



Sept 2026

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church *Newsletter*

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

Swamp's Annual
**CHURCH
PICNIC**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10am (After Church) | Social Hall

**GOOD FOOD, FUN GAMES
& GREAT FELLOWSHIP!**

Games include: Cake & Cookie
Walk & Soak the Pastor

*We are requesting baked good
donations for the cake & cookie walk*

Questions? Please contact Jen Weitzel @ 717.405.5587

**FREE
TOUCH-A-
TRUCK
EVENT**

Sunday 9/20 | 10am – 12pm
Church Parking Lot

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

All Food Proceeds Benefit Swamp Food Bank (Representing EASS)

Pastor's Message



A Season of Gathering, Serving, and Blessing

Dear Friends in Christ,

As summer begins to give way to fall, there is a wonderful sense of excitement and anticipation at Swamp Lutheran Church. The fall season brings many opportunities for us to gather together, strengthen our faith, serve our neighbors, and celebrate the blessings God has given us.

We have a full calendar of activities ahead, and I hope you will find opportunities to participate, invite a friend, and enjoy the fellowship of our church family.

- September 13 – Church Picnic: This year's theme is Baseball. Step into the batter's box as we gather around the table, share good food, enjoy fellowship, play games, soak the Pastor, and give thanks for the gift of community. Wear your favorite team's jersey.
- September 20 – Touch-A-Truck: This fun community event is a wonderful opportunity to welcome children and families and share the joy of our congregation with our neighbors.
- September 27 – Sunday School Begins: We are excited to welcome our children and families back for another year of learning, growing, and discovering God's love together.
- October 3 – Soup & Sub Sale: R&K subs/prezel sandwiches and Kitchen Krew soup.
- October 4 – God's work. Our hands.: Together we will put our faith into action by serving others and being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.
- October 11 – Blessing of the Pets: Bring your beloved pets to the carport at 11 am as we give thanks for the animals who bring so much joy and companionship into our lives.
- October 18 – Crop Walk: We will walk together in support of the fight against hunger, remembering Christ's call to care for our neighbors near and far.
- October 24 – Pig Stomach Take-out: We'll enjoy one of our favorite opportunities for good food. Be sure to mark your calendar and make plans to order yours and/or help in the kitchen!

What a wonderful season this will be! Each of these events reminds us that church is more than a place we come to on Sunday morning. We are a community called to worship, learn, serve, welcome, and love.

May we enter this new season with open hearts and willing hands. May our gatherings strengthen our relationships with one another, and may our service be a reflection of God's love in the world.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the coming weeks. Let us continue to grow together in faith and joy, trusting that wherever we gather and wherever we serve, God is at work among us.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott



Generosity Minute

Trusting in God's Provision

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."

— Luke 6:38

It can be easy to think of generosity as something we do only when we have "enough." We pay the bills, take care of our responsibilities, save what we can—and then, if there is something left over, perhaps we can give.

But Scripture invites us to see generosity differently and to prioritize it. At the heart of Christian giving is not the question, "Do I have enough?" but rather, "Do I trust God to provide?"

Jesus reminds us that our heavenly Father knows what we need. The birds of the air do not store up provisions, yet God feeds them; the flowers of the field do not labor, yet God clothes them beautifully. Jesus then tells us, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

Trusting God's provision does not mean ignoring wisdom or responsibility. It means remembering where our blessings ultimately come from. Everything we have—our time, abilities, relationships, possessions, and financial resources—is a gift from God. When we give, we are not trying to make God provide for us. Instead, we are responding with gratitude to the God who has already provided.

Generosity becomes an act of faith. We loosen our grip on what we have because we believe that God is faithful. We give not because we know exactly what tomorrow will bring, but because we know the One who holds tomorrow.

As we enter this new season, may we ask God to grow our trust along with our generosity. May our giving be an expression of gratitude, faith, and confidence in God's abundant provision. And may our generosity become a blessing to others and a reminder to ourselves that **God is faithful, God provides, and we have more than enough reasons to give thanks.**

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

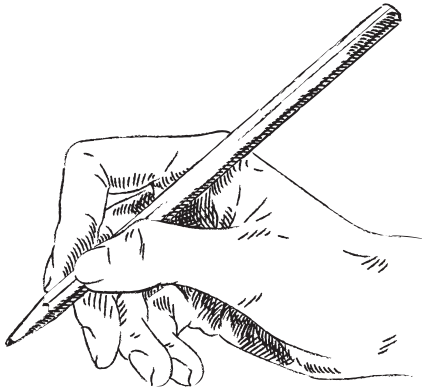
— Philippians 4:19

Swamp Lutheran Generosity Committee



Thank God
for what you have.
Trust God
for what you need.

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 Calendar 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
Scott Zook
Dianna Becker
Laurie Sauder
Sue Templin
Clyde Showalter
Ashley Milosek
Dave Brown
Pat Miller
Lucille Lorah
Leah Showalter

Mark Stoner
Robert Reaser
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
Lori Page
Karen McCoy
Bindi Chojnacki



**"Prayer is a strong wall and
fortress of the church; it is a
goodly Christian weapon."**

Martin Luther

September 70+ Birthdays

MARIE REPLOGLE
865 LAUREL RIDGE RD
REINHOLDS PA 17569

9/1

BETTY KAUFFMAN
20 LANE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

9/1

JOYCE STONER
EPHRATA MANOR
99 BETHANY RD PC 102
EPHRATA PA 17522

9/3

LINDA MOHN
445 S. RIDGE RD
DENVER PA 17517

9/5

PAT WEITZEL
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS RD
APT 110
EPHRATA PA 17522

9/8

DELPHINE DRAKE
910 SPRING CREEK RD
BELLEFONTE PA 16823

9/10

BRIAN BINKLEY
2632 WOODMONT LANE
WEXFORD PA 15090

9/11



DAVID KRAMER
PO BOX 161
REINHOLDS PA 17569

9/13

SHARON LEVAN
208 HAWTHORNE CT. NORTH
READING PA 19610

9/15

ROBERT BINGAMAN
8 MEADOW LARK DRIVE
STEVENS PA 17578

9/17

STEVE LAUDENSLAGER
7 GARVIN ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

9/23

KEN REIMERT
54 HIGHLAND CT
REINHOLDS PA 17569

9/25

BONNIE KOEHLE-KOON
195 HOLLOW ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

9/25

GARY COBLE
215 MANOR RIDGE DR
AKRON PA 17501

9/25

DEB KOHL
10 STACEY COURT
STEVENS PA 17578

9/29

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

Morgan Higgins
Shannon Kramer

1
1

Ned Marini

2

Katie Koehle

4

Jeffrey McDonough

5

Dana Shugarts

6

Briley Spindler

7

Heather Ferrari

7

Stacey Artz

7

Barry Donmoyer

8

Molli Smith

8

Deb Leed

9

Tyler Keppley

9

Ryelee Martin

9

Travis Leed

10

Beth Fetter

11

Pam Sweigart

11

Happy Birthday to all born in September!



Matt Showalter
Kendra Carman

12
13

Landon Sauder

14

Jake Diestel

16

Hunter Leisey

17

Andrew Hagy

18

David Sauder

19

John Lorah

20

David Lorah

23

Shawna McQuate

23

Brian Walmer

24

Mac McCafferty

24

Nolan Weitzel

24

Brendan Lacey

25

Kara Witmer

28

Lori Donmoyer

29

Cheyenne Dalton

30

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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



Nursing Home

RESIDENTS



Clyde Showalter
Mel & Troy Ulrich
Michael A. Crowther
Earl Myers
Gary & Joan Reddig
Joyce Stoner
Bobby Hershey

Anna Adams
Edie Snyder
John Elser
Marion Bergman
Harold Crills
Sandra Haws
Sally Bergman

Sept Sound Tech Schedule

06 Steve Laudenslager
13 Steve Laudenslager
20 Steve Laudenslager
27 Steve Laudenslager

Oct Sound Tech Schedule

04 Steve Laudenslager
11 Steve Laudenslager
18 Steve Laudenslager
25 Steve Laudenslager

Sept Video Stream Schedule

06 John Frantz
13 Josh Garrison
20 Alan Worley
27 John Frantz

Oct Video Stream Schedule

04 Josh Garrison
11 Alan Worley
18 John Frantz
25 Josh Garrison

Sept Greeter Schedule

06 Gene & Heather Ferrari
13 Lamar & June Eberly
20 Barb Mizdail & George Philippopoulos
27 Ray & Jen Weitzel

Oct Greeter Schedule

04 Pam Leisey
11 Bob & Linda Preston
18 Deb Kohl
25 Sue Ellen Knauer

Sept Coffee Schedule

06 Deb Sweigert
13 John Frantz
20 Pam Leisey
27 Ray Weitzel

Oct Coffee Schedule

04 Denise Kidwell
11 Deb Sweigert
18 Randy Gockley
25 Pam Leisey

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

September Calendar



September 6	8:30am	Worship
September 7	LABOR DAY/OFFICE CLOSED	
September 9	1-4:00pm	EASS Food Distribution
September 10	12:00pm	Widow & Widowers at Udder Choice, Ephrata
September 10	6:30pm	Learning Committee Mtg
September 13	8:30am	Worship
September 13	9:45am	Church Picnic
September 14	7:00pm	Bell Choir
September 16	7:00pm	Church Council
September 16	7:00pm	Choir
September 20	8:30am	Worship
September 20	10:00am	Touch a Truck
September 22	7:00pm	Cocalico Builders of Hope
September 23	7:00pm	Choir
September 27	8:30am	Worship
September 27	9:45am	Sunday School Begins
September 28	7:00pm	Bell Choir



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.

**IMAGINE
more**

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. The 2027 Gathering will take place June 28–July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Attention youth who will be in grades 8-12 in the fall of 2026—

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is a life-changing event FOR YOU! We will be registering youth and adult chaperones this fall. We have room for more-- please join us! We expect to fundraise all the costs to travel and attend the Gathering. We plan to partner with Faith United Lutheran in Denver to form our travel group. Please see Pastor Scott (who is attending) for more information.



September 25th is the deadline for the Oct. Newsletter.

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

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



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



FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for 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!



To our 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.



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



Widow & Widowers 12:00pm, September 10th at Udder Choice with speaker Dan Clouser. Dan is an author and extensive traveler. Topic is “Live in the Moment.”



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



Annual Pig Stomach takeout dinner 1-3:00pm on October 24, 2026. More details to follow.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS. Sunday October 4th 2026.

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

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

How can you be of service?

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

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

If interested in helping, please sign up on the sign up sheets at the front or back of the church.

Next Council Meeting
Sept 16, 2026
7PM

Church Council Highlights

August 19, 2026

End of Summer & Fall Planning

The Council met to prepare for a busy fall season, reviewing property updates, upcoming ministry schedules, and community outreach efforts.

Property Improvements, we are blessed and thankful for members stepping up to fund key church needs. Organ Maintenance: The organ service was completed for \$599, fully covered by a member's donation. Council also approved moving forward with speaker box repairs (\$577–\$1,237 range). Electrical Upgrade: A motion passed to move forward with replacing the Narthex electrical panel (quotes under \$3,500). A congregation member has generously offered to cover the cost of this project. Future Window Project: Donated funds were offered for new windows in the robbing room, sacristy, and old choir room; Property will obtain two additional bids for 2027 planning. Quotes are being gathered to re-stripe the parking lot, and Property will be handling repairs/painting for the Scout House siding.

Committee Highlights:

- Learning & Youth: VBS hosted 200 children this July (with 6 Swamp volunteers). Confirmation will move to a twice-a-month schedule this fall. Our youth were also vital in packing and serving 180 lunches for the Summer Acts of Love program.
- Builders of Hope will be receiving proceeds from that ring toss booth at the Denver Fair! The Community Hive is highlighting Homes of Hope through August with client story videos.
- Safety & Personnel is reviewing camera systems to decide whether to switch from Pye Barker to self-managed cameras.
- Personnel has finalized updated job descriptions for the Organist and Choir Director roles for Finance review.
- The Kitchen Krew served 94 families from the food bank, in addition to Summer Acts of Love across June and July. An R&K sub sale is planned for the beginning of October to support the churches general fund.
- Disaster Response: the next trip to Asheville, NC is scheduled for November 15–21, 2026. Fundraising efforts will ramp up following the trip to replenish the operating fund.
- This Fall Sunday School classes will be working on a project focused on filling backpacks for displaced children and learning more about what it may be like for those children. The local Fire Company is tearing down the pavilion previously used as the VBS snack station, so participating churches are being asked for additional funds to help cover the cost of a replacement tent.
- Youth & Regional Collaboration: Council is exploring ways to connect our youth with other local church's, including reaching out to a regional network of churches to plan joint youth events.
- Finally, Constitution Update: The revised constitution is in its final review stage (due August 31) and will go to the Synod next, with a goal of final Council approval at the September meeting.

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!**



START SPREADING THE NEWS! WE'RE BACK!

Welcome Back to our **25th Anniversary!** It is said that this anniversary symbolizes 25 years of partnership, resilience and growth and I would say those words ring very true! (Get the pun!) This is also known as the silver anniversary and I know that those of us who have been in since the beginning definitely have a little more silver in our hair! 😊 Hopefully you are all refreshed from the summer break, and ready to get back in the swing of things! (Pun #2!) Once again, I would ask that you please continue to be diligent in letting me know if you will be missing any rehearsals or performances so that I can fill spots in a timely manner. Since we do not have a lot of spare ringers, I would once again like to invite and encourage new ringers to join our group! If you know of anyone new who would like to join us, please invite them along to our first practice on MON. SEPT. 14. I am always willing to give beginner lessons outside of the regular rehearsal time as needed. (If you've been ringing for 25 years, you are ineligible! Sorry Lori!) As always, I look forward to seeing everyone again with fun and fellowship, and sharing our musical talents at the upcoming practices and worship services!

BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE – 2026/2027

Practices from 7:00 – 8:00

Mon. Sept. 14
 Mon. Sept. 28
 Mon. Oct. 5
 Mon. Oct. 19
 Mon. Nov. 2
 Mon. Nov. 9
 Mon. Nov. 16
 Mon. Nov. 23
 Mon. Nov. 30
 Mon. Dec. 7

 Mon. Dec. 21
 Mon. Jan. 4
 Mon. Jan. 18
 Mon. Jan. 25
 Mon. Feb. 1
 Mon. Feb. 8
 Mon. Feb. 22
 Mon. Mar. 8
 Mon. Mar. 15
 Mon. Mar. 22
 Mon. Mar. 29
 Mon. Apr. 5
 Mon. Apr. 26
 Mon. May 3
 Mon. May 10

Possible Play Dates

Play Sun. Oct. 11

 Play Sun. Nov. 15

 Play Sat. Dec. 12 (Chapel Concert)
 Play Sun. Dec. 13
 Play Fri. Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

 Play Sun. Jan. 31

 Play Sun. Feb. 28

 Play Sun. Mar. 28 (Easter)

 Play Sun. May 2

 Play Sat. May 15 (Chapel Concert)
 Play Sun. May 16



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.).

Welcome back to choir



We will begin choir rehearsals on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 in the choir room and will continue to rehearse on Wednesdays until the end of the year. If you know anyone who likes to sing and is interested in joining us, please invite them to rehearsals. Also, please let me know if you will be missing on a Sunday we are scheduled to sing. Tentative schedule is as follows:

REHEARSALS (Wednesday 7 PM)

September 16
September 23
September 30

October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

November 4
November 11
November 18

December 2
December 9
December 16
December 23

TENTATIVE SUNDAYS TO SING

October 4

October 25

November 1

November 22

December 6

December 20

December 24

Looking forward to getting together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Thank you

A HUGE Thank You goes out to all of the individuals who helped with this year's Acts of Love Summer Lunch Program. We made 180 cold lunches and served 130 individuals at the various area parks. I appreciate everyone's support of this fantastic program!

Soup and Sandwich Sale

Need a quick and delicious meal? Swamp Church will be taking preorders for various subs (made by R & K Subs), and delicious Stuffed Pepper Soup, made by our own Kitchen Crew!

Order due date: September 20

Pickup/Delivery Dates: Saturday, October 3 (11:00- 1:00) Sunday, October 4 (after church)

- Soup (\$9.00): Stuffed Pepper Soup
- 12" Italian Sub Rolls (\$8.00): Italian, Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, American
- Pretzel Roll Sandwiches (\$7.00): Italian, Ham & Cheese, Ham & Swiss, Turkey & Cheese, Roast Beef & Cheese), Sweet Lebanon Bologna & Cheese

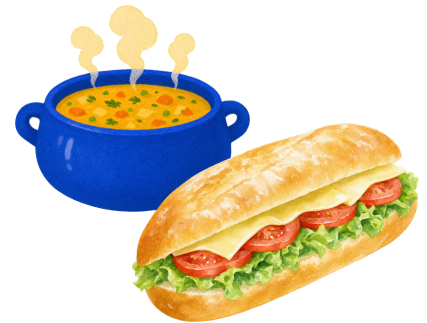
Pick Up: Swamp Lutheran Church

Order forms are available in the church narthex.

Call or email Denise Kidwell to place your orders!!

Denise Kidwell - (717) 725-8795 or denisekidwell321@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support!!



Crop Walk 2026

Sunday October 18th @ 11:00 AM

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why Swamp is participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world. We will donate 50% of our raised donations to our local food pantry.

If interested in joining our team, please contact a service committee member.

Please join our team or donate today.

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	\$35,521.70	\$30,088.85	\$25,742.25
May	\$25,774.48	\$39,356.85	\$12,159.88
June	\$23,262.68	\$24,022.77	\$11,399.79
July	\$27,827.60	\$29,336.72	\$9,890.67

SUB & SOUP SALE!

Homemade
**STUFFED
PEPPER
SOUP**

Prepared by the
Swamp Kitchen
Committee

\$9 per Quart

Support the Ministry of
Swamp Lutheran Church

Pre-Order Your Favorites Today!

★ R&K SUBS ★



\$8
Each

★ PRETZEL ★ SANDWICHES

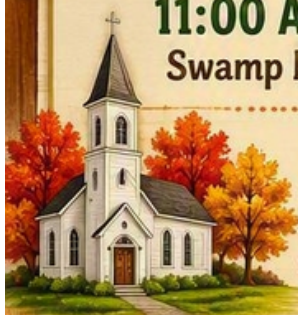


\$7
Each

PICKUP DAY

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Swamp Lutheran Church



Soup orders may also
be picked up following
the worship service on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026.

HOW TO ORDER



SOUP ORDERS

Call or Text **Denise**
717-725-8795



SANDWICH ORDERS

- Complete an order form available on the information table in the narthex.
- Order forms are also available in the church newsletter.
- Phone or text sandwich orders to **717-725-8795**



ORDER DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

PAYMENT

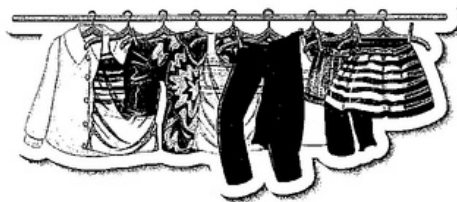
Payment due
at pickup.



All funds realized
will be used to
support the
Church's ministry.

Delicious Food • Friendly Fellowship • Supporting God's Work

**77th semi-annual
ST. PAUL'S
ADAMSTOWN
FREE
COMMUNITY OUTGROWN EXCHANGE**



Clothing for all ages – plus some other items see below

**DATES TO DONATE & COME SHOP
WEEK OF September 21-26**

Come and get items but we also will be taking donations of clean items on all the days except as listed below. You do not need to drop off to come get items. Donation & shopping days are as follows.

– ONLY ACCEPTING: Clothing (including shoes & coats), linens, toys, games, puzzles, books, purses NO household items, VHS, DVD's, Car Seats, Electronics

DONATION ONLY DAYS

Monday, September 21 — 9 am—1 pm (donation only)

Tuesday, September 22 – 5 pm – 8 pm (donation only)

Wed., September 23 & Thursday, September 24— 9 am to 1 pm (donation only)

SHOPPING DAYS ONLY

Thursday, September 24 – 5 pm -7 pm (NO DONATIONS)

Friday, September 25 – 9 am – 1 pm (NO DONATIONS)

Saturday, September 26 – 8 am – 11 am (NO DONATIONS)

Follow the QR code to our Facebook page

No Public bathroom usage
Left over items will be
donated to various charities
We can limit the number of
children's items you take
No charitable donation forms



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For more info:
717-484-4885



Weaving the Community Together



The second annual Weave retreat will be held Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 26 Owl Hill Road, Lititz, PA 17543.

The day will be spent assembling 12' x 12' crocheted or knitted squares into afghan sized blankets. The squares can be made ahead of time, using any color yarn and any stitch of worsted weight, machine washable yarn. Because of allergies, it is requested wool yarn not be used for the squares. Once assembled into afghans, the afghans will be distributed to several local agencies and organizations serving those in transitional housing. Lunch and light snacks will be available throughout the day. Last year's event featured twenty-two people from nine congregations coming together to assemble twenty blankets. The completed blankets were donated to organizations in Lancaster County assisting with homelessness, including the Lancaster Hub.

Registration can be completed online by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/UjmrKY5JPYbrfVKWA> from now until September 20th.

For more information or questions, please call Pr. Traci Glover at (717) 979-8521.



Swamp Lutheran Church

2026 BLESSING OF THE PETS

October 11, 2026

11 AM

Under the Carport

Bring your leashed and well-behaved pets
for a blessing by Pastor Scott

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and
in remembrance of his love for all creatures,
Swamp's Blessing of the Pets is rooted in the belief
that all creatures, including animals, are part of
God's creation and deserve blessings.



Treasurers Report June 2026						
January 2026 - December 2026 / June						
	Jun 2026 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Remaining	Year-To-Jun Actual	
Income	\$ 23,262.68	\$ 313,068.00	7%	\$ 289,805.32	\$ 188,770.10	
> REGULAR	\$ 23,262.68	\$ 313,068.00	7%	\$ 289,805.32	\$ 188,770.10	
Expense	\$ 24,022.77	\$ 313,068.00	8%	\$ 289,045.23	\$ 205,519.52	
> OPERATIONS	\$ 1,689.45	\$ 50,940.00	3%	\$ 49,250.55	\$ 29,305.72	
> ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,689.64	\$ 19,800.00	9%	\$ 18,110.36	\$ 17,175.05	
> BENEFITS	\$ 3,720.54	\$ 37,669.00	10%	\$ 33,948.46	\$ 22,231.49	
> THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,984.92	\$ 148,169.00	8%	\$ 136,184.08	\$ 71,315.87	
> REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ 160.80	\$ -		\$ (160.80)	\$ 2,293.51	
> YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	
> PROPERTY	\$ 1,453.30	\$ 20,100.00	7%	\$ 18,646.70	\$ 38,041.85	
> WORSHIP	\$ 487.22	\$ 6,500.00	7%	\$ 6,012.78	\$ 2,633.11	
> SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 800.00	\$ 276.67	
> COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 33.81	\$ 200.00	17%	\$ 166.19	\$ 759.35	
> GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
> WELCOME	\$ 426.09	\$ 3,050.00	14%	\$ 2,623.91	\$ 778.07	
> LEARNING	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,969.83	
> BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,377.00	\$ 22,940.00	10%	\$ 20,563.00	\$ 18,339.00	

Treasurers Report July 2026						
January 2026 - December 2026 / July						
	Jul 2026 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Remaining	Year-To-Jul Actual	
Income	\$ 27,827.60	\$ 313,068.00	9%	\$ 285,240.40	\$ 216,597.70	
> REGULAR	\$ 27,827.60	\$ 313,068.00	9%	\$ 285,240.40	\$ 216,597.70	
Expense	\$ 29,336.72	\$ 313,068.00	9%	\$ 283,731.28	\$ 234,856.24	
> OPERATIONS	\$ 5,344.51	\$ 50,940.00	10%	\$ 45,595.49	\$ 34,650.23	
> ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,759.44	\$ 19,800.00	9%	\$ 18,040.56	\$ 18,934.49	
> BENEFITS	\$ 3,697.59	\$ 37,669.00	10%	\$ 33,971.41	\$ 25,929.08	
> THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,684.92	\$ 148,169.00	8%	\$ 136,484.08	\$ 83,000.79	
> REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,293.51	
> YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	
> PROPERTY	\$ 3,380.34	\$ 20,100.00	17%	\$ 16,719.66	\$ 41,422.19	
> WORSHIP	\$ 350.21	\$ 6,500.00	5%	\$ 6,149.79	\$ 2,983.32	
> SERVICE	\$ 276.55	\$ 800.00	35%	\$ 523.45	\$ 553.22	
> COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 11.16	\$ 200.00	6%	\$ 188.84	\$ 770.51	
> GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
> WELCOME	\$ -	\$ 3,050.00	0%	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 778.07	
> LEARNING	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,969.83	
> BENEVOLENCES	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 22,940.00	12%	\$ 20,108.00	\$ 21,171.00	

Find the Baskets

Find and circle the eight baskets in the picture.

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