



June 2025

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

Pastor's Message

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Dear Beloved in Christ,

June is upon us—a season of transition, celebration, and fresh beginnings. In the rhythm of the church year, we celebrate Pentecost, that powerful moment when the Holy Spirit descended like wind and flame, stirring the apostles from their upper room into the streets with boldness and purpose. The Spirit ignited their hearts and launched the Church into motion. That same Spirit is alive and active among us today.

In our communities, June also marks a different kind of "sending"—graduations. Caps are tossed, diplomas received, and futures pondered. Whether it's kindergarten or college, these moments are rites of passage. For our graduates: know that your church family at Swamp rejoices with you. We are proud of your accomplishments and hopeful for the journeys ahead. Like the apostles at Pentecost, you too are being sent—not just into careers or further education—but into life as witnesses of Christ in all you do.

And so, this month, we reflect on commencement in its truest sense—not an ending, but a new beginning. Just as the early church began its mission at Pentecost, we too are invited into a fresh season of discipleship. Discipleship is not limited to church programs or Bible studies; it is a daily walk with Jesus, a Spirit-filled life lived in love, service, and witness.

Where might the Spirit be sending you this summer?

- Perhaps to mentor a younger believer.
- Maybe to begin a new prayer habit.
- Possibly to serve in a ministry you've never tried before.
- Or simply to listen more closely for God's voice in your daily life.

As we celebrate both the power of the Spirit and the milestones in our lives, let us also embrace this season as a divine opportunity to recommit ourselves to following Jesus more deeply. Let us be a community that not only honors the past and celebrates achievements but also leans forward in faith into what God is doing next.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom, courage, and joy in every new beginning.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Scott





Generosity Minute

The Gift of Generosity

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

—1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

As we enter the month of June—a time of warmth, growth, and community—it’s a good season to reflect on the quiet yet powerful virtue of **generosity**. In our Lutheran tradition, we know that all we have is a gift from God: our time, talents, possessions, and even the breath in our lungs. And just as we have received freely, we are invited to give freely.

Generosity is not merely about money. It is about a spirit of abundance rooted in faith. We are called to be stewards, not owners—caretakers of God’s good creation and God’s blessings. Whether it’s helping a neighbor, supporting a mission, sharing a meal, or praying for someone in need, these acts are all forms of generosity that reveal Christ’s love in the world.

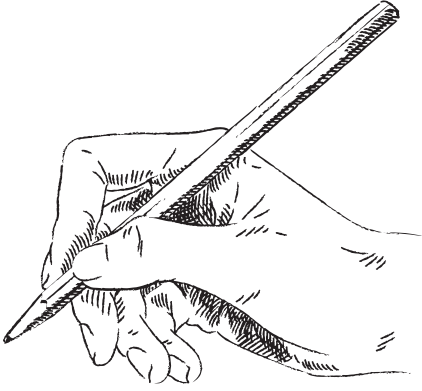
June often brings opportunities for connection—picnics, mission trips, VBS, summer outreach, and family gatherings. What better time to practice generosity in small, intentional ways? Ask yourself:

- Who around me needs encouragement or support?
- What gifts has God given me (time, talent, treasure) that I can share to accomplish God’s work at Swamp?
- How can I reflect God’s grace in my everyday choices?

Generosity reminds us that we are part of something larger than ourselves. In giving, we become vessels of God’s mercy, and in turn, we often find ourselves receiving more than we gave—joy, peace, and deeper community.

Let’s continue to live out our faith generously, not out of obligation, but in joyful response to God’s immeasurable grace.

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
Michael Wargo
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
Pauline Wassmer
Jerry Landis
Mary Beth Jenkins
Evelyn Gehman
Joan Leed
Ron Adams
Kevin Williams
Karen Laudenslager
Susan Levan
Larry Eberly

Anson Kauffman
Janet Bingaman
Dwayne Dimitris
Gladys Eckenroad
Bonnie Koehle-Koon
Ross Houck
Chris Zander
Kathleen Troutman
Sally Bergman
Keith Reimert
Pam Heisey
Cathy Stine
Connie Malafarina
Ted Heisey
Regina Reinecker
Karen Klingensmith
Debbie Leed



Faith isn't hoping God can
It is knowing that God will

PAM HERTZOG
89 HAWK VALLEY LANE
DENVER, PA 17517

6/4

June 10+ Birthdays



JOHN ELSE
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS
AVENUE
APT. 101
EPHRATA, PA 17522

6/6

JIM MARTZALL
110 MILLER ST
SHILLINGTON PA 19607

6/11

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
Eric Raysor	04
Samantha Donmoyer	04
Larry Knauer	08
Katie Laudenslager	08
Bradyn Zwally	08
Jim Martzall	11
Chace Smith	14
Ashlie Artz	14
Eric Showalter	14
Hailey Ranck	15
Stephen Ranck	15

Happy Birthday to all born in June!



Colin Reimer	16
Olivia Reimer	16
Amelia Fair	16
Lisa Ferry	17
Peggy Coble	17
Adara Kittler	17
Vanessa Knauer	22
Zach Rineer	22
Maeve Van Zant	22
Eugene Ferrari	24
Faith Moyer	25
Rachel Young	25
Greg Diestel	27
Jerry Landis	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

Nursing Home

RESIDENTS

Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Michael A. Crowther
Clarice Haws
Charles Moyer
Anna Adams
Marion Bergman

June Greeters

1 David & Laraine Kramer
8 Lamar & June Eberly
15 Pam Leisey
22 Gnnie & Heather Ferrari
29 Lowell & Sandy Haws

July Greeters

6 Ken & Sam Reimert
13 Brian & Katie Koehle
20 Sue Ellen Knauer
27 Denise Kidwell

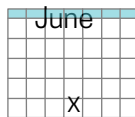
Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2	6:00pm	Spring Clean-up
June 3	7:00pm	Welcome Cmte
June 9	6:00pm	Mulching Detail
June 11	1-4:00pm	EASS Food Distribution
June 12	6:30pm	Learning Cmte
June 15	FATHER'S DAY	
June 24	7:00pm	Cocalico Builders of Hope
June 25	7:00pm	Church Council
July 13- 17	6:30pm-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School



Thank you for serving as greeters.

Please try to be at the front door
by 8:10AM



June 25 is the deadline for the June Newsletter.

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

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle ministry. The 2025 Flower Calendar is posted in the Narthex. The Sanctuary Candle cost will remain at \$5.00 and the cost of the Altar Flowers remains at \$40.00 (subject to change). 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.



FLOWERS: July 27th is available to sponsor. 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 paper towels, toilet paper, cereal, canned vegetables and soup.

Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Please check for a current expiration date.



Knitters and Crocheters have been asked to provide baby blankets for Veteran Families. Please use soft yarn with not too loose of a pattern and no more than 32" X 32 , " but not less than 27" square or rectangular. There are some copies of baby blanket patterns in the church library where the shawls/blankets are being collected. We need more boy colors than girl colors.

The church needs your help as a volunteer! From time to time members of the church need assistance in getting somewhere or even to get to church. It is not often but when the need arises we would appreciate having some folks who are willing to drive if available. Please call or email Terri at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. 717-336-2849 or secretary@swamplutheran.org. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family. Thank you for your consideration.



Next Council Meeting
June 25, 2025
7PM

Church Council Highlights

May 21, 2025

Builders of Hope, TL:

- They had their Annual Strawberry Fundraiser at Adamstown Community Days, May 29-31.

Service:

- The community meal served 66 people on May 8th.

Kitchen Krew:

- Food Bank provided food boxes for 42 families with 115 people.
- Holy week Easter breakfasts served 89 people.
- Prepared and served 64 people at 2 funerals this month.
- Served 45 people at a private birthday party.
- Acts of Love Summer lunch program this summer. Swamp will do June 25th this year.
- Prepared and packaged 81 meals for the Community meal. The extra meals were given to Swamp members.
- Kitchen Krew reviewed the Holy week breakfasts and decided to do a Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Breakfast next year instead of Holy Week breakfasts due to the low turnout during the week.
- Prepared and served 67 people at the Spring Fest.

Welcome:

- Spring Fest was held May 18th. Donations from the event totaled \$1,224.00 which will be divided between Stockings for Soldiers and Wreaths Across America.

Learning:

- Children's church will continue thru the summer focusing on crafts.
- Easter Egg hunt had 40 kids participating with around 100 folks total.
- Last week the School School kids filled bags for the homeless veterans.

Youth Ministry:

- May 4th activity was Mini-golf with 10 youth and 2 adults participating.
- Ryan Ranck is stepping down as Youth Leader. If you are interested in helping with the youth, see Kristin Gockley or Pastor Brubaker.

Property:

- Repairs are ongoing in the old choir room.
- Property clean up day will be June 2 and mulching will be June 9th.
- The choir rails were fastened by Dave Kramer and Tom Showwalter. We thank them for doing this task.

Generosity:

The Pick 6 Grand total was \$6,886.19

Other items discussed:

- Ascension Day service was held Thursday May 29 with snacks after service.
- Brotherhood Mutual reached out to say there are changes to our plan and deductibles will increase.
- Worship Study Follow-up- The survey is online and hard copies are available. Cody Leisey gave the presentation end of May.
- Music employee appreciation gifts were given last week and were well received.

The Phillies are currently leading the National League East! They won the last 9 games!

Let's Go Phils!

Thank you!

Dear Pastor,
Thank you for all you loving prayers and support. My health issue has been a long road, and it's not over yet. Your prayers and the prayers of the church help to keep me looking ahead with hope..

**...to WISH a
HAPPY EASTER TO!**

thank you to the prayer chain
and the song committee
Makes me feel like
someone out there understands

Sincerely
Linda J. Mohr

ACTS OF LOVE Lunch Program: Local churches work together to make meals and serve lunch to local families within the Cocalico School District. Lunches are prepared and served each Wednesday during the summer months. Swamp Lutheran Church will be serving lunch on Wednesday, June 25 from 11:30 - 1:00. We are looking for people who are willing to support this program. Please consider helping with the ACTS OF LOVE lunch program. There are two ways in which to help.

1 - Volunteers are needed to help prepare, deliver and serve the lunches at various parks throughout the Cocalico Community. (Lunch is served at the Reamstown Park, Denver Park, Adamstown Grove, and Reinholds Park on Main Street)

2- Donate snacks for a snack box that will be provided the day of the meal. We are looking to have individually wrapped snacks that children and adults are able to take along with them when they pick up their meals. Items could include: Single servings of apple sauce, crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, juice boxes, etc. Please contact Denise Kidwell (717-725-8795 or denisekidwell321@yahoo.com) with any questions and/or to volunteer serving lunch on June 25. See following page for more information.

Thanks for your consideration! Denise

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 LIAISONS

Danielle Kauffman —
Communication

Sue Ellen Knauer — Constitution;
Service; Personnel

Lee Showalter — Disaster
Response

Guy Templin — Finance;
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Love, Inc.

Randy Krater — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

TBD—Safety & Security

Pastor Scott Brubaker — Scouts

Denise Kidwell — Kitchen Krew

Fritz Fichtner — Generosity

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!

Statement of Income and Expense April 2025					
January 2025 - December 2025 / April					
	Apr 2025 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Remaining	Year-To-Date Act
Income	\$ 32,158.34	\$ 326,063.00	10%	\$ 293,904.66	\$ 131,591.54
Expense	\$ 42,878.69	\$ 326,063.00	13%	\$ 283,184.31	\$ 150,954.35
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 7,526.38	\$ 21,350.00	35%	\$ 13,823.62	\$ 12,775.80
BENEFITS	\$ 3,535.56	\$ 36,435.00	10%	\$ 32,899.44	\$ 14,342.24
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,637.34	\$ 146,148.00	8%	\$ 134,510.66	\$ 47,036.69
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ 538.07	\$ -		\$ (538.07)	\$ 1,646.61
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 800.00	\$ -
PROPERTY	\$ 300.94	\$ 18,050.00	2%	\$ 17,749.06	\$ 3,298.41
WORSHIP	\$ 17.21	\$ 7,550.00	0%	\$ 7,532.79	\$ 1,786.27
SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 900.00	0%	\$ 900.00	\$ 551.81
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 14.83	\$ 750.00	2%	\$ 735.17	\$ 69.32
GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0%	\$ 500.00	\$ -
WELCOME	\$ -	\$ 5,350.00	0%	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 750.00
LEARNING	\$ -	\$ 3,850.00	0%	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 465.00
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 4,302.37	\$ 30,790.00	14%	\$ 26,487.63	\$ 26,337.48
Insurance Claim - Broken Pipe	\$ 8,829.85	\$ -		\$ (8,829.85)	\$ 16,037.25



2025 Acts of Love Summer Lunch Program

Wednesdays, June 11,
18, 25, July 2, 9, 16,
23, 30, August 6, 13
11:30 am-12:30 pm

Brought to you by area churches
and community organizations!

Meals will be available at the 4 parks listed below. Meals will vary each week depending on the group providing the food. If you have any questions, please reach out to Real Life Community Services at 717-336-7797 option 1.

Adamstown Grove	339 W. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569
Denver Park	801 W. Main St., Denver PA 17517
Reamstown Park	E. Church St., Stevens, PA 17578
Reinholds Park	5 E. Main St., Reinholds, PA 17569



*Come and get a Wednesday Welcome
and a delicious meal this summer!*

If you are in need of additional food help this summer, please reach out to Real Life Community Services in Denver at 717-336-7797 or Ephrata Area Social Services in Ephrata at 717-733-0345.

Feeding our Children in The Cocalico Community !!



Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 7 • 11 AM – 1 PM

Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St., Lititz

Rain or shine!

In the event of rain, event moves indoors.



\$7.00

**Strawberries, Shortcake,
Ice Cream, Whipped Cream**

\$5.00

Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

New This Year - a Gift Card Raffle!

(Need not be present to win.)

Raffle ticket prices are: 5 for \$5 or 20 for \$10

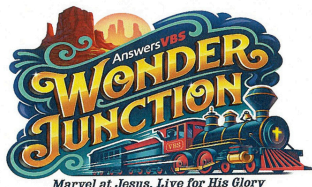
For more information,
visit www.Luthercare.org.

*Proceeds benefit charitable activities
of Luther Acres Residents' Council.*

Meals - volunteers and families are invited to share in the community meal each night. Families will have the option to sign-up for the meals during the registration process. Volunteers will need to sign-up using the information below.

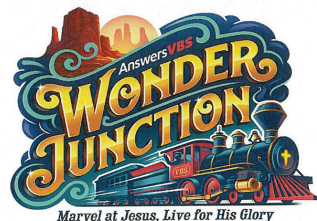
July 13 to 17, 2025

Please sign your name and phone # under the activity you would like to volunteer to help with this year.



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Preschool

Crew Leaders:
(Leading the Students From Station to Station)

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First Aid:

Crafts:

Snack Helpers:

Bible Story Teller:

Sunday: _____

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Preschool Crew Leaders:This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper appears to be a standard notebook or worksheet page.**Preschool Bible Story Teller:**

Sunday: _____

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Preschool Games:

Preschool Craft Helper:

Open to volunteers, participants* and families, Sunday through Thursday of Bible School week!

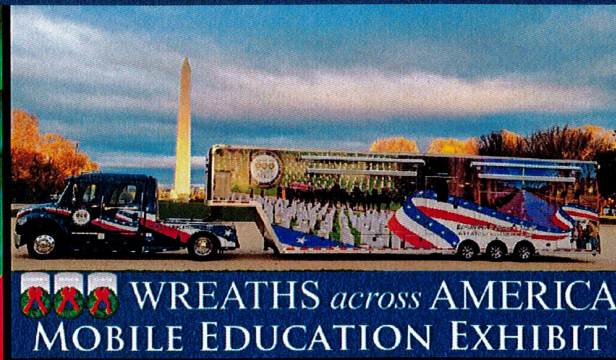
Please sign up by 6/29 so we know how much food to prepare! And if your plans change, please update your meal signup, so your meals can be given to someone else. Thanks!

Meal signup is separate from VBS Registration this year: <https://bit.ly/vbsmealsignup>



Meals prepared rain or shine. Please pick up between 5:30 and 6:15pm, and enjoy them as a family/unit on your own blanket/tarp.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE



TUESDAY,
JULY 8, 2025

12 P.M. - 7 P.M.

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 9, 2025

10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

WEAVER'S MARKET
2610 N READING RD
DENVER, PA



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit is a rolling exhibition that brings the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as to serve as an official 'welcome home' station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans. All veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community members are invited and encouraged to visit, take a tour and speak with WAA representatives and volunteers.

They can also share more about the national nonprofit, and the work its volunteers do to support our heroes and their communities year-round.

WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG

Abraham Had a Son: Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 12 things that are different.

