

May 2026

## Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

Swamp Lutheran Church

# HABITAT FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

Free Community Event

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

10:00 AM in the Social Hall

### Celebrate Nature with Us!

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

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



**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 items can be collected for LWR until Ingathering Sunday ( 1st Sun. in Oct.)

Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief's worldwide mission!

Jane Leshner 717-471-2974.

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

[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

## Pastor's Message



As we move through the joyful season of Easter and approach the powerful day of Pentecost, we are reminded that our faith is never static—it is alive, growing, and always calling us forward.

Easter proclaims the good news that death does not have the final word. In the resurrection of Christ, we see God's promise of new life, not only for eternity but for today. Wherever there is brokenness, grief, or uncertainty, Easter speaks hope. It reminds us that God is always at work bringing renewal out of what seems lost.

Yet the Easter season does not end at the empty tomb. It leads us toward Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the early church with wind and fire, filling ordinary people with extraordinary courage. That same Spirit is still at work in us—guiding, strengthening, and calling us to be Christ's presence in the world.

In this season between Easter and Pentecost, we are invited to ask: Where is God calling me to bring new life? How is the Spirit nudging me to serve, to speak, or to act?

One beautiful way we will live out that calling together is through our Habitat for Feathered Friends birdhouse-building community event on May 17. This simple act of creating homes for birds is also a reflection of our deeper calling—to care for creation and to build spaces of welcome and shelter for all of God's creatures. It is a reminder that even small acts of kindness and stewardship can reflect God's love in meaningful ways.

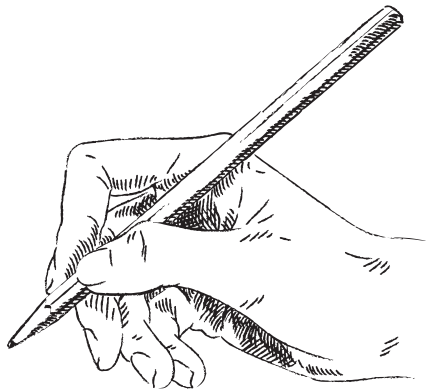
As we gather for worship, service, and fellowship this month, may we remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. May we carry the hope of Easter into every corner of our lives. And may we be a church that not only celebrates resurrection but lives it out—day by day, neighbor by neighbor.

Christ is risen. The Spirit is alive. And God is still doing new things among us.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Scott*

# 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 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  
Larry Eberly  
Gladys Eckenroad  
Bonnie Koehle-Koon  
Kathleen Troutman  
Sally Bergman  
Kevin Reimert  
Pam Heisey  
Connie Malafarina  
Ted Heisey  
Regina Reinecker  
Karen Klingensmith  
Sue Van Zant  
Alex Merionfeld  
Helen Werner  
Cody Leisey  
Michelle Moyer  
Janet Craley

Scott Zook  
Dianna Becker  
Laurie Sauder  
Sue Templin  
Clyde Showalter  
Ashley Milosek  
Dave Brown  
Pat Miller  
Brian Gress  
Lucille Lorah  
Leah Showalter  
Mark Stoner  
Robert Reaser  
Laney Garrison  
Sam Reimert  
Lou Smith  
Bob Shank  
Sammy Hanna  
Pat Grove & Daphne  
Cathy Stine  
Aaron Gasparich  
Tina Krall



**“The less I pray, the harder it gets;  
the more I pray, the better it goes.”**

**Martin Luther**



# Generosity Minute

Easter is not just a single day on the calendar—it is a doorway. The resurrection invites us into a new way of living, one shaped by hope, courage, and deep trust. When the tomb was found empty, it was not only a sign that death had been overcome. It was also a promise that life—full, abundant, and unending—had already begun.

Jesus spoke of this kind of life often. It is not measured by how much we keep, but by how freely we give. It is not built on fear or scarcity, but on trust that there is always enough in God's care. Resurrection life calls us out of the narrow spaces of self-protection and into the wide, open fields of generosity.

To live this way is not always easy. Giving selflessly and sacrificially can feel risky. It asks us to loosen our grip on what we have and trust that what we offer will be used for good. Yet, this is the pattern of resurrection: something is given, something is surrendered—and new life grows where we did not expect it.

In this Easter season, we are invited to step into that pattern. Each act of generosity, no matter how small, becomes part of God's ongoing work of renewal. When we give our time, our resources, and our compassion, we take part in the abundant life Jesus promises which is not a life free of wounds or showered with wealth, but a life filled with purpose, meaning, and divine blessing. Abundant life is not about having more; it is about becoming more—more open, more loving, more alive in God's presence.

So this month, consider where you might be called to give more—not out of obligation, but out of the joy that resurrection brings. Trust that in giving, you are not losing, but gaining a deeper connection to the life God is already bringing forth among us.

Because the good news of Easter is this: new life is real, it is present, and it is meant to be shared.

Swamp Lutheran Generosity Committee

# May 10+ Birthdays

ANNA ADAMS 5/3  
EPHRATA MANOR  
99 BETHANY RD ROOM # 210B  
EPHRATA PA 17522

RANDY KRATER 5/8  
135 COCALICO ROAD  
ROBESONIA PA 19551

SHERRILYN ARTZ 5/15  
PO BOX 53  
390 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
REINHOLDS PA 17569

CARL FRANCK 5/16  
8 EDIE DRIVE  
DENVER PA 17517



KATHRYN MILLER 5/17  
80 W. MILLPORT RD #103  
LITITZ PA 17543

JON KOON 5/23  
195 HOLLOW RD  
REINHOLDS PA 17569

DENNIS TROUTMAN 5/27  
720 GALEN HALL RD  
WERNERSVILLE PA 19565

LINDA KOPP SAUER 5/28  
31 PARK STREET  
STEVENS PA 17578

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 others born in May

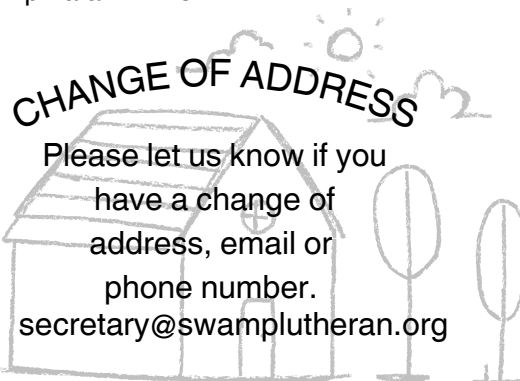
Grady Daub 01  
Anja Ferry 01  
Casey Coble 03  
Jen Weitzel 03  
Eric Artz 08  
Laura Rapp 08  
Taylor McCafferty 10  
Steve Kauffman 11  
Jasa Lorah 11  
Taylor Higgins 14  
Quinton Rineer 16  
Emily Showalter 18



Denise Null 19  
Ray Weitzel 19  
Addison McQuate 22  
Todd Moyer 22  
Kiersten Showalter 24  
Randy Leisey 26  
Greg Diestel 27  
Abbey Rineer 28  
Kaylie Carman 28  
Melodie Fair 29  
William Mulligan 29

### New Address:

Lindsay & Lauren Sauder  
113 Meadow Valley Rd Apt 6  
Ephrata PA 17522



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	

### May Sound Tech Schedule

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

### June Sound Tech Schedule

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

### May Video Schedule

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

### June Video Schedule

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

### May Coffee Schedule

03 Pam Leisey  
10 John Frantz  
17 Ray Weitzel  
24 John Frantz  
31 Deb Sweigert

### May Greeter Schedule

03 Jenny Weitzel  
10 Glenn & Linda Beard  
17 Randy & Pamy Leisey  
24 Larry & Sally Hagy  
31 Deb Sweigert

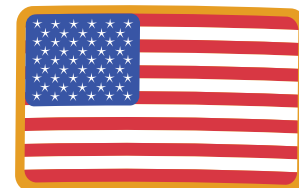
### June Greeter Schedule

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3 8:30am Worship
- May 3 9:45am Sunday School
- May 4 7:00pm Bell Choir
- May 5 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
- May 5 7:00pm Welcome Cmte
- May 6 7:00pm Choir
- May 7 6:30pm Learning Cmte Mtg
- May 10 MOTHER'S DAY
- May 10 8:30am Worship
- May 10 9:45am Sunday School
- May 11 7:00pm Bell Choir
- May 12 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
- May 12 7:00pm Builders of Hope
- May 13 1-4:00pm EASS Food Distribution
- May 13 7:00pm Choir
- May 14 7:00pm Ascension Day Worship
- May 16 2:00pm Bell Choir Chapel Concert
- May 17 8:30am Worship
- May 17 10:00am Habitat for Feathered Friends Community Event
- May 19 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
- May 20 7:30pm Church Council
- May 24 8:30am Worship
- May 25 MEMORIAL DAY/ OFFICE CLOSED
- May 26 7:00pm Cocalico Builders of Hope
- May 28-31 Builders of Hope Strawberry Shortcake Stand @ Adamstown Community Days in the Grove
- May 31 8:30am Worship



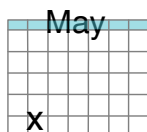
**Philadelphia Phillies** tickets are **sold out**. Ticket holders, please meet at Swamp Church on June 5, 2026 at 2:15pm.



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



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



**May 25** is the deadline for the June 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: Grumbine's Flowers** will now continue delivery of fresh altar flower arrangements through June 2026. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, please sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar. Sue Kreitz 717-283-9444 or John Frantz 717-606-8994.



**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** 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.



**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.



**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.



**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

**Mark your calendars!**

**Reinholds Community Vacation Bible School**

July 12-16 at Reinholds Carnival Grounds,  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
More information to come.



Orders are being taken for **red geraniums for Pentecost**, Sunday May 24 2026. Price is not yet known and the deadline for ordering is Sunday May 10th. Please give the following information to the church office or to Jodi Showalter (717) 413-7149.

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

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

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

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

*Please join us for a free  
afternoon Concert in the Chapel*

# SPRING CONCERT

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HANDBELL CHOIR**

*Under the direction of  
Mr. Doug Kulp*

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
|  
**2:00 pm**

**REINHOLDS STATION  
TRINITY CHAPEL**

114 E. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569



Next Council Meeting  
May 20  
7PM

# Church Council Highlights

## April 15, 2026

**Stay Connected:** we are officially on Instagram! Be sure to follow us @swamplutheran for photos and event reminders.

**Finance:** The Finance Committee is asking for volunteer tellers to assist with Sunday offerings. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the whiteboard by the front entrance.

**Builders of Hope:** Received its first pledge through NAP - A program that offers tax credits to participating businesses. Visit us at Adamstown Community Days from May 28–31 for our annual Strawberry Shortcake fundraiser!

**Disaster Response:** Please keep our team in your prayers as they travel to Asheville, NC, from April 26 to May 2. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising breakfast, which raised \$4,800!

**Community Care:** The Kitchen Krew has been busy, providing food boxes for 161 neighbors and serving over 140 guests during our Palm Sunday and Easter meals.

**Special Collections:** We are asking for donations to support our local Veterans in Lancaster County at the Coatesville VA. They currently need all sizes in T-shirts, body wash and lots of coffee (Ground Bagged or K-Cups). Please help us in supporting our Veterans in May. A collection bin can be found in the Narthex.

**Habitat for Feathered Friends Community Event:** Don't miss our final day of Sunday School on **May 17 at 10:00 AM**. We'll be assembling 50 birdhouse kits and stations including pinecone peanut butter feeders. Followed by hot dogs and refreshments.

**Youth News:** Our youth recently enjoyed a flashlight egg hunt and lock-in; stay tuned for details on an upcoming bowling outing.

**Luncheons:** Our Widow and Widowers group has a great summer lineup, including visits to Udder Choice (June 18), Penguin Hotel (July 23), and Fox Meadow Creamery (August 27).

**Improvements:** The AC replacement project is underway as of April 20. In the Fellowship Hall, a new sound mixer will be installed to ensure our audio is clear for all gatherings.

### 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

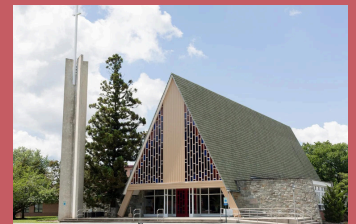
Lee Showalter — Property

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!**

# New Members

## Welcome to our New Members!

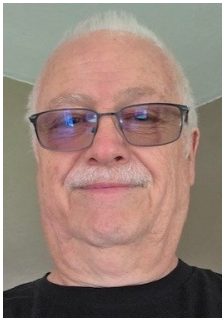


**Avery and Joshua Garrison.** Avery and her dad, Josh, are long-term attenders of Swamp where their mother/wife, Beth, has been a member since childhood. Avery and Josh wanted to make their membership official.

Josh started attending Swamp while dating Beth (nee Ream). They were married in 2004 and are the proud parents of Avery and Delaney (Laney). Josh earned an associate's degree in Life Sciences and is employed at Bayer Consumer Care in Quality Assurance Documentation/Master Batch Record Designer. Josh enjoys family, fishing, gardening, and hiking. On any given Sunday, you can find Josh operating the livestream

Avery is a senior at Easter Lebanon County High School where she is active in Future Farmers of America. Future plans include attending Penn State Berks in the fall, with her last two years at the University Park campus to pursue a degree in agriculture. She is preparing for a career as a High School agriculture teacher. Avery has a part-time job at Dutch Country Ace Hardware and Paint in Myerstown. Her hobbies include family, fishing, reading, FFA, and listening to music.

Josh and Avery list the reason for joining Swamp as it being the family church and Avery enjoys helping Connie Taylor as a worship assistant.



**John Lewandowski, Sr.** John joins Swamp from a hiatus when he attended with his parents, Audrey and Matt.

After graduating from High School, John pursued a career as an Emergency Medical Technician from which he retired. His employment included VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists and Western Berks Ambulance. He enjoys skiing and camping.

John says his reason for joining Swamp is to reconnect to the church where he attended with his parents and to seek spiritual support after the death of his wife.



**Laura, Phyllis and Ralph Vedder.** The Vedders are long-time residents of Adamstown. Phyllis and Ralph are the parents of Laura and her siblings Brian and Steven.

Phyllis earned her BS degree in Medical Technology from Penn State. She is retired from employment in a Quality Control Medical Lab in Reading. Ralph earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. He retired from a career at Carpenter Steel in Reading. As active members of the Adamstown community, Phyllis served with the Adamstown PTA and Adamstown Women's Club. Ralph served on Boro Council and the YMCA Board. Ralph enjoys ping pong and handyman pursuits. Phyllis enjoys cooking and sewing.

Laura earned her BS degree in Kinesiology from Penn State and her Physician's Assistant degree from Wake Forest University. She is employed as a Physician's Assistant with Wellspan Family Practice in Ephrata. She is the mother of Lilly and Violet. Laura's hobbies include guitar, stein glass, outdoors, and animals.

When asked what attracted them to Swamp, the Vedder's listed our all affirming values, location, and friendly people.



Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Swamp Congregation for the generous Secretaries Day gift! The Charcuterie board was delightful and was greatly appreciated! Terri



EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES



REINHOLDS COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. BOX 33 REINHOLDS, PA 17569



March 30, 2026

Dear Neighbor

I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your recent gift to EASS. Over the past several years, EASS has experienced remarkable program growth, and support like yours has made that possible.

Because of generous contributions from donors like you, we have been able not only to meet growing needs of our community through our existing programs, but also to expand and respond as new needs arise. Looking ahead to 2026, EASS is preparing for several significant projects including renovating and expanding additional office space, adding transitional housing properties, and growing our food programs. None of this would be possible without your continued support.

We are also excited to look toward the future of the organization through an upcoming rebrand. This effort will better reflect the full scope of our work and ensure that families throughout the Cocalico School District know that EASS is here to support them with the same care and compassion we provide to our Ephrata neighbors. Serving both Cocalico and Ephrata has been the heart of our mission since 1971. The rebrand simply allows us to make that commitment clearer.

Thank you for your support as we move into 2026. We are grateful to walk into this next chapter together and remain committed to creating a vibrant community for everyone by empowering and connecting neighbors.

Warmest regards,

Casey E Ellis

Casey Ellis, M.S, LNOGC  
Ephrata Area Social Services



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

The crew members of the Reinholds Ambulance would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$500.00 (check # 18688) we received from you recently during our fund drive. It is greatly appreciated! We appreciate all the support we are given by our community.

This donor received no goods or services for this donation.

Reinholds Ambulance

Thank you!



### Pick 6 Update

The Generosity committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous participation in the annual pick 6 campaign during the Lenten season. Here is a list of the contributions through March 31.

- Cocalico Builders of Hope - \$295
- Community Meal - \$305
- Ephrata Area Social Services - \$535
- Hunger Appeal - \$155
- Swamp Lutheran Food Bank - \$865

- Swamp TLC - \$1110
- Disaster Response - \$485
- Non-Designated gifts - \$175
- Jan's Circle of Friends - \$630
- Youth Gathering - \$505

Your continued support of the missions of our church allows us to spread God's love to our neighbors, just as Jesus directed his disciples to do. Thank you again for giving generously.

### Easter Candy Sale

The Easter Candy Sale was a huge success. The total profit was \$4211. We donated \$500 to the Cocalico Builders of Hope and the remainder was put into the General fund. Thank you to all the people who sold candy, bought candy, helped make the candy and helped offset our expenses by their donations. Based on the success, we will be making this an annual fundraiser.

## Financial Statement

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance as of 12/31/25			\$28,149.21
January	\$32,105.86	\$45,416.20	\$14,838.87
February	\$27,800.67	\$27,375.03	\$15,264.51
March	\$44,304.71	\$39,259.82	\$20,309.40

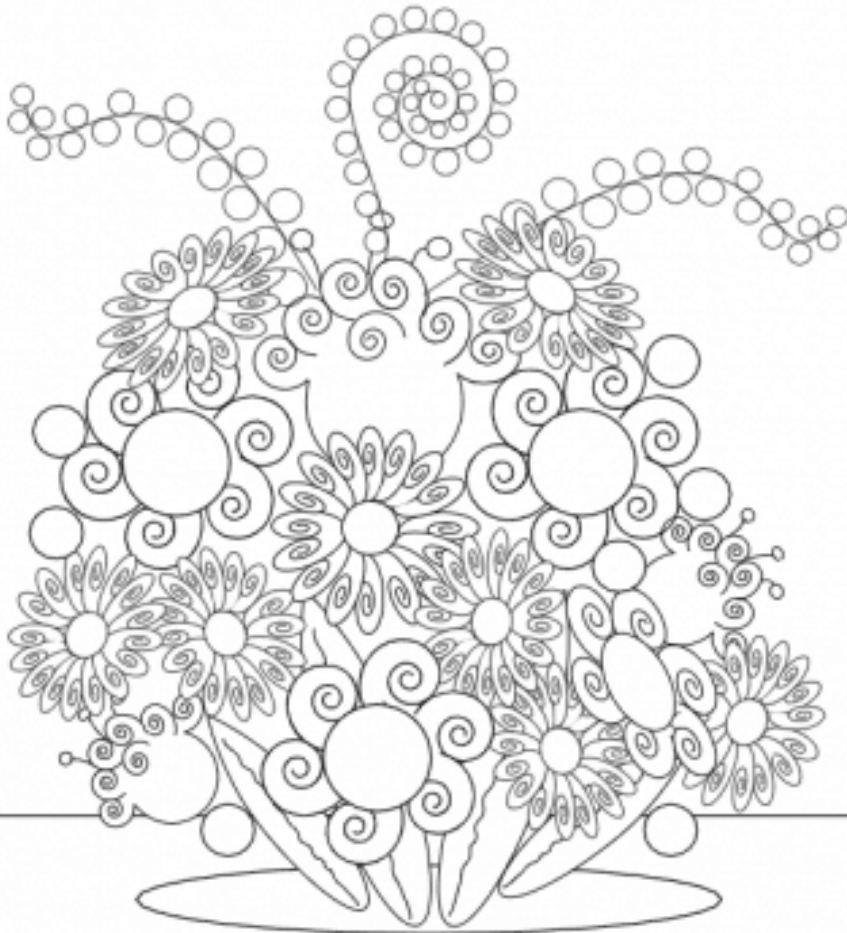
Attention **thrivent**® Financial Members. The Thrivent “Action Teams” program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You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

04/12/2026

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church  
March 2026 Finance Report

Treasurers Report March 2026				
January 2026 - December 2026 / March				
	Mar 2026 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Year-To-Mar Actual
<b>Income</b>	\$ 44,304.71	\$ 313,068.00	14%	\$ 104,211.24
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 39,259.82	\$ 313,068.00	13%	\$ 112,051.05
> OPERATIONS	\$ 4,865.61	\$ 50,940.00	10%	\$ 17,522.36
> ADMINISTRATION	\$ 9,290.93	\$ 19,800.00	47%	\$ 11,538.11
> BENEFITS	\$ 3,720.55	\$ 37,669.00	10%	\$ 11,115.75
> THROUGH STAFF	\$ 12,074.92	\$ 148,169.00	8%	\$ 35,444.76
> REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,144.81
> YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	50%	\$ 400.00
> PROPERTY	\$ 2,911.84	\$ 20,100.00	14%	\$ 20,275.77
> WORSHIP	\$ 1,030.14	\$ 6,500.00	16%	\$ 1,564.34
> SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 276.67
> COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 559.83	\$ 200.00	280%	\$ 680.48
> GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ -
> WELCOME	\$ -	\$ 3,050.00	0%	\$ -
> LEARNING	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0%	\$ -
> BENEVOLENCES	\$ 4,406.00	\$ 22,940.00	19%	\$ 12,088.00

# Honor your mother



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