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Swamp Lutheran Church 275 Swamp Church Rd Reinholds, PA 17569

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Congregation

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Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

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Brenda Johnston

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Susan Kreitz

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Grady Daub

BELL CHOIR

Doug Kulp

SEXTON

IN PERSON WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:30AM

TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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



Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 2023

From Pastor Scott

The below story is courtesy of Pastor Trout who found it in his "stuff" and thought we might enjoy a little reminder about focusing on God.

A man went to the Pastor of his church and said, "I won't be attending church anymore." Pastor said, "May I ask why?" He said, "I see people on their cell phones texting and typing during the service, some are gossiping, some just aren't living right, some are sleeping, some are staring at me, they are all just hypocrites." The Pastor was silent. Then he said, "Can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?" He said, "Sure what's that?" He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the church two times and don't let any water fall out of the glass." He said, "Yes, I can do that!" He went and got the glass of water and walked around the church two times. He came back and said proudly "It's done." The Pastor asked him these questions:

> "Did you see anybody on their phone?" "Did you see anybody gossiping?" "Was anybody living wrong?" "Did you see anybody sleeping?"

He said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't spill out." The Pastor said to him, "When you come to church, you should be just that focused on God so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said, 'Follow Me', he did not say 'follow them'."

Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are with God. AMEN

written by Claire Noonan, DMin

In our current divisive social and political environment, this story is a good reminder that God seeks our focus and attention on our relationship with him. Let us all put aside distractions and judging and seek a closer relationship with our God.

In Christ, *Pastor Scott*



September 10	II:00AM	God's Work. Our Hands Lunch
	I 2:00PM	God's Work, Our Hands Project
September II	7:00PM	Handbell Choir Resumes
September 13	I:00PM	EASS Food Distribution
	7:00PM	Choir Resumes
September 14	II:30AM	Widow/Widowers Luncheon
		Udders Choice, Ephrata
September 17	10:00AM	Touch–a-Truck
September 23	I 2:00PM	Cub Scout Bike Rodeo
September 24	8:00AM & 9:00AM	Return to two Worship Services
	10:15AM	Sunday School Resumes

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

Next Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

LIFT UP YOUR VOICES PLEDGE

Pledge Cards are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. A 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Flowers are available September 3 and 24th Candle is available September 3, 17, and 24th

Love Singing Come join the Swamp Choir



Practice Resumes on Wednesday, September 13 7:00PM

Call Sue Kreitz with questions, 717-283-9444 Thank you to all who participate!

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Church Office Requests



Please call the church office at 717-336-2849 when: \Box 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. \Box You are confined

to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.

 \Box You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home. in your family status of a group or commit-(birth, death, marriage, or divorce).

 \Box 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. \Box You schedule a □ There is a change meeting or an event tee. 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 Joan Long Hunter Leisey Susan Levan Clair Sweigart Charles Hoppman Michael Wargo Jan Lorah lean Wolf John Frantz Ray Fox Honey Notobartolo Sandy Clemens Russ Herbein

Ed Miller Nettie Kriener Grace Ranck Reba Ranck Faith Moyer Gene Miller John Wesner Kelly Martin Pastor Jim Miller **Bruce Wagner Beaty Gress Robert Shank** Jackson Sensenig John Elser

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Teresa Sweigart Mel & Troy Ulrich Family of Joan Reinecker Janey Malafarina-West **Brandon Bailey** Prayer Requests

Ephrata Area Social Services and Swamp Lutheran Church 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 a shortage of canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat & chicken, noodles, pasta, canned pasta, soups, and toilet paper. Thank you!





The Swamp Lutheran Handbell Choir will be starting their 22nd 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. 11 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 or any member of the Bell Choir for more information. Hope you can join us as we begin our new season!.

Doug 717-333-5744

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
AUGUST 16, 2023

Your Council met Wednesday August 16th. Highlights include:

Love, Inc: The family is doing well and has been granted another one month extension until they can find affordable housing.

Service: They will participate in God's Work, Our Hands on September 10th.

Lunch at 11 and then off to the project sites by noon. There is still time to sign up.

Swamp will hold its own CROP Walk, October 1st, 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.

Next Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

Kitchen Krew: Our Food Bank provided food for 25 families in July and 23 families in August.

Welcome: The church picnic will be held August 27 following the 8:30 service. It will be a brunch menu and the entertainment will be <u>The Bell Bottoms.</u> Doug Kulp and band will start playing around 10:15.

A dunk tank will also be on site. Pastor Brubaker will be in the tank. The money from the dunk tank will go toward the youth gathering in 2024.
Dress up in 60's attire. Prizes awarded for best dressed!

Learning: Touch A Truck will be held September 17 from 10-12pm. Food and beverage will be available by donation by Swamp youth.

Property: The roof, patio and pylon are being pressure washed.

The replacement glass for the front door has arrived and will be installed.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 16, 2023 Continued

Disaster Response: An all you can eat breakfast will be held here on October 28th from 7-10am to support Pastor Glenn Allen Beard's North Lancaster Conference Disaster Trip.

Scouts: August 20th at 5:30 they will have a rocket launch with Pack 61 here at Swamp.

August 28th will be their first meeting.

- September 17th they will have a table at the Touch A Truck event.
- September 23 at noon, they will have a bike rodeo. Flyers are on the bulletin board.
- Scouts will be selling Weaver's sub tickets from September I Ith till Oct. 2.

Youth Ministry: Upcoming Events:

September 11	God's Work, Our Hands
October I	CROP walk
October 29	Fall Fest
November 19	Thanksgiving meal
December 3	Hospitality Baskets
December 16	Wreaths Across America

Other items discussed: Reinholds Community Bible School was a success. The average attendance each night was 210 folks.

The upgraded sound system and Live-streaming are now active. We are live-streaming this service. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the \$20,000 cost of the system and see the progress, pledge cards and progress charts are in the Narthex.

The Phillies continue their quest to return to the World Series again this year! They currently are on top of the Wild Card Standings.

LET'S GO PHILS!!

Page 6 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BETTY KAUFFMAN 20 LANE ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	9/1	SHARON LEVAN 208 Hawthorne Ct. N Reading, PA 19610	9/15
JOYCE STONER 720 S. COCALICO ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	9/3	JANET BINGAMAN 580 GOCKLEY RD STEVENS, PA 17678	9/22
LARRY EBERLY 115 DURLACH HILL ROAD STEVENS, PA 17578	9/3	STEVE LAUDENSLAGER 7 GARVIN ROAD DENVER, PA 17517	9/23
PAT WEITZEL 429 N. STATE ST. EPHRATA, PA 17522	9/8	BONNIE KOEHLE-KOON 195 HOLLOW ROAD REINHOLDS, PA 17569	9/25
DAVID KRAMER PO BOX 161 REINHOLDS, PA 17569	9/13	DENNIS HABECKER 637 N 11 TH AVENUE LEBANON, PA 17046	9/27
LEONA SHOWALTER GARDENS AT STEVENS #1 ⁻ 400 LANCASTER AVE STEVENS, PA 17578	9/14 12		

DRIVERS NEEDED

From time to time members of our congregation need help with rides for various reasons. We need VOLUNTEERS for this outreach. Please call the office and let Brenda know that you are willing to be put on an available driver list.



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



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Morgan Higgins

Morgan Higgins	01
Betty Kauffman	01
Caitlin Ranck	01
Ned Marini	02
Larry Eberly	03
Joyce Stoner	03
Katie Koehle	04
Dana Shugarts	06
Stacey Artz	07
Barb Eckenroad	08
Molli Smith	08
Barry Donmoyer	08
Pat Weitzel	08
Tyler Keppley	09
Deb Leed	09
Ryelee Martin	09
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Travis Leed	10
Delphine Weitzel	10
Pam Sweigart	
Brian Binkley	
Sarah Zook	11
Matt Showalter	12
Kendra Carman	13
Carson Bansner	13
David Kramer	13
Troy Pannebecker	14
Leona Showalter	14
Sharon Levan	15
Jake Diestel	16
Robert Bingaman	17
Hunter Leisey	17
Amy Martzall	18
David Sauder	19
John Lorah	20
Janet Bingaman	22
Elise Higgins	22
Steve Laudenslager	23
Shawna McQuate	23
Justin Jones	24
Antonio Sensenig	24
Brian Walmer	24
Nolan Weitzel	24
Gary Coble	25
Bonnie Koehle-Koon	25
Denny Habecker	27
Deb Kohl	29
Lori Donmoyer	29
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Questions may be addressed to Cubmaster Travis Leed at 717-381-1608 or email at pack95reinholds@gmail.com





TAKE NOTE

September 12

September 17 10:00AM-12:00PM Denver Fair

Touch-a-Truck, Swamp

September 23

12:00PM

Bike Rodeo, Swamp



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.



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!

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

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED

It has come to our attention that patients at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon need Lap Robes. The size of the Lap Robe needed is **3.5' x 5'** and may be knitted, crocheted, or made of fleece. Since the Lap Robes are sent home with the patient when they leave the VA, there is an ongoing need for them. If you cur-

rently make prayer shawls, please consider switching to making Lap Robes. Yarn is available from the church, if needed. . We will be collecting the Lap Robes in the Church Library. So far the church has delivered 25 lap robes to the VA in Lebanon. Thank you to all continuing to work on this outreach.



LWR SCHOOL KITS - Last year, Swamp assembled and delivered 120 school kits to the LWR pick-up site. Many thanks to all who donated supplies and helped us reach this goal! This year we're aiming for a match or more!

We are presently accepting donations of items for this year's Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project through September 17. Please help make this year's project a success. **Donations may be given to Jane Lesher, Denise Null and Connie Taylor.** Questions to Debbie Carvell 717-336-5638.

Items most needed: notebooks, scissors and pens.

Items not needed: No backpacks (thanks to Jane); No pencils, thanks to a generous donor.

We appreciate everyone following the guidelines listed below, as Lutheran World Relief will not send anything that doesn't adhere to these guidelines. Each backpack will contain:

- **70-80** sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8"x10 1/2" 4 per backpack
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side I per backpack
- Pencil sharpener I per backpack
- **Blunt** scissors (safety scissors). (They must say this on the packaging) I per backpack
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers 5 per backpack
- Black or blue ink pens 5 per backpack
- Packs of 16 or 24 crayons I per backpack
- 2 1/2" erasers 1 per backpack







SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TOUCH, HONK, EXPLORE

ALL AGES WELCOME

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

10:00AM Swamp Lutheran Church 275 Swamp Church Road Reinholds, PA 17569

Refreshments available with donation.

SEE YOU THERE

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		Swamp	Evange	lical Lutheran C	hurch			
		Treasurers Report						
	Jul 01, 2023 through Jul 31, 2023							
Account		Budgets July 2023		Actuals July 2023	% of Budget		Remaining	
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Income	\$	26,679.25	\$	27,808.98	104.23%	\$ ~	(1,129.73)	
INCOME	\$	26,679.25	\$	27,808.98	104.23%	\$	(1,129.73)	
Expense	\$	26,496.74	\$	26,905.93	101.54%	\$	(409.19)	
OPERATIONS	\$	3,745.82	\$	3,552.58	94.84%	\$	193.24	
ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,641.66	\$	1,173.52	71.48%	\$	468.14	
BENEFITS	\$	2,590.41	\$	2,717.72	104.91%	\$	(127.31)	
THROUGH STAFF	\$	9,125.50	\$	9,165.50	100.44%	\$	(40.00)	
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$	-	\$	1,330.21	0.00%	\$	(1,330.21)	
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$	66.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	66.67	
PROPERTY	\$	5,026.66	\$	2,960.35	58.89%	\$	2,066.31	
WORSHIP	\$	562.50	\$	-	0.00%	\$	562.50	
SERVICE	\$	83.34	\$	337.16	404.56%	\$	(253.82)	
GENEROSITY	\$	41.67	\$	-	0.00%	\$	41.67	
WELCOME	\$	466.68	\$	-	0.00%	\$	466.68	
LEARNING	\$	437.50	\$	-	0.00%	\$	437.50	
BENEVOLENCES	\$	2,691.66	\$	5,668.89	210.61%	\$	(2,977.23)	
Income less Expense	\$	182.51	\$	903.05	494.79%	\$	(720.54)	



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SWAMP

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SWAMP'S CROP HUNGER WALK OCTOBER 1, 2023 STARTING 11:30AM

Make a Difference

community in need:

\$90 = [

\$250 = **(**

\$950 = 🎽

Get Involved

information: 888-297-2767.

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

200 BABY FISH

COFFEE BEANS

Equips farmers with a resilient coffee crop

BEEKEEPING SUITS

Two suits to protect beekeepers while tending to the hives and collecting honey SEEDLINGS

Coffee beans, cocoa beans and several types of resilient fruit and tree seedlings for two community nurseries

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

\$22 = Provides a great source of nutrition

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

(Put label with local Walk into here)

🕆 CWS

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

CROP Hunger Walks



clean water



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

#CROPHungerWalk 📢 🙆 😏 🥑 PHOTOS: TOP-SEAN HAWKEY, MIDDLE-SHANLEY STUDIO

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.

Why We Walk

local (0)food banks and soup kitchens - Gather in solidarity with others in your own community to end hunger and poverty. lobal

by poverty and disaster through CWS



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







food they need



Livestock to give families food security and economic stability



"The CROP Hunger Walk is the 'heart and sole' of this community. Our walk demonstrates our community at its best. "CROP Hunger Walks are a healthful and meaningful service-learning opportunity; students gain a global awareness even they raise important funds for local and global development.

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



500 WAL 107.000 HUNGER FIGHTERS ALL WITH ONE GOAL: **BUILDING A WORLD** enough for all

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Newsletter Submission OCTOBER Friday September 22



drinking water

GENEROSITY MINUTE

Stewardship is about good priorities

Jesus taught, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." -Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God's benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God's purposes.

The more we align our lives with God's purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you'd like to align with God's purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it's so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God's purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy. -

--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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"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 10, 2023.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – 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: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We know that the gospel changes lives and that God's power and grace are real and at work today. We live out our purpose through worship and service, in our congregations and communities, through our individual vocations and our collective work as church together. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday offers a special opportunity to be church together and to share Jesus' love by inviting others to join in a day of service. Extending invitations to others is a way to widen the welcome and engage with people who may not be familiar with the ELCA but are committed to serving in their communities. Working side by side with our neighbors connects with the ELCA's purpose to "activate each of us so that more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love," while directly affecting the ministry goal of "engaging with new people." This call for service unites all the ELCA expressions to focus on serving and accompanying our neighbors.

Last year, we worked at Homes of Hope house in Adamstown. Volunteers from Swamp will gather after worship on September 10 and head out to work on service projects.

Questions? Ask Pastor Scott.

Faith Can Move Mountains But Don't be Surprised When God Hands You a Shovel



KID's PAGE

Word Scramble for The Story of the Lost Sheep	
Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.	
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