



June 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 Spring Clean-up and Mulching Monday, June 1 @ 6pm

Come in work clothes and bring gloves, trimmers, rakes, blowers, wheelbarrows, etc.
We will clean-up the beds, trim trees, and mulch



Join us at Emerald Crossing VBS, July 12-16, as we journey through Psalm 23. VBS is held outside at Reinholds Carnival Grounds (weather permitting) from 6:30-8:30 and is a fun-filled, energy-packed week of sharing the Good News with 150+ kids in our community. Any questions, see Pastor Scott or Abbey Rineer. **You can register your child at myvbs.org/rc**

We are seeking crew leaders, craft helpers, snack helpers, game helpers, and Bible story tellers (more explanation below).

Crew Leaders: greet students as they arrive, lead students from station to station and dismiss students at the end of the night.

Craft Helpers: help students complete crafts that are taught/lead by the craft leader.

Snack Helpers: help distribute snacks/drinks.

Game Helpers: help students work off their excess energy.

Bible Story Teller: sign up for one night or more to share the Bible story for the night, usually includes some fun way to interact with the groups. Preschool story will be shared four times, other age groups will be shared three times.

Please use the link or QR code to sign-up!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4DAEAF2BA4F85-64139348-reinholds>



Pastor's Message



As we move into the long green season of the Church Year—the Time after Pentecost—we are reminded that discipleship is not a single moment but a lifelong journey. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, and now the weeks that follow invite us to live out that Spirit-filled calling in our daily lives.

Summer often brings a change of pace. Schedules shift, vacations are planned, and routines become less predictable. Yet even in these changing rhythms, Christ continues to call us to faithful living. The Gospel lessons during this season repeatedly remind us that discipleship is active. We are called not only to worship on Sunday mornings, but also to serve our neighbors, encourage one another, pray faithfully, and share the love of Christ in practical ways.

Generosity is one important expression of discipleship. Generosity is about more than finances—it is about the giving of our time, compassion, talents, and attention. In a world that often teaches scarcity and self-interest, the Church bears witness to God's abundance. Every act of kindness, every volunteer hour, every prayer offered, and every gift shared becomes part of God's work among us.

At Swamp Lutheran Church, we continue to be blessed by the faithfulness of so many who serve quietly and consistently. Whether helping with worship, caring for the property, supporting ministries, visiting neighbors, or contributing financially to the mission of the church, your generosity makes a difference. Through these acts of discipleship, the Spirit continues to move in and through this congregation.

As we enter the summer months, may we remain rooted in Christ and open to the Spirit's leading. May we continue growing as disciples who follow Jesus with grateful hearts and generous lives.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott



Generosity Minute

As we move into the summer months and continue through the long green season after Pentecost, we give thanks for the many ways God is at work through the ministry of Swamp Lutheran Church. Summer often brings changes in schedules, vacations, family gatherings, and time away, yet the mission and ministry of the church continue each and every week.

Your faithful generosity makes possible worship, music ministry, outreach, care for those in need, support for children and youth, and the daily work of sharing Christ's love in our community. Even during the quieter rhythms of summer, the church continues to serve, pray, teach, and welcome.

The Generosity Committee encourages all members and friends of the congregation to remain faithful in their giving throughout the summer season. Regular offerings help sustain the ministries that bless our congregation and community year-round. If you are traveling this summer, we invite you to plan ahead with mailed offerings or electronic giving so that your support remains steady during these months.

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, we hear this encouragement: "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

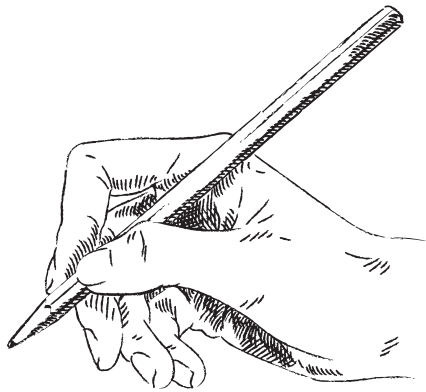
Thank you for the many ways you share your time, talents, and treasures in service to God's mission through Swamp. Your generosity is a blessing, and together we continue to grow in faith and bear fruit through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Swamp Lutheran Generosity Committee

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
Jesus in Matthew 6:21

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
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
Larry Wolf
Jerry Flickinger
Wanda Maxey
Susan Levan
Allison Kenawell and family



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

June 70+ Birthdays

PAM HERTZOG
89 HAWK VALLEY LANE
DENVER, PA 17517

6/4

JOHN ELSER
99 BETHANY RD PC #119
EPHRATA, PA 17522

6/6



TOM HENLY
505 S. 6TH STREET
DENVER, PA 17517

6/19

GUY TEMPLIN
2401 ANDREW COURT
SINKING SPRING, PA 19608

6/21

JUNE EBERLY
119 MARTZALL ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

6/23

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

Katie Houck	01
Tyler Leed	02
Alexander Fair	02
Bradley Hagy	02
Chris Laudenslager	03
Kenzie Stopper	03
Ali Templin	03
Samantha Donmoyer	04
Larry Knauer	08
Katie Laudenslager	08
David Mohn	12
Chace Smith	14
Ashlie Artz	14
Eric Showalter	14
Amelia Fair	16
Lisa Ferry	17

Happy Birthday
to all born in June!



Peggy Coble	17
Adara Kittler	17
Harper Oropollo	20
Vanessa Knauer	22
Zach Rineer	22
Maeve Van Zant	22
Sindhuja Shugarts- Devanapally	23
Laura Vedder	23
Eugene Ferrari	24
Faith Moyer	25
Rachel Young	25
Jerry Landis	27
Delaney Garrison	27
Greg Diestel	27
Anson Kauffman	28
Mike Mixell	29
Gaile Gehman	30

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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



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

June Sound Tech Schedule

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

July Sound Tech Schedule

05 Steve Laudenslager
12 Steve Laudenslager
19 Steve Laudenslager
26 Steve Laudenslager

June Video Schedule

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

July Video Schedule

05 John Franz
12 Josh Garrison
19 Alan Worley
26 John Frantz

June Greeter Schedule

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

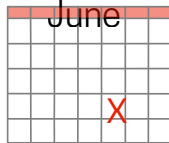
July Greeter Schedule

05 Jane Leshner
12 John Frantz
19 Deb Sweigert
26 Phil & Tammy Higgins

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1	6:00pm	Spring clean-up and mulching
June 2	7:00pm	Welcome Cmte
June 5	2:15pm	Phillies Bus Trip meet at Swamp Lutheran Church
June 7	8:30am	Worship
June 7	7:00pm	LDR Trip Presentation at Luther Acres
June 10	1-4:00pm	EASS Food Distribution
June 11	6:30am	Learning Cmte
June 14	8:30am	Worship
June 17	7:00pm	Church Council
June 18	12:00pm	Widow & Widowers Lunch at Udder Choice
June 21	FATHER'S DAY	
June 21	8:30am	Worship
June 23	7:00pm	Cocalico Builders of Hope
June 28	8:30am	Worship



June 25 is the deadline for the July Newsletter.

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

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



Veteran Collection The Welcome Committee is seeking donations to support our local Veterans in Lancaster County at the Coatesville VAMC. 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.



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



FLOWERS - Grumbine's Flowers will now continue delivery of fresh altar flower arrangements through June 2026. **June 28 and July 5** is available to sponsor. Please sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar.



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.*



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!



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 Thurs. June 18, 12pm at Udder Choice in Ephrata. Program will be Husband & Wife artists sharing their artwork and story after retiring. Next one will be, Thurs. July 23, 12pm at Penguin Hotel for food, drink and friends.

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

Bell Choir Spring Concerts at Ephrata Manor and Reinholds Chapel on May 16 was enjoyed by many.



May 17 Habitat for Feathered Friends Swamp's Family-oriented Community Event was a Huge Success!



Next Council Meeting
June 17, 2026
7PM

Church Council Highlights May 20, 2026

The Carillon System: Alan Worley has custom-built a Windows-based program to completely replace our old Carillon system! Final implementation is happening shortly, and a formal dedication service will be planned once it is fully up and running.

Builders of Hope: The campaign has reached an incredible \$60,000+ in pledges for a home purchase.

Potential Eagle Scout Project: Gabe Leed has proposed creating a centralized picnic area between the playground and the ballfield. The project is anticipated to cost the church \$2,500 and is currently being reviewed by the Property Committee for final approval.

Communion Update: On May 31, worship will transition to communion in the round.

June Recognitions: We will be celebrating Father's Day and honoring our High School and College Graduates.

Property Work: Mulching is scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 6:00 PM (volunteers welcome!).

- The committee is also obtaining quotes for required insurance upgrades to the Narthex electrical box and exploring repairs/tuning for the organ and speaker boxes. A specific quote of \$599 was given to clean the decorative pipes and tune the organ, but they have sent it back to the company to get an updated price that includes repairing the front speaker boxes.

Kitchen Krew & Service Impact: The Kitchen Krew recently served 54 people at the successful Bird House event and distributed food boxes to 54 families (147 individuals). They also donated a \$500 profit from the Cocalico Yard Sale back to the Education Foundation.

Summer Acts of Love: Scheduled for August 5. Denise Kidwell is coordinating our effort to serve over 200 cold lunches across 4 locations.

Reinholds VFW Veterans Collection: We are collecting coffee and personal care items for local veterans from now until the end of June.

Confirmation Updates: Confirmands have completed 2 classes and are taking the summer off. In the fall, classes will likely increase to twice a month to cover all the material. Also, 2 confirmands and 1 guest will be attending Confirmation Camp this summer.

Children's Church: It was noted that children's involvement in church services has been a great success, so Children's Church will continue running straight through the summer.

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

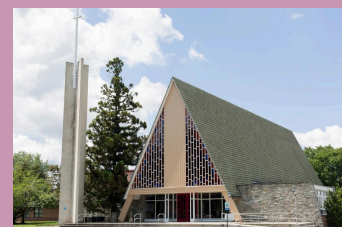
Lee Showalter — Property

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!**

You are invited to a presentation from the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Team's most recent trip to North Carolina on Sunday, June 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. The group would love having the chance to thank the community for their support of this important ministry!



Rev. Glenn A. Beard, Jr., MDiv, BCC
 Vice President, Church Relations & Spiritual Care
 Coordinator, Lower Susquehanna LDR Network
 Phone 717.626.1171 ext. 1669

LutherCare
 600 East Main Street, Lititz, PA, 17543
LutherCare.org

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
April	\$35,521.70	\$30,088.85	\$25,742.25

Treasurers Report April 2026				
January 2026 - December 2026 / April				
	Apr 2026 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Year-To-Apr Actual
Income	\$ 35,521.70	\$ 313,068.00	11%	\$ 139,732.94
> REGULAR	\$ 35,521.70	\$ 313,068.00	11%	\$ 139,732.94
Expense	\$ 30,088.85	\$ 313,068.00	10%	\$ 142,139.90
> OPERATIONS	\$ 7,955.17	\$ 50,940.00	16%	\$ 25,477.53
> ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,699.85	\$ 19,800.00	9%	\$ 13,237.96
> BENEFITS	\$ 3,697.60	\$ 37,669.00	10%	\$ 14,813.35
> THROUGH STAFF	\$ 12,187.79	\$ 148,169.00	8%	\$ 47,632.55
> REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ 987.90	\$ -		\$ 2,132.71
> YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 400.00
> PROPERTY	\$ 1,158.42	\$ 20,100.00	6%	\$ 21,434.19
> WORSHIP	\$ 296.85	\$ 6,500.00	5%	\$ 1,861.19
> SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 276.67
> COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 36.46	\$ 200.00	18%	\$ 716.94
> GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ -
> WELCOME	\$ 351.98	\$ 3,050.00	12%	\$ 351.98
> LEARNING	\$ 49.83	\$ 2,000.00	2%	\$ 49.83
> BENEVOLENCES	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 22,940.00	7%	\$ 13,755.00

Thank you!

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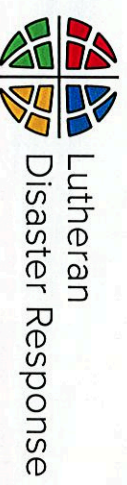
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Your generosity makes a difference to our neighbors
in the United States and around the world.
Thank you.



The Rev. Daniel Riff
Director, Congregational Generosity
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

April 2026
Date



Honor your father.

Exodus 20:12

