



Nov 2024

## Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Newsletter

#### Pastor's Message

##### *A Tainted Thanksgiving*

Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him. "You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!" Horrified, the little boy obeyed. After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?" "Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's." (from [pastoralcareinc.com](http://pastoralcareinc.com))

This little story is a helpful reminder about our relationship with our money and possessions in this season of Thanksgiving. Our gratitude drives our generosity, freeing us to serve God and others with our time, talent, and treasure. Julie Wesley, seminarian at Luther Seminary, shares her understanding of Luther's teaching on The Freedom of a Christian. She writes:

**"Freedom *From* and Freedom *For*.** Trusting that God has provided, is providing, and will always provide everything we need frees us from the anxiety of needing to provide for ourselves. Martin Luther described this in his essay, "The Freedom of a Christian." We are freed *from* the responsibility of fending for ourselves and freed *for* the opportunities to use what we have to serve God and one another. Even this freedom is an incredible gift from God!

Understanding this glorious freedom changes how we view the gifts God has bestowed upon us. All that we are and all that we have comes from God. **It is not, however, for the sole purpose of our own comfort and pleasure.** God has been generous to us so that we can be generous to others. In this way, what we receive from God is not gifted to us; it is entrusted to us. What we have is not ours because we worked hard to earn it and deserve it. It is ours only because God gave it to us and trusts us to use it to meet our own needs and the needs of others. We are then only stewards of our lives, our time, our talents, and our possessions." (Julie Wesley, [faithlead.org](http://faithlead.org)).

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us all be thankful for and good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care.



*Pastor Scott*

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

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

Ministers :  
Congregation

#### Staff

Pastor:  
Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

Admin Asst:  
Teresa Renninger

Sexton:  
Jonathan Gyorke

Organist/Choir Director:  
Susan Kreitz

Assistant Organist:  
Grady Daub

Bell Choir:  
Doug Kulp

In person worship  
8:30AM

Two options available:

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



# Generosity Minute

## Develop a Heart of Generosity

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances! --1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Would you like to be a more generous person, possessing a generous heart? Then try embracing gratitude as a spiritual practice. Since Thanksgiving is this month, November is a wonderful time to give it a try.

Gratitude and generosity go together. Whether you're a millionaire or just middle-class, when you are grateful for what you have, you'll likely be happier and more satisfied. You will see the world through eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself.

How can we embrace gratitude as a spiritual practice? Paul gives us good advice.

**Give thanks in all circumstances:** Paul says give thanks **IN** all circumstances, not **FOR** all circumstances. In tough times, we can be grateful for what is going well and for the resources, relationships and faith that will help us through.

**Pray without ceasing:** Pray in the shower, in your car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at a stop light, in a grocery line. God hears all your prayers. Pray nonstop.

**Rejoice always:** Look for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? food? Friends? Rejoice.

For a disciplined approach, keep a journal of your daily thanks, or a "gratitude list" that you can pray over and revise. Keep it up and it's a good bet that your developing "attitude of gratitude" will result in you becoming more generous and seeing the world through a lens of abundance.

--Rob Blezard

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***Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.***

**--Malachi 3:10**

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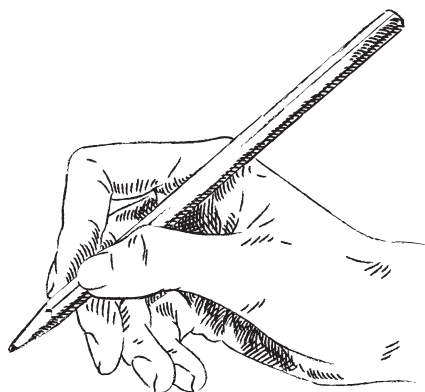
## Good Gifts Tree



This year instead of a hat and mitten tree, the Generosity committee is placing a Good Gifts tree in the narthex. If you ever selected a gift for someone in need from a display in a store or shopping mall this tree will work the same way. Beginning in November, the tree will be full of ornaments that represent items for purchase to benefit families in need around the world. Simply pick an ornament to purchase, write a check to Swamp Lutheran (Good Gifts on memo) and give something unexpected this Christmas.

In Christ, we receive the gift of God's love. Let us share God's love with others. ELCA Good Gifts are fun, meaningful ways to make a difference in the world and make real, lasting change in the life of someone in need. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

# 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  
Clair Sweigart  
Michael Wargo  
Jean Wolf  
John Frantz  
Ray Fox  
Honey Notobartolo  
Sandy Clemens  
Amber Weaver  
Judy Habecker  
Teresa Sweigart  
Linda Mohn  
Pauline Wassmer  
Bob Shank  
Sue Kreitz  
Mary Beth Jenkins  
Debbie Leed  
Jeff Kappenstein  
Katie Houck  
Susan Levan  
Anson Kauffman

Ed Miller  
Nettie Kriener  
Grace Ranck  
Reba Ranck  
Faith Moyer  
Gene Miller  
John Wesner  
Kelly Martin  
John Elser  
Edie Snyder  
Michael A. Crowther  
Jerry Landis  
David Metzger  
Mel and Troy Ulrich  
Elizabeth Sherman  
Dennis Troutman  
Rachel Craven  
Laney Garrison  
Evelyn Gehman  
Joan Leed  
Gaile Gehman

Shirley Achey  
Karen Klingensmith  
Marilyn Gelsinger  
Doreen McGonnell  
Bobby Hershey  
J.J. Johnson  
Sharon Levan  
Robert Bachman  
Earl Myers  
Karen Nye  
Alicia Andrews  
Anna Rose Schannauer  
Connie Malafarina  
Karen Laudenslager  
Ron Adams  
Kevin Williams  
Maggie Krater  
Janet Krater  
Larry Eberly  
Janet Bingaman



*Gratitude*  
TURNS WHAT  
WE HAVE INTO  
*enough*



# November 10th Birthdays

DEB HENLY 11/03  
505 S. SIXTH STREET  
DENVER, PA 17517

DONNA HILL 11/05  
24 ASPEN DRIVE  
MANHEIM, PA 17545

TESS SHANK 11/07  
712 LINCOLN GARDENS RD  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

BILL KNAUER 11/07  
365 WEST ROUTE 897  
REINHOLDS PA 17569



DOLORES D'AIELLO 11/17  
62 SPECK ROAD  
MOHNTON, PA 19540

GAIL BACHMAN 11/24  
675 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

ROBERT HERSHEY, JR. 11/26  
46 STONY RUN VILLAGE  
DENVER, PA 17517

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

Shawn Moyer 02  
Deb Henly 03  
Jonathan Templin 03  
Samantha Showalter 04  
Hanna Weller 04  
Dylan Koehle 08  
Samantha Young 09  
Melody Ulrich 10  
Noah Roseboro 11  
Leslie Diestel 12  
Debbie Carvell 14  
Maren Rineer 15  
Eric Long 17

## Happy Birthday to others born in November



Melissa Miller 17  
Laraine Kramer 21  
Gail Bachman 24  
Missy Kramer 24  
Nick Troutman 24  
Nathan Keppley 25  
Robert Hershey Jr. 26  
Janelle Kerr 26  
Abigail Martzall 26  
Lori Gockley 27  
Collin Hall 27  
Haylee Martin 28  
Josh Rapp 29

**Holiday Gift Bags** Learning Committee is again delivering cards and goodies to our homebound members listed below. Please consider brightening the lives of our members who are unable to be with us by preparing a personalized holiday card for these members. Please complete your cards (with recipient names on the envelope) and bring them to the library. Deadline to receive cards is November 17. Cards will be placed into the respective gift bags and delivered to these recipients only. If you wish to send a card to those not on this list, please feel free to do so and mail directly to them.

- Anna Adams
- Gladys Eckenroad
- Bobby & Gail Bachman
- John Elser
- Marion Bergman
- Clarice Haws
- Ronald & Janet Bingaman
- Nancy Leffler
- Susan Levan
- Mike & Kathryn Miller



- Earl Myers
- Gary & Joan Reddig
- Anna Rose Schannauer
- Clyde Showalter
- Edith Snyder
- Ron & Joyce Stoner
- Clair Sweigart
- Troy and Mel Ulrich
- Maryanne Weitzel
- Helen Werner
- Jean Wolf
- Jerry Landis

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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



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

### November Greeters

3 Gary & Peggy Cobble  
10 Ken & Sam Reimert  
17 Donna Glover & Lillee  
24 Denise Kidwell

### December Greeters

1 Kauffman Klan  
8 Steve & Karen Laudenslager  
15 David & Lori Sauder  
22 Steve & Danielle Kauffman  
29 Lee & Jodi Showalter

**Thank you for serving as greeters.**

**Please try to be at the front door by 8:10AM**

### *Exciting* UPCOMING EVENTS

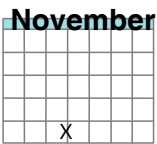
November 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Fall back 1 hour)  
November 4 7pm Bell Choir  
November 5 ELECTION DAY  
November 5 7pm Welcome Cmte  
November 6 7pm Choir  
November 9 11am - 1pm Builders of Hope Steak Sandwich Fundraiser  
November 10 2pm Disaster Response trip planning at Luther Acres  
November 11 VETERANS DAY  
November 11 10:30am Worship Cmte  
November 11 7pm Bell Choir  
November 12 6pm Zoom Bible Study  
November 12 6:30pm Finance Cmte  
November 13 1-4pm EASS Food distribution  
November 13 7pm Choir  
November 14 6:30pm Learning Cmte  
November 16 7am- 10am Lutheran Disaster Response Breakfast  
November 17 8:30am Polka Mass  
November 18 7pm Bell Choir practice  
November 19 6pm Zoom Bible Study  
November 20 7pm Choir  
November 20 7pm Church Council  
November 24 5-8pm SLY Thanksgiving Dinner prep  
November 25 7pm Bell Choir  
November 26 6pm Zoom Bible Study  
November 26 7pm Cocalico Builders of Hope  
November 27 Joint Thanksgiving Worship at Mellingers Lutheran Church  
Pastor Scott preaching and presiding  
November 28 THANKSGIVING DAY  
November 29 OFFICE CLOSED  
December 1 9:45am Hanging of the Greens  
December 7 2pm Bell Choir Concert at Reinholds Trinity Chapel  
December 8 9:45am Congregational Meeting  
December 14 12pm Wreaths Across America  
December 14 4pm Tree Lighting  
December 15 2pm Day of Music  
December 22 7pm Bell Choir Concert at Coleman Chapel  
December 24 4pm & 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship



**Builder's of Hope** (formerly Home of Hope) Steak Sandwich Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, November 9 at 11:00am - 1:00pm at St. John's UCC in Denver.



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](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org). God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family. Thank you for your consideration.



Please jot this date down: November 25, regarding information for the December Newsletter: Please reach out to Terri Renninger at 717-336-2849 or email [secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org) Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.



**Widow and Widowers. American Music Theatre Christmas Show** is planned. As a member Barbara can purchase up to 14 tickets at a discount of \$39 (regularly \$49). Tickets have been selling - don't delay! Please choose from dates below and RSVP at [Bmiz13@hotmail.com](mailto:Bmiz13@hotmail.com) *Thurs, Nov. 24 at 3:00pm. Sun, Dec. 1 at 3pm. Tue, Dec 10 at 3pm.*



**Widow and Widowers holiday lucheon** will be in December and we will share a Christmas Craft. We hope to see you soon... and remember **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**. Members of the Welcome Committee Swamp Lutheran Church.



**ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE UPDATE:** The altar flowers that have been sponsored thus far have been beautiful and we thank all who donated to this ministry. All Sundays have been filled. Thank you! There are many opportunities to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle. Candle is \$5.00. 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 spaghetti, pasta, canned fruit, green beans, peas, carrots and soup. Paper towels and toilet paper are always appreciated. 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!!*



**Knitters and Crocheters Needed** Thank you for changing your focus back to making Prayer Shawls. Your donations can be left in the library. Thank you to all who continue to work on this outreach.



**Come join us** for fellowship, good food and an opportunity to assist with the Synod's Lutheran Disaster Response Trips Pastor Glenn Beard leads on an annual basis. November 16, 7:00AM-10:00AM Swamp Social Hall. Admission By Donation . Bring your friends and family!

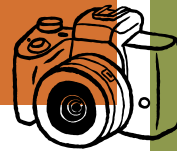


**Calling all Talents of Swamp Lutheran** The 2024 Night of Music will be "A Day of Music" on December 15, 2024 at 2 PM. Anyone interested in sharing their talents please contact Guy Templin. [guy@templinfamily.org](mailto:guy@templinfamily.org) or call 484-256-5596



**Wanted: Synod Assembly Representatives.** We need members of Swamp to volunteer to attend the Lower Susquehanna Synod Annual Assembly on June 5-7, 2025. This is an important year as a new bishop will be elected. We need 1 lay Female, 1 Lay Male, and 1 layperson aged 30 or younger for election at the annual congregational meeting on December 8. To express interest or to learn more, please contact Pastor Scott or Lori Gockley.

# It is time for the 2024 Church Directory!



After the committee explored several options, we have decided on the best economic and efficient choice for our congregation. The options available are:

**Option 1:** Submit your own photo. Please email a high-resolution portrait photo to Danielle Kauffman at [DKauffman4992@gmail.com](mailto:DKauffman4992@gmail.com)

**Option 2:** Picture Sessions: Sun, Nov 3, 9:30-11:30AM. Please call the office to register.

The committee is also looking for photos from events throughout the year. If you have any photos from the below events that you would like to share, please email them to Danielle Kauffman at [DKauffman4992@gmail.com](mailto:DKauffman4992@gmail.com).

VBS	Confirmation Camp	Food Bank
Sunday School	Disaster breakfast	The Project
Disaster trips	Youth Gathering	Spring Fest
Pig Stomach Dinners	God's Work. Our Hands	Touch a Truck
Church Picnic	School Kits assembly	SLY activities
Christmas gift buying	Acts of Love lunches	Confirmation
Baptisms	Holy week breakfasts and services	Phillies trip
Flower Ministry		

If you have any questions, please reach out to committee members, Lori Gockley ([lgockley2@gmail.com](mailto:lgockley2@gmail.com)) or Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman4992@gmail.com](mailto:dkauffman4992@gmail.com))

**Gift Card order forms are in the Narthax.** Orders due Sun, December 1, 2024. If there is a place you shop at that you don't see, please ask Missy Ragan to if they are available. See Missy for any additional information.



**Helpers Needed** for Hanging of the Greens on December 1, 9:45am.  
Questions: Pam Leisey



To the Congregation at Swamp Lutheran,  
Thank you so much for lovely pastor appreciation card and the gift cards to The Restaurant Store and Meadow Creek BBQ Supply. I am very grateful for your love and support. Being your pastor is a true privilege.

*Pastor Scott*

This is a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the personal care kits and the school kits. We truly had a banner year! On October 12, we delivered 51 personal care kits and 170 school kits to the LWR drop site. Thanks to all who made this happen. You are wonderful! Jane did receive word from LWR that many of these kits will go to the families who are struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Many thanks for your epic caring!

Jane Leshner, Denise Null, Connie Taylor, Debbie Carvell

## OFFICERS of COUNCIL

Lori Gockley, President,  
David Sauder, Vice President  
Danielle Kauffman, Secretary  
Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary  
Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer  
Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL LIAISONS

Danielle Kauffman —  
Communication  
Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;  
Service; Personnel  
Lee Showalter — Disaster  
Response  
Guy Templin — Finance;  
Worship  
Deb Sweigert — Love, Inc.  
Randy Krater — Property  
Pam Leisey — Learning  
TBD—Safety & Security  
Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew  
Fritz Fichtner — Generosity  
Jen Weitzel - Welcome  
Alan Worley -Youth Ministry



Next Council Meeting  
Nov 20, 2024  
7PM

# Church Council Highlights

## Oct 16, 2024

**Love, Inc. is now Builders of Hope TL:** The group will be participating in the steak sandwich fund raiser at St. John's UCC on November 9.

**Service:** The Community meal handed out 72 meals.

- 170 backpacks were filled.
- The CROP was held on October 20 and \$1,181 was raised. Thanks to all who participated.
- November and December: a Good Gifts tree will be placed in the Narthex. This will be in lieu of the hat and mitten tree. Directions will be placed near the tree.

**Kitchen Krew:** Food bank provided 38 families with 101 folks with food in October.

- 19 folks were served at Joan Long's funeral luncheon.
- 90 meals were prepped for the Community meal and church members.
- Pig Stomach take out was October 26.
- Disaster trip breakfast is November 16 from 7-10am.
- Breakfast after the Polka Mass Service on November 17.

**Welcome:** They will be working on Veteran bags in November.

- They are in the planning stage of a Christmas tree lighting on December 14.

**Property:** Looking for someone to do concrete repairs. See Randy Krater if interested.

**Learning:** They are looking for substitutes for Sunday school teachers.

- November 10: Cards for Veterans.
- December 1: Hanging of the Greens at 9:45am.
- Looking for someone to coordinate the Christmas program.
- Cards for Hospitality bags are due by November 24. List of folks will be in the newsletter and bulletin.

**Worship:** Polka Mass will be November 17.

**Youth Ministry:** Thanksgiving meal for needy families on November 24.

- Hospitality bags on December 1.
- Wreaths across America on December 14.
- Decision was made to allow 5th graders in SLY.

**Other items discussed:** Directory update: Photos taken at the Church November 3, 9:30-11:30am.

Please call the office to schedule a time.

- Budget sheets were handed out to committee chairs. Finance committee will meet on November will meet on November 12 to develop the 2025 spending guideline.
- October end of month collection will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane response.
- Nominations: Alan Worley, Deb Sweigert and Jen Weitzel have agreed to a 2nd three year term.
- Dave Sauder is stepping down with one year left on his 3 year term, so we will have to replace him.
- Fritz Fichtner does not want to stay on for a 2nd term and he will need replaced also.

Well, the Phillies season has ended. Definitely, not the way I had hoped.

Anyway, I will continue to support them and use the Philly mantra, *wait until next year!*



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.** The Swamp Church Cemetery Association is proud to announce our joining more than 4,000 locations throughout the US in placing wreaths on the gravesites of our 211 veterans interred at Swamp Church Cemetery. It is important we remember, honor and teach. Remember the fallen, honor those who served, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. We are currently seeking sponsors of wreaths. Swamp's youth group (SLY) will be selling wreath sponsorships in the Narthex on upcoming Sunday mornings. The cost of a wreath sponsorship is \$17.00.

Wreaths will be placed on **Saturday, Dec 14, 2024**. Ceremony at 12:00pm at Fairview Cemetery in Denver followed by wreath placement at Swamp Cemetery. You will also be able to designate a wreath and place it that day on a gravesite of a veteran. We are also seeking volunteers to place wreaths on Dec 14, 2024. Details on how you can support this effort are coming soon. Please contact Laraine Kramer at 717-405-4047 with your questions or concerns. Thank you, Swamp Church Cemetery Association.



**Swamp Lutheran Youth (SLY)**

**2024 Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 24—5 to 8 PM**

**Grades 5 to 12**

Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds

Join us as we prepare a Thanksgiving meal for a needy area family and then enjoy  
a fine meal in Christian fellowship

**Free**

RSVP to Kristin Gockley 717-330-0628 or [kgock261@live.kutztown.edu](mailto:kgock261@live.kutztown.edu)

The youth (SLY) have been making Thanksgiving meals for needy families for a number of years. For the past 2 years, we have made Thanksgiving meals for immigrant families. The first was for a Ukrainian family who are neighbors of the Ranck's. Grace and Hailey used Google translate to communicate with them and explain what Thanksgiving is, since it's an American tradition. The youth had a good time making the meal.

Last year, we made the meal for the Syrian family we were sponsoring. That was quite a challenge, as I needed to change some of the dishes that we normally make due to their religious restrictions. They can only eat Halal foods which are foods that are permissible under the teachings of Islam. Haram foods are ones that are forbidden by Islamic teachings. For example, we made a turkey, but it had to be slaughtered in accordance with Islamic law and not all stores have these turkeys. When I went shopping for the ingredients for the meal, I had to read all the labels to make sure that none of the ingredients were forbidden. I also made 2 dishes that Syrian families eat, like homemade hummus. Pastor Scott suggested Tabbouleh, which you can buy at the grocery store. I added fresh parsley and mint from my herb garden to this dish.

It was definitely a learning experience for me, the youth, and the adult leaders. Jenny Weitzel was kind enough to take me with her to deliver the meal. Jenny also used Google translate to communicate with the mother who was very grateful for the food. We explained all the dishes to her, as well as our Thanksgiving tradition. She was excited to learn that 2 of the dishes were ones that they already eat. While we have taken food to other families in the past, this last year was very special to me, and I felt humbled to experience the sincere gratitude from the mother.

We need a family for this year's meal. We normally get names from Ephrata Area Social Services, but if anyone knows of a family who needs our help, please let Pastor Scott or me know. I would love to share our Thanksgiving tradition with a family from another culture, if possible.

Connie Malafarina. 610-763-0973 or [conniemala54@msn.com](mailto:conniemala54@msn.com)

EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES  
& BERGSTRASSE CHURCH

# GATHER ON THE HILL



EPHRATA AREA  
SOCIAL  
SERVICES

**SENIOR EVENT | NOVEMBER 12TH, AND DECEMBER 3RD. DOORS  
OPEN: 11:00 AM PROGRAMMING STARTS AT 11:30 AM**

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

**Need transportation? We've got you covered.**

**Call EASS at 717.733.0345 ext. 112 to schedule a ride to and from Bergstrasse.**

PLEASE CALL EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL  
SERVICES AT 717.733.0345 TO RSVP.

RSVP IS REQUIRED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE EACH EVENT.



The Lutheran Camping  
Corporation of Central  
Pennsylvania Kirchenwald,  
Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)

## Upcoming Events

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

### November 3 Annual Quilt Auction – Camp Nawakwa

2:00 – Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

3:00 – Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

For carpool, contact Pastor Scott

RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=2606>

### November 3 Dinner Church @ The Wittel Farm

5 pm Dinner Church is a community gathered around a shared meal to listen, connect, sing, pray, eat, drink, and be with God in creation.

Bring some food to share.

RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=13343>

### November 8-10 Women's Craft Retreat @ Camp Nawakwa

Try new techniques, share your latest creations, work on UFO's, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of camp in the fall.

Worship led by Rev. Cindy Brommer. All meals provided.

Please register by November 1.

RSVP:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/womens-craft-retreat-2024/>

## Music at Jerusalem

2024-2025

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
36 Church Street  
Rothsville, PA

### Trio Jolie

Crystal Jordan, cello

Robin Lilarose, flute

Kirstin Myers, oboe

Sunday, November 10, 2024

3:00 p.m.



## The Philadelphia Handbell

### Ensemble

Ron Bellamy, Artistic Director

Sunday, May 4, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Free-will offerings will be received.  
Church building is handicap accessible.  
For more information, please call the church office at 717-626-8972.

# All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



**Saturday, November 16, 2024**  
**7:00-10:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST INCLUDES:** EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

**ADMISSION BY DONATION**  
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE**  
**TO: NORTH LANCASTER**  
**CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND**

*PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD LUTHERAN  
DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY IN 2025*

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

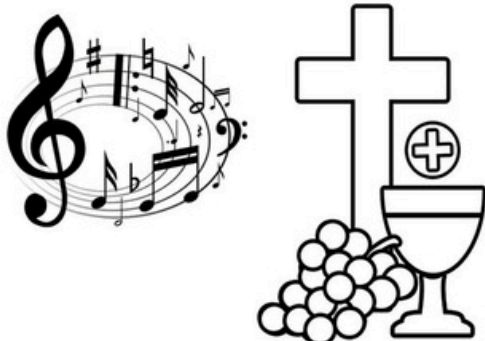
**275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD,**

**REINHOLDS**

**PHONE 717-336-2849**



**GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.**



## Polka Mass

With the Heidelberg Brass Band

under the direction of Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr.

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**8:30 AM Worship**

**Breakfast Reception Follows Worship**



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!**

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church						
Treasurer's Report						
Sep 01, 2024 through Sep 30, 2024						
Account	Budgets September 2024	Actuals September 2024	Remaining	Budget 2024	YTD 2024	Balance 2024
Income	\$ 26,177.16	\$ 23,103.78	\$ 3,073.38	\$ 314,126.00	\$ 232,830.69	\$ 81,295.31
Expense	\$ 27,066.90	\$ 26,652.20	\$ 414.70	\$ 314,126.00	\$ 248,005.81	\$ 66,120.19
OPERATIONS	\$ 4,465.82	\$ 1,523.52	\$ 2,942.30	\$ 53,590.00	\$ 34,138.47	\$ 19,451.53
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,883.29	\$ 1,271.94	\$ 611.35	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 20,640.71	\$ 1,159.29
BENEFITS	\$ 2,885.15	\$ 3,235.20	\$ (350.05)	\$ 34,622.00	\$ 25,507.18	\$ 9,114.82
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,160.32	\$ 11,234.50	\$ (74.18)	\$ 133,924.00	\$ 99,955.08	\$ 33,968.92
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 485.00	\$ (485.00)	\$ -	\$ 9,679.93	\$ (9,679.93)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.66	\$ -	\$ 66.66	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,992.00	\$ (3,192.00)
PROPERTY	\$ 1,624.96	\$ 1,237.37	\$ 387.59	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 6,695.42	\$ 11,004.58
WORSHIP	\$ 804.14	\$ 596.57	\$ 207.57	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 4,040.51	\$ 3,359.49
SERVICE	\$ 104.15	\$ -	\$ 104.15	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 842.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 16.66	\$ -	\$ 16.66	\$ 200.00	\$ 602.00	\$ (402.00)
GENEROSITY	\$ 41.66	\$ -	\$ 41.66	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
WELCOME	\$ 516.62	\$ 125.00	\$ 391.62	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 2,165.93	\$ 4,034.07
LEARNING	\$ 445.81	\$ 705.42	\$ (259.61)	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 2,211.17	\$ 3,138.83
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 3,051.66	\$ 6,237.68	\$ (3,186.02)	\$ 30,790.00	\$ 37,969.41	\$ (7,179.41)
Income less Expense	\$ (889.74)	\$ (3,548.42)	\$ 2,658.68	\$ -	\$ (15,175.12)	\$ 15,175.12



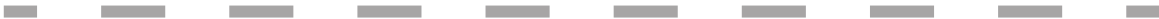
**POINSETTIAS** -It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided. Deadline for ordering is November 26.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_



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# RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS

*Sunday, November 10*

Welcome Committee is requesting the following items to fill waterproof bags for homeless Veterans.  
Please drop off items in the Church Library.

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**DONATION ITEMS**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Med, Large & XL Fleece  | Shaving Cream               |
| Shirts or Jackets       | Disposable Razors           |
| Gloves                  | Deodorant                   |
| Hats                    | Baby Wipes                  |
| Hand Warmers            | Chap Stick                  |
| Scarves                 | Jerky Snacks                |
| Med, Large & XL Flannel | Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken) |
| Shirts or Jackets       | Regular Crackers            |
| Toothpaste              |                             |
| Toothbrushes            |                             |

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**DONATIONS DUE  
DECEMBER 1**

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Swamp Lutheran Church

# TREE LIGHTING

**Saturday, December 14  
4:00PM**

Join us for a tree lighting to celebrate the holiday season. After the tree lighting we will be singing Christmas carols and hot chocolate and cookies will be served.



# Thankful for God Being With Me

## Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to

find the coded words and phrase.

### Matthew 28:20

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
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