



April 2025

## Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

### *Pastor's Message*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we transition from the reflective season of Lent into the solemnity and depth of Holy Week, we find ourselves preparing to witness the central events of our faith. Lent has been a time of fasting, prayer, and repentance, a time of spiritual preparation as we reflected on our need for God's grace and mercy. Now, as we enter Holy Week, we are invited to journey with Jesus through His final days on earth, leading us from the depths of His sacrifice on Good Friday to the glorious triumph of Easter Sunday.

Holy Week begins with the triumph of Palm Sunday, where we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and leads us through the heart-wrenching sorrow of Good Friday, when Christ offers His life for the forgiveness of our sins. These days challenge us to reflect on the weight of Jesus' sacrifice, drawing us closer to the truth of His love and grace. But, as we know, Holy Week does not end in sorrow. The dark shadow of Good Friday gives way to the bright light of Easter Sunday—the victory of life over death, the resurrection of our Savior, and the promise of eternal life.

Easter is not just a day, but the beginning of a season of joy, a season that reminds us that death has been defeated. Through Christ's resurrection, we have been made new. The tomb is empty, and with it comes the promise of renewed life in Him.

As we continue to celebrate this Easter season, let us remember that the resurrection is not just a past event but a present reality that calls us to live in the hope and joy it brings. Let us share this good news with those around us and embrace the new life that Jesus offers.

May this Easter season fill your hearts with peace, hope, and renewal, as we celebrate the victory of our risen Lord.

In Christ's love,

*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

## The Inclination to Give

An inclination to give is written on your soul, no matter how muted it may be by your present concerns or lack of belief. Sometimes it takes a traumatic experience to bring that God-given pull toward generosity to the surface. Horror novelist Stephen King is not usually associated with sharing timeless biblical principles. But in a commencement speech delivered to Vassar graduates a few years ago, he offered some powerful insight on living an openhanded life. Here's an excerpt from his comments:

"An inclination to give is written on your soul, no matter how muted it may be by your present concerns or lack of belief." "A couple of years ago I found out what 'You can't take it with you' means. I found out while I was lying at the side of a country road, covered with mud and blood and with the tibia of my right leg poking out the side of my jeans like the branch of a tree taken down in a thunderstorm. I had a MasterCard in my wallet, but when you're lying in the ditch with broken glass in your hair, no one accepts MasterCard.

We all know that life is ephemeral, but on that particular day and in the months that followed, I got a painful but extremely valuable look at life's simple backstage truths. We come in naked and broke. We may be dressed when we go out, but we're just as broke. Warren Buffet? Going to go out broke. Bill Gates? Going out broke. Tom Hanks? Going out broke. Steve King? Broke. Not a crying dime.

All the money you earn, all the stocks you buy, all the mutual funds you trade—all of that is mostly smoke and mirrors. It's still going to be a quarter-past getting late whether you tell the time on a Timex or a Rolex. No matter how large your bank account, no matter how many credit cards you have, sooner or later things will begin to go wrong with the only three things you have that you can really call your own: your body, your spirit, and your mind.

So, I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. And why not? All you have is on loan, anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on...We have the power to help, the power to change. And why should we refuse? Because we're going to take it with us? Please. Giving is a way of taking the focus off the money we make and putting it back where it belongs, on the lives we lead, the families we raise, the communities that nurture us.

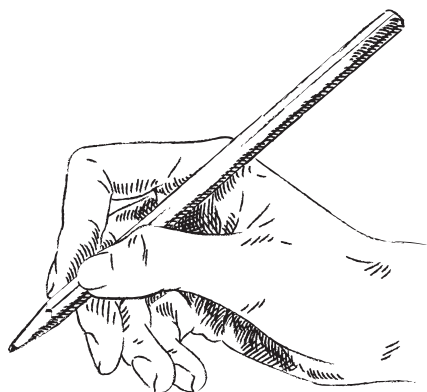
A life of giving—not just money, but time and spirit—repays. It helps us remember that we may be going out broke, but right now we're going O.K. Right now, we have the power to do great good for others and for ourselves.

So, I ask you to begin giving, and to continue as you began. I think you'll find in the end that you got far more than you ever had, and did more good than you ever dreamed. Sometimes it takes a traumatic experience to bring that God-given pull toward generosity to the surface."

Who knows how familiar Mr. King is with the Old Testament. I wouldn't venture a guess. But intentionally or otherwise, his remarks on giving perfectly support the book of Ecclesiastes's observation: "We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us" (5:15). They also echo the mind-set that takes the sting out of this condition, as spoken by Jesus in the New Testament: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). —Nelson Searcy and Jennifer Dykes Henson

<https://churchleaderinsights.com/the-inclination-to-give-3/>

# Notes from the Pastor



Please call the church office at **717-336-2849** when:

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you.) In an emergency, call Pastor Brubaker at **717-598-4663**.
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident.
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce).
- **You move to a home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.** Important for keeping data base current.
- **You schedule a meeting or an event** of a group or committee. To be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calender and in the Weekly Bulletin.

## Prayer Requests

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

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

Anson Kauffman  
Janet Bingaman  
Dwayne Dimitris  
Gladys Eckenroad  
Bonnie Koehle-Koon  
Chris Zander  
Ross Houck  
Kathleen Troutman  
Sally Bergman  
Keith Reimert  
Larry Hagy  
Ed Blatt  
Lori Gockley  
Ryan Brown  
Ray Weitzel  
Pam Heisey  
Cathy Stine  
Hayden Cole



*Gratitude*  
TURNS WHAT  
WE HAVE INTO  
*enough*

RONALD STONER  
720 S. COCALICO ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

4/7

## April 10+ Birthdays

TOM LESHER  
45 STEEPLE COURT  
REINHOLDS PA 17569

4/11

DEB SWEIGERT  
42 STONY RUN VILLAGE  
DENVER PA 17517

4/12

JANE LESHER  
45 STEEPLE COURT  
REINHOLDS PA 17569

4/13

JUDY HABECKER  
637 N 11TH AVENUE  
LEBANON, PA 17046

4/19

KATHY HICKERNELL  
70 TEXTER MT ROAD  
WERNERSVILLE PA 19565

4/20

SALLY HAGY  
500 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

4/20

WILLIAM MCQUATE  
723 PINE STREE  
DENVER PA 17517

4/21

RONALD ARTZ  
PO BOX 53  
390 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

4/21

SANDRA HAWS  
712 VINEMONT ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

4/22

LARRY WOLF  
75 REINHOLDS ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

4/25

ANDREA SHREINER  
195 CREEK ROAD  
DENVER PA 17517

4/27



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)

Brittney Hickernell	01
Grace Ranck	02
Teresa Sweigart	02
Debbie Bender	05
Jonathan Herman	05
Stacey Mixell	05
Mark Bansner	06
Nathan Kramer	06
Serena Bingaman	07
Malinda Laudenslager	08
Andrea Winter	08
Danielle Kauffman	09
Heather Kittler	09
Beth Garrison	09
Lynette Hause	10
Kurt Eckenroad	11

## Happy Birthday to others born in April



Lindsey Sauder	11
Ruth Kramer	12
Katie Sauder	14
Krystal Brown	15
Kirsten Kleinsmith	15
Allison Witmer	16
Michelle Young	16
Laura Pannebecker	18
Michelle Young	18
Josh Jones	21
Makiah Roth	26
Nicholas Motto	26
Addyson Kauffman	27
Katie Miller	29
Alex Van Zant	30
Chris Gehman	30

**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)

Bobby Hershey  
Ephrata Manor  
99 Bethany Rd Room 213A  
Ephrata PA 17522



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

## April Greeters

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

## May Greeters

4 Denise Kidwell  
11 Deb Kohl  
18 Deb Sweigert  
25 Glenn & Linda Beard

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



## Exciting UPCOMING

### EVENTS

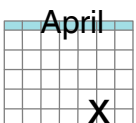
April 1	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
April 1	7:00pm	Welcome Cmte
April 2	6:15pm	Choir
April 2	7:00pm	Lenten Service @ Mellinger's Schoeneck
April 6-12		Disaster Response Trip
April 7	7:00pm	Bell Choir
April 8	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
April 9	1-4:00pm	EASS Food Distribution
April 9	6:15pm	Choir
April 9	7:00pm	Lenten Service @ St. Paul's Adamstown
April 10	6:30pm	Learning Cmte
April 11	6:00pm	SLY Flashlight Egg Hunt
April 13	8:30am	Palm Sunday Service
April 14	7:00pm	Bell Choir
April 15	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
April 16	6:15pm	Church Council Mtg
April 16	7:00pm	Choir
April 17	6:00am	Breakfast
April 17	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
April 18	6:00am	Breakfast
April 18	8:00pm	Good Friday Service
April 19	10-12:00pm	Community Easter Egg Hunt
April 20	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Service
April 20	7:00am	Breakfast
April 20	8:30am	Easter Worship
April 21		OFFICE CLOSED
April 22	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
April 22	7:00pm	Cocalico Builders of Hope
April 23	7:00pm	Choir
April 28	7:00pm	Bell Choir
April 29	6:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
April 30	7:00pm	Choir



**HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST 2025.** Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:00am. Good Friday, April 18, 6:00am. Easter Sunday, April 20, after 6:00am Service.



**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 the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver at 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.*



**April 25** is the deadline for the May Newsletter.

Please reach out to Terri Renninger at 717-336-2849 or email [secretary@swamplutheran.org](mailto:secretary@swamplutheran.org)

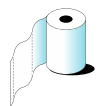
Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



**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 Narthex. The Sanctuary Candle cost will remain at \$5.00 and the cost of the Altar Flowers remains at \$40.00 (subject to change). If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.



**EASTER FLOWER COST** Lilies \$11.00 and Tulips \$8.00. Questions call Jodi Showalter 717-413-7149.



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



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



**Lutheran Disaster Response** shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need You may support these efforts by writing a check to Swamp Lutheran with the memo marked Disaster Response. The church will then send one check to Lutheran Disaster who in turn will donate 100% of the donation to assist those impacted. The next Disaster Response trip will be April 6-12, 2025.

*Thank You as You Continue to Give Generously!!*

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

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

Do not add other items than those that are listed. All items should be new.  
All kits, soap, and quilts can be collected for LWR until Sunday, October 1st.  
Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief’s worldwide mission! Jane Leshner 717-471-2974.

**2025 North Lancaster Lenten Cluster Services**  
**7PM**

**Theme: *Perfect Love Casts Out Fear***

Date	Location	Preacher
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

# 2025 Pick Six Lenten Offering

This year, Swamp Lutheran will again offer a special giving opportunity for Lent: **Pick Six**. For the six weeks of Lent, we are encouraging you to give a special, weekly offering in addition to your regular giving. The benevolence giving options listed below are opportunities to give to ministries operating in or through our church.

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



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



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



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Help bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the US and around the world.



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



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



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



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



**ELCA World Hunger**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Contributions to this ministry support the work to eradicate hunger in the US and throughout the world.



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



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

03/16/2025

SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHER CHURCH  
FINANCE REPORTS FEBRUARY 2025

Treasurers Report February 2025					
January 2025 - December 2025 / February					
	Feb 2025 Actual	Year-To-Date Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Remaining
Income	\$ 24,175.37	\$ 70,189.50	\$ 326,063.00	7%	\$301,887.63
Expense	\$ 23,714.16	\$ 53,522.02	\$ 326,063.00	7%	\$302,348.84
OPERATIONS	\$ 5,525.83	\$ 13,096.50	\$ 53,590.00	10%	\$ 48,064.17
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,126.49	\$ 2,290.01	\$ 21,350.00	5%	\$ 20,223.51
BENEFITS	\$ 3,343.98	\$ 4,310.21	\$ 36,435.00	9%	\$ 33,091.02
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,637.34	\$ 23,337.01	\$ 146,148.00	8%	\$134,510.66
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ 488.54	\$ 788.54	\$ -		\$ (488.54)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 800.00
PROPERTY	\$ 721.32	\$ 1,220.13	\$ 18,050.00	4%	\$ 17,328.68
WORSHIP	\$ -	\$ 148.13	\$ 7,550.00	0%	\$ 7,550.00
SERVICE	\$ 527.83	\$ 527.83	\$ 900.00	59%	\$ 372.17
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 24.83	\$ 39.66	\$ 750.00	3%	\$ 725.17
GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0%	\$ 500.00
WELCOME	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,350.00	0%	\$ 5,350.00
LEARNING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,850.00	0%	\$ 3,850.00
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 318.00	\$ 7,764.00	\$ 30,790.00	1%	\$ 30,472.00

## OFFICERS of COUNCIL

Lori Gockley, President,

Lee Showalter, Vice President

Danielle Kauffman, Secretary

Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary

Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer

Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL LIAISONS

Danielle Kauffman —  
Communication, Directory

Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;  
Service; Personnel, Generosity

Lee Showalter — Disaster  
Response

Guy Templin — Finance;  
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Builders of  
Hope

Randy Krater — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

Grady Daub—Safety & Security

Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew

Jen Weitzel - Welcome

Alan Worley –Youth Ministry

Cody Leisey- Worship Study



Have you updated your will and remembered the ministry of Christ at Swamp Lutheran?

Swamp Lutheran Church can be named a beneficiary in your will and/or in your life insurance policy.

**Give a gift that celebrates your life and commitment to Christ!**

Next Council Meeting  
April 16  
6:15pm

# Church Council Highlights

## March 17, 2025

### Service:

- They are planning to focus on God's Work, Our hands program. Instead of Love, Inc's "The Projects."

### Kitchen Krew:

- Our food bank provided food boxes for 41 families with 115 individuals.
- Served 36 individuals for Ash Wednesday supper.
- Served lunch for 14 individuals on family game day.
- Helped serve 100+ individuals at Pastor Scott's 60th birthday party.

### Welcome:

- Spring Fest will be on May 18th.
- Judy Habecker has retired from doing the greeting cards, they will now be done by: Sam Reimert, Jan Risser, Linda Beard, and Terri Renninger. We thank them for stepping up to continue this ministry and for Judy's many years of service.

### Learning:

- Children's Church will continue through the summer focusing on crafts.
- April 19th - Easter Egg hunt with Easter Bunny.
- Confirmation camp- kids going into 7th grade and finishing up in 8th grade are eligible. Looking into having weekend retreats in addition to the camp.
- May 18th is the last day of Sunday School.
- The committee is beginning to communicate with a monthly email to keep parents informed.

### Youth Ministry:

- March 30th they will assemble disaster flood buckets.
- April 11-12 will be the Flashlight Egg Hunt sleepover.
- May 4- A secret ballot will be done to identify an activity for May 4th.

### Property:

- They are working on getting the heat fixed in the bathrooms. The heat is working in the new wing bathrooms. The old bathrooms will have to wait until the old choir room is repaired.

### Worship Study Follow-Up.

- A survey is being put together for the congregation to express their views on the current worship service. There are several ways you will be able to respond to the survey once it has been finalized.

Online - through the website or a QR code.

In-person interview by the committee.

Paper survey.

Email.

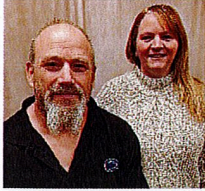
More information to follow.

### Other items discussed:

- Cocalico Plumbing & Heating will be fixing the broken pipes per their bid and will begin when the parts arrive.
- Payment was received for the mitigation work and Restoration Relief will be paid for their work.
- The balance of the work has also been approved. We will be deciding how to use that room with input from the congregation. Please see Cody Leisey, Pastor, or myself if you have any thoughts on how to use the room.

**Let's Go Phils!**

## Welcome to our New Members



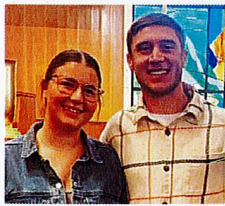
**Eugene and Heather Ferrari.** Gene was a classmate of Pastor Scott at Cocalico and a co-worker at Weis Market in the 1980's. Heather and Gene were married on October 6, 2024, with Pastor Scott officiating.

Gene is a graduate of Ephrata High School's Vo-Ag program. He is employed as a Service Tech with PuroClean of Northern Lancaster County. Gene is the proud father of five grown children and a grandfather to five delightful grandchildren. A retired EMT and firefighter with over three decades of service, he has also contributed significantly to the community by coaching youth soccer, football, and lacrosse. Gene is an excellent outdoor cook, having mastered his smoker, grill, and griddle.

Heather is a high school graduate of Christian Liberty Academy homeschool. Heather is employed as a picker/packer at Henry Schein, Inc. in Denver. She is the proud mother of 1 daughter and two sons and is a devoted grandmother to her two grandsons. She was a long-time volunteer with the Ephrata Rescue Auxiliary.

Gene and Heather are active on the Ephrata Fair Committee and United Disabilities Services. They enjoy sporting events, concerts, and traveling.

When asked what attracted them to Swamp, they answered, "We knew Pastor Scott and just wanted to try it."



**Aubrey Page.** Aubrey is the fiancée of Cody Leisey. They will be married in July.

Aubrey is employed as a nursing assistant at UPMC while pursuing a degree in nursing. Aubrey is a graduate of Central Dauphin High School and cosmetology school.

Aubrey's parents, John and Lorrie, reside in the Harrisburg area. Aubrey has two brothers and a sister. She and her family are crazy good at finding four-leaf clovers.

Aubrey's hobbies include reading, traveling, and pottery. She listed "Cody and his wonderful family" as her reason for joining Swamp.

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## LWR KITS IN 2024

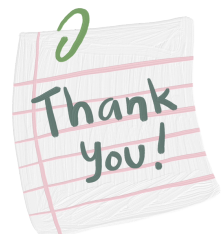
Below is a report from Lutheran World Relief concerning their Quilt & Kit Ministry for 2024. Swamp's kits are shipped to the Maryland warehouse for distribution. Maryland Shipping Warehouse distributed quilts & kits to the following countries:

Angola  
Honduras  
Moldova  
Ukraine  
United States

Total Distribution Numbers for both Maryland and Minnesota Warehouses:

Quilts 370,818  
School Kits 140,117  
Personal Care Kits 127,621  
Baby Care Kits 45,690  
Fabric Kits 5,568

Total 689,814 quilts and kits to 16 countries. *Thank you for your generous giving to this worldwide ministry.*



# Thank you!

## *Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Team*

c/o North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund  
9 Hahnstown Road  
Ephrata, PA 17522

Swamp Lutheran Church  
c/o Pastor Scott Brubaker  
275 Swamp Church Road  
Reinholds, PA 17569

February 28, 2025

Dear Pastor Brubaker and brothers and sisters at Swamp,

Please accept my sincere appreciation and profound gratitude for your generous support of our disaster response ministry. Your donation of \$318.00 will go a very long way toward covering the costs of ministering to those whose lives have been disrupted by natural disaster. It is greatly appreciated and, as you know, reduces the personal costs of the volunteers who help to make a difference in places where our brothers and sisters are trying to rebuild their homes and lives after a storm.

Rebuilding after a flood, wildfire, hurricane or any other natural disaster takes years to accomplish. With your generous support, we intend to do all that we can, for as long as we can, to help. As you know, our group will be taking our 25<sup>th</sup> trip, to western North Carolina, April 6-12, 2025, and we look forward to doing what we can to help get people back home again. Your contributions help make that possible!

I very much appreciate your support of the work that we do.

Peace,






The Rev. Glenn A. Beard, Jr.  
Coordinator, Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Network

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who assisted and supported me on my BSA journey through the earning of the Eagle Scout Award.

Your ongoing words of interest, encouragement and all other assistance are greatly appreciated.

Chace Smith

Dear Friends @  Feb. 28, 2025  
Swamp Lutheran Church .....  
Thank You for all that you Do  
and the Love  you show to others!  
God Bless you..... Anna Rose  
Love 

<b>Swamp Lutheran Gift Cards</b>		Name _____	
Orders due <del>March 1, 2024</del> April 6, 2025			
Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran		Phone # _____	
Missy Ragan 717-314-5658	Total #	Total \$	Total # Total \$
<b>RESTAURANTS \$25 cards</b>			<b>SHOPPING \$25 cards</b>
Applebees 8%			Ace Hardware 4%
Arbys 8% \$10, \$25			Auto Zone 7%
Bonafish Grille 10%			American Eagle 10%
Buca di Beppo 8%			Barnes & Noble 8% \$10, \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings 8%			Bass Pro Shops 9%
Burger King 6% \$10, \$25			Bath & Body Works 12%
Carrabas 10%			Best Buy 4%
Cheesecake Factory 5%			Big Lots 4%
Chilis 11%			Boscovs 8%
Chipotle 9%			Burlington 8%
Cracker Barrel 8%			Cabelas 9%
Dunkin Donuts 3.5% \$10 or \$25			Chewy 5%
Door Dash 3% electronic			CVS 6.5%
Dairy Queen 6.5% \$10 only			Columbia 12% \$50 only
Jimmy Johns 8%			Disney 3%
Longhorn Steakhouse 8%			Dicks Sporting Goods 8%
Millers's Ale House 8%			DSW 10.5%
Olive Garden 8%			Famous Footwear 8%
On the Border 11%			Gamestop 5%
Outback Steakhouse 10%			Gap 14%
PF Changs 6%			Home Depot 4%
Panera Bread 8%			Home Goods 7%
Papa Johns 8% \$10 only			Kohls 7%
Red Robin 8%			LL Bean 16%
Red Lobster 8%			Land's End 14%
Starbucks 4.5% \$10 or \$25			Lane Bryant 8%
Taco Bell 5% \$10, \$25			Lowes 4%
Texas Roadhouse 8%			Marshalls 6%
subway 6% \$10, \$50			Nordstrom Rack 4%
<b>GROCERY \$25, \$50, \$100</b>			Old Navy 14%
Giant 3.5%			Petco 9%
Redners 5%			PetSmart 5%
Weis Markets 5%			Sams Club 2.5%
Food Lion 3.5% \$25, \$100			Shutterfly 9%
<b>ONLINE \$25 CARDS</b>			Staples 5%
Amazon 1.6%			TJMaxx 6%
iTunes 5%			Target 2.5%
Instacart 5%			Tractor Supply 4.5%
<b>GAS</b>			Uber 3%
Royal Farms 4% \$25 \$100			Ulta 7%
Sheetz 3% \$25, \$100			Walmart 2.5%
Speedway 4% \$25, \$50, \$100			
Wawa 2% \$25, \$100			<b>Totals:</b>



## Swamp's Spring Fest

May 18 starting at 11:00 AM

Free Food – Entertainment – Fun for all ages

More details to follow...



## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

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

### 2025 Upcoming Event List

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

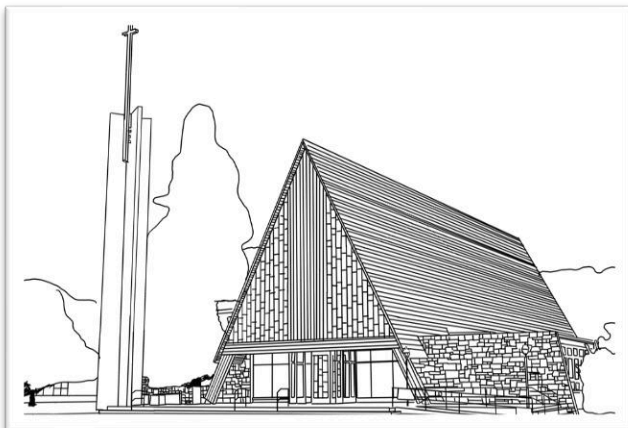
# SLY FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT & SLEEPOVER APRIL 11-12, 2025

Ages: 6th to 12th grade. Friday 6 pm to Saturday 9 am



The Swamp Lutheran Youth Group (SLY) invites you to join us in our annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. Faith activity and, weather permitting, hunt eggs by flashlight. Then come inside to watch a movie. Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast included.

Bring a friend!



**Friday Dinner  
Saturday Breakfast**

**Invite a Friend!**

Things to Bring:  
flashlight, basket/bag  
for eggs, sleeping bag,  
pillow, earplugs,  
toothbrush and  
toothpaste, medication

**RSVP by April 6 to  
Pastor Scott**

[pastor@swamlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@swamlutheran.org)

717-336-2849

## **SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH**

275 Swamp Church Rd  
Reinholds, PA 17569  
717-336-2849

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

Friday, April 11, 6pm dropoff

Saturday, April 12, 9am  
pickup



JOIN US FOR AN

# EASTER EGG HUNT


JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!  
THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF CRAFTS, SNACKS  
AND PRIZES FOR CHILDREN AGES PRE K -  
5TH GRADE! WITH A SPECIAL APPEARANCE  
BY THE EASTER BUNNY!

**APRIL 19 2025 | 10AM - 12PM**

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH**

275 Swamp Church Rd, Reinholds, PA 17569

Questions: 717 336 2849





## Jesus Is Alive! Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.  
The words can be right to left, up and down or diagonally.

I	T	N	I	A	T	B	H	E	N	I	S	M	J	D
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P	A	I	Q	I	A	T	A	O	N	S	E	C	S	E
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ALIVE  
ANGELS

EASTER  
JESUS

JOHN  
MAGDALENE

MARY  
PETER

STONE  
TOMB