

*SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2026
8:30 AM*



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

Guests 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

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

PRELUDE

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

JACOB B. WEBER

congregational responses are in bold type.

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

AS RAIN FROM THE CLOUDS

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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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

Children leave for Children's Church

WORD

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

Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns

grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

CHILDREN RETURN FROM CHILDREN’S CHURCH

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

God of grace,
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

YOU ARE MY ALL AND ALL

ARR. MARK HAYES

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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written for a two-part setting, likely Soprano and Alto, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
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 whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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
Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Following the direction of the ushers, form a circle to receive communion. The bread, cup, and wine will be brought to you. Grape juice and gluten free options are available—tell the usher. After being communed, please return to your seat.

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.**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

ELW 550

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

HANDT HANSON

CIRCLE OF PRAYER - Hunter Leisey, John Frantz, Ed Miller, John Wesner, Jeff Kappenstein, Nettie Kreiner, Clair Sweigart, Faith Moyer, Michael A. Crowther, Reba Ranck, Grace Ranck, Ray Fox, Gene Miller, Jean Wolf, Larry Wolf, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsinger, Edith Snyder, Teresa Sweigart, Mel and Troy Ulrich, Earl Myers, Elizabeth Sherman, Judy Habecker, Anna Rose Schannauer, Jerry Landis, Mary Beth Jenkins, Evelyn Gehman, Joan Leed, Ron Adams, Kevin Williams, Susan Levan, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Kevin Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Regina Reinecker, Karen Klingensmith, Alex Merionfeld, Helen Werner, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, Scott Zook, Dianna Becker (Gockley's neighbor), Laurie Sauder, Sue Templin, Clyde Showalter, Ashley Milosek (friend of Cody and Aubrey Leisey), Dave Brown, Pat Miller, Lucille Lorah, Leah Showalter (Louetta Franck's great niece), Mark Stoner, Robert Reaser, Laney Garrison, Sam Reimert, Lou Smith, Bob Shank, Sammy Hanna (friend of Ruth & Gaile), Pat Grove & Daphne, Aaron Gasparich (friend of Jenny Weitzel) and Tina Krall (friend of Larry and Sally Hagy) and Greg and Jenn Rhodes (Connie Taylor's neighbor), Wanda Maxey, Chris Zander, Allison Kenawell, Margaret Kroh, Jason Stricker, Laraine Kramer, Mike Sawyer (friend of

Lee and Jodi Showalter), Linda Mohn, the family of Lois Jean Gockley, the family of Larry Eberly, the family of Brian Gress and the family of Paul Ream.

SANCTUARY CANDLE is given in honor of Laura Martin's birthday by Randy and Lori Gockley.

Other Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

[¹ You are to be praised, O LORD God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**
³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.
⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of
your temple. R**
⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**
⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous
signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
] ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river
of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.



ACTS OF LOVE Lunch Program - Local churches work together to make meals and serve lunch to local families within the Cocalico School District. Lunches are prepared and served each Wednesday during the summer months.

Swamp Lutheran Church will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 5 from 11:30am - 1:00pm. We are looking for people who are willing to support this program.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, deliver and serve the lunches at various parks throughout the Cocalico Community. (Lunch is served at the Reamstown Park, Denver Park, Adamstown Grove, and Reinholds Park on Main Street).

Lunches will be prepared and packed on Tuesday, August 4.

Lunches will be served on Wednesday, August 5.

Please contact Denise Kidwell (717) 725-8795
or denisekidwell321@yahoo.com with any questions or to volunteer.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 12, 2026

LECTIONARY 15

The Generous Gardener

In this parable, Jesus tells the disciples a story of a gardener. While many people carefully plan where to plant seeds (with some modern farmers using technology to map out, down to the millimeter, where each seed will grow best), the gardener in Jesus' story scatters seed generously, almost carelessly.

As the disciples, familiar with farming and fishing, would have known deep within themselves, things don't come easy in this life. Faith is the same. Like seeds that take their time, when the conditions are right to grow and bear fruit, faith isn't always a steady path. There are seasons of cold isolation—times when prayer and devotions don't warm the heart as they once did. There are seasons of scorching busyness—times when endless distractions overwork the head enough to overheat. Faith might look different at these times, but no matter the season, faith is never gone.

Ultimately, faith isn't measured down to the millimeter. Instead, this haphazardly generous gardener extends faith into the impossible places. And when rocks,

sun, or thorns from this world and within choke this faith that God has given us, the impossible becomes possible. In every season, God comes again and again to sprinkle more and more seed and to reach out to us before we can even try to grow on our own. And with time and divine Presence, that seed of faith starts to sprout.

Because of this never-ending abundance, every season is an opportunity to engage with God the generous gardener, whose nearness is always available and who gives the gift of faith, no matter the conditions. Today, let the summer breeze remind you of how close God's Spirit is, always nurturing and providing the abundance that is the essence of faith.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

You are Welcome Here!

At Swamp Lutheran Church, *Grace is Spoken Here!* We welcome with full participation and inclusion all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all,

regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, imprisonment, physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances or anything that too often divides us. Together as one in the Spirit, our unity is in Jesus Christ.

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SWAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS *JULY 12, 2026*

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Week in the Parish (July 12- 19)

July 12-16	6:30PM	VBS at Reinholds Carnival Grounds
July 19	8:30AM	Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23	12:00PM	Widow & Widowers at The Penguin
July 26	8:30AM	Worship
August 2	8:30PM	Worship
August 4	7:00PM	Welcome Cmte
August 5	11:00AM	Acts of Love Summer Lunch distribution
August 9	8:30PM	Worship
August 12	1-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
August 13	6:30PM	Learning Cmte
August 16	8:30PM	Worship
August 19	7:00PM	Church Council
August 23	8:30PM	Worship Blessing of the Backpacks
August 25	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope

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

Service Committee will be collecting items for LWR School Kits during the months of July and August. Listed below are the items which are needed for the kits.

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
- 30 centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (child's safety)
- Blue or Black ballpoint pens (No gel ink)
- Crayons 16 or 24 count
- 2 1/2 inch erasers

Thank you for your generous donations!

Greeter Schedule for July

12 John Frantz
19 Deb Sweigert
26 Phil & Tammy Higgins

Greeter Schedule for Aug

02 Jane Leshner
09 Bob & Linda Preston
16 Ray & Jen Weitzel
23 Gene & Heather Ferrari
30 Mark & Ros Bansner

Sound Schedule for July

12 Steve Laudenslager
19 Steve Laudenslager
26 Steve Laudenslager

Sound Schedule for Aug

02 Steve Laudenslager
09 Steve Laudenslager
16 Steve Laudenslager
23 Steve Laudenslager
30 Steve Laudenslager

No Coffee July and August

Video Schedule for July

12 Josh Garrison
19 Alan Worley
26 John Frantz

Video Schedule for Aug

02 Josh Garrison
09 Alan Worley
16 John Frantz
23 Josh Garrison
30 Alan Worley

DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

<i>Mon July 13</i>	Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
<i>Tues July 14</i>	Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17—5:2
<i>Wed July 15</i>	Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17
<i>Thurs July 16</i>	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29 Hebrews 2:1-9
<i>Fri July 17</i>	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17 Hebrews 6:13-20
<i>Sat July 18</i>	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matthew 7:15-20

UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS

Sun July 19 Isaiah 44:6-8 or Wisdom 12:13, 16-193 Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

FLOWERS: Grumbine's Flowers will begin fresh Altar flowers in early Sept. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, please sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar. Sue Kreitz 717-283-9444 or John Frantz 717-606-8994.

Widow & Widowers Social Lunch Thurs. July 23, 12:00PM at The Penguin Hotel for food, drink and friends.

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.*



Join us at Emerald Crossing VBS, July 12-16, as we journey through Psalm 23. VBS is held outside at Reinholds Carnival Grounds (weather permitting) from 6:30-8:30 and is a fun-filled, energy-packed week of sharing the Good News with 150+ kids in our community. Any questions, see Pastor Scott or

Abbey Rineer.

You can register your child at myvbs.org/rc

We are seeking crew leaders, craft helpers, snack helpers, game helpers, and Bible story tellers (more explanation below).

Crew Leaders: greet students as they arrive, lead students from station to station and dismiss students at the end of the night.

Craft Helpers: help students complete crafts that are taught/lead by the craft leader.

Snack Helpers: help distribute snacks/drinks.

Game Helpers: help students work off their excess energy.

Bible Story Teller: sign up for one night or more to share the Bible story for the night usually includes some fun way to interact with the groups. Preschool story will be shared four times, other age groups will be shared three times.

Please use the link or QR code to sign up!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4DAEAF2BA4F85-64139348-](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4DAEAF2BA4F85-64139348-reinholds)



reinholds

For the meals: There is a signup genius list of items that may be easy for people to donate. Sign up at bit.ly/3PDXu5h to donate cases of water bottles, 16-pk packages of hamburger and hot dog rolls, or package of individually bagged chips/snacks. Please commit by July 5; items needed at church by July 10 or at Fire Co/Kitchen July 12 or 14.



Swamp Needs Your Help!

Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more

Most pressing needs include:

Communion Extender: We need helpers to take communion to our homebound members. Training provided.

Choir: We welcome singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir.

Bell Choir: Ringers needed for this music ministry.

Learning Committee: We could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

SLY: We need additional leaders on our team to guide this ministry.

Sunday School teachers: Helpers and teachers needed.

Worship Committee: We can always use fresh perspectives on worship.

Generosity Committee: We need additional disciples to help promote generosity to God's work at Swamp.

Property Committee: We need help attending to the property needs of Swamp.

Consider adopting a flower bed to maintain or giving of a skill (electrician, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.).



2026 Acts of Love
FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

A gift from area churches
and community organizations
for children in the Cocalico community!

Not affiliated with the Cocalico School District

Meals will be available at:

ADAMSTOWN GROVE
339 W. Main St. Reinholds, PA
DENVER PARK
801 W. Main St. Denver, PA
REAMSTOWN PARK
E. Church St. Stevens, PA
REINHOLDS PARK
5 E. Main St. Reinholds, PA

These Wednesdays, 11:30-12:30
JUNE 10, 17, 24 JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AUGUST 5, 12

Meals will vary each week with some options available

QUESTIONS? CALL REAL LIFE AT:
717-336-7797 EXT 204

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