



Feb 2025

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our journey through the season after Epiphany, we are invited to reflect on the revealing of God's light to the world through Jesus Christ. This is a time when we witness the many ways Jesus calls us into relationship with God and with one another, shining His light into the world through love, compassion, and grace.

On February 2, we celebrate Groundhog Day where the furry prognosticator reveals whether spring is around the corner, or we will experience six more weeks of winter. It marks the midpoint between the winter solstice (the longest night of the year, which occurs around December 21st) and the spring equinox (which typically happens around March 20th or 21st). While it's traditionally a fun way to look for signs of spring, Groundhog Day also serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness through all seasons. Just as we trust that the seasons will change, we can trust in God's unchanging presence in our lives. No matter how dark or long the winter may seem, the light of Christ is always with us, offering hope, renewal, and new beginnings.

In the month of February, we also celebrate Valentine's Day, a reminder of love in its many forms. While we may often think of romantic love, it is a good time for us to remember the greatest love of all—the love of God for us, shown through Jesus Christ. His love is the light that guides us and compels us to love others as He has loved us. In this season after Epiphany, we are called to reflect that light and share the love of Christ with all we meet.

As we continue to walk in this season, let us open our hearts to the light of Christ that continues to shine in our lives. May we be inspired to reach out in kindness, share compassion, and show God's love in all that we do.

May God's peace fill your hearts this February, and may you be a light in the world, reflecting His love to others. I am grateful to walk alongside you in faith and ministry.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Scott



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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

Steward healthy relationships

There's no escaping love in February, is there? Everywhere – valentines, red roses, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates and other sweets for the ones we love.

This is all good and right, because ever since God declared that it is not good for a person to be alone (Genesis 2:18), people have found comfort, excitement, safety, companionship, joy, contentment and fulfillment in the company of others.

That's why February is perfect for celebrating healthy, loving relationships of all sorts. Good stewards care for every gift God gives us – healthy, loving relationships especially. And because Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors and our enemies alike, we do well to work on relationships beyond our immediate circles.

Suggestions:

Couples: Give flowers and chocolate, sure, but also spend quality time with one another. Talk deeply and listen intently. Pray and read scripture together. Hold hands during worship. Talk often and listen deeply. Read Gary Chapman's "The 5 Love Languages" to improve your relationship.

Families: Rejoice in the love that holds you together – parents, grandparents, children, siblings, cousins -- everybody. Organize Sunday family dinners. Say, "I love you." Talk through problems and work together.

Friends: Enjoy time with buddies, but also cultivate deeper and more spiritual friendships. Share problems and successes. Grow together in faith.

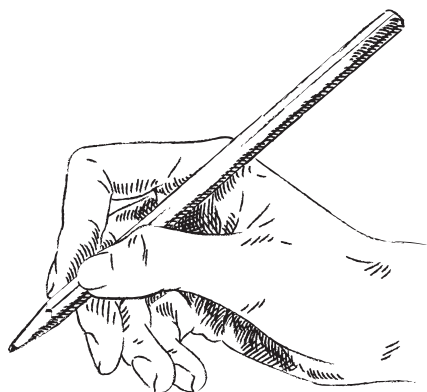
Church neighbors: Send friendship valentines to everybody in church. As a congregation designate "love your neighbor" Sunday at which you have a potluck. And/or movie night or game night.

Community neighbors: Send a valentine and a piece of candy to immediate neighbors or everybody in your address book to let them know that friendships and neighbors are important. Start – or revive – block parties, community cleanup days, yard sales or fellowship gatherings.

God gives us relationships of all kinds so that we can have companionship, friendship, security and joy. As stewards of all that God gives us, we can nourish and celebrate healthy, strong relationships.

--Rev. Rob Blezard

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
Honey Notobartolo
Bobby Hershey
Marilyn Gelsinger
Edie Snyder
J.J. Johnson

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

Debbie Leed
Maggie Krater
Janet Krater
Susan Levan
Larry Eberly
Anson Kauffman
Janet Bingaman
Dwayne Dimitris
Gladys Eckenroad
Pastor Dennis Trout
Bonnie Koehle-Koon
Chris Zander
Ross Houck
Michael Hagy
Kathleen Troutman
Sally Bergman
Keith Reimert
Larry Hagy
Lamar Eberly
Ed Blatt



Gratitude
TURNS WHAT
WE HAVE INTO
enough

February 10+ Birthdays

LUCILLE LORAH 2/1
236 FIELDCREST LANE
EPHRATA, PA 17522

KENNETH MARTIN 2/3
74 HAWK VALLEY LANE
DENVER, PA 17517

NANCY MCQUATE 2/6
423 SPRUCE STREET
DENVER, PA 17517

ANNA ROSE SCHANNAUER 2/10
65 FIELDCREST LANE
EPHRATA, PA 17522-2913



BARBARA MIZDAIL 2/20
107 MUSTANG TRAIL
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

MICHAEL WARGO 2/21
123 E. WASHINGTON ST
WERNERSVILLE, PA 175565

CATHERINE STINE 2/24
500 KISSEL HILL RD
LITITZ, PA 17543

SUSAN KREITZ 2/28
PO BOX 76
REAMSTOWN, PA 17567

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 February

Phil Kerr 01
Noah Weller 01
Maya Bingaman 03
Missy Ragan 05
Karen Klingensmith 08
Dan McQuate 08
Dakota Moyer 08
Patti Walmer 08
Nate Sauder 09
Stevie Posegay 09
Katie Krater 11
Lori Sauder 11
Missy Van Zant 11
Ros Bansner 12
Toni Showalter 12
Troy Ulrich 12



Janice Lorah 14
Michael Higgins 14
Tim Chynoweth 15
Jack Pannebecker 15
Karen Krater 16
Mikalee Kerr 18
Jamie Pannebecker 18
Cameron Hall 21
Ann Hilton 22
Stella Roseboro 22
Kendall Melcher 23
Gabe Leed 24
Tammy Higgins 26
Pastor Scott Brubaker 26
John Frantz 27
Isaac Zook 27

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

Nursing Home

RESIDENTS

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

February Greeters

2 Bob & Linda Preston
9 John Frantz
16 Lamar & June Eberly
23 Eric & Diane Hammaker

March Greeters

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

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

Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2	2:00 - 3:00pm	Disaster Trip Planning Mtg
February 3	10:30am-11:30am	Worship Cmte
February 3	7:00pm	Bell Choir
February 4	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
February 4	7:00pm	Welcome Cmte
February 5	7:00pm	Choir
February 6	6:00-8:00pm	Church Photo Session
February 10	7:00pm	Bell Choir
February 11	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
February 11	6:00-8:00pm	Church Photo Session
February 12	1:00 - 4:00pm	EASS Food Distribution
February 12	7:00pm	Choir
February 13	11:30am	Widow & Widowers Luncheon *
February 13	6:30pm	Learning Cmte
February 14	VALENTINE'S DAY	
February 17	PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	
February 18	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
February 19	7:00pm	Choir
February 19	7:00pm	Church Council
February 24	7:00pm	Bell Choir
February 25	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
February 25	7:00pm	Cocalico Builders of Hope
February 26	7:00pm	Choir



Happy
Valentine's
Day



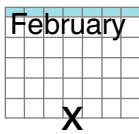
In Case of Inclement Weather, notice of church cancellation will be shared via email to those who are signed up to receive church emails, posted on our website www.swamplutheran.org, posted on WGAL's website, and Swamp Lutheran's Facebook page.



***Widow & Widowers Luncheon** at 11:30am on Thurs. February 13 at Udder Choice Ephrata, located in a private room, upon entering, on right. (separate checks) Pastor Scott Brubaker will be the guest speaker and the topic will be "LOVE." If you have a widow or widower friend, feel free to bring them along! We ask that you contact Terri to RSVP at 717-336-2849 for a headcount for the restaurant. We hope to see you soon..and remember **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**



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.



Jot down *February 26*, regarding information for the March Newsletter.

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

Your cooperation is appreciated in order to make the March 1 deadline. *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 for the time being, but we will know more after the beginning of the New Year. 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.



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



Disaster Response Mission Trip On Sunday, February 2, 2025, a planning meeting for the 25th trip of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response team will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. This is also the deadline to sign up for the trip. Registration for the trip is only \$150/person. The trip will be taking place, April 6-12, 2025, and will be to western North Carolina. More details will be shared at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but hope to make the trip, please contact Pastor Glenn Beard at gbeard@lutheracare.org.



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.*



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.



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!!

What: The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

When: Until Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025

Where: Bring canned soup and other nonperishable food items and place them beneath the goal post in the Narthex.

Who: Benefits Swamp Food Pantry

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.

The Directory Committee set up two more photo sessions.

Thursday, February 6 from 6-8pm & **Tuesday**, February 11 from 6-8pm

Please call the office to reserve a time slot. 717-336-2849.

Ash Wednesday Service March 5 at 7:00pm at Swamp Lutheran Church. Joint service with Mellingers Lutheran including imposition of ashes. Pastor Tim Craven preaching; Pastor Scott Brubaker presiding.

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 _____



Lutheran
Disaster Response

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

Treasurers Report December 2024				
January 2024 - December 2024 / December				
	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	% of Budget	Remaining
REGULAR	\$ 314,126.00	\$ 338,784.09	107.85%	\$ (24,658.09)
Expense	\$ 314,126.00	\$ 344,866.64	109.79%	\$ (30,740.64)
OPERATIONS	\$ 53,590.00	\$ 41,282.03	77.03%	\$ 12,307.97
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 38,730.03	177.66%	\$ (16,930.03)
BENEFITS	\$ 34,622.00	\$ 37,589.42	108.57%	\$ (2,967.42)
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 133,924.00	\$ 134,558.58	100.47%	\$ (634.58)
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 10,758.03	0.00%	\$ (10,758.03)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,202.94	525.37%	\$ (3,402.94)
PROPERTY	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 12,644.59	71.44%	\$ 5,055.41
WORSHIP	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 5,369.40	72.56%	\$ 2,030.60
SERVICE	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,008.00	80.64%	\$ 242.00
GENEROSITY	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 500.00
WELCOME	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 3,191.70	51.48%	\$ 3,008.30
LEARNING	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 3,092.41	57.80%	\$ 2,257.59
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 30,790.00	\$ 51,811.49	168.27%	\$ (21,021.49)
SYNOD PLEDGE2221:238	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.14	100.00%	\$ (0.14)
Income	\$ 314,126.00	\$ 338,784.09	107.85%	\$ (24,658.09)
Expense	\$ 314,126.00	\$ 344,866.64	109.79%	\$ (30,740.64)
	\$ -	\$ (6,082.55)	-1.94%	\$ 6,082.55



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!

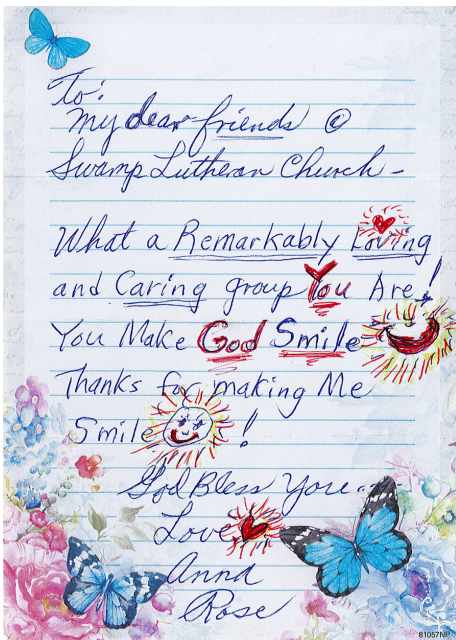
2025 North Lancaster Lenten Cluster Services

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



Dear Swamp Congregation,
Thank you for the
Christmas gift card! I bought
a toaster oven on Amazon. ☺
I appreciate your generosity!
Kind regards,
Terri

**THANK
YOU!**
❤️

Swamp Lutheran's Church Council 2025



Front row: Cody Leisey, Jenny Weitzel, Sue Knauer (Co-Treasurer), Denise Kidwell, Pam Leisey, Grady Daub and Deb Sweigert

Back row: Pastor Brubaker, Lori Gockley (President), Danielle Kauffman (Secretary), Guy Templin (Co-Treasurer), Lee Showalter (Vice President), Randy Krater and Alan Worley.

Thank you for all you do for Swamp!

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

Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;
Service; Personnel

Lee Showalter — Disaster
Response

Guy Templin — Finance;
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Builders of
Hope

Randy Krater — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

TBD—Safety & Security

Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew

TBD— Generosity

Jen Weitzel - Welcome

Alan Worley —Youth Ministry

NEW MEMBERS:

Clarence Stine

Catherine Stine

David Fair

Melodie Fair

Amelia Fair

Alexander Fair

Justin Blatt

Karen Blatt

Makenna Blatt

Jace Blatt

Welcome to our New Members!



David, Melodie, Amelia, and Alex Fair. The Fair's are close friends of Pastor Scott and Jen Brubaker. Melodie met Jen at Warwick High School, and they have been best friends ever since. Jen and Mel attended Millersville University together where Melodie met her husband, David. Dave and Mel were married in 1995 and are the proud parents of Amelia and Alexander.

David holds a BS in Music Education from Millersville University and a MS in Instructional Design and Technology from Philadelphia University. Dave is the Music Department Chair and Band Director at ELCO High School.

Melodie earned her BS in Music Education from Millersville University and her M.Ed. in Educational Leadership/Principalship from Penn State University. Melodie is the Dean of Students at ELCO High School.

Amelia is a 2023 graduate of Kutztown University with a BS in Secondary Education. She serves as a Learning Support Teacher at Manheim Central High School.

Alexander is a freshman at West Chester University majoring in Music Education.

The Fair's live in the Lititz area (Elm) and keep very busy with their various after school music and performing arts obligations at ELCO.

The Fair's transferred to Swamp from St. Paul's Lutheran in Lititz. Asked what attracted them to Swamp, they answered, "Pastor Scott" and have mentioned how friendly and welcoming everyone has been to them.



Clarence (Skip) and Catherine (Cathy) Chemi Stine. Skip and Cathy are Melodie Fair's parents and live in Lititz Borough. The Stine's are also close friends of Pastor Scott and Jen. In fact, Jen's nickname for Cathy is "Mom Stine."

Skip, a native of Lebanon, PA, is a veteran of the US Navy where he attended the Navy School of Music. Cathy grew up in Suffern, NY, on the border with New Jersey. Skip and Cathy met in the late 1960's when both were members of the Harry James Orchestra with Skip on trumpet and Cathy on vocals. They left the band to marry in 1970. They settled in Lititz where they raised their two children—daughter, Melodie, and son, Ross. Skip pursued a career in banking and then later as a music educator at Milton Hershey School. Now retired, Cathy focused her energies on homemaking and community/church volunteering until her children were grown and then she applied her talents to music education as an adjunct at Kutztown University.

The Stines' enjoy working in their beautiful and extensive flower gardens. Cathy enjoys reading and cooking for her family.

The Stine's transferred to Swamp from St Paul's Lutheran in Lititz. They listed "your wonderful Pastor" as the reason they joined Swamp. They appreciate how warm and welcoming everyone has been to them.



Justin, Karen, Makenna, and Jace Blatt. The Blatt's come to Swamp through family connections. Justin is the brother of Missy Van Zant. The Blatt's live in suburban Blainsport on Blue Lake Road. Justin was baptized and confirmed at Muddy Creek Lutheran, Karen was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran in Neffsville.

Karen and Justin were married in 2012 and are the proud parents of Makenna and Jace.

Justin, a Cocalico graduate, studied engineering at Penn State. He is employed as the VP of Operations at Weaver Industries in Denver. Karen, a Warwick graduate, studied Business Administration at Drexel University. She is employed as a commercial underwriter at Ephrata National Bank.

Makenna is a 4th grader at Denver Elementary. Jace attends the CCC preschool in Denver. Both enjoy serving as worship assistants at Swamp.

An active family, the Blatts enjoy running, having entered local 5k, 10k and half marathons. Outdoor activities are frequent endeavors—camping, ATVs, hunting, field hockey, hiking, and soccer to name a few. Filling food boxes and delivering them for the Lancaster County Project for the Needy was a satisfying family volunteer activity.

The pull of family and friends attending Swamp was what attracted the Blatt's to Swamp.

Next Council Meeting
February 19, 2025
7PM

Church Council Highlights

January 15, 2025

Service:

- The Community meal was January 9 and served 70 folks.
- The Good Gifts Tree received \$2850.

Kitchen Krew:

- Provided food for 12 folks between the two Christmas Eve services.
- Food bank provided 42 families for a total of 118 individuals with food in January.
- Prepared 100 meals for the community meal with the extra going to church members.

Welcome:

- February- Love in Action activity, a Bible scavenger hunt. (in this newsletter).
- Game day will be held March 9 at noon with refreshments.
- The Widows & Widowers group lunch will be on February 13 at Udder Choice.

Learning:

- April 19 - Easter egg hunt with the Easter bunny.
- May 18 - Last day of Sunday school.
- Vacation Bible school will use our church as the inclement weather location for the activities.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Dates:

- February 9 will be Souper Bowl of Caring.
- March 30 they will assemble flood buckets.
- April 11-12 will be the Flashlight egg hunt and sleepover.

Other items discussed:

- Directory update. The final submission date for photos is February 28.
- Two photo sessions are scheduled for Thursday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 11, from 6-8 pm.
- Looking for lay members to attend the 2025 Synod Assembly. If interested see Pastor Brubaker.
- The second offering on the last Sunday in January will go to the Lutheran Disaster Response for the California Fires.
- Newly formed Worship study committee. Cody Leisey, (Chair); Sue Kreitz, Ray Weitzel, Danielle Kauffman and Grady Daub. They will be seeking feedback on the current services.

Phillies pitchers and catchers report on Feb 12.

Philadelphia Eagles go to the Super Bowl!

FLY EAGLES FLY!





The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

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

2025 Upcoming Event List

Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald - February 16, 2025
Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - March 15, 2025
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
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
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
Elder Camp at Nawakwa - July 6 - 11, 2025
July Family Camp at Nawakwa - July 13 - 18, 2025
Kirchenwald Camp-K-tion (Family Camp) at Kirchenwald - August 3 - 8, 2025
August Family Camp at Nawakwa - August 3 - 8, 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
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BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT

WHAT IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT ACCORDING TO JESUS IN MATTHEW 22:37-39?

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ACCORDING TO 1 JOHN 4:19, WHY ARE WE ABLE TO LOVE OTHERS?

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IN JOHN 15:13, JESUS DESCRIBES THE GREATEST KIND OF LOVE. WHAT IS IT?

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IN JOHN 13:34-35, JESUS SAYS OTHERS WILL KNOW WE ARE HIS DISCIPLES HOW?

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WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5 SAYS LOVE IS AND ISN'T?

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IN COLOSSIANS 3:12-14, WHICH QUALITIES ARE WE ENCOURAGED TO "PUT ON" ALONG WITH LOVE?

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IN 1 JOHN 4:8, WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT GOD AND LOVE?

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IN ROMANS 5:8, HOW DID GOD SHOW HIS LOVE FOR US?

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IN 1 CHRONICLES 16:34, HOW LONG DOES GOD'S LOVE LAST?

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HOW OFTEN DOES A TRUE FRIEND LOVE IN PROVERBS 17:17?

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EPHESIANS 4:2-3 SAYS WE ENCOURAGED TO TREAT OTHERS IN LOVE HOW?

WHAT DOES 1 JOHN 4:18 SAY ABOUT FEAR AND LOVE?

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ACCORDING TO ROMANS 12:9-10, HOW SHOULD WE SHOW LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER?

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IN PROVERBS 10:12, WHAT DOES IT SAY LOVE CAN DO TO OUR SINS?

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WRITE 1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

IN 1 JOHN 3:18, WE SHOULD NOT ONLY LOVE WITH WORDS BUT ALSO WITH WHAT?

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IN PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4, WHO'S INTEREST SHOULD WE LOOK TO?

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IN MATTHEW 5:44, JESUS TELLS US TO DO WHAT FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT HURT OR HATE US?

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WHAT PHRASE IS REPEATED OVER & OVER IN PSALM 136?

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WHAT EXAMPLE OF LOVE DOES EPHESIANS 5:1-2 GIVE US TO FOLLOW?

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ACCORDING TO JAMES 1:19-20, HOW CAN WE SHOW LOVE IN HOW WE SPEAK AND LISTEN?

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WHAT DOES JOHN 3:16 SAY ABOUT GOD'S LOVE FOR THE WORLD?

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