



Sept 2025

## Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

### *Pastor's Message*

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we turn the page to September, a season of renewal is upon us. The air carries hints of autumn and fair food, schools reopen, and we begin to fall back into familiar rhythms. In the life of our church, this month marks not just a return to routine, but a deepening of our call to serve, grow, and gather as the Body of Christ.

One of the central truths of our Lutheran faith is that we are saved by grace through faith—not by works, but *for* good works (Ephesians 2:8–10). That's why I'm especially excited for the month ahead, where we live out our faith in active love.

Our **Choirs, Bell and Chancel**, return to their ministries after a summer break. Please consider giving of your time to these valuable ministries. No experience required.

On **Sunday, September 7**, we join hands across the ELCA for **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday**. This is more than just a slogan—it's a way of life. We'll be stepping outside the church doors to serve our neighbors, witnessing to the hope and compassion that Christ offers. However you're helping someone in need, your hands are Christ's hands in the world.

Then, on **September 14**, our parking lots will be buzzing with excitement for **Touch-A-Truck!** This is one of the most joyful community outreach events we host each year. From fire trucks to farm equipment, kids (and adults!) get the chance to climb in, explore, and dream. This event brings families together and opens our doors to the neighborhood in fun and meaningful ways.

And finally, on **Sunday, September 21**, we joyfully welcome the return of **Sunday School!** There's nothing more hopeful than seeing our children (and adults) gather to hear the stories of Jesus, ask big questions, and grow in faith. If you feel a nudge to help teach or support this ministry—now is the time to lean in.

In all of these things, we remember: the church is not a building, a program, or a single day of the week. The church is *you*—gathered in worship, scattered in service, and always held together by the grace of Christ. So, join a committee, give your time to a ministry, contribute to the work of the church.

May this month be filled with holy moments, fresh beginnings, and faithful hands doing God's work.

In Christ's peace,

*Pastor Scott*



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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the season turns toward autumn and fields begin to yield their harvest, we are reminded once again of the blessings we've received and the opportunity we have to be a blessing in return. This month, we are invited to reflect on **generosity**—not just as a financial gift, but as a way of life rooted in gratitude and love.

Generosity is at the heart of our faith. Our God is a generous God—abundant in mercy, steadfast in love, and overflowing in grace. True generosity flows from a grateful heart, not from obligation. Every act of giving, no matter how small, reflects God's own generous Spirit working through us.

This September, we have a special opportunity to put that generosity into action. On **Sunday, September 7**, Swamp Lutheran Church will join thousands of congregations across the ELCA in participating in “**God's Work. Our Hands.**” Sunday. It's a day set aside for service—a chance for us to step outside our church doors and be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

We invite every member—young and old, new and longtime—to find a way to serve. Whether it's stocking items at the EASS Food Pantry, doing yard work for a neighbor, helping with a community cleanup, or simply showing up with a willing heart, your time and presence make a difference. This is generosity lived out in action.

As Paul writes in Galatians 5:13, “*Through love serve one another.*” Service is love in motion, and generosity is what fuels it.

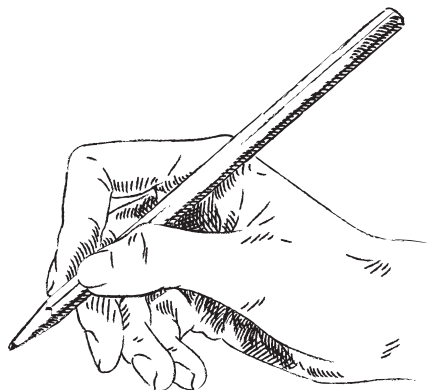
You'll find sign-up sheets in the narthex, and our Service Committee team is available to help match you with projects that fit your gifts and availability. Regardless of your abilities, your hands are needed.

Let's be a community marked by joyful generosity, trusting that God will multiply what we give and use it for God's glory.

With you in Christ's service,

Generosity Committee

# 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  
Jeff Kappenstein  
Nettie Kreiner  
Clair Sweigart  
Faith Moyer  
Michael A. Crowther  
Reba Ranck  
Grace Ranck  
Ray Fox  
Gene Miller  
Larry & Jean Wolf  
Bobby Hershey  
Marilyn Gelsinger  
Edie Snyder  
Teresa Sweigart

Mel and Troy Ulrich  
Earl Myers  
Elizabeth Sherman  
Judy Habecker  
AnnaRose Schannauer  
Jerry Landis  
Mary Beth Jenkins  
Evelyn Gehman  
Joan Leed  
Ron Adams  
Kevin Williams  
Karen Laudenslager  
Susan Levan  
Larry Eberly  
Janet Bingaman  
Dwayne Dimitris  
Gladys Eckenroad  
Bonnie Koehle-Koon

Ross Houck  
Chris Zander  
Kathleen Troutman  
Sally Bergman  
Keith Reimert  
Pam Heisey  
Connie Malafarina  
Ted Heisey  
Regina Reinecker  
Karen Klingensmith  
Debbie Leed  
Sue Van Zant  
Alex Merionfeld  
Sandy Clouser  
Helen Werner  
Susan Kreitz  
Cody Leisey  
Lou Smith



Faith isn't hoping God can  
It is knowing that God will



# September 10+ Birthdays

BETTY KAUFFMAN  
20 LANE ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

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JOYCE STONER  
OAK LEAF MANOR  
2901 HARRISBURG PIKE  
ROOM A-7  
LANDISVILLE PA 17538

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LARRY EBERLY  
115 DURLACH HILL ROAD  
STEVENS, PA 17578

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LINDA MOHN  
445 S. RIDGE RD  
DENVER PA 17517

9/5

PAT WEITZEL  
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS RD  
APT 110  
EPHRATA PA 17522

9/8

DAVID KRAMER  
PO BOX 161  
NEWMANSTOWN PA 17073

9/13



SHARON LEVAN  
208 HAWTHORNE CT. N  
READING PA 19610

9/15

JANET BINGAMAN  
580 GOCKLEY RD  
STEVENS, PA 17678

9/22

STEVE LAUDENSLAGER  
7 GARVIN ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

9/23

KENNETH REIMERT  
54 HIGHLAND CT  
REINHOLDS PA 17569

9/25

BONNIE KOEHLE-KOON  
195 HOLLOW ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

9/25

GARY COBLE  
215 MANOR RIDGE DR  
AKRON PA 17501

9/25

DEB KOHL  
10 STACEY COURT  
STEVENS PA 17578

9/29

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)

## Happy Birthday to all others born in September

Morgan Higgins  
Caitlin Ranck  
Ned Marini  
Katie Koehle  
Dana Shugarts  
Stacey Artz  
Heather Ferrari  
Barb Eckenroad  
Molli Smith  
Barry Donmoyer  
Tyler Keppley  
Deb Leed  
Ryelee Martin  
Travis Leed  
Delphine Weitzel  
Pam Sweigart  
Brian Binkley  
Sarah Zook Deel  
Beth Fetter

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Matt Showalter  
Kendra Carman  
Carson Bansner  
Troy Pannebecker  
Landon Sauder  
Jake Diestel  
Robert Bingaman  
Hunter Leisey  
Amy Martzall  
Andrew Hagy  
David Sauder  
John Lorah  
Elise Higgins  
Shawna McQuate  
Justin Jones  
Antonio Sensenig  
Brian Walmer  
Nolan Weitzel  
Lori Donmoyer

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### 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)

### Nursing Home

RESIDENTS

Bobby Hershey  
Clyde Showalter  
Mary Ann Weitzel  
Michael A. Crowther  
Clarice Haws  
Anna Adams  
Marion Bergman  
Joan Reddig



## SEPT GREETER SCHEDULE

7 Josh Garrison  
14 Steve & Karen Laudenslager  
21 Carl & Louetta Franck  
28 John & Carol Chmielewski

## OCT GREETER SCHEDULE

5 Deb Sweigert  
12 John & Sharon Levan  
19 Deb Kohl  
26 Denise Kidwell

## SEPT COFFEE SCHEDULE

07 Ray Weitzel  
14 Pam Leisey  
21 Lee Showalter  
28 Pam Leisey

## OCT COFFEE SCHEDULE

5 Randy Gockley  
12 Randy Gockley  
19 Randy Gockley  
26 Randy Gockley

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

## UPCOMING Events

|              |                                    |                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| September 1  | LABOR DAY                          | OFFICE CLOSED              |
| September 2  | 7:00pm                             | Welcome Cmte               |
| September 7  | 10:30am                            | God's Work Our Hands       |
| September 8  | 7:00pm                             | Bell Choir                 |
| September 9  | 6:00pm                             | Zoom Bible Study           |
| September 9  | 7:15pm                             | Worship Cmte               |
| September 10 | 1-4:00pm                           | EASS Food Distribution     |
| September 10 | 7:00pm                             | Choir                      |
| September 11 | 6:30pm                             | Learning Cmte              |
| September 14 | 10:00am                            | Touch - A- Truck           |
| September 16 | 6:00pm                             | Zoom Bible Study           |
| September 17 | 7:00pm                             | Church Council             |
| September 17 | 7:00pm                             | Choir                      |
| September 21 | 9:45am                             | Sunday School Begins       |
| September 22 | 7:00pm                             | Bell Choir                 |
| September 23 | 6:00pm                             | Zoom Bible Study           |
| September 23 | 7:00pm                             | Cocalico Builders of Hope  |
| September 24 | 7:00pm                             | Choir                      |
| October 5    | 11:00am                            | Blessing of the Pets       |
| October 16   | Pre order for Pig Stomach deadline |                            |
| October 19   | 11:00am                            | CROP Walk                  |
| October 25   | 1-3:00pm                           | Pig Stomach Takeout Dinner |



**The Swamp Lutheran Handbell Choir** will be starting their 24th season of ringing and we are looking for some new recruits to join in the fun! Our first practice/meeting will take place on Mon. Sept. 8 at 7:00 in the church sanctuary. No experience is necessary. We are happy to work with beginners at all musical levels. Please contact Doug Kulp (717-333-5744) or any member of the Bell Choir for more information. Hope you can join us as we begin our new season!



**Swamp Lutheran Chancel Choir News** The first rehearsal for the Chancel Choir will be on Wed September 10 at 7:00pm in the choir room. If you enjoy singing, we'd love to have you join us. Contact Sue Kreitz with questions. 717-283-9444



**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.



**US FLAGS** When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be retired in proper fashion. Thank you for your consideration.



**September 25** is the deadline for the October 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!*



**FLOWERS** If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.



**FOOD BANK** – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for canned chicken, tuna and vegetables. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.



**Knitters and Crocheters** Needed 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.



**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS.** Sunday September 7th 2025 at 10:30am.

Service committee would like to have our congregation join the ELCA sponsored service opportunity. This is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a congregation – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans- an act of service sharing God's grace freely given for all.

How can you be of service?

1. Do you know of a local organization that could use a few hours of help?
2. Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or fellow member of the congregation that could use a few hours of help around the house/yard area?
3. Are you interested in signing up and joining in this fun faith filled service activity?

If you have service ideas please contact Pastor Brubaker or Jodi Showalter.

To help, please sign up on the bulletin board sheets at the front or back of the church.



**Blessing of the Pets** - October 5, 11:00 on the Portico side of the church, Pastor Scott will give a blessing over your animals. All are welcome.



**Gently Used Sneakers** Needed. SLY is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. SLY is not able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Pastor Scott Brubaker at 717-336-2849 or email [pastor@swamplutheran.org](mailto:pastor@swamplutheran.org)



**Crop Walk 2025**

**Sunday October 19th @ 11:00 AM**

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why Swamp is participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together, we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world. We will donate 50% of our raised donations to our local Swamp Food Pantry. If interested in joining our team, please contact a service committee member. Please join our team or donate today using forms on the Narthex table.

### **Builders of Hope, TL:**

- The family is looking for a rental property in the Ephrata Area.

### **Service:**

- God's Work, Our Hands project will be September 7 at 10:30am.  
Two projects will be worked on:
  - 1.EASS organization
  - 2.Chris Zander's house.
- 120 school kits will be packed on September 28 and will be shipped out on October 11<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for adults to help pack the items.
- The Crop Walk will be held on October 19. Sponsor sheets are available now.
- Good gifts tree will go out around Thanksgiving.
- Reverse Advent boxes will benefit our food bank.

### **Kitchen Krew:**

- Our food bank provided food boxes for 40 families with 110 folks in July.
- Served 73 folks at Ron Stoner funeral.
- The food bank for August provided boxes for 43 families with 122 folks.
- Served 50 folks at an anniversary party.
- The church picnic was August 24.

### **Welcome:**

- The church picnic featured a trivia contest from Gladys Eckentroad.
- Cake and Cookie walk.
- Guessing games
- Soak the Pastor.

### **Learning: Upcoming Dates:**

- September 14- Touch A Truck
- September 21- First day of Sunday School and installation of teachers.

### **Youth Ministry:** They are still looking for helpers.

### **Property:** Looking for bids to replace the air conditioning.

- Air handler for the kitchen needs fixed.

### **Generosity:**

- The offering for the last Sunday of the month will go to the General Disaster Fund.
- The offering in September will benefit the CROP walk.
- Grant was submitted August 21, to benefit the food bank.

### **Other items discussed:**

- We are looking to update the TV's to the current technology, in the Narthex and at the back door entrance. If you would like to donate to this project, see the Pastor.
- Worship Study Follow up- The committee reviewed all the responses- 54 folks completed the survey.They are planning to send it to worship and music committee's to get their opinions. Would like to have folks from worship and music and worship study committee present when Council discusses recommendations.
- Polka Mass will be held November 16.
- The directory layout is halfway completed.

*The Philllies are in first place in the NL East! Let's go Phills!*

### **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 — Love Inc./  
Homes 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!**



Thank you

**ACTS OF LOVE Lunch Program:** A HUGE thank you to all of members of the congregation who donated their time, snacks, and cooking talents for the Acts of Love lunch program! We prepared and served 240 meals. Your support is incredible! A special thank you to Lori, John and the Kitchen Crew for always knowing exactly what to prepare! The needy children of the area thank you! Denise Kidwell



## Swamp Needs Your Help!

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

**Most pressing needs include:**

**Learning Committee:** Connie Malafarina and Connie Taylor are stepping back and only pitching in when needed in a pinch. So, we could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

**SLY:** Connie Malafarina and Ryan Ranck have stepped back from their leadership roles with the youth group. We need additional leaders to guide this ministry.

**Worship Committee:** We can always use fresh perspectives on worship. New members on the Worship Committee are always welcome.

**Sunday School teachers:** We need another teacher for the prekindergarten to 3rd grade class and our high school class.

**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.).

**Choir:** We need singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir to lead our singing in worship.

**Bell Choir:** Ringers needed for this music ministry.

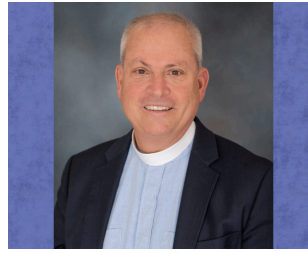
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Swamp Lutheran  
Treasurers Report July 2025

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|                               | Jul 2025 Actual | This Year Budget | % of Budget | Remaining     | Year-To-Date Actual |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Income                        | \$ 23,435.25    | \$ 326,063.00    | 7%          | \$ 302,627.75 | \$ 220,222.81       |
| Expense                       | \$ 25,341.43    | \$ 326,063.00    | 8%          | \$ 300,721.57 | \$ 241,478.92       |
| OPERATIONS                    | \$ 5,255.49     | \$ 53,590.00     | 10%         | \$ 48,334.51  | \$ 34,365.52        |
| ADMINISTRATION                | \$ 1,675.64     | \$ 21,350.00     | 8%          | \$ 19,674.36  | \$ 19,021.88        |
| BENEFITS                      | \$ 3,535.56     | \$ 36,435.00     | 10%         | \$ 32,899.44  | \$ 24,948.92        |
| THROUGH STAFF                 | \$ 11,637.34    | \$ 146,148.00    | 8%          | \$ 134,510.66 | \$ 82,030.71        |
| REIMBURSED EXP.               | \$ 390.00       | \$ -             |             | \$ (390.00)   | \$ 2,447.85         |
| YOUTH MINISTRY                | \$ -            | \$ 800.00        | 0%          | \$ 800.00     | \$ -                |
| PROPERTY                      | \$ 2,253.38     | \$ 18,050.00     | 12%         | \$ 15,796.62  | \$ 12,715.08        |
| WORSHIP                       | \$ 594.02       | \$ 7,550.00      | 8%          | \$ 6,955.98   | \$ 3,603.03         |
| SERVICE                       | \$ -            | \$ 900.00        | 0%          | \$ 900.00     | \$ 792.10           |
| COMMUNICATIONS                | \$ -            | \$ 750.00        | 0%          | \$ 750.00     | \$ 763.15           |
| GENEROSITY                    | \$ -            | \$ 500.00        | 0%          | \$ 500.00     | \$ -                |
| WELCOME                       | \$ -            | \$ 5,350.00      | 0%          | \$ 5,350.00   | \$ 1,302.53         |
| LEARNING                      | \$ -            | \$ 3,850.00      | 0%          | \$ 3,850.00   | \$ 465.00           |
| BENEVOLENCES                  | \$ -            | \$ 30,790.00     | 0%          | \$ 30,790.00  | \$ 32,758.22        |
| Insurance Claim - Broken Pipe | \$ -            | \$ -             |             | \$ -          | \$ 26,264.93        |

## The Rev. Stephen R. Herr Called as Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod



On June 7, 2025, the Rev. Stephen Robert Herr was called to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Rev. Herr currently serves as pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ordained on July 2, 1994, Pastor Herr has served in parish, campus, and synodical leadership for more than three decades.

His service includes roles on the ELCA Church Council, Executive Committee, and multiple synod councils, as well as leadership in outdoor ministry, ecumenical engagement, the arts, and historical preservation in the Gettysburg area.

Please join us in giving thanks for Bishop-elect Herr and holding him in prayer as he prepares to lead our synod into the future.

## 2025 Churchwide Assembly Elections



### Yehiel Curry, Metropolitan Chicago Synod Bishop, elected presiding bishop of the ELCA

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer. During that time he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, and both rural and urban settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role.

“I’m what a return on your investment looks like,” he said. “Perhaps I’m out there in one of you. I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church’s support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me. And I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment.”

### Lucille “CeCee” Mills elected secretary of the ELCA

“I do believe it’s a new season for our church,” Mills said. “I do believe that the reason why I, an African American woman, [can stand] before you with no degrees in a church that loves to have people who are educated, is because you saw the gifts and potential in me. I celebrate with you that we listen to God’s call and that we will become God’s beloved community.”

# *Pig Stomach* annual TAKEOUT DINNER

**OCTOBER 25, 2025  
1PM - 3PM**

Swamp Lutheran Church  
275 Swamp Church Rd, Reinholds, PA 17569

**Join us for Swamp Lutheran Church's  
Annual Pig Stomach Takeouts!**

**Whole Cooked Stomach: \$38**

Pre-orders must be placed by October 16th.  
Please call the church office at 717-336-2849 to place your preorder

## FREE **TOUCH-A TRUCK** EVENT



**SUNDAY, 9/14 FROM 10AM - 12PM**  
SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH  
275 SWAMP CHURCH RD, REINHOLDS, PA 17569

**Trucks, Equipment, Free Tractor Rides,  
Face Painting, Food & More**

//// ALL FOOD PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL HOMELESS YOUTHS //





## Wreath Ride

Saturday, September 6, 2025 Sponsored by Reinholds VFW  
**Benefits**

Swamp Church Cemetery Association Wreaths Across America

**Bring your Bike/Classic Car**

Registration 9:00 AM • Kickstands up 10:00 AM Reinholds Fire Co. 138  
West Main Street, Reinholds

Events Include:

Traveling to American Legion Post 915  
on to Fort Indiantown Gap Veterans Cemetery  
and return to Reinholds VFW (around) 1 PM  
for LUNCH, Door Prizes, and Raffles!

Must have valid photo ID to participate in event

Cost: \$25 per Motorcycle, \$10 per Passenger

[www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/PASWCC](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/PASWCC)



Food, LIVE Band, Fun for all ages

**Sunday**  
**October 12**  
**2-5 pm**

Elks Lodge #1933  
170 Akron Road, Ephrata

For tickets:

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## **WE ALL KNOW THIS – SPREAD THE WORD!**

Welcome Back! It is now 24 years and counting! They always say time flies when you're having fun, but this much fun should probably be illegal! Not only are we all refreshed from the summer break, but the bells will be refreshed as well! Yes, they are being refurbished and should sound and play like new. So now you can't use the bells as an excuse anymore! Once again, I would ask that you please continue to be diligent in letting me know if you will be missing any rehearsals or performances so that I can fill spots in a timely manner. Since we do not have a lot of spare ringers, I would once again like to invite and encourage new ringers to join our group! If you know of anyone new who would like to join us, please invite them along to our first practice on MON. SEPT. 8. I am always willing to give beginner lessons outside of the regular rehearsal time as needed. (Lori, maybe you will want some of those lessons since it's been a while since you rang!) As always, I look forward to seeing everyone again with fun and fellowship, and sharing our musical talents at the upcoming practices and worship services!

### **BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE – 2025/2026**

#### **Practices from 7:00 – 8:00**

#### **Possible Play Dates**

Mon. Sept. 8

Mon. Sept. 22

Mon. Oct. 6

Play Sun. Oct. 12

Mon. Oct. 20

Mon. Oct. 27

Mon. Nov. 3

Play Sun. Nov. 9

Mon. Nov. 17

Mon. Nov. 24

Mon. Dec. 1

Mon. Dec. 8

Play Sat. Dec. 13 (Chapel Concert)

Play Sun. Dec. 14

Mon. Dec. 15

Play Sun. Dec. 21 (Coleman Chapel)

Play Thurs. Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

Mon. Jan. 5

Mon. Jan. 19

Mon. Jan. 26

Play Sun. Feb. 1

Mon. Feb. 2

Mon. Feb. 9

Mon. Feb. 23

Play Sun. Mar. 1

Mon. Mar. 9

Mon. Mar. 16

Mon. Mar. 30

Play Sun. Apr. 5 (Easter)

Mon. Apr. 13

Mon. Apr. 20

Mon. Apr. 27

Play Sun. May 3

Mon. May 4

Mon. May 11

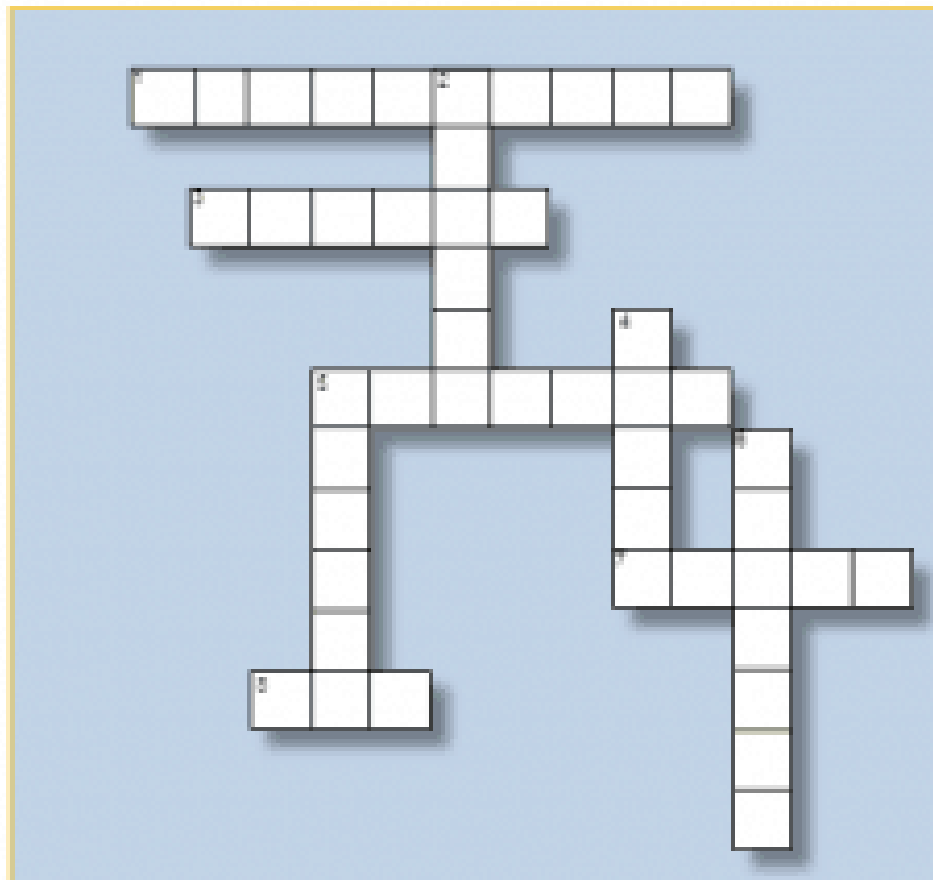
Play Sat. May 16 (Chapel Concert)

Play Sun. May 17





# God Led His People Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. Land with no towns or cities
3. God made the waters \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ancient ruler of Egypt
7. A long stick used for walking
8. Not wet

## DOWN

2. Moses and the Israelites went to this body of water.
4. Leader the Israelites
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of cloud and \_\_\_\_\_ of fire
6. The Egyptians rode in this vehicle pulled by a horse.