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Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, PA 17569

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STAFF

MINISTERS:

Congregation

PASTOR:

Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

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Brenda Johnston

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Susan Kreitz

ASSISTANT ORGANIST

Grady Daub

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

SEXTON

IN PERSON WORSHIP
SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:30AM

TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE

1. Watch live stream video on YouTube
2. Join us inside for in person worship



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

OCTOBER 2023

From Pastor Scott

Human "Doings" or Human "Beings?"

It seems life keeps speeding up. With every time-saving technological advance, it seems things speed up even more, creating new stress in our lives to keep up. If you are like me, your life is busier than you prefer. Sure, you like to do all the many activities with which you and your family are involved. Sports, school activities, etc. Or just as likely, you feel imprisoned to them. I have to _____ (fill in the blank). You may be telling yourself: "I don't want to disappoint my kids or spouse, etc."

All this busyness we subject ourselves to makes me wonder: Are we "human doings" or "human beings?" I mean, is there a focus and purpose to all this busyness? Are we just chasing some abstract notion of fleeting happiness that only leaves us feeling more empty, tired, and alienated?

I propose that what is needed is to reconnect with God in worship. As Jesus puts it, ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30.

In worship, we speak truth to ourselves and one another. We are reminded of powerful truths. That Jesus is our hope and our peace. That we are chosen, not forsaken. We are reminded of who he is and who we are in him. In a culture that communicates a very different message, it is essential for us to be reminded of these foundational truths.

We all want to belong. However, at the current time there is an epidemic of loneliness in this country. Recent studies have shown that we are hyperconnected but disconnected and we have fewer non-virtual friends than ever before. In worship, we are reminded that we are not alone. That we belong to a beautiful family, the family of God.

The reality is that we are either in a storm or will be in one soon. When we gather, we are reminded that, during our storm, we are not alone. That God is with us, and we have a community walking alongside of us as well.

When we gather as the people of God there is something special that occurs, which is why we are told in the Scriptures to continue to do so. When we gather, we are reminded that we are a part of a greater family. We can connect with God and breathe life into one another. We are refreshed and revitalized so we can then go out to the places where God has strategically and intentionally placed us to live out his mission.

Be a human "being." Make worship the foundation of your week, not something to fit in if you have time. Come, be fed and strengthened in worship to face the coming week. "Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 46:10a.

See you in Church and Sunday School!

In Christ,

Pastor Scott



October 1	11:30AM	Crop Walk
October 3	7:00PM	Welcome Committee
October 8	11:45AM	Blessing of Pets
October 11	1:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
October 12	6:30PM	Learning Committee
October 16	6:00PM	Service Committee
October 18	7:00PM	Church Council
October 20	All Day	Pig Stomach Preparation
October 21	1:00PM-4:00PM	Pig Stomach Takeout
October 24	7:00PM	Homes of Hope
October 28	7:00AM	Disaster Response Breakfast
October 29	5:00PM-8:00PM	SLY Fall Fest
November 5	<i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</i>	
November 12	8:30AM	Polka Worship Service
November 19	5:00PM-8:00PM	SLY Thanksgiving Meal
December 3	10:15AM	Hanging of the Greens
December 10	7:00PM	Night of Music
December 16	TBD	Wreaths Across America
December 24	7:00PM	Christmas Eve Service

Next Council Meeting
October 18, 2023



SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UP- GRADE

LIFT UP YOUR VOICES PLEDGE

Pledge Cards are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. one time gift or a weekly, monthly, quarterly pledge is welcome. Feel free to call or email the office if you want a pledge card mailed to you.



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Easy on line giving is also available by using this QR code : **GOAL \$20,000**



Breakfast

Come join us for fellowship, good food and an opportunity to assist with the **Lutheran Disaster Response Trips** Pastor Glenn Beard leads on an annual basis.

7:00AM-10:00AM

October 28

Swamp Social Hall

Admission By Donation . Bring your friends and family! **COME EAT!**

Church Office Requests



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 new 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 Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Katie Houck
 Hunter Leisey
 Susan Levan
 Clair Sweigart
 Family of Charles Hoppman
 Michael Wargo
 Jan Lorah
 Jean Wolf
 John Frantz
 Ray Fox
 Honey Notobartolo
 Sandy Clemens
 Family of Joan Reinecker
 Family of Jerry Howe 's father

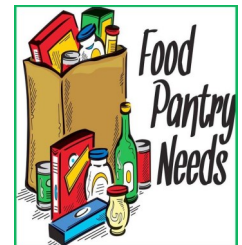
Ed Miller
 Nettie Kriener
 Grace Ranck
 Reba Ranck
 Faith Moyer
 Gene Miller
 John Wesner
 Kelly Martin
 Pastor Jim Miller
 Jackson Sensenig
 John Elser
 Edie Snyder
 Michael A. Crowther
 Joan Long

Shirley Achey
 Russ Herbein
 Marilyn Gelsing
 Doreen McGonnell
 Bobby Hershey
 Anna Hershey
 Kenny Rauch
 Anna Habecker
 J.J. Johnson
 Charles Moyer
 Sharon Levan
 Lucille Lorah
 Robert Bachman

Teresa Sweigart
 Mel & Troy Ulrich
 Janey Malafarina-West
 Brandon Bailey
 Caitlin DePaul
 Family of Bill Fetter
 Family of Barry Weitzel



Swamp Food Pantry & Ephrata Area Social Services continue on a monthly cycle to partner with food distribution. Monthly on the second Wednesday we distribute food boxes on behalf of EASS. We are so grateful to the congregation for their continued support of this outreach. Currently, there is an urgent need of canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat & chicken, noodles, pasta, canned pasta, soups, cereal and toilet paper. Thank you!



ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers
 Ministry Opportunity

Grumbine Flowers, is providing our weekly altar flowers and candle. The flower price is \$40.00 and the candle price is \$5.00. The flower calendar is posted on the Narthex bulletin board or call Joyce at 717-336-7077.

Flowers available on October 1
 Candle available October 15, 22, & 29

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Your Council met Wednesday, September 20th. Highlights include:

Love, Inc: The Steak sandwich fund raiser will be held November 11th at St. John's UCC in Denver.

Service: They will participate in God's Work, Our Hands today, September 24th.

Swamp will hold its own CROP Walk, October 1 to raise funds to combat hunger locally and around the world. To participate, get your packets from Sue Ellen Knauer, Jodi Showalter or Pastor Brubaker.

The community meal will be held October 12th.

Kitchen Krew: Our Food Bank provided food for 22 families in September.

34 folks for lunch and 34 folks for supper were served at the Women of ELCA convention

84 folks were served at Joan Reinecker's funeral luncheon.

Ninety folks were served at the church picnic.

Upcoming October events

Community meal October 12

Pig Stomach take out October 21

Disaster Trip Breakfast October 28

Welcome: The dunk tank at the picnic raised \$437 for the Youth Gathering.

Youth Ministry:

Upcoming events

Crop Walk October 1

Fall Fest October 29

Thanksgiving Meal November 19

Hospitality baskets December 1

Wreaths across America December 16

Youth Gathering

The Touch A Truck food sale raised \$577 toward the event. Three youth helped at the stand.

The Youth gathering will be held July 16-20 in New Orleans. They are asking interested youth to pay \$100 deposit by October 15.

Eligible youth are folks going into grades 9-12.

Look for more fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

Next Council Meeting

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CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 Continued

Learning: Touch A Truck event had 18 vehicles and 63 youngsters in attendance.

Vacation Bible School recap:

Attendance was 203 children per night

83 volunteers

Kids from 37 different churches were represented

Other items discussed: The performance at the Women of ELCA convention by the Bell Choir, also known as “Doug’s Ding-a-lings”, can be viewed on our Youtube channel.

The advertised sexton position has received 4 applications and the personnel committee will review.

A committee is being formed to do a study of our worship service times and formats. This will not be a quick study. If you are interested in serving on this committee, see Lori

The Syrian family and Swamp’s efforts were discussed. More info about the family will be presented at a later time.

The Phillies are in a great position for a Wild card spot! Keep Cheering!
Let’s go Phils!



POINSETTIAS

It is that time of the year again to consider your holiday orders for poinsettias and cyclamens. Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) will be handling the orders. Pricing will not be known until sometime later in October. Jodi or the church office should be contacted with questions. The following information needs to be provided. Deadline for ordering is November 26.

NAME _____ Phone Number _____

Poinsettias RED _____ WHITE _____

In Memory of

In Honor of

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CONNIE TAYLOR 10/1
45 CARDINAL DRIVE
STEVENS, PA 17578

LARRY KRAMER 10/2
2685 HEIDELBERG AVE.
NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073

MARY ANNE WEITZEL 10/4
MENNONITE HOME
1520 HARRISBURG PIKE
LANCASTER, PA 17601

BARBARA NICHOLAS 10/16
LUTHER ACRES
200 St. LUKE DR. # 124
LITITZ, PA. 17543

GLENN BEARD 10/22
300 ST. MARK AVE. APT. 1117
LUTHER ACRES
LITITZ, PA 17543

EDITH SNYDER 10/23
EPHRATA MANOR PC 107b
99 BETHANY ROAD
EPHRATA, PA 17522

CLAIR SWEIGART 10/31
120 WOODCHUCK DRIVE
EPHRATA, PA 17522



Connie Taylor	01
Melissa Troutman	01
Larry Kramer	02
Connie Malafarina	02
Danielle Witmer	02
Rachel Roseboro	03
Emily Oropollo	04
Courtney Pannebecker	04
Brian Koehle	05
Tom Laudenslager	05
Rolf Eckenroad	07
Jennifer Reimer	11
Jodi Showalter	12
Bonnie Trout	12
Nichole Weitzel	13
Barb Nicholas	16
Julie Witmer	16
Scott Zook	16
Darrick Keppley	17
Kaitlyn Martzall	18
Glenn Beard	22
Richard Shirk	23
Edie Snyder	23
Chris Chirigos	23
Annie McQuate	26
Lisa Sweigert	26
Donna Glover	27
Ryan Ranck	27
Achilles Salas	28
Garrett Strunk	29
Nick Ferry	29
Krista Pannebecker	31
Clair Sweigart	31

LWR SCHOOL KIT PROJECT

Thank you to our Swamp congregation for your overwhelming support of our school kit project. Thanks to your faithful and kind generosity, Swamp will deliver 120 school kits to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. In addition, the congregation from Swamp will send the 50 personal care kits assembled earlier this year. Many thanks to all for your amazing generosity!



OCTOBER 8, 2023

11:45AM

On the Portico side of the church, Pastor Scott will give a blessing over your animals. All are welcome.



Please put these changes in your pictorial directory.

Please let us know if you have change of address, email or phone number.

secretary@swamplutheran.org

John Elser
Ephrata Manor Personal Care
99 Bethany Road #119
Ephrata, Pa 17522
717-738-7419



Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Charles Moyer
Leona Showalter
Anna Adams
Pastor Jim Miller
Edie Snyder
John Elser



Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com



TAKE NOTE

October 7	Corn Maze
October 13	Fall Outpost
October 27	Halloween Campout



BLESSING BAGS – To honor our veterans this year we are asking the congregation to purchase items from the provided list to assemble into “Blessing Bags” for Homeless Veterans in our area. Please bring your purchased donations to the church by October 29 and leave in the library. Feedback from this same outreach last year is one of great appreciation. A small token of our appreciation for the

service of our veterans. Bags to be distributed on Veterans Day. Items needed are:

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| Hunting Hand Warmers | Small mirror | Lip balm |
| Small bottle Hand Sanitizer | Thermal shirts | |
| Small toothbrush & toothpaste | Flannel shirts | |
| Warm socks – can be wool | Warm scarf | |
| Gloves | Warm hat | |
| Small Shaving Cream | Deodorant | |
| Razor | Weather Proof Blankets | |

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

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

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Danielle Kauffman - Communications
Sue Ellen Knauer - Constitution;
Personnel
Lee Showalter –Disaster Response
Guy Templin - Finance
Deb Sweigert –Love, Inc.
Randy Krater - Property
Tom Showalter-Safety & Security
Pastor Scott Brubaker - Scouts
Deb Kohl– Service
Fritz Fichtner – Generosity
Jen Weitzel - Welcome; Learning
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.

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



KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED

The VA Hospital has advised the church that they can not accommodate any more lap robes at the moment. In the meantime, we have been advised by a number of nursing homes that the need of prayer shawls continues. So we are asking that our knitters and crocheters will change their focus once again to go back to making Prayer Shawls. Your donations can be left in the library. Thank you to all who continue to work on this outreach.

Aug. 21, 2023



To our church family,
With a heart of gratitude I wish to thank our church family at Swamp. Hosting this Women of the ELCA Convention was a huge endeavor and could not be completed without all my brothers and sisters.

Thank you to host Pastor Scott, church secretary Brenda, Sue Kreitz organist, Guy Templin, John Frantz, Lori Gockley, Kitchen Krew, Ruth Kramer, Doug Kulp and Handbell Choir, Jan Risser, Deb Kohl, Kathy and Alan Worley, the set-up and tear-down crews, and our church family who gave their support in many ways!!

Your generosity in providing Gift cards for seminary students along with the other churches and individuals totaled almost \$2100. Tangible food items totaled 314. We were told there is a great need and we thank you.

Romans 12: 6-8 exemplifies these gifts. Thank you all!!!

God's blessings,

Sally Hagy and Lower Susquehanna SWO Women of the ELCA

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On September 14, 2023, we celebrated those who have been members of Swamp Lutheran Church for 50 years by presenting each with a certificate. This is a long standing tradition of the church that fell behind with COVID and the transition of pastors. Now we are current through 1972 and urge you to keep the office informed as you reach your 50 year mark of membership. Those who received certificates are:

Larry and Sally Hagy, Linda Kopp Sauer, Deb Sweigert, Susan Shirk, Debbie Carvel, Linda Gockley Mohn, Deb Myers, Tom Showalter, Brian Binkley, John and Sharon Levan, Lori Gockley, Ruth Kramer, Ray Weitzel, Howard and Linda Ream and Jane Leshner.

A Mark of Faithfulness

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

Treasurers Report

Aug 01, 2023 through Aug 31, 2023

Account	Budgets August 2023	Actuals August 2023	Remaining
Income	\$ 26,679.25	\$ 21,420.27	\$ 5,258.98
Expense	\$ 25,896.74	\$ 23,199.14	\$ 2,697.60
OPERATIONS	\$ 3,745.82	\$ 2,689.69	\$ 1,056.13
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,641.66	\$ 1,301.41	\$ 340.25
BENEFITS	\$ 2,590.41	\$ 2,717.72	\$ (127.31)
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 9,125.50	\$ 9,175.50	\$ (50.00)
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ (320.00)
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 66.67	\$ -	\$ 66.67
PROPERTY	\$ 5,026.66	\$ 6,368.53	\$ (1,341.87)
WORSHIP	\$ 562.50	\$ 565.34	\$ (2.84)
SERVICE	\$ 83.34	\$ -	\$ 83.34
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GENEROSITY	\$ 41.67	\$ -	\$ 41.67
WELCOME	\$ 466.68	\$ 60.95	\$ 405.73
LEARNING	\$ 437.50	\$ -	\$ 437.50
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,091.66	\$ -	\$ 2,091.66
Income less Expense	\$ 782.51	\$ (1,778.87)	\$ 2,561.38

We are grateful for our Sunday School teachers and Youth & Adult Leaders who continue to guide, teach and inspire the members of our church. We recognize and thank the following volunteers for their commitment to the youth and adults of our church being instructed in God's Word.

Nursery	Danielle Kauffman
Pre-K—K	Jenny Weitzel
1st—3rd	Connie Malafarina
4th –5th	Debbie Carvell, Connie Taylor
6th-9th	Abbey Rineer, Hailey Ranck, Jodi Showalter
High School & SLY	Kristin Gockley, Ryan Ranck, Hailey Ranck, Pastor Scott
Adult	Guy Templin, Pastor Scott, Randy Krater

TEACH
 encourage
 instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
 influence
GUIDE
 INSPIRE

THANK YOU

Meet the Alahmad Family

Jihad Hamid Alahmad and his wife, Snaa Mohammad Ali, escaped the turmoil in Syria 13 years ago. They traveled to Jordan where they lived 13 years in a refugee camp before they traveled to the US in July of this year. Jihad and Snaa are the proud parents of eight children, 5 girls and 3 boys, aged 16 to 3. (two of the children are not in the above picture).



Caught by surprise, the situation

remains fluid. This spring, Pastor Scott had been working to explore the possibility of Swamp Lutheran supporting a Ukrainian family escaping the war in their home country. Bethany Christian Services, the refugee resettlement agency handling Lancaster County for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), didn't have a family for us to readily support. Instead, they asked us to Co-sponsor a Syrian family coming in late July from Jordan. Church council voted on June 28 to authorize Pastor Scott to form a committee of interested individuals to Co-sponsor a Syrian family.

Weeks went by without contact from Bethany. Well, as fate would have it, as Pastor Scott was working to engage congregation members who might be interested in helping and forming a team to support a co-sponsorship arrangement, the Alahmad family arrived several weeks sooner than expected. With only days of advanced notice, the family would arrive around 11 pm on July 20 at the Lancaster airport by minivans from JFK airport in New York City. The request was, "Could your team help to transport the family to their temporary residence in a half-house along route 30 in Paradise, PA?" "I don't know, we haven't yet been able to form a team. I will ask those who expressed interest in this project," said Pastor Scott.

Pastor Scott reached out to Ray and Jenny Weitzel, who had previously expressed interest in supporting a refugee family following Richard List's (Bethany Christian Services) temple talk in June. They agreed to join Pastor Scott in transporting the family to their temporary Paradise home. They were met at the airport by Jaelyn (Bethany social worker) and Sarah (Arabic translator). Tired and a bit disoriented, the family arrived later than expected with all their earthly possessions in the few bags of luggage they brought with them and moved into their temporary three-bedroom home.

Since this time, Ruth Kramer and Gaile Gehman have joined Swamp's team in providing weekly transportation to the grocery store and to needed/required medical appointments. Swamp's Food Pantry is also supporting the family.

Where we are now (changes almost daily). The family's process of obtaining more permanent housing has been complicated by the difficulty in locating affordable housing for a family of 10. Thankfully, a four-bedroom rental in Lancaster has been found and the family will move-in sometime in October.

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The team has also been working with Bethany's social worker and the family to secure the proper ID for Jihad that would allow him to obtain a driver's license which will enable him to open a bank account and secure employment.

What's next? When the family moves into their new apartment, they will likely need furniture and help with the move. Also, getting Jihad his driver's license, a vehicle, and a job are on the to do list.

Ways to help.

Help to move the family when it is time for them to move.

Donate furniture for the new house they will be renting.

Volunteer to provide transportation.

Donate financially. Checks written to Swamp Lutheran with "Syrian Family" in the memo line will be dedicated to helping the family with needed items like household items.

Background Information on Refugees and the Co-sponsorship model.

<https://bethany.org/co-sponsorship> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nelNY052I-M>

Short videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzjcp7Ok_mA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55d7rlwrAqg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTiANYXz3mY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obExOgDTREY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiXf3OfMJPY>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQxXQcpHHfM&list=PLM4n7LTIBlwZVQbqQpeeU3iihHA1HjVW0m)

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Refugee vs. Asylum Seeker vs. Migrant (legal definitions)

A **refugee** is an individual who flees their country of origin out of fear for their safety and is unwilling or unable to return to that country due to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, sex, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political affiliation. Refugees, like the Alahmad family, receive their legal status *prior* to arriving on US soil. Refugees coming to the US have been vetted and selected by the United Nations to settle in the US and are vetted again by the US government prior to their arrival. Each year, fewer than 1 percent of applicants are referred for resettlement.

An **asylum seeker** is someone who also flees their country of origin out of fear for their safety and is unwilling or unable to return to that country due to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, sex, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political affiliation and they are now seeking asylum in the United States. That is, they crossed the US border and are seeking protection and legal status *after* entering the US.

A **migrant** is an individual staying outside of their country of origin who is not a refugee or asylum seeker. These individuals may have left their home countries for the same reasons as refugees and asylum seekers or they may have left to work, study, or join family living in another country. Migrants may be in a given country legally (Visa) or illegally.

To learn more: <https://bethany.org/resources/learn-the-facts-about-refugees>

Overview of Syrian Civil war and the humanitarian crisis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=az3jS6vzCPM>

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Newsletter Submission
NOVEMBER
Monday
October 22

SWAMP'S CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 1, 2023 STARTING 11:30AM

GET YOUR PACKETS FROM JODI SHOWALTER, SUE KNAUER OR PASTOR
JOIN US AS WE HELP END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP Hunger Walks Transform Communities



Follow Along

Follow us on social media to raise awareness, encourage action, and stay informed!

#CROPHungerWalk    

PHOTOS: TOP-SEAN HAWKEY, MIDDLE-SHANLEY STUDIO

Make a Difference

Every dollar you receive or donate to the CROP Hunger Walk is powerful in the fight to end hunger. Here is an example of what your gift could mean to a community in need:

\$22 =  **200 BABY FISH**
Provides a great source of nutrition

\$90 =  **COFFEE BEANS**
Equips farmers with a resilient coffee crop

\$250 =  **BEEKEEPING SUITS**
Two suits to protect beekeepers while tending to the hives and collecting honey

\$950 =  **SEEDLINGS**
Coffee beans, cocoa beans and several types of resilient fruit and tree seedlings for two community nurseries

Get Involved

Register at crophungerwalk.org and invite others to support your passion to end hunger. Not able to make it to the Walk? You can still raise funds online!

Make an even bigger difference by joining a Walk planning team or by starting a Walk in your community or church. Contact your Walk representative for more information: **888-297-2767**.

(Put label with local Walk info here)



888-CWS-CROP | PO Box 968 | Elkhart, IN 46515 | crophungerwalk.org
PH 919C



What is the CROP Hunger Walk?

CROP Hunger Walks are community-led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Everyone is welcome to join!

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people could walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to show solidarity and to bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change.

From its birth in 1969, CWS-sponsored CROP Hunger Walks have grown to include walkers of all ages, faiths and backgrounds in more than 500 communities throughout the U.S.

The CROP Hunger Walk is the only nationwide Walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally.

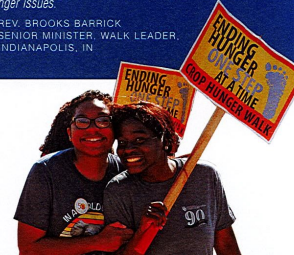


"The CROP Hunger Walk is the 'heart and soul' of this community. Our walk demonstrates our community at its best."
- AARON NELSON
CEO, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CHAPEL HILL, NC

"CROP Hunger Walks are a heartfelt and meaningful service-learning opportunity; students gain a global awareness even as they raise important funds for local and global development."
- CATHERINE FAUGHNAN
FORMER WALK INTERN, CORTLAND, NY

"At our walk, you see a variety of ages walking from an infant to a 95-year-old. It is exciting to see the power of inclusion while we raise awareness and funding for local and world hunger issues."

- REV. BROOKS BARRICK
SENIOR MINISTER, WALK LEADER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Why We Walk



Local

Partner with and support 1,600 local food banks and soup kitchens - Gather in solidarity with others in your own community to end hunger and poverty.



Global

Show solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water. Support individuals impacted by poverty and disaster through CWS.

The Impact

CROP Hunger Walkers raise more than **\$6 million** annually to bring help and hope to those who need it most.



Support 1,600 US-based hunger-fighting organizations
PHOTO: PHIL JEFFREY



Water systems and increased access to safe drinking water
PHOTO: PHIL JEFFREY



Tools and training to help families grow the food they need
PHOTO: SHANLEY STUDIO



Livestock to give families food security and economic stability
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500 WALKS

107,000 HUNGER FIGHTERS
ALL WITH ONE GOAL:
BUILDING A WORLD
—WHERE THERE IS—

enough for all

GENEROSITY MINUTE

A harvest of sufficiency, contentment, and generosity

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

–Leviticus 19:9-10

“What I earn is mine, ALL mine, to do with what I want.” That’s the message our culture tells us again and again. Yet the Leviticus 19:9-10 clearly tells us that the “mine, all mine” attitude existed some 2,500 years ago as well. It’s hard-wired into us.

Our sinful human nature leads us to claim all we can for ourselves, which is why for thousands of years and up to the present God has called faithful people to live a better way. In this passage, “the Lord your God” instructs farmers and vintners to harvest only once, and not to the very edges of their land, and to leave the remnants of the harvest to the poor and the foreigner – people on the margins scavenging for their daily bread.

The teaching encourages landowners to find sufficiency in their first harvest, to be content that their needs are met, and then be generous with what is left over. Today, Leviticus 19:9-10 challenges us whose “harvests” of income are more than sufficient to satisfy our immediate needs. Do we have to take it all? What can we give for the needy?

In this traditional season of harvest, what blessings can you count from the last year? (Take a few minutes to prayerfully consider this and make a list). Does your harvest more than adequately meet your needs?

Now prayerfully consider how much you can generously “leave” for the needy? Consider this in making a year-end contribution to your congregation, or in determining a pledge for 2024.

--Rob Blezard

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Gently Used Sneakers Needed. Cub Pack 95 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. The sneakers will be purchased from the Cubs by an organization that resells or recycles them, saving landfill space and natural resources while helping the Scouts raise money to fund their activities. The Cubs are **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 Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com

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Harvest Home

The Sunday School classes are collecting items for our food pantry for Harvest Home from now through Sunday October 29. The students invite the congregation to help. Please put donations in the Harvest Home boxes at the front/back door. All items will be displayed on Sunday October 29.

Items Needed:

- Paper supplies - tissues, toilet paper, paper towel
- Canned goods - soup, vegetables, fruit
- Canned meat - tuna, spam, chicken
- Pasta - Mac n cheese, any noodle variety

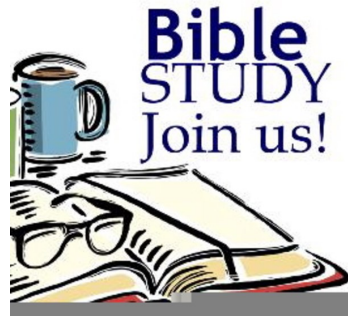
WHOLE PIG STOMACH TAKE OUT

- Date:** October 21, 2023
- Time:** 1:00-4:00 pick up
- Cost:** \$29.00
- Pre-Order by:** October 16, 2023



Call church office: 717.336.2849,

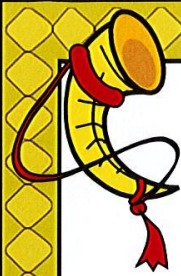
Pick up at Swamp Lutheran Church - Under Portico
Whole Cooked Pig Stomachs only



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

Starting Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00PM, Pastor Scott will lead a ZOOM Bible Study. Our study this year will focus on the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday. Look for a weekly email with the Zoom Link.

**FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS
BUT DON'T BE SURPRISED
WHEN GOD HANDS YOU A SHOVEL**



Coded Words for The Fall of Jericho

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

23 1 12 12 19

13 1 18 3 8

9 19 18 1 5 12

10 15 19 8 21 1

20 18 21 13 16 5 20 19

God is _____ .
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