

# **THE RISING S N NEWSLETTER**

## **SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD, REINHOLDS, PA 17569**

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**Eucharist Worship Service 8:000 a.m. & Eucharist Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.**

**MAY/JUNE, 2020**

### **Staff:**

#### **Ministers**

Congregation

#### **Pastor**

The Rev. Kurt Strause

#### **Adm. Assistant**

Judith Sauder

#### **Organist/Choir Director**

Susan Kreitz

#### **Hand Bell Director**

Doug Kulp

#### **Sexton**

John Frantz

#### **Officers of Council**

Lori Gockley, President

David Kupp, Vice Pres.

Jodi Showalter, Sec.

Deb Kohl, Fin. Sec.

Guy Templin, Co-Treas.

Sue Knauer, Co-Treas.

#### **Congregational Council**

Sandy Clouser

Randy Krater

Deb Kohl

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Mike Mixell

Jan Risser

Ryan Ranck

David Sauder

Tom Showalter

Patience is a virtue  
Hold it while you can;  
Seldom found in woman  
Never found in man.  
-unknown

I often heard that poem from my mother when I was growing up; most likely when I wanted something **right now**. My mother was an equal-opportunity sage, quoting the poem just as often to my sisters as to my brother and me, even though the words seem to posit some innate difference between men and women when it comes to patience. If my mother thought there was a difference in the patience capabilities between men and women she thought it very small indeed because the emphasis was always on the word "seldom."

We are currently living in a time when we are encouraged, and even required, to stop our normal activities. "Social distancing," "stay at home," work only in "life-sustaining" businesses are the strategies employed by everyone during the efforts to reduce the number of cases caused by this novel coronavirus. We've been doing all this for over a month now and we are all getting eager to return to our normal routines. We are being told that the return will come, but it will take some time; even an extended period of time.

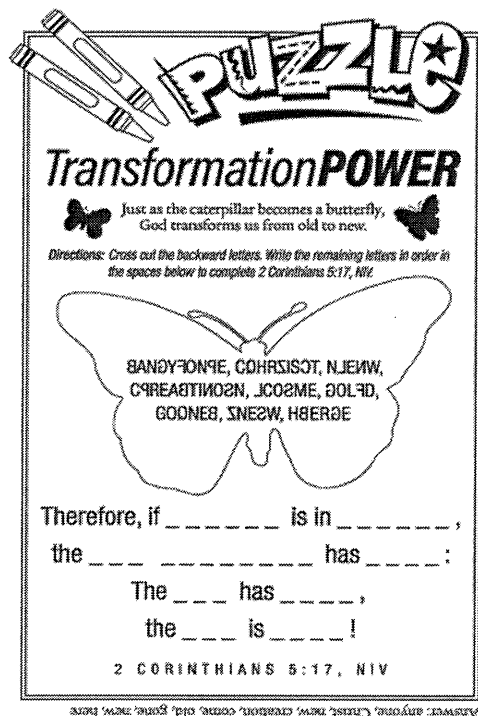
Now is the time for an increase in patience. But what is "patience?" Is patience a virtue? I looked up how many times the word "patience" appears in the Bible. The word itself, or its concept ("wait for," "forbearance," "long-suffering") is used almost 60 times. In several instances the Bible speaks of God's patience, or forbearance, with unruly human beings. For example, the prophet Isaiah speaking on God's behalf says, "Listen now, house of David: Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the **patience** of my God also?" (Isaiah 7:13) The majority of citations in scripture come from the apostle Paul who urges Christians to remain steadfastly patient during times of trial and tribulation. To the Colossians he prays that God will help them "be prepared to endure everything with **patience**, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father." (Colossians 1:11)

And in one of the most important passages regarding patience Paul lists it among the fruits of the Holy Spirit; “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22)

God’s Word teaches us that patience is a gift of God because God is first of all patient with us, his wayward creatures. Patience is a spiritual fruit that may be nurtured and cultivated and called upon during times of hardship. Now and in the weeks ahead we are going to need to call upon God to increase in us all of his gifts; faith, hope, and love, but also especially patience.

Your servant in Christ

Pastor Kurt Strause



## Of Patience and Pruning

In many parts of America, Mother’s Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that’s why poet May Sarton calls gardening “an instrument of grace,” for it “slows us down and forces patience.”

Courage is also required. Gardeners “must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth,” writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). “And we must trust that it will come.” When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.

## A Prayer for Memorial Day



We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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SINKING SPRING, PA 19608

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137 MEADOW VALLEY ROAD  
LOT #50  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

EVAN FRANTZ 5/28  
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NEWMANSTOWN, PA 17073

JOHN ELSE 6/6  
250 PARKVIEW HEIGHTS AVENUE  
APT. 101  
EPHRATA, PA 17522

RALPH GOOD 6/7  
P. O. BOX 101  
BOWMANVILLE, PA 17507

JUNE EBERLY 6/23  
119 MARTZALL ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517



Thank you for the outpouring of love and sympathy on the death of Marie Jenkins, beloved sister and wife. We appreciated the many flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Strause for his visit, phone calls and prayers during this difficult time.

Susan, Ruth & Gaile, and Torry



May 7<sup>th</sup> Joan Reinecker will be 90 years old. Since she loves to receive mail the family thought it would be nice to have a card shower for her. Her address is: 601 N. Muddy Creek Rd., Denver, PA 17517



## Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2849 when:

☐ **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the church. In an emergency, call Pastor Strause at 717-475-4377.

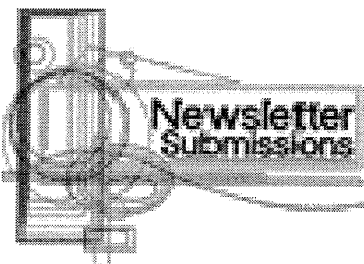
☐ **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;

☐ **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**

☐ **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);

☐ **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;**

☐ **You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee.** In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.



**Wednesday June 15  
2020 for July/August Newsletter.**



## Committee

Lori Gockley, President	Helping Hands
David Kupp, Vice President	Safety and Security/ Scouts
Sandy Clouser	Welcome
Randy Krater	Property
Pam Leisey	Learning
Mike Mixell	
Ryan Ranck	Youth Ministry
Jan Risser	Love, Inc.
David Sauder	Stewardship/social media
Tom Showalter	
Jodi Showalter, Secretary	Service
Sue Ellen Knauer Co-Treasurer & Personnel & Constitution	
Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer	Finance & Worship
Deb Kohl	Financial Secretary/ Stewardship/social media



Ephrata Area Social Services is experiencing high demand during the pandemic with a decrease in food donations. They are accepting monetary donations to help bridge this gap. Monetary donations can be made out to EASS. Their address is EASS 227 N State St Ephrata. Thank you in advance for your donation to help your neighbor.

March 11, 2020



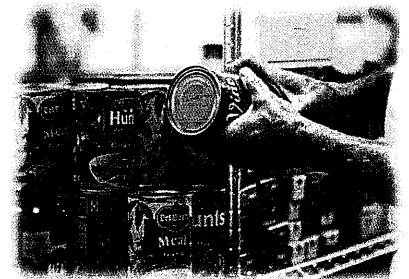
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Dear Friend of EASS,

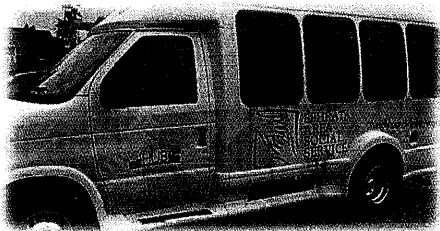
You are making a difference in your community, and your contribution has helped to make that happen. Below is a description of how your financial gift was designated:

3/11/2020     \$200     General Fund

Every year, the number of individuals and families whom we serve seems to increase. For example, our Hand UP Exchange Food & Clothing Bank provided much needed food and supplies to **291 families** in the month of January alone.



Additionally, we have added another vehicle to our fleet for our Transportation Services. The 11-passenger minibus, the Hub Shuttle, shuttled **100 rides** in January and traversed **957 miles**. This Hub Shuttle provides the Denver and Reamstown areas access to services by stopping at established stops on a pre-determined route; thus, offering a public transportation option for residents in those areas.



By the end of March 2020, a social worker office will be completed at our primary facility on State Street, Ephrata. This office will provide a confidential setting for our social worker to assist families in creating their path to sustainability.

Furthermore, the Northern Lancaster Hub, a collective impact initiative in which we are partners, will share this social worker with us so that individuals coming to the Hub's doors will have access to the help they need as well. This is a true collaborative effort, and we are so excited to get the program started.

EASS considers you a partner and comrade in our efforts to help families in need and to improve the communities in which we live. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Sincerely,

Joy Ashley, Executive Director

## Friends of Luther Acres 2020 Scholarship Campaign

Every year the Friends of Luther Acres sponsors a project to benefit our residents. We have been extremely blessed due to your generous donations to have purchased items or raised funds for many improvement projects. In years past, we raised money for building a memory support gazebo and gardens, purchasing a player piano, IN2L units, and a bicycle for two. This year because of the pandemic circumstances, our support staff at Luther Acres suggested a scholarship fund for our Luthercare for Kids parents who are currently out of work and may struggle to afford childcare once they are able to go back to work. We loved the idea of helping our broader Luthercare community with this campaign, so please joins us with your support for this year's 2020 Friends of Luther Acres campaign!

Since we will not be collecting cash donations, contributions can be made in the following ways:

1. Make checks payable to **Luthecare** with **FLA – 2020** on the memo line. Mail checks to Luthercare Attn: Philanthropy Department 600 E. Main Street Lititz, Pa. 17543.
2. Gifts can be made online at [www.Luthercare.org](http://www.Luthercare.org) choose Giving, Donate Now, Friends of Luther Acres
3. Credit or Debit card contributions can also be made by calling Anne Corvelle, Donor Relations Specialist, Luthercare at (717) 626-1171, ext. 1624

Thank you in advance for your generous gift.

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

# MAY - JUNE

## Bread and Wine Donors:

May Guy and Sue Templin  
June Dave and Anita Kupp

## Altar Guild:

May  
June Jane Leshner, Clair Sweigart,  
Karen Klingensmith

## Communion Assistants:

May 3  
8:00 David Borrell, Missy Ragan  
9:00 Anita Kupp, Karen Krater, Katie Houck, Larry Kramer

May 10  
8:00 Brian Reedy, John Frantz  
9:00 Anita Kupp, Debbie Carvell, Jake Hill, Brian Reedy

May 17  
8:00 David Borrell, Linda Ream  
9:00 Connie Malafarina, Deb Sweigart, Karen Krater, Dylan Koehle

May 21  
Jake Hill, Linda Ream, Karen Krater, Anita Kupp

May 24  
8:30 Jane Leshner, Deb Sweigart, Kim Houck, Karen Krater

May 31  
8:30 Katie Houck, Missy Ragan, Anita Kupp, Larry Kramer

June 7  
8:30 David Borrell, John Frantz, Brian Reedy, Kim Houck

June 14  
8:30 Connie Malafarina, John Frantz, Kristen Gockley, Karen Krater

June 21  
8:30 Denise Null, Jake Hill, Kristen Gockley, Brian Reedy

June 28  
8:30 Andrew Kelly, Janice Kelly, Anita Kupp, John Frantz

## Lector:

May 3 Sue Kittler  
May 10 Denise Null  
May 17 Connie Malafarina  
May 21 Michael Wargo  
May 24 Deb Sweigart  
May 31 Sue Kittler  
June 7 Michael Wargo  
June 14 Guy Templin  
June 21 Lowell Haws  
June 28 Denise Null

## Crucifer:

May 3  
8:00 Missy Ragan  
9:00 Anita Kupp

May 10  
8:00 Brian Reedy  
9:00 Jake Hill

May 17  
8:00 Chace Smith  
9:00 Dylan Koehle

May 21  
Jake Hill

May 24  
8:30 David Borrell

May 31  
8:30 Missy Ragan

June 7  
8:30 David Borrell

June 14  
8:30 John Frantz

June 21  
8:30 Brian Reedy

June 28  
8:30 Anita Kupp

**Acolytes:**

May 3  
8:00 Chace Smith  
9:00 Brooke Koehle, Dylan Koehle  
May 10  
8:00 Isaac Zook  
9:00 Nathan Laudenslager, Beckah Koehle  
May 17  
8:00 Molli Smith  
9:00 Hanna Weller, Zach Brown  
May 21 Dylan Koehle, Brooke Koehle  
May 24  
8:30 Krystal Brown, Nathan Laudenslager  
May 31  
8:30 Dylan Koehle, Sunnie Young  
June 7  
8:30 Isaac Zook, Zach Brown  
June 14  
8:30 Molli Smith, Becca Koehle  
June 21  
8:30 Brian Reedy, Zach Brown  
June 28  
8:30 Molli Smith, Nathan Laudenslager

**Greeters, 8 AM**

May 3 David Kupp  
May 10 Ryan Ranck  
May 17 Dave Sauder

**Security/Ushers, 8 AM**

May 3 Sue Ellen Knauer, Sandy Clouser  
May 10 Jodi Showalter, Tom Showalter  
May 17 Mike Mixell, Dave Kupp

**Greeters/Security, 9 AM:**

May 3 Ryan Ranck, Jan Risser  
May 10 Sue Ellen Knauer, Dave Sauder  
May 17 Deb Kohl, Pam Leisey  
May 21 Council Members

**Flower Delivery:**

May 3, 10 Sally Hagy  
May 17, 24 Cindy Golden  
May 31, June 7 Andrew and Janice Kelly  
June 14, 21 Lori Gockley, Jennifer Weitzel  
June 28, July 7 John Frantz, Jerry Landis

**Disaster Relief:**

May 31 Adam Laudenslager, Nathan  
Laudenslager, Isaac Zook, Luke Zook  
June 28 Hailey Ranck, Kaitlyn Ranck, Stephen  
Ranck, Isaac Zook



The Family of Ilse Hemmerich  
 The Family of Carl Tobias  
 Jennifer "Moyer" Thomas and Benjamin Thomas

Michael Crowther  
 Danielle Kreitz – Stepdaughter of Sue Kreitz  
 Cassandra Pope  
 Nolan Weitzel – Son of Andy and Nichole Weitzel

Doris Kopp  
 Jan and Don Risser  
 Susan Levan  
 Earl and Irene Myers  
 Barbara Mizdail  
 Ray Showalter  
 Jim and Mary Jane Miller

Charles Moyer  
 Dawna Meese – Friend of the Templin's  
 Grace Ranck

Nancy Kulp  
 Elmo Lorah – Friend of Connie Taylor  
 Lisa Buckles – Friend of Sue Knauer  
 Mary Kring – Aunt of Linda Ream  
 Chester Peachy – Neighbor of Sue Kreitz  
 Bill Sweigart – Neighbor of Sue Kreitz  
 Kyle Lord – Cousin of Kim Houck

Andy Etman  
 Bryand Rincher - Nephew of Connie and Tony Malafarina

Ivy Erb-Willard – Friend of Kim Houck  
 Christina Ayala – Brain Tumor – Friend of Kim Houck

Dottie Smith - Friend of Connie Taylor  
 Betty Custer - Mother of Tony Malafarina  
 Sandy Heisey – Sister-in-law of Jenn Weitzel

Tracey Pajski – Daughter of Andrew Kelly  
 Cheryl Black – Friend of the Gockleys

Tom Schalata – Stepfather of Katie Koehle  
 Judith Esterly – Friend of Janice Kelly

Kristen Ramsey (kidney transplant) Fiancé of Eric Long

Bryan Miller – Friend of the Reedys

**Please let us know when we can remove people from the sick and shut-in list.**



Michael Crowther  
 Clarice Haws  
 Betty Hornberger  
 Charles Moyer  
 Henry Rehlich  
 Ella Shirk  
 Alverta Showalter  
 Clyde Showalter  
 Mary Ann Weitzel



Our condolences to the Family of Ilse Hemmerich. Ilse died April 15<sup>th</sup>

A grave side service was held Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant View Cemetery.

## An Invitation to Rest

Summer calls to mind a slower pace, time off from school and work. But many still face daily demands this time of year: farmers work long hours; teachers may take seasonal work to make ends meet; parents with kids now home all day may catch up on work late at night. Still, may the longer days and warmer weather beckon you into a bit of free time this season. Listen:

"When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel." —Eleanor Brownn (public speaker and educator)

"Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential ... to make sure that your most important decision in the day [is] which color to slide down on the rainbow." —Douglas Pagels (author)

"Rest time is not waste time; it is economy to gather fresh strength. ... In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less." —Charles Spurgeon

"Come to me, all you that are weary ... and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." —Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)

## SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## Treasurer's Report by Major Group

April of Fiscal Year 2020

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - CHECKING ACC'T

	April Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
REGULAR	3,177.65	81,986.88	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,177.65</b>	<b>81,986.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Group 00	0.00	11,348.61	34,840.00	32.57 %
LEARNING	0.00	848.95	4,700.00	18.06 %
WELCOME	0.00	228.15	4,300.00	5.31 %
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00 %
SERVICE	101.15	1,284.60	1,150.00	111.70 %
WORSHIP	0.00	2,764.06	6,450.00	42.85 %
PROPERTY	0.00	1,976.98	13,170.00	15.01 %
YOUTH MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00 %
REIMBURSED EXP.	145.00	925.91	0.00	0.00 %
REBUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
THROUGH STAFF	12,036.81	48,739.03	142,189.00	34.28 %
BENEFITS	0.00	10,143.55	48,900.00	20.74 %
ADMINISTRATION	1,192.37	5,506.13	22,000.00	25.03 %
OPERATIONS	4,091.65	15,227.21	48,200.00	31.59 %
INVESTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
RESTORATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>17,566.98</b>	<b>98,993.18</b>	<b>326,899.00</b>	<b>30.28 %</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-14,389.33</b>	<b>-17,006.30</b>	<b>-326,899.00</b>	

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SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

May 2020

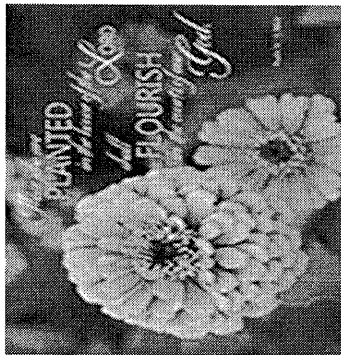
## Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00a-Eucharist 9:00a-Eucharist 10:30a-Sunday School	4	5 6:00p-Karate 7:00p-Welcome Mtg.	6 7:00p-Chancel Choir	7 6:00p-Karate 6:30p-Learning	8	9
10 Mothers' Day 8:00a-Eucharist 9:00a-Eucharist 10:30a-Sunday School	11	12 6:00p-Service Mtg. 6:00p-Karate 7:00p-Bible Study	13 7:00p-Chancel Choir	14 6:00p-Karate	15	16
17 8:00a-Eucharist 9:00a-Eucharist 10:30a-Sunday School	18	19 6:00p-Karate	20 7:00p-Chancel Choir 7:00p-Church Council	21 7:00p-Ascension Day/Eucharist 8:15p-Snack	22	23
24 8:30a-Eucharist	25 Memorial Day	26 6:00p-Karate	27 7:00p-Chancel Choir	28 6:00p-Karate	29	30 4:00p-Moyer/Stolfus Wedding
31 8:30a-Eucharist						

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00p-Welcome Mtg.	3 7:00p-Chancel Choir	4 6:30p-Learning	5	6
7 8:30a-Eucharist	8	9 6:00p-Service Mtg. 7:00p-Bible Study	10	11	12	13
14 8:30a-Eucharist, Summer Liturgy 3:00p-Camp Kirchenwald Confirmation Camp	15	16	17 7:00p-Church Council	18	19	20
21 Fathers' Day 8:30a-Eucharist	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:30a-Eucharist	29	30				

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**Return Service Requested**

**MAY AND JUNE**

**THE LORD**  
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;

**THE LORD**  
MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE  
UPON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;

**THE LORD**  
LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE  
UPON YOU  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

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