.org**

**The Lutheran Camping  
Corporation of Central  
Pennsylvania Kirchenwald,  
Nawakwa, & The Wittel  
Farm LutheranCamping.org**



## Abraham Had a Son Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.  
The words can be left to right, up and down,  
or diagonally.

L I S I T N U C O V E N A N T  
U N T A L I O U A T U E R I T  
L O R E R S L C T E M D I T O  
N U B R E A D O N S E Q U R S  
N O N S E Q U I S C I L L A N  
D I E V E L E X E R I R I V R  
L S O P R O M I S E S I T E R  
S A M I N E N D R E T A T L E  
I A N L A T B H E B A B Y E D  
T C O N A E D E U G I A M R E  
L H I Q U U T N O N S E C S E  
T U E D O L G R E D E L I Q U  
Z R I S A R A H U G A S T V U  
L A O R E M O L O R S O T E R  
A B R A H A M D R T E N T V E

ABRAHAM  
BABY  
BREAD

COVENANT  
ISAAC  
LAUGH

OLD  
PROMISE  
SARAH

SON  
TENT  
TRAVELERS





*Swamp's Annual*  
**CHURCH  
PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

10am (*After Church*) | Social Hall

**FREE FOOD, KIDS ACTIVITY,  
AND A CAKE & COOKIE WALK**

Music will be provided by  
Doug Kulp & the Dixieland Band

***We are requesting baked good  
donations for the cake & cookie walk***

**Questions? Please contact Jen Weitzel**

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