



Mar 2025

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

Newsletter

Pastor's Message

Dear Beloved Siblings in Christ,

As we enter the season of Lent this March, we are invited into a time of deep reflection, penitence, and renewal. Lent is not just a time to give something up; it's an opportunity to draw closer to God and to prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Easter.

In these 40 days, we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation, and reflecting on God's will. This season challenges us to face our own temptations, struggles, and areas of growth. But it also reminds us of the incredible grace of God, who walks with us, strengthens us, and calls us to be more faithful disciples.

I encourage you to embrace this time with a spirit of humility and openness. **Get your Ash in Church** during 7 PM Ash Wednesday (March 5) worship at Swamp with Mellingers as our guest. Consider joining us for our midweek Lenten services as we reflect on Christ's journey to the cross (schedule in this newsletter). Together, we will ponder the suffering, sacrifice, and love that shaped our faith and made possible the promise of eternal life.

As part of our Lenten discipline this year, I am excited to invite you to again participate in the **Pick 6 Special Lenten Offering program**. Detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, Pick 6 encourages us to give in addition to your regular general fund giving, choosing from 10 different causes supporting various ministries and causes during this six-week season of sacrifice and generosity. It's a wonderful opportunity to be a part of something that deepens our faith by reaching out to others in tangible, meaningful ways.

This season also brings an opportunity for us to engage in acts of service, generosity, and prayer, reflecting the love Christ has shown us. Whether it's through personal devotion, reaching out to others in need, or simply seeking to walk more closely with God, may this Lenten journey renew our faith and deepen our relationship with Christ.

I also invite you to mark your calendars for our Easter celebrations in April, where we will come together in joyful praise for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. This is the pinnacle of our faith, and we will celebrate with songs of resurrection hope!

May this Lenten season be a time of reflection, renewal, and rich blessings for each one of you.

In Christ's love and peace,

Pastor Scott



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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



Generosity Minute

Lenten thoughts about wealth

Jesus taught, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." -Luke 12:15 (NIV)

For centuries, Christians have observed the season of Lent by taking on new spiritual practices (such as special prayer or bible reading) or abstaining from things that are enjoyable or extravagant (such as tobacco, chocolate or alcohol).

Lenten disciplines assist us in looking inward, seeing ourselves for who we really are, and with God's help, identifying things that keep us from drawing closer to God. With these awarenesses, and with God's help, we can then do something about them.

It's only fitting that Christians look at their relationship with wealth. Jesus had no problem with wealth, per se, but he repeatedly warns that wealth can distort our values and put a wedge between us and God. Or, worse, that money can supplant God as ruler in our hearts.

For those of us who are comfortable in our incomes and possessions, Lent invites us to look at our relationship with wealth. Here are some ideas for thought and prayer:

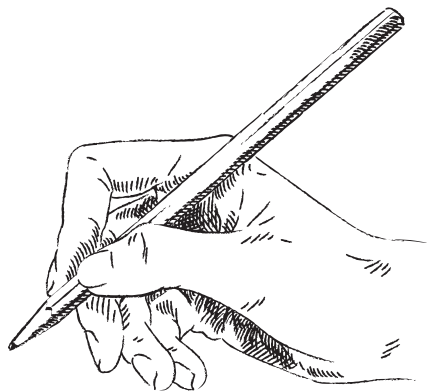
- Jesus says, "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." How is that different from the relentless message our consumer culture gives us? In what, then, would Jesus say our life consists? In what does your life consist?
- For Lent, keep a journal of everything you buy. At the end of Lent, analyze what your purchases say about your values, identity, and relationship with wealth.
- For Lent, buy only things you need, and NOT things you merely want. What do you learn in the process.
- For Lent, double your regular giving to charity. Or simply give to the point where it is a sacrifice.
- If you dare, try tithing – giving 10 percent of your income to God's work. What do you learn about yourself?

May this Lent be a time when you draw close to the Lord your God.

–Rob Blezard

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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

Hunter Leisey
John Frantz
Ed Miller
John Wesner
Michael Wargo
Jeff Kappenstein
Nettie Kriener
Clair Sweigart
Faith Moyer
Michael A. Crowther
Reba Ranck
Grace Ranck
Ray Fox
Gene Miller
Jean Wolf
Bobby Hershey
Marilyn Gelsinger
Edie Snyder

Teresa Sweigart
Mel and Troy Ulrich
Earl Myers
Elizabeth Sherman
Judy Habecker
Anna Rose Schannauer
David Metzger
Linda Mohn
Pauline Wassmer
Jerry Landis
Mary Beth Jenkins
Evelyn Gehman
Joan Leed
Ron Adams
Kevin Williams
Karen Laudenslager

Susan Levan
Larry Eberly
Anson Kauffman
Janet Bingaman
Dwayne Dimitris
Gladys Eckenroad
Bonnie Koehle-Koon
Chris Zander
Ross Houck
Kathleen Troutman
Sally Bergman
Keith Reimert
Larry Hagy
Lamar Eberly
Ed Blatt
Ryan Brown



Gratitude
TURNS WHAT
WE HAVE INTO
enough

DENNIS MOHN 3/8
445 S. RIDGE RD
DENVER PA 17517

LAMAR EBERLY 3/10
119 MARTZALL ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

FRITZ FICHTNER 3/13
48 COOPERS WAY
DENVER, PA 17517

MICHAEL MILLER 3/15
80 W. MILLPORT RD # 103
LITITZ PA 17543

WANDA MAXEY 3/19
2 GREYBILL COURT
EPHRATA PA 17522

March 10+ Birthdays



DELORES BECKER 3/24
815 W. LEESPORT RD #218
LEESPORT, PA 19533-8857

SUSAN VANZANT 3/24
107 W. MAIN ST
REINHOLDS PA 17569

CLARENCE STINE 3/26
500 KISSEL HILL RD
LITITZ PA 17543

CHRIS ZANDER 3/28
1760 KRAMER MILL RD
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

Happy Birthday to others born in March

Karl Kittler	01
Cooper McQuate	01
Abigail Brubaker	04
Nick Higgins	05
Ashlyn Rapp	06
Jodi Bingaman	07
Olivia Posegay	09
Kylee Kidwell-Cole	13
Susan Levan	16
George Philippopoulos	17
Ryan Brown	18
Denise Kidwell	21
Nathan Laudenslager	22



Brooke Koehle	23
Beckah Koehle	23
Sandy Clouser	25
Josh Lorah	25
Lee Showalter	25
Michael Witmer	27
Lillee Martin	28
Stacey Pannebecker	28
Justus Lorah	29
Doug Kulp	31

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please let us know if you
have a change of
address, email or
phone number.
secretary@swamplutheran.org



Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Anna Adams

March Greeters

2 Drew & Judy Trump
9 Josh & Beth Garrison
16 Doug Kulp
23 Justin & Karen Blatt
30 Pat Wenzel & Bill Knauer

April Greeters

6 Randy & Karen Krater
13 Guy & Sue Templin
20 Dolores D'Aiello
27 John Frantz

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

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS



March 4	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
March 4	7:00pm	Welcome Cmte
March 5	5:00pm-6:00pm	Supper by the Kitchen Krew
March 5	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Joint Service w/Mellingers Lutheran
March 9	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME- Spring Ahead	
March 9	12:00pm	Family Game Day
March 10	7:00pm	Bell Choir
March 11	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
March 12	1:00pm-4:00pm	EASS Food Distribution
March 12	6:15pm	Choir
March 12	7:00pm	Lenten Service @ St. Johns East Earl
March 13	6:30pm	Learning Cmte
March 17	ST. PATRICKS DAY	
March 17	6:00pm	Church Council
March 17	7:00pm	Bell Choir
March 18	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
March 19	6:15pm	Choir
March 19	7:00pm	Lenten Service @ Faith United Denver
March 24	7:00pm	Bell Choir
March 25	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
March 25	7:00pm	Builders of Hope
March 26	6:15pm	Choir
March 26	7:00pm	Lenten Service @ Muddy Creek Denver
March 30	5:00pm-8:00pm	SLY LDR Flood Bucket Mtg

HALF TRUTHS You've heard them, those popular sayings that sound Christian or biblical, but they are not. For the next five Sundays, Adult Sunday School will explore these sayings, like "everything happens for a reason," that miss the mark and may contain some harmful elements if left unexamined. Join us Sunday's at 9:45 in the social hall as we watch brief videos and then unpack them with discussion.



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 or email Terri at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. 717-336-2849 or secretary@swamplutheran.org. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family. Thank you for your consideration.

March

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March 26 is the deadline for the April Newsletter.

Please reach out to Terri Renninger at 717-336-2849 or email secretary@swamplutheran.org

Your cooperation is appreciated. *Thank you!*



ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle ministry. The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted in the Narthax. The Sanctuary Candle cost will remain at \$5.00 and the cost of the Altar Flowers remains at \$40.00 subject to change. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.



FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for paper towels, toilet paper, cereal, spaghetti, pasta, and mac & cheese. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Please check for a current expiration date.



Knitters and Crocheters have been asked to provide baby blankets for Veteran Families. Please use soft yarn with not too loose of a pattern and no more than 32" X 32," but not less than 27" square or rectangular. There are some copies of baby blanket patterns in the church library where the shawls/blankets are being collected. We need more boy colors than girl colors.



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. The next Disaster Response trip will be April 5-12, 2025.

Thank You as You Continue to Give Generously!!

SLY Flood Bucket Project needs your help in donating for flood buckets which will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response to support those impacted by flooding. Deadline for items is March, 23. See page 7 for detailed information.

Good Gifts Program Thank you to all who contributed to the Good Gifts program and passed God's Love for you onto others. We sent 10 chicks, 1 rooster, 7 goats, 9 pigs, 9 honeybees, 1 women's micro loan, 6 school fees and uniform for a girl, 9 school supplies for a child, 4 stock a backpack with food, 1 serve 10 a food ministry, 1 serve 50 at a food ministry, 2 feed a refugee family for a week, 4 vaccinations for a child, 2 cows and \$100 non-designated for a grand total of \$2850 in gifts.

Sound System CONGRATULATIONS!! We did it!! With the outstanding pledges and monies collected to date, we have reached our \$20,000 goal for the Sound System/Live Streaming capitol campaign. Kudos to you all for doing so in a year and a half.



In Case of Inclement Weather, notice of church cancellation will be shared via email to those who are signed up to receive church emails, posted on our website www.swamplutheran.org, posted on WGAL's website, and Swamp Lutheran's Facebook page.



Swamp Lutheran Youth (SLY)

Flood Bucket Project

SLY needs your help in donating items for flood buckets which will be packed by the Youth and donated to Lutheran Disaster Response to support those impacted by flooding.

Items needed for each bucket:

(do not feel obligated to get everything on this list; some or one is appreciated)

- One Round five-gallon bucket with lid
- (No screw lids. Bucket must be free from all residue. Advertisements on outside are acceptable)
- One 32-64 oz bottle of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz bottle of liquid household cleaner
- One 16-34 oz bottle of liquid dish soap
- One 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener (3 solid or gel air fresheners also acceptable)
- One Scrub brush—with or without handle
- Two Non-cellulose sponges
- 18 re-usable wipes. (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels; remove from packaging)
- Five scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them; remove from packaging)
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 ct. roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size; remove from packaging)
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness; no surgical masks)
- Two pairs of durable kitchen gloves (removed from packaging)
- One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palms or all leather)

All items must be new except for the bucket

Place donations in boxes under the Narthex table

Deadline: Sunday, March 23

THANK YOU!

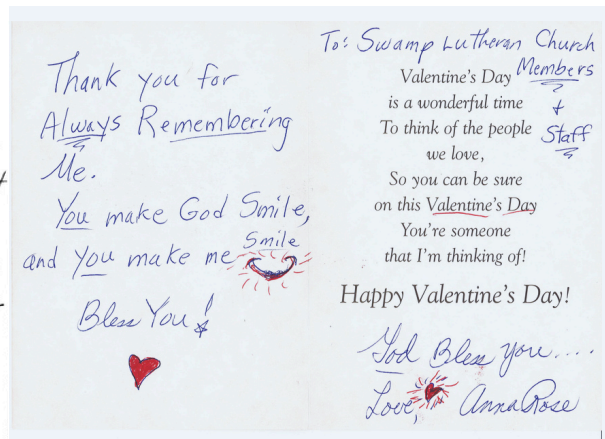
Pastor Brubaker + friends -

I've enjoyed being a member of the congregation. I'm moving to Florida to live with my daughter & son-in-law because of health reasons. Please thank everyone for their friendship, love, & support over the years. Pray for me in FL as I'll be praying for all of you. Here's a little something to use where needed.

My new address:

3130 62nd Ave
Vero Beach FL 32906

Sally Bergman



Pastor Brubaker and Congregation - 2-5-2025

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the cards, flowers, book, and the kindness you've shown me during this time. Your support has been a true blessing. A special thank you to Pastor Brubaker for taking the time to visit me; it meant a lot.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers as they have been incredibly uplifting on my journey.

Karen Laudenslager

2025 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 operating in or through our church.

Envelopes with these options listed on them are available on the table in the narthex or rear lobby. Please grab a pack of six envelopes (one for each week of Lent). Call the office if you need them mailed to you. Online Giving is an option too via our website. Giving to multiple options each week is encouraged.



Swamp Lutheran TLC: Contributions will help give our aging building some TLC (tender loving care) with needed upgrades, repairs, and replacements of aging pipes, windows, etc.



Community Meal: Contributions to this ministry support the purchase of food and supplies for the two, monthly community meals, each serving 70-100 persons, that Swamp prepares and delivers.



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 US and around the world.



**EPISCOPAL AREA
SOCIAL
SERVICES**
A COMMITMENT TO
SERVING THE COMMUNITY

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



Swamp Bell Choir: Contributions will help with the refurbishing of the bells after 20+ years of playing, allowing this joyful community outreach to continue to ring for many more years.



Swamp Food Pantry: Contributions support Swamp's monthly ministry of food provision to those challenged by food insecurity.



Cocalico Area Builders of Hope TL: Contributions provide housing, mentoring, and budget coaching to participants of the transitional housing home in Adamstown.



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 US and throughout the world.



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



Non-designated Gift: Contributions will be used where needed most.

Treasurer's Report January 2025				
January 1 2025 - January 31, 2025				
	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	% of Budget	Remaining
INCOME	\$ 326,063.00	\$ 31,495.78	10%	\$ 294,567.22
Expense	\$ 326,063.00	\$ 31,908.06	10%	\$ 294,154.94
OPERATIONS	\$ 53,590.00	\$ 8,859.58	17%	\$ 44,730.42
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 21,350.00	\$ 1,772.38	8%	\$ 19,577.62
BENEFITS	\$ 36,435.00	\$ 966.23	3%	\$ 35,468.77
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 146,148.00	\$ 11,699.67	8%	\$ 134,448.33
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 477.60		\$ (477.60)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 800.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 800.00
PROPERTY	\$ 18,050.00	\$ 498.81	3%	\$ 17,551.19
WORSHIP	\$ 7,550.00	\$ 148.13	2%	\$ 7,401.87
SERVICE	\$ 900.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 900.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 750.00	\$ 39.66	5%	\$ 710.34
GENEROSITY	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 500.00
WELCOME	\$ 5,350.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 5,350.00
LEARNING	\$ 3,850.00	\$ -	0%	\$ 3,850.00
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 30,790.00	\$ 7,446.00	24%	\$ 23,344.00
Income	\$ 326,063.00	\$ 31,558.78	10%	\$ 294,504.22
Expense	\$ 326,063.00	\$ 31,908.06	10%	\$ 294,154.94
	\$ -	\$ (349.28)	0%	\$ 349.28

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

Lori Gockley, President,

Lee Showalter, Vice President

Danielle Kauffman, Secretary

Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary

Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer

Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL LIAISONS

Danielle Kauffman —
Communication, Directory

Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;
Service; Personnel, Generosity

Lee Showalter — Disaster
Response

Guy Templin — Finance;
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Builders of
Hope

Randy Krater — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

Grady Daub—Safety & Security

Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew

Jen Weitzel - Welcome

Alan Worley –Youth Ministry

Cody Leisey- Worship Study



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!

Next Council Meeting
Mar. 17, 2025
6PM

Church Council Highlights

February 19, 2025

Service:

- The next community meal will be in May.
- The summer lunch program is on June 25.

Kitchen Krew:

- Food bank provided 22 families with 65 individuals with food in February.

Welcome:

- Judy Habecker is stepping down from mailing cards. We sincerely thank Judy for her ministry for so many years!
- 76 cards were mailed in February.
- Game day will be held March 9 at noon with refreshments.

Learning:

- April 19- Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny.
- May 18 - last day of Sunday school.

Youth Ministry:

- The Souper Bowl of Caring netted 157 lbs. of food for our food bank.
- March 30 they will assemble disaster flood buckets.
- April 11-12 will be the Flashlight egg hunt and sleepover.

Property:

- On January 26, we had a pipe burst in the old choir room.
- We hired Restoration Relief for the clean-up. The drying out process has been completed.
- Currently, we are working with our insurance company to get the repairs done to the room.
- While we are preparing to finish the room, we have to consider what we want the purpose of the room to be. Any thoughts, see Randy Krater.
- Snow removal- Anyone interested in helping shovel the snow Sunday mornings or weekends when it snows, contact Randy Krater.

Other items discussed:

- Directory update: We have extended the deadline to March 16 to have photos taken or submitted. Photos will continue to be taken on Sunday mornings after the church service.
- We are still looking for lay members to attend the 2025 Synod Assembly. If interested see Pastor Brubaker.
- The second offering on the last Sunday in February went towards the \$2500 insurance deductible. The deductible would have been \$5000, but since we didn't have a claim in 4 years, it's cut in half.
- Newly formed Worship study committee: Cody Leisey, chm., Sue Kreitz, Ray Weitzel, Danielle Kauffman and Grady Daub.
- They will meet to work on a survey to send to the congregation.
- Council is considering instead of canceling church during inclement weather, an option is to have a 2 hour delay and start at 10:30am with no Sunday school. Let us know your thoughts. Pastor Scott Brubaker will also put a message on the answering machine at church when we cancel or delay.
- There are several new categories to give toward the Pick 6 for Lent this year. Take a pack of envelopes and help the organizations with your donation.
- Sue Ellen Knauer will give an update on the financial status of our church.



SUPER BOWL 59 CHAMPION PHILADELPHIA EAGLES!!!
Phillies Bandwagon is now open!



Orders are being taken for Easter Lilies and White Tulips for Easter. Price is not yet known and the deadline for ordering is March 16. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717) 413-7149.

Name _____ Phone # _____



Lily 3-4 blooms _____



Tulips _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

SERVICE COMMITTEE LWR Personal Care Kits. During the months of March and April we will be collecting items for personal care kits. The following items are included in each kit. You may donate a complete kit or individual items.

- 1 light-weight bath size towel (maximum 52"X27"), dark color recommended.
- 2 bath size bars (4 or 5 oz) of soap in original wrapping.
- 1 adult size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging.

Do not add other items than those that are listed. All items should be new.

All kits, soap, and quilts can be collected for LWR until Sunday, October 1st.

Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief's worldwide mission! Jane Leshner 717-471-2974.



Ash Wednesday Service March 5 at 7:00pm.

Joint service with Mellingers Lutheran including imposition of ashes.

Pastor Tim Craven preaching; Pastor Scott Brubaker presiding.

Supper by the Kitchen Krew 5:00-6:00pm.

2025 North Lancaster Lenten Cluster Services

7 PM

Theme: *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*

Date	Location	Preacher
Wed. Mar. 12, 7 pm	St. John's Center, East Earl	Pastor Scott Brubaker
Wed. Mar. 19, 7 pm	Faith United, Denver	Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry
Wed. Mar. 26, 7 pm	Muddy Creek, Denver	Pastor Sandy Gideon
Wed. Apr. 2, 7 pm	Mellingers, Schoeneck	Pastor Jim Goodyear
Wed. Apr. 9, 7 pm	St. Paul, Adamstown	Pastor Tim Craven
Thurs, May 29, 7pm Ascension	Swamp, Reinholds	Pastor Marissa Becklin

Offering: Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Relief Mission Trip



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

January 17, 2025

Thank You

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, PA 17569-9562

Dear Swamp Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$4,452.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Giving, Service and Justice
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>

2025 Upcoming Event List

Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald - March 16, 2025
Summer Camp Open House at Nawakwa - March 16, 2025
Quilting Weekend at Kirchenwald - March 21 - 23, 2025
Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - March 29, 2025
Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald - April 6, 2025
Summer Camp Open House at Nawakwa - April 6, 2025
Nawakwa Work Day at Nawakwa - April 26, 2025
Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald - April 27, 2025
Kirchenwald Work Day at Kirchenwald - May 3, 2025
Lutheran Camping Night at Harrisburg Senators at FNB Field - May 9, 2025
Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Nawakwa - May 18, 2025
All Saints Confirmation Camp at Nawakwa - June 8 - 13, 2025
Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp at Nawakwa - June 15 - 21, 2025
Church in the Woods Confirmation Camp at Kirchenwald—June 15-21, 2025
Elder Camp at Nawakwa - July 6 - 11, 2025
July Family Camp at Nawakwa - July 13 - 18, 2025
Leadership Training Camp (Synod Event) at Nawakwa
Kirchenwald Camp-K-tion (Family Camp) at Kirchenwald - August 3 - 8, 2025
Family Camp at Nawakwa - August 3 - 8, 2025
ALIVE at Nawakwa—September 26-28, 2025
Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 5, 2025
Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa - October 7 - 9, 2025
Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa at Nawakwa - October 19, 2025
Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 26, 2025
Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 2, 2025
Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 7 - 9, 2025
Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 6, 2025

Spring Fest is May 18

11:30 am — 2 pm

We will be providing refreshments after Church. We will also be supporting the Stockings for Soldiers program and collecting Spring clothing for our Core Homeless Veterans in May. Details to follow.

Please respond to below survey. We want to hear your thoughts, your ideas in sharing in our Church Family Fellowship. You can share by emailing your response, calling the Church Office, or placing the completed detached portion in the offering plate. You are very important to our Church. Thank you for sharing.

The Welcome Committee seeks your input on our musical entertainment. (Circle One)

Bring Swing Fever Band back again

Look for something else?

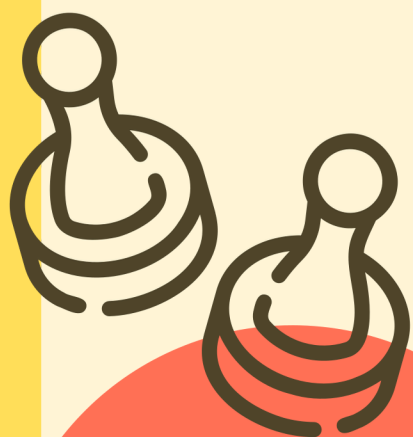
Comments/suggestions:



SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

GAME & FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Spare Your Time for Fun



Sunday, March 9th
12 PM in Social Hall
Refreshments Provided

**ALL AGES
ARE INVITED
TO JOIN**



Find Your Way to Jesus' Tomb

Go with Mary Magdalene through Jerusalem to find Jesus' tomb. Do not cross any lines.

