

*SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*  
*MAY 10, 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](http://www.swamplutheran.org) regularly for updates and schedules of ongoing activities of the church. Full prayer list is in the newsletter each month.

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## GATHERING

### *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*congregational responses are in bold type.*

*Stand*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

ELW 408

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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM**

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

MICHAEL BEDFORD

JEN WEITZEL & DEB SWEIGERT, BELLS

*Children leave for Children's Church*

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**WORD**

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

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**Psalm 66:8-20** (*read responsively*)

<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

- 11 You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- 12** You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- 13 I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**
- 14** those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**
- 16** Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
- 17 I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**
- 18** If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;
- 19 but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**
- 20** Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

### **Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

**13** Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? **14** But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, **15** but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, **16** yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. **17** For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. **18** For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, **19** in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, **20** who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during

the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: **John 14:15-21**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love

me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace.*

*Sit*

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**MEAL**

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ***

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**OFFERTORY**

**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.*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### Offering Song

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.'

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948  
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### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**  
**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day**  
**when we will hunger and thirst no more.**  
**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,**  
**that goodness and mercy may follow us**  
**and bless the world you love.**  
**In the name of Jesus, 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

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD *REMAIN STANDING*

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

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

**COMMUNION HYMN**

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

ELW 631

*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.**

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

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**SENDING**  
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

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BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

OH, SING TO THE LORD

ELW 822

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**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, Bobby Hershey, Marilyn Gelsing, 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, Larry Eberly, Gladys Eckenroad, Bonnie Koehle-Koon, Kathleen Troutman, Sally Bergman, Kevin Reimert, Pam Heisey, Connie Malafarina, Ted Heisey, Regina Reinecker, Karen Klingensmith, Sue Van Zant, Alex Merionfeld, Helen Werner, Cody Leisey, Michelle Moyer, Janet Craley, 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, Brian Gress, 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, Cathy Stine, Aaron Gasparich (friend of Jenny Weitzel), Tina Krall (friend of Larry and Sally Hagy), the family of Janet Bingaman, the family of Clarice Haws, the family of Rev. Dr. Martha "Marty" Sheaffer and the family of Leonard Hoover.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of his wife, Anna, by Robert Hershey.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** is given in memory of loved ones by a friend.

Swamp Lutheran Church

# HABITAT FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

Free Community Event

SUNDAY, MAY 17  
10:00 AM

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



## Celebrate Nature with Us!

- Create your own blue bird houses and pine cone peanut-butter feeders while learning how to support local wildlife
- Grab some refreshments and stick around for a special talk from a retired PA Game Commission representative about protecting Pennsylvania's wildlife
- A fun, free educational event for the whole community
- All ages welcome!

**Call our office at 717 336 2849 to lock in your kit. Walk-ins can snag one too, but supplies at the door are limited!**



**Other Readings for this Sunday**

## **Acts 17:22-31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**May 10, 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The Perspective of Love**

It has been said that, on our journey of discipleship, each of us receives new eyeglasses. These glasses have a prescription that filters out all the cobwebs and distractions, giving us the ability to see everything through love. If we wonder what a particular scripture passage means, we read and interpret it through love. If we wonder how to make a big decision, we discern it through love. If we wonder how to respond to a challenging person or situation, we consider responses through the perspective of love.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus says to his disciples (John 14:15). Loving Jesus means keeping his commandments, and keeping his commandments means loving: loving God, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and seeing our neighbors and ourselves in the same way our God of grace and forgiveness sees us.

We are not left on our own to maintain this perspective of love in all that we see, think, say, and do. Jesus promises that he and the Holy Spirit will not only be alongside us but will also live in us forever.

**Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM

**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**    *MAY 10, 2026*

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### **Week in the Parish (May 11 - 17)**

May 11	7:00PM	Bell Choir
May 12	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
May 12	7:00PM	Builders of Hope
May 13	1-4:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
May 13	7:00PM	Choir
May 14	7:00PM	Ascension Day Worship
May 16	2:00PM	Bell Choir Chapel Concert
May 17	8:30AM	Worship
May 17	10:00AM	Habitat for Feathered Friends Community Event

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 19	6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study
May 20	7:30PM	Church Council
May 24	8:30AM	Worship
May 25	MEMORIAL DAY/OFFICE CLOSED	
May 26	7:00PM	Cocalico Builders of Hope
May 28-31	Builders of Hope Strawberry Shortcake at Adamstown Community Days in the Grove	

**Veteran Collection.** The Welcome Committee is seeking donations to support our local Veterans in Lancaster County at the Coatesville VAMC. They currently need all sizes in T-Shirts, Shirts, Body Wash and Lots of Coffee (Ground Bagged or K-Cups). Place donations in designated location in the Narthex. Please help us in supporting our Veterans in May and June.

**Attention Thrivent Financial Members.** The Thrivent "Action Teams" program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs, like the monthly food pantry, events, etc. that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran's activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process. Email: [lgockley2@gmail.com](mailto:lgockley2@gmail.com) or call 717-203-8551

**Greeter Schedule for May**

10 Glenn & Linda Beard  
 17 Randy & Pam Leisey  
 24 Larry & Sally Hagy  
 31 Deb Sweigert

**Greeter Schedule for June**

07 Danielle Kauffman, Addy & Anson  
 14 Missy Ragan  
 21 Gene & Heather Ferrari  
 28 Donna Glover & Girls

**Sound Schedule for May**

03 Steve Laudenslager  
 10 Steve Laudenslager  
 14 Steve Laudenslager  
 17 Steve Laudenslager  
 24 Steve Laudenslager  
 31 Steve Laudenslager

**Sound Schedule for June**

07 Steve Laudenslager  
 14 Steve Laudenslager  
 21 Steve Laudenslager  
 28 Steve Laudenslager

**Coffee Schedule for May**

10 John Frantz  
 17 Ray Weitzel  
 24 John Frantz  
 31 Deb Sweigert

**No Coffee June July August****Video Schedule for May**

03 John Frantz  
 10 Josh Garrison  
 14 John Frantz  
 17 Alan Worley  
 24 John Frantz  
 31 Josh Garrison

**Video Schedule for June**

07 Alan Worley  
 14 John Frantz  
 21 Josh Garrison  
 28 Alan Worley

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

*Mon May 11* Psalm 93 Genesis 9:8-17 Acts 27:39-44  
*Tues May 12* Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 5:22-33 1 Peter 3:8-1  
*Wed May 13* Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31:1-13 John 16:16-24  
*Thurs May 14* Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke  
 24:44-53  
*Fri May 15* Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-7  
*Sat May 16* Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:13-15 John 8:21-30

**UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS**

*Sun May 17* Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John  
 17:1-11

**FLOWERS: Grumbine's Flowers** will now continue delivery of fresh altar flower arrangements through June 2026. **June 28 and July 5** is available to sponsor. 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.

**Builders of Hope fundraiser** Strawberry Shortcake Stand at Adamstown Community Days, May 28-31 in the Grove. Featuring Boehringer's ice cream. Come out and enjoy a sweet treat!

**Widow & Widowers Lunch** Thurs. June 18, 12pm @ Udder Choice in Ephrata. Program will be Husband & Wife artists sharing their artwork and story after retiring.

**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.

**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.*

**Orders are being taken for red geraniums for Pentecost**, Sunday May 24th. Price is not yet known and the deadline for ordering is **TODAY**. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717) 413-7149.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Red Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**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.).

Swamp Lutheran Church

# HABITAT FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

Free Community Event

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
10:00 AM in the Social Hall

**Celebrate Nature with Us!**

- Create your own blue bird houses and pine cone peanut-butter feeders while learning how to support local wildlife
- Grab some refreshments and stick around for a special talk from a retired PA Game Commission representative about protecting Pennsylvania's wildlife
- A fun, free educational event for the whole community
- All ages welcome!

**Call our office at 717 336 2849 to lock in your kit.**  
**Walk-ins can snag one too, but supplies at the door are limited!**

