



Nov 2026

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church *Newsletter*

Polka Mass

With the Heidelberg Brass Band
under direction of Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

8:30 Worship

Breakfast Reception Follows Worship



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



Cocalico Builders of Hope Fundraiser Steak Sandwich Sale
Saturday, November 14, 11:00-1:00 at St. John's UCC, Denver

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Swamp Lutheran & Mellingers Lutheran Joint Worship

Date: **Wednesday, November 25, 2026**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Mellingers Lutheran Church, 80 Gockley Road, Stevens**

Presider: Pastor Tim Craven

Preacher: Pastor Scott Brubaker

We gather together on Thanksgiving Eve for a Service of the Word to express gratitude, share fellowship, and prepare our hearts for the holiday season.

Pastor Scott Brubaker will deliver the sermon, guiding us in reflection and thanksgiving.

A joint choir from Swamp and Mellingers will lead in song.

All are welcome—invite a friend. Please come as you are and join in this special evening of worship.

Pastor's Message



Dear Members and Friends of Swamp Lutheran Church,

As we enter the month of November, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on the many blessings we share as a congregation. This is a season when we are especially mindful of giving thanks, and I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and generosity you have shown me and my family.

Thank you for the pastor appreciation gift card to Meadow Creek BBQ Supply and for the generous donation to Camp Kirchenwald given in my honor. Both gifts are meaningful reminders of the care and support that make ministry together such a blessing. I am grateful not only for these thoughtful expressions of appreciation, but also for the opportunity to serve alongside you in the life and mission of Swamp Lutheran Church.

Having served Swamp for five years, I am thankful for the relationships we have built, the moments of faith we have shared, and the ways God continues to work through this congregation. Ministry is never something we do alone. It is a shared calling, grounded in God's grace and carried out through the gifts, prayers, and faithful service of so many people. As I look ahead, I remain optimistic and excited about the future of our ministry together. There is still much to discover, many ways to grow in faith, and countless opportunities to share Christ's love with our neighbors and community.

November also begins a wonderful season of worship and celebration in the life of the church. On November 1, All Saints Sunday, we will recognize those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last twelve months. On November 8, we will gather for our Polka Mass, an opportunity to celebrate our faith with joyful music and a spirit of fellowship. I hope you will join us for this special service and invite a friend or neighbor to come along! Then on November 25, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship at Mellingers Lutheran with joint choirs and me preaching.

As the month draws to a close, we will turn our hearts toward Advent, a season of waiting, preparation, and hope. Through our Advent worship, we will make room in our busy lives to reflect on God's promises and prepare for the coming of Christ. Before we know it, Christmas will be here, bringing with it the beauty and wonder of our Christmas Eve candlelight services. There is something deeply moving about gathering together, singing familiar carols, and sharing the light of Christ as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

My prayer is that these coming weeks will draw us closer to God and to one another. May we approach this season with thankful hearts, open hands, and a renewed willingness to be part of what God is doing in and through Swamp Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your encouragement, your faithfulness, and the privilege of serving as your pastor. I look forward to all that lies ahead as we continue this journey of faith together.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Scott



Generosity Minute

Discovering the Joy of Generosity

As we enter November, a season of gratitude and thanksgiving, Swamp Lutheran Church is beginning a special journey together: exploring the **ELCA's Joy of Generosity** program. This program invites us to reflect on how God's abundant grace shapes our lives and how we respond through the sharing of our time, talents, and financial resources.

Generosity is more than putting an offering in the plate on Sunday morning. It begins with recognizing that all we have is a gift from God. Our faith, our relationships, our abilities, and our material blessings are gifts entrusted to us. The Joy of Generosity encourages us to consider how we can use these gifts to serve God, care for our neighbors, and support the mission of the church.

Over the coming weeks, we will reflect on what it means to be generous people. We will consider how gratitude inspires giving, how our individual gifts strengthen our congregation, and how our shared generosity makes ministry possible at Swamp Lutheran Church and beyond. Whether we serve through worship, outreach, fellowship, caring for others, or financial support, each of us has something meaningful to contribute.

An important part of this journey will be our **annual giving pledge**. A pledge is more than a financial commitment; it is a prayerful response to God's generosity and a way to participate intentionally in the ministry of our congregation. By considering what we are able to give in the coming year, we help Swamp Lutheran plan its ministries, serve our neighbors, and faithfully carry out the work God calls us to do.

As you reflect on your blessings this November, consider these questions: What gifts has God entrusted to me? How am I sharing those gifts? What role can my generosity play in the future of Swamp Lutheran Church? There is no single answer that fits everyone. The invitation is to reflect prayerfully, give faithfully, and discover the joy that comes from sharing what we have been given.

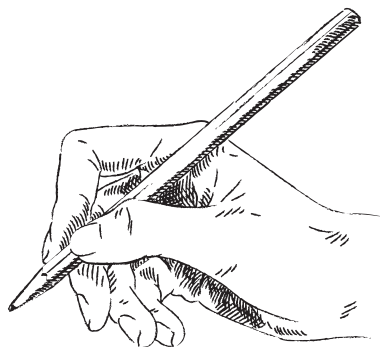
Our Generosity Minute challenge: Each day this month, name one blessing for which you are thankful. Then consider one way you can share that blessing with someone else. As we approach our annual pledge, take time to pray about the financial gifts you can offer in support of our congregation's mission in the coming year.

Let us begin this journey with grateful hearts, trusting that God can do wonderful things through the gifts we share. Together, may we discover the joy of generosity and strengthen the ministry of Swamp Lutheran Church for the year ahead.

Prayer: Generous God, you have blessed us in more ways than we can count. Open our hearts to recognize your gifts, guide us as we consider our commitments, and help us share our time, talents, and resources with joyful and grateful hearts. Bless Swamp Lutheran Church and the ministry we do together in your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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
Jean and Larry Wolf
Bobby Hershey
Marilyn Gelsinger
Edie Snyder
Teresa Sweigart
Mel and Troy Ulrich
Earl Myers
Elizabeth Sherman
Judy Habecker
Anna Rose Schannauer
Jerry Landis
Mary Beth Jenkins
Evelyn Gehman
Joan Leed
Ron Adams
Kevin Williams
Susan Levan

Gladys Eckenroad
Bonnie Koehle-Koon
Kathleen Troutman
Sally Bergman
Kevin Reimert
Pam Heisey
Connie Malafarina
Ted Heisey
Karen Klingensmith
Helen Werner
Cody Leisey
Michelle Moyer
Dianna Becker
Laurie Sauder
Sue Templin
Clyde Showalter
Ashley Milosek
Pat Miller
Lucille Lorah
Leah Showalter
Mark Stoner
Laney Garrison
Sam Reimert
Llew Smith

Bob Shank
Sammy Hanna
Pat Grove & Daphne
Aaron Gasparich
Tina Krall
Wanda Maxey
Chris Zander
Allison Kenawell
Margaret Kroh
Jason Stricker
Laraine Kramer
Mike Sawyer
Linda & Dennis Mohn
Jen Sikie
Keith Weinhold
Melody Eckenroth
Frank Sheets
Karen & Steve Laudenslager
Lori Hartranft
Nettie Kreiner
Lori Page
Karen McCoy
Bindi Chojnacki
Gene Ferrari
Hanna Shank
Ken Olson
Sandra Haws
Bob Fry
Lois Class
Joelle Perli
Terri Renninger



**“God does not need your good works,
but your neighbor does.”**

Martin Luther

November 70+ Birthdays

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

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

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

DEBBIE CARVELL 11/14
1059 W. SWARTZVILLE RD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

ROBERT PRESTON 11/15
149 PRESTON RD
WERNERSVILLE PA 19565



FRANK D'AIELLO 11/16
62 SPECK ROAD
MOHNTON, PA 19540

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

LARAIN KRAMER 11/21
59 E. MAIN ST.
PO BOX 161
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

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

ROBERT HERSHEY, JR. 11/26
EPHRATA MANOR
99 BETHANY RD RM # 227B
EPHRATA PA 17522

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

Happy Birthday to all born in November

Shawn Moyer 02
Jonathan Templin 03
Dylan Koehle 08
Karen Blatt 09
Samantha Young 09
Melody Ulrich 10
Henry Kolarz 11
Noah Roseboro 11
Leslie Diestel 12
Maren Rineer 15
Eric Long 17
Janet McDonough 17



Lauren Moyer 18
Michael Hagy 19
Haylee Martin 21
Jace Blatt 22
Missy Kramer 24
Nick Troutman 24
Nathan Keppley 25
Abigail Martzall 26
Colin Hall 27
Lori Gockley 27
Delaney Garrison 28
Amanda Fetter 29
Josh Rapp 29

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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



Clyde Showalter	Anna Adams
Mel & Troy Ulrich	Edie Snyder
Michael A. Crowther	John Elser
Earl Myers	Marion Bergman
Gary & Joan Reddig	Harold Crills
Joyce Stoner	Sandra Haws
Bobby Hershey	Sally Bergman

Nov Sound Tech Schedule

01 Steve Laudenslager
08 Steve Laudenslager
15 Steve Laudenslager
22 Steve Laudenslager
29 Steve Laudenslager

Dec Sound Tech Schedule

06 Steve Laudenslager
13 Steve Laudenslager
20 Steve Laudenslager
24 John Frantz 4pm & 7pm
27 Steve Laudenslager

Nov Video Stream Schedule

01 Alan Worley
08 John Frantz
15 Josh Garrison
22 Alan Worley
29 John Frantz

Dec Video Stream Schedule

6 Josh Garrison
13 Alan Worley
20 John Frantz
24 Josh Garrison 4pm
Alan Worley 7pm
27 Josh Garrison

Nov Greeter Schedule

01 Jan Risser
08 Deb Sweigert
15 Jane Leshner
22 Denise Kidwell
29 Larry & Sally Hagy

Dec Greeter Schedule

06 Ken & Sam Reimert
13 Danielle, Addy & Anson
20 David & Laraine Kramer
27 Pat Wenzel & Bill Knauer

Nov Coffee Schedule

01 Denise Kidwell
08 Deb Sweigert
15 John Frantz
22 Randy Gockley
29 Pam Leisey

Dec Coffee Schedule

06 Deb Sweigert
13 Denise Kidwell
20 Randy Gockley
27 John Frantz

November Calendar



November 1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (Fall back)

November 1 8:30am Worship

November 1 9:45am Sunday School

November 1 10:15am Widow & Widowers Hike

November 2 7:00pm Bell Choir

November 3 ELECTION DAY

November 3 7:00pm Welcome Cmte

November 4 6:00pm Hybrid Bible Study

November 4 7:00pm Choir

November 5 12:00pm Widow & Widowers Lunch @ Udder Choice

November 8 8:30am Polka Mass Worship

November 8 9:45am Sunday School

November 8 11:00am - 3pm SLY Round One Activity

November 9 7:00pm Bell Choir

November 11 VETERANS DAY

November 11 1-4:00pm EASS Food Distribution

November 11 6:00pm Hybrid Bible Study

November 12 6:30pm Learning Cmte

November 14 11:00 - 1pm Builders of Hope Cheesesteak sale

November 15 8:30am Worship

November 15 9:45am Sunday School

November 15 11:00am Church Council Mtg

November 15 - 21 Disaster Trip to NC

November 16 7:00pm Bell Choir

November 18 6:00pm Hybrid Bible Study

November 18 7:00pm Choir

November 22 8:30am Worship

November 22 9:45am Sunday School

November 23 7:00pm Bell Choir

November 24 7:00pm Cocalico Builders of Hope TL

November 25 7:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve w/Mellingers

November 26 THANKSGIVING/OFFICE CLOSED

November 27 OFFICE CLOSED

November 29 8:30am Worship

November 29 9:45am Sunday School

November 29 9:45am Hanging of the Greens

November 30 7:00pm Bell Choir

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



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 rice, noodles, pasta, mac & cheese, canned chicken, tuna, spam, soup, toilet paper and paper towels. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wed each month.



Special Request - BOXES. EASS uses approx. 100 boxes monthly for food bank- distribution. Please place them near the youth room entrance. Thank you!



Knitters and Crocheters, please focus on prayer shawls. When you finish, please bring it to church and leave it in the library. *THANK YOU for supporting this church ministry.*



The church needs your help as a volunteer. From time to time members of the church need assistance in getting somewhere or even to get to church. It is not often but when the need arises we would appreciate having some folks who are willing to drive if available. Please call or email Terri at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. 717-336-2849 or secretary@swamplutheran.org. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family. Thank you for your consideration.



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



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.



Widow & Widowers upcoming fun plans. Sunday Nov. 1st. Rescheduled Hike/Walk at French Creek. Meet at Weavers Market, 897 side for carpooling at 10:15am.



Thursday November 5th at Udder Choice for lunch at 12:00pm for 2 short informative presentations.

December 17, 12:00pm. Christmas Craft and 'Old Fashioned Christmas' Lunch at Udder Choice. Please contact Barb Mizdail or call office to RSVP.

Disaster Trip. A group from the area will be returning to Asheville, NC to continue to help with disaster clean up. This trip will take place from November 15-21. The group has already been assembled, however there are other ways in which to help. Anyone wishing to help can give gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot or Walmart. Or if you wish, you could write a check payable to LDR Carolinas. This will be the groups 27th trip and the third trip to Asheville. See Missy Ragan, Nancy McQuate, or Denise Kidwell with questions! Thank you for your support!



November 23 is the deadline for the December Newsletter.

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

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!

Next Council Meeting
Nov 15, 2026
11AM

Church Council Highlights

October 21, 2026

Stewardship & Generosity

Our four-week fall campaign, "The Joy of Generosity," begins soon watch for an introduction letter, weekly emails, and bulletin inserts. Third quarter giving statements are available in the Narthex for pickup, with remaining copies to be mailed.

Outreach, Mission & Community Impact

Builders of Hope is searching for a 3-bedroom home in the Cocalico School District and hosting a final-until-spring Steak Sandwich Sale at St. John's UCC in Denver (11:00 AM–1:00 PM). Disaster Response is preparing for a relief trip to Asheville, NC. Our Kitchen Krew's sub sale raised \$247 across 89 items, while our Food Bank recently served 48 families (133 individuals). In community service, four Crop Walkers raised \$595 (split with CWS), seven volunteers cleaned yards for a retired pastor and his wife, and the Welcome Committee is assembling 29 shut-in baskets with shawls, devotions, candy, and cards.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

All Sunday School classes are collecting items for homeless students via the local school closet. Youth activities include a Round One and Savers trip, preparing a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need, selling Narthex wreaths for Wreaths Across America (\$5/wreath supports youth activities), and sending a delegation to the Minneapolis ELCA Youth Gathering with Faith United. Avery Garrison has also offered to help lead the Community Garden project.

Fellowship & Groups

The Widows/Widowers French Creek hike is rescheduled for right after church. Their next Udder Choice luncheon features a Schaefferstown historian and a metal works tradesman.

Property, Safety & Office Notes

Building updates include ordered exit sign batteries, pending restroom sink repairs, and an evaluation of camera system upgrades. Cabinet structural work on the organ speakers is finished while wall-anchoring quotes are reviewed; Council also confirmed the decorative pipes will remain down for now. In the office, volunteers will cover duties while Terri Renninger recovers from hip surgery, and Organist/Choir Director ads are live on the Synod site and Shopping News.

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

Cody Leisey, 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

Denise Kidwell — Disaster
Response, Kitchen Krew

Guy Templin — Finance;
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Cocalico
Builders of Hope

Lee Showalter — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

George Philippopoulos—
Safety & Security

Jen Weitzel - Welcome

Alan Worley –Youth Ministry



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!**



**United
Lutheran
Seminary**

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, PA 17569-9562

Thank you

September 23, 2026

Amount received: \$250.00 (Check #18790)
Gift Purpose: United Lutheran Seminary Fund

Dear Swamp Lutheran Church,

Greetings from United Lutheran Seminary! We write with heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership. At this year's commencement, we celebrated 52 graduates representing our various degree programs. Through their experiences at ULS, these emerging leaders have been equipped and inspired to serve faithfully in the diverse communities and ministries to which they are called.

This year holds special significance for our community, too, as we celebrate two hundred years of faithful theological education at ULS. For generations, this institution and its predecessor bodies have been deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition, grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and committed to the formation of Christian leaders.

Thank you again for your generosity and for your belief in the transformative power of theological education. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the world—one graduate at a time. If our team can be of assistance, please contact us at advancement@uls.edu. We invite you to stay connected through ULS Kindling Faith Continuing Education opportunities for lay and rostered leaders at kindlingfaith.com.

With sincere gratitude,

Conor Brooks, CFRE
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
United Lutheran Seminary
cbrooks@uls.edu
717-338-3012

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**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

On October 18, walkers from Swamp took advantage of the sunny weather to walk for hunger. The small but mighty team raised over \$500 to benefit feeding ministries. Half the money raised goes to Swamp's Food Pantry and half to world hunger through Church World Services. Thanks to all who walked and sponsored!

Thank you

Dear Swamp Members,

WORDS JUST DON'T PROVIDE THE FEELINGS OF APPRECIATION, THANKFULNESS, AND JOY THAT KAREN & I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO THIS CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY DURING OUR RECENT HOSPITAL STAYS. ADDITIONALLY OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE CARDS RECEIVED PAST AND PRESENT. THIS FAMILY WAS INDEED EXTRAORDINARY WITH THE LOVE & SUPPORT GIVEN TO US BOTH. THE VISITS WERE TIMELY & WELCOME. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BELONG TO THIS SWAMP FAMILY. YOUR GRACE IS SPECIAL. THANK-YOU DOESN'T SEEM ENOUGH.

KAREN & STEVE
LAUDENSLAGER

Pastor Scott,
Thanks so much for your continued support & visits where Bob has been going through his illness.
You are appreciated!

Warm Regards,
Bob & Brenda Reaser



BEWARE OF SCAMMERS! Just a reminder that neither Swamp staff, Pastor Scott, nor Swamp members will reach out to you via email or text message asking for gift cards. These emails/texts are from SCAMMERS. Do not reply to them, delete them. When we do ask for donations, we do so in the announcements at worship, via the weekly email, by mail, in the bulletin, or in this newsletter. If you are unsure, please call the church office.



Swamp Needs Your Help!

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

Most pressing needs include:

Communion Extender: We need helpers to take communion to our homebound members. Training provided.

Choir: We welcome singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir.

Bell Choir: Ringers needed for this music ministry.

Learning Committee: We could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

SLY: We need additional leaders on our team to guide this ministry.

Sunday School teachers: Helpers and teachers needed.

Worship Committee: We can always use fresh perspectives on worship.

Generosity Committee: We need additional disciples to help promote generosity to God's work at Swamp.

Property Committee: We need help attending to the property needs of Swamp. Consider adopting a flower bed to maintain or giving of a skill (electrician, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.).

Financial Statement

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance as of 12/31/25			\$28,149.21
January-March	\$104,211.24	\$112,051.05	\$20,309.40
April-June	\$84,558.86	\$93,468.47	\$11,399.79
July	\$27,827.60	\$29,336.72	\$9,890.67
August	\$27,851.05	\$26,303.12	\$11,438.60
September	\$32,315.65	\$27,686.54	\$16,067.71 *

* - includes \$10,000 designated for window replacement

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 is Sunday November 29th.

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Poinsettias RED _____ WHITE _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Annual Quilt & Craft Auction

Join us on November 1, 2026, at Camp Nawakwa!

1033 Nawakwa Road, Biglerville, PA 17307

This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities.



**In Person Auction – November 1 at Nawakwa
2:00 – Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items**

3:00 – Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

RSVP to attend the auction on November 1!

This year, we won't be hosting an online auction before the event. Instead, keep an eye on our website and social media in the weeks leading up — we'll be posting photos of the auction items so you can scout out what's available and start planning your bids!

10/06/2026

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Finance Reports September 2026

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Treasurers Report September 2026				
January 2026 - December 2026 / September				
	Sep 2026 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Year-To-Sep Actual
Income	\$ 32,315.65	\$ 313,068.00	10%	\$ 276,764.40
> REGULAR	\$ 32,315.65	\$ 313,068.00	10%	\$ 276,764.40
Expense	\$ 27,686.54	\$ 313,068.00	9%	\$ 288,845.90
> OPERATIONS	\$ 1,958.97	\$ 50,940.00	4%	\$ 39,125.86
> ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,255.48	\$ 19,800.00	6%	\$ 21,508.63
> BENEFITS	\$ 3,697.59	\$ 37,669.00	10%	\$ 33,324.29
> THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,684.92	\$ 148,169.00	8%	\$ 106,469.63
> REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,688.51
> YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 400.00
> PROPERTY	\$ 1,420.95	\$ 20,100.00	7%	\$ 43,787.01
> WORSHIP	\$ 399.63	\$ 6,500.00	6%	\$ 4,177.51
> SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 553.22
> COMMUNICATIONS	\$ -	\$ 200.00	0%	\$ 1,438.51
> GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ -
> WELCOME	\$ -	\$ 3,050.00	0%	\$ 778.07
> LEARNING	\$ 320.00	\$ 2,000.00	16%	\$ 2,476.66
> BENEVOLENCES	\$ 6,949.00	\$ 22,940.00	30%	\$ 31,118.00

On October 11, 2026 Pets receive special blessing at a Lancaster County church.

Families in Lancaster County got to bring their pets to church on Sunday. Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Cocalico Township hosted its annual "Pets Blessing" after the morning service. The church community prayed over family dogs, then each pet received an individual blessing. The tradition began five years ago by Pastor Scott Brubaker, and congregants say it's a way to show the importance of man's best friend. Read more here:

<https://www.fox43.com/article/life/fa...>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-1NGhI8YLk>





Swamp Lutheran Gift Cards for Christmas

Swamp Lutheran Gift Cards for Christmas. Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran Church. Orders due November 22 and delivered November 29. Place order sheet with payment in the collection plate, in Secretary's mailbox by the office, or give it to Missy Ragan. Questions Missy Ragan 717-314-5658.

Swamp Lutheran Gift Cards		Name _____	
Orders due November 22, 2026		Phone # _____	
Checks payable to Swamp Lutheran			
Missy Ragan 717-314-5658	Total #	Total \$	
RESTAURANTS \$25 cards			SHOPPING \$25 cards
Applebees 8%			Ace Hardware 6%
Arbys 8% \$10, \$25			Auto Zone 7%
BJ's Restaurant 8% Electronic			American Eagle 10%
Bonefish Grille 10%			Barnes & Noble 8% \$10, \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings 8%			Bass Pro Shops 9%
Burger King 7% \$10, \$25			Bath & Body Works 12%
Carrabas 10%			Best Buy 4%
Cheesecake Factory 5%			Big Lots 4%
Chilis 10%			Boscovs 8%
Chipotle 9% \$10, \$25			Burlington 8%
Cracker Barrel 8%			Cabelas 9%
Dunkin Donuts 3.5% \$10 or \$25			Chewy 5%
Door Dash 4% electronic			CVS 7%
Dairy Queen 6.5% \$10, \$25			Columbia 12% \$50 only
Jimmy Johns 8%			Disney 3%
Longhorn Steakhouse 8%			Dicks Sporting Goods 8%
Millers's Ale House 8% Electronic			DSW 10.5%
Olive Garden 8%			Famous Footwear 8%
On the Border 10%			Gamestop 5%
Outback Steakhouse 10%			Gap 14%
PF Changs 6%			Home Depot 4%
Panera Bread 8%			Home Goods 6%
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%
GROCERY \$25, \$50, \$100			Old Navy 14%
Giant 3.5%			Petco 9%
Redners 5%			PetSmart 5%
Weis Markets 5% \$25, \$100			Sams Club 2.5%
Food Lion 3.5% \$25, \$100			Shutterfly 9%
ONLINE \$25 CARDS			Staples 5%
Amazon 1.5%			TJMaxx 6%
Apple/iTunes 5%			Target 2.5%
Instacart 5%			Tractor Supply 4.5%
GAS			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			
			Totals:

Hidden Pictures in The Story of the Lost Sheep

Find these objects hidden in the picture below:
banana, carrot, fish, leaf, lollipop, moon, needle & thread, plate.

