

THE RISING N NEWSLETTER

SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD , REINHOLDS, PA 17569

Church Telephone 717 -336-2849 Fax 717-336-2840 e-mail swampluth@dejazzd.com
Eucharist Service 8:00 a.m. Worship service 9:00 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.

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Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member of CALM 5 (Cocalico Area Lutheran Ministry). CALM5 is a cooperative ministry with Faith United Lutheran Church, Denver; PA; Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Schoeneck, PA; Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Denver, PA & St. Paul Lutheran Church, Adamstown, PA

Staff:

Ministers

Congregation

Pastor

The Rev. Dennis L. Trout

Adm. Asst/Sec

Judith L. Sauder

Organist

Bonnie Oplinger

Choir Director

Susan Kreitz

Sexton

Matthew Lewandowski

Officers of Council

Sue Knauer, President,
David Kupp , Vice Pres..
Abbey Stopper, Secretary
Steve Young, Financial Sec.
Guy Templin, Treasurer
Jim Kidwell, Asst. Treas.

Congregation Council

Glenn Beard
Lori Hagy
Randy Krater
Tom Laudenslager
Michael Mixell
Don Risser
David Sauder
Ray Weitzel
Michael Witmer

Some Savory Thoughts!

"God himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?"

"Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever."

"Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous."

"Don't put a question mark where God put a period."

"God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called."

"God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage."

"If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!"

"Prayer: don't give God instructions just report for duty!"

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's learning to dance in the rain!"

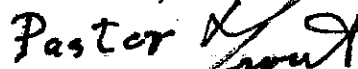
"Many folks want to serve God; but only as advisors."

"Some people are kind, polite, and sweet spirited until you try to sit in their pew."

"Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case."

Now I'm out of breath; after savoring all these thoughts. Remember, Lent is here and savoring leads us to celebrate the why of life; grace - Easter!

God Bless,



Pastor Trout



MARCH:

RAYMOND LONG 3/02
270 N. RIDGE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

HELEN DAVIES 3/07
138 MEADOW COURT
SINKING SPRING, PA 19608

EDWIN KRAMER 3/10
GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE
MVB 17
433 S. KINZER AVENUE
NEW HOLLAND, PA 17557

JOSIE REITZ 3/10
46 BROOKFIELD DRIVE
EPHRATA, PA 17522

CHARLES BOYER 3/16
90 BLUE LAKE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

DR. DALE REINECKER 3/22
DENVER NURSING HOME, RM. 101
400 LANCASTER AVENUE
STEVENS, PA 17578

RAY SHOWALTER 3/23
110 NORTH RIDGE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

THE REV. JAMES B. MILLER 3/25
200B N. RIDGE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

MILDRED BLASZUK 3/29
264 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD
EAST EARL, PA 0233



Thank you to the congregation for the Hospitality Basket and the wonderful Christmas Cards I received. Thanks for remembering me.

Edwin Kramer

Dear Members of Swamp:

Thank you for the snack basket and cards at Christmas. Also for the flowers and visits from Pastor Trout. Your caring means so much.

God Bless,
Gene & Janice Moyer

Rev. Trout and Members of Swamp:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness for the many cards, the goodie box and your prayers and visits.

Thank you,
Elmer & Katherine Kopp

Thank you to each person who played a part in making our annual Night of Music a huge success.

I would like to thank the following people:

All the participants who shared their gifts of music,
Pastor Trout for being MC for the program,

Sandra & Lowell Haws and their committee for arranging and serving the delicious refreshments,

Judy Sauder and her helpers for printing the program,

Steve Laudenslager for running the sound system,

Doug Kulp and his incredible bell ringers,

The great Chancel Choir,

Sally Hagy for recruiting the Sunday School Singers,

Doug, Randy Krater, Matt Sweigart and Abbey Stopper for providing instrumental accompaniment,

Guy Templin and Earl Myers for helping wherever they were needed.

The congregation for their support.

I sincerely hope I didn't forget anyone. I apologize if I did.

Sue Kreitz

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers after the destruction of our home. We appreciated all the offers of help we received. The new home should be on site by Feb. 17 and hopefully we'll be back in within a week.

Love,
The Hershey's

Requests from the Office:

Please call the church at 336-2849 if:

*You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).

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

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

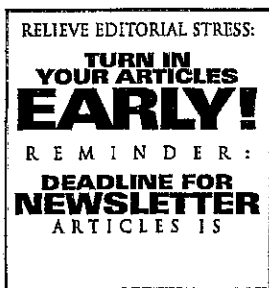
*There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage or divorce);

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

Please inform the church office if your mailing address and/or telephone number have been changed or you have moved to a new address. The church is charged a fee of \$.75 for each piece of mail that is returned.

***** As you schedule a meeting or an event of a group, committee or task force of Swamp, please inform the Church Office. 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. Changes to the routinely scheduled meeting should also be shared with the Church Office. We want everyone who checks out our bulletin or newsletter to see our activities.**

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March 15, 2012

**FOR
APRIL NEWSLETTER**



Committee

- Sue Knauer, President – Youth Ministry & Learning
- David Kupp, Vice President – Scouts & Service
- Abbey Stopper, Secretary - Welcome
- Steve Young, Financial Secretary
- Guy Templin, Treasurer - Worship
- Jim Kidwell, Asst. Treasurer - Stewardship
- Glenn Beard – Helping Hands
- Lori Hagy - Finance
- Randy Krater - Property
- Tom Laudenslager - Property
- Michael Mixell - Constitution
- Don Risser - Property
- David Sauder – Love, Inc. & Constitution
- Ray Weitzel - Property
- Michael Witmer – Disaster Response



Dear Pastor Trout, The Welcoming Committee, and The Congregation:

I want to thank you all for the love and support that you have given me throughout my transition to college and adulthood. I also want to thank the Welcoming Committee for sending me the letter and gift card in the mail. It means so much to me to be a part of such an awesome congregation.

Thank you all again!!

Sincerely,
Lindsey Sauder

I want to thank Pastor Trout and the congregation for all the prayers, visits, cards and other acts of kindness I received during my recent surgery and recovery at home.

Thanks and God bless.
Edith Showalter



Earl & Marion Bashore
Dolores Binner
Dorothy DeLong
John Dillon
Ray Hershey
Edwin Kramer
Russell Kurtz
Caroline Leshner
Dale Reinecker
Alice Schannauer
Lela Trout
Walter Weinhold
Maryanne Weitzel
Minnie Wenger

Dolores Becker
Elmer Kopp
Anna Mae Moyer



Our condolences to the family of Lyn Hirneisen. Lyn died February 9th at his home. A memorial service for him will be held March 3rd @ 11 a.m. Visitation at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Swamp Cemetery.

Dale Reinecker
Charles Boyer
Linda Martzall
The Family of Lynn Hirneisen
Robert Kopp
Mel Hilton
Wallace Lewandowski – Brother of Matt Lewandowski
Caroline Leshner
William R. Kase – Friend of Connie Taylor
Barton “Rocky” Leed – Brother of Sam Leed
Eugene Moyer
Dr. Dianne Coralloo – Friend of Bonnie Trout
Tony Ciro – Friend of Bonnie Trout
Mary Clark
Esther Hollinger – Friend of Ron & Joyce Stoner
Becky Christman – Friend of Cindy Golden
Matthew Re – Nephew of Bernadette Wargo – deployed to Afghanistan
Frank Re – Brother of Bernadette Wargo
Maria Re – Niece of the Wargo’s
Bernard Re – Brother of Bernadette Wargo
Derry “Gushen” Agnini – Friend of Sue Van Zant
John Maicher – Friend of Connie Taylor
Herman “Shorty” Craig – Friend of Larry Knauer
Esther Hellyer
Donna Schalata - Mother of Katie Koehle
Nancy Sides – Friend of Dane Crowther
Bob Boyd – Friend of Sue Kittler
Frank Acri – Friend of Judy Habecker
Carter Truscott, newborn son of Matt & Nicole “Gockley” Truscott

Stu Yost
Sandy “Nicholas” Gibler – Daughter of Barb & John Nicholas
Karen West – Friend of Sandy Clouser
Jack Spicer – Friend of Connie Taylor
Pastor Sandy Gideon – St. Paul’s Adamstown
Paula Rigers - Niece of Noretta Burke
Linda & Paul Schuler- Sister & Brother-in-law of Noretta Burke
Richard & Cindy Taylor - Friends of Larry Knauer

(Please let us know when we can remove people from the sick and shut-in list. We do not always get an update on their condition)



Lilies

Easter Lilies 5-6 Blooms - \$6.25 per plant

Orders are being taken for lilies that will be placed in our church April 8, 2012. Place your order with Joyce Stoner, 720 S. Cocalico Road, Denver, Pa 17517 or phone 717-336-7077.

Name _____

Phone # _____ Number of plants _____

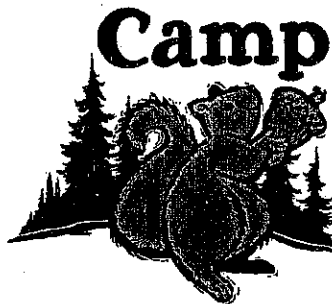
In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Last day to order is Sunday March 9, 2011

(Must be paid when ordered)

Thank you!



Confirmation Camp 2012

For the young people who are entering 6th, 7th or 8th grades in September, 2012, the Lebanon/North Lancaster Confirmation Ministry's Confirmation Camp for 2012 has been scheduled for June 17th to June 23rd. Please have your children attending this camp. Put the date on your calendar so it does not interfere with your vacation dates. Thank You.

Confirmation will be held June 3rd, 2012 due to pastor Trout being on vacation.



March 22, 2012
8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Luther Acres *Presents*
**The Road to Wellness
Health Fair**

Travel down the Road to Wellness and visit over 20 interactive exhibitors who will help you finish 1st in the Race to a Healthy Lifestyle.

- Free and open to the public.
- Information available from more than 25 vendors.
- Free screenings offered, such as blood pressure, bone density, circulation/sensation for the feet, balance testing and 3-D spinal screening.
- Seminars hourly from 9 am- 4 pm - on chronic kidney disease, diabetes, advanced directives, incontinence in women, to name a few.
- Drawings for door prizes throughout the day.
- Participate in a Red Cross Blood Drive. If donating blood, please call the Wellness Center 717-626-1171, ext. 640 to RSVP by March 2, 2012.
- If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Becky Deihl at 717-626-1171, ext. 640 or bdeihl@luthercare.org.

Save the date on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you there!

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Lititz, PA 17543
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www.luthercare.org

January 16, 2012

To the Council and Congregation
Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reinholds, Pennsylvania

As members of Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church (the "Church"), we agreed to perform certain procedures in relation to the financial records of the Church at December 31, 2011 and for the year then ended. We conducted procedures to determine that Church funds have been properly received and deposited, and that the funds disbursed were accurate and appropriate in nature. In addition, we verified the existence and ownership of the Church's reported investments. We also performed certain procedures related to the financial records of several groups and committees of the Church, including the Youth Group, Kitchen Fund and Action Fund, for the year ended December 31, 2011. Our procedures did not disclose modifications that should be made to the Church's financial records.

The following statement of assets (excluding fixed assets) was prepared by the Church's officers to present the financial assets, excluding real and personal property, of the Church as of December 31, 2011, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of the Church's assets, liabilities and various funds. Our report and the accompanying statement of assets is intended solely for the information of the Church's council and members of the congregation, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by any other party.



John W. Lorah



William K. Crouse

SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS (EXCLUDING FIXED ASSETS)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

Ephrata National Bank - general checking account	\$ 173,051.32
Ephrata National Bank – insurance fund checking account	1,711.58
Thrivent Money Market Fund-A	12,801.04
Thrivent Income Fund-A (5,745.639 shares)	50,216.88
Fulton Financial Corp. stock (10,846.2067 shares)	<u>106,401.29</u>
TOTAL ASSETS (EXCLUDING REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY)	<u>\$ 344,182.11</u>

NOTES:

- Thrivent Income Fund-A and Fulton Financial Corp. stock are listed at market values based on their respective share price as of December 31, 2011.

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

2012 TREASURERS REPORT

	January	YTD Total	Budget
INCOME			
ENVELOPE FUND AND SIMPLY GIVING	\$ 19,036.50	\$ 19,036.50	\$ 22,506.17
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 4,252.31	\$ 4,252.31	
CHURCH SCHOOL	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
TOTAL INCOME TOWARD BUDGET	\$ 23,308.81	\$ 23,308.81	\$ 270,074.00
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 764.86	\$ 764.86	
FLOWERS AND BULLETTINS	\$ 348.00	\$ 348.00	
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS		\$ -	
MEMORIALS	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
MATCHING FUNDS & RETURNS		\$ -	
DINNERS		\$ -	
NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 201.45	\$ 201.45	
FIRE DONATIONS		\$ -	
CAPITAL FUND DRIVE	\$ 1,417.00	\$ 1,417.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 1,054.12	\$ 1,054.12	
INCOME TOTALS	\$ 27,244.24	\$ 27,244.24	
DISBURSEMENTS			
BENOVELENCE	\$ 2,083.37	\$ 2,083.37	\$ 25,000.00
SAMARITAN COUNCILING CENTER	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LUTHERCARE		\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
OTHER BENOVELENCES		\$ -	\$ 3,390.00
LEARNING	\$ 59.94	\$ 59.94	\$ 7,100.00
WELCOME	\$ 16.63	\$ 16.63	\$ 1,200.00
STEWARDSHIP		\$ -	\$ 200.00
SERVICE		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
WORSHIP	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,395.00
PROPERTY	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 6,790.00
YOUTH MINISTRY		\$ -	\$ 800.00
STAFF EXPENSES	\$ 10,982.70	\$ 10,982.70	\$ 123,530.00
STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 3,618.37	\$ 3,618.37	\$ 44,594.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 1,349.59	\$ 1,349.59	\$ 19,775.00
OPERATIONS OF PROPERTY	\$ 2,004.50	\$ 2,004.50	\$ 26,300.00
TOTAL BUDGETED ITEMS	\$ 21,410.10	\$ 21,410.10	\$ 270,074.00
UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS			
BENEVOLENCE - ACTION FUND	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 744.86	\$ 744.86	
MISCELLANEOUS NONBUDGETED		\$ -	
MATCHING FUND PAYMENTS		\$ -	
FLOWERS/ REIMB EXP	\$ 822.20	\$ 822.20	
RESTORATION/REBUILDING		\$ -	
PAID MEMORIALS		\$ -	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 23,142.16	\$ 23,142.16	
ACCOUNT BALANCE PREVIOUS MONTH	\$ 173,018.20		
TOTAL RECEIPTS CURRENT MONTH	\$ 27,244.24		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS CURRENT MONTH	\$ 23,142.16		
ACCOUNT BALANCE CURRENT MONTH	\$ 177,120.28		
This amount includes the following:			
Bible Study Group Money	\$ 78.00		
Personal Choir \$15.40 & Bell Choir Money \$56.32	\$ 71.72		
Memorials	<u>\$ 75,709.80</u>		
*TOTAL INCLUDED IN CHECKING	\$ 75,859.52		

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

15 February 2012

Your Council met Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in the library. Highlights include:

Service committee reported that they are continuing their research into establishing a Peter's Porch satellite operation. There will be a CALM5 Habitat for Humanity house build on September 29 with the build location to be determined. We will be participating in the Cocalico Ministerium's summer lunch program again this year. They have expanded the program to 8 weeks and have added Adamstown and Reinholds distribution locations. Anyone able to help with our week should see David Kupp.

Love, Inc. reported that the steering committee has found a house and has divided the monthly rental cost between the participating churches. Our commitment is \$100 per month.

Welcome committee reported that they mailed out 68 cards this month. Game night will be held this coming Friday February 25. College student gift baskets were mailed. After checking with various agencies and finding they did not want the toys in the social hall, it was decided to give them at Christmas to several children who lost their homes in the row house fire in Lebanon. Janice Moyer is looking into a bus trip for August. Invitations have been mailed to the Senior Celebration on 3/24. Bonnie Showalter is going to be starting a Prayer Shawl ministry here at Swamp. There will be patterns coming in the newsletter and she will also be offering classes on how to make them. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful mission please see her for more information.

Helping Hands committee reported they are holding a Ham & Bean soup sale on March 17th.

Disaster Response committee reported they group going to Minot is holding a fundraiser at Isaac's this Tuesday from 5:00-8:00 pm. We are now up to 7 of our members that are going.

Youth Ministry reported that there are several youth participating in the 30 hour famine February 24-25. Please see Sue Knauer if you are interested in sponsoring one of them.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Bread and Wine Donor:

March Randy & Lori Gockley
April Michael & Kathleen Fink

Altar Guild:

March Kaye Shugarts, Judy Habecker
April Jane Leshner, Linda Mohn
May Anna Sweigart, Corinne Sweigart

Communion Assistants:

February 26
8:00 AM David Borrell, Linda Ream
9:00 AM Guy Templin, Sue Kreitz,
Greg Diestel, Leslie Diestel

March 4
8:00 AM John Frantz, Guy Templin
9:00 AM Anna Sweigart, Anita Kupp,
Connie Taylor, Deb Sweigart

March 11
8:00 AM Bernadette Wargo, Michael Wargo
9:00 AM Leslie Diestel, Greg Diestel, Alex
Kupp, Guy Templin

March 18
8:00 AM Samantha Young, Connie Taylor
9:00 AM Deb Sweigart, Anna Sweigart,
Guy Templin, Debbie Carvell

March 25
8:00 AM David Borrell, Kathleen Fink
9:00 AM Gillian Diestel, Katie Krater,
Connie Taylor, Jane Leshner

Crucifer:

March 4
8:00 AM Chris Zander
9:00 AM Anita Kupp

March 11
8:00 AM Michael Wargo
9:00 AM Leslie Diestel

March 18
8:00 AM Guy Templin
9:00 AM Deb Sweigart

March 25
8:00 AM David Borrell
9:00 AM Gillian Diestel

Hunger Appeal:

February 26 Hunter Lesiey, Cody Leisey, Jake
Diestel, Brett Kupp

March 25 Sarah Zook, Dylan Sweigart, Eric
Showalter, Megan DeBock

MARCH

Acolytes:

February 26
8:00 AM Danielle Witmer, Allison Witmer
9:00 AM Samantha Donmoyer, Trent Walter

March 4
8:00 AM Jonathan Templin, Dakota Moyer
9:00 AM Dana Shugarts, Corinne Sweigart

March 11
8:00 AM Samantha Young, Taylor Kidwell
9:00 AM Cody Leisey, Hunter Leisey

March 18
8:00 AM Allison Witmer, Danielle Witmer
9:00 AM Matt DeBock, Eric Showalter

March 25
8:00 AM Kylee Kidwell, Rachel Young
9:00 AM Sarah Zook, Katie Krater

April 1
8:00 AM Jonathan Templin, Dakota Moyer
9:00 AM Megan DeBock, Samantha Donmoyer,

Lector:

February 26 Noretta Burke
March 4 Connie Malafarina

March 11 Jim Beard

March 18 Lowell Haws

March 25 Linda Mohn

April 1 Greg Diestel

April 5 Connie Taylor, Lowell Haws

April 8 Jenn Weitzel

Banner Bearer:

February 26 Taylor Weaver
March 4 Katie Krater

March 11 Megan DeBock

March 18 Corinne Sweigart

March 25 Kristen Gockley

April 1 Taylor Weaver

April 5 Corinne Sweigart

April 8
6:00 AM Brett Kupp
8:30 AM Dana Shugarts

Flower Delivery

Feb. 26, Mar. 6 Ralph & Dottie Good
Mar. 11 & 18
Mar. 25, April 1

Torch Bearer:

April 1
 April 6 Rachel Young, Kylee Kidwell
 April 8
 6:00 AM Kristen Gookley, Alex Kupp
 8:30 AM Samantha Young, Taylor Kidwell

Greeters:

March 4 Sue Knauer & David Sauder
 March 11 Randy Krater & Michael Mixell
 March 18 David Kupp & Michael Witmer
 March 25 Glenn Beard & Tom Laudenslager
 April 1 Don Risser & Abbey Stopper

Grief Support Group at Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church 9 Hahnstown Rd., Ephrata, PA

The resulting Grief that follows the death of a loved one can be filled with surprises and sometimes overwhelming. Coupled with our culture's denial of death, its impact in our lives, and many people's lack of knowledge about grief and the grieving process, means many people experience grief alone with little support as they try to adapt to the death of a loved one. There is a genuine need to help survivors deal with the death of a loved one and all the feelings and difficulties that result. Bergstrasse Evangelical



Grief Support Group

Lutheran Church wants to help those struggling with grief by providing much needed support and grief education.

Beginning **Tuesday,**

March 6, from 7:00-8:30 PM, a

Grief Support Group will be available for those grieving the death of a loved one.

The group will meet for eight

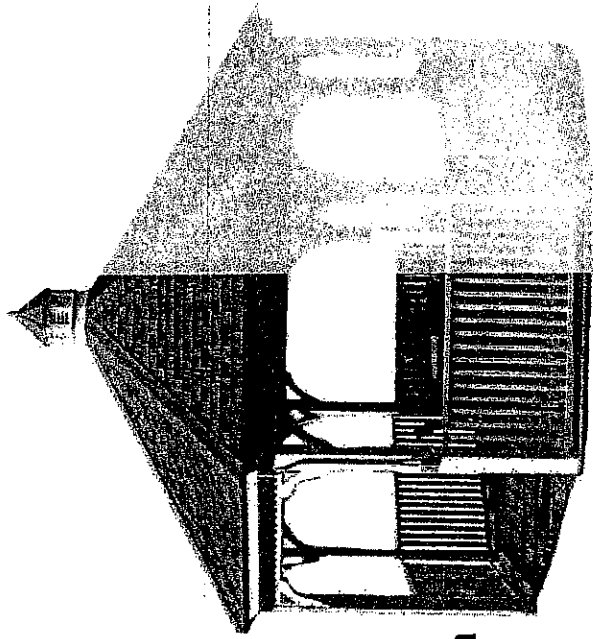
Tuesdays, March through April.

This support group is open to all interested people in our congregation or from the community who are at least three months beyond the funeral of their loved one.

The group facilitators will be Peggy Rushton-Witmyer, Deb Burkholder and Pastor Herbert A. Lohr, who have had over eight years of experience leading grief support groups. The eight sessions will provide participants a chance to share their grief in a safe and encouraging environment, learn about the process of grieving, and receive helpful support toward healing.

There is no cost to participants. Funds needed for participants' books will be provided by Thrivent for Lutherans. The group is limited to fifteen participants. To register, call Pastor Lohr at 733-7808 (O) or 687-6460 (H).

Please help us complete the Gazebo Project for residents with late-stage dementia in Luther Acres Healthcare Center!



Agape Way residents with late-stage dementia will again be the focus of the Friends of Luther Acres for 2012. Agape Way Courtyard is an outside secure space located in the Healthcare Center accessible only to the residents, their families and friends. Dementia is a serious brain disorder that impacts daily living. Residents with late-stage dementia become more confused and forgetful while their physical abilities decline. The courtyard will offer residents a safe, positive sensory place with benches for sitting outside where they can feel a gentle breeze and the warmth of the sun. It will be a meeting place for families and friends to share happy memories.

Our goal for 2011 was \$10,000 of which we received \$6,670. Thank you for your generous help last year. In order to provide the gazebo by the summer of 2012, the Friends need to complete this project in the first quarter (January - March). The cost of the gazebo alone is \$10,400. Several "additions" are essential - landscaping, benches and handrails, which brings the total needed to \$15,000. This year, in addition to gifts given by individuals, we are offering congregations specific sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$295 to \$2,500 for items such as electrical work, three continuous benches, upgraded handrails and Victorian roof braces. **Construction volunteers** could save us \$2350 with a gift of time and talent.

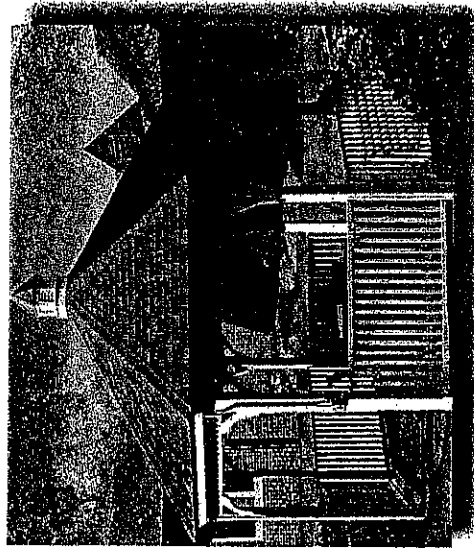
The Gazebo Project will touch lives for years to come. Time spent outside in a positive environment is vital for good physical and mental health. It helps promote independence and memory recall tapping into life activities and experiences. The gazebo will have walking patterns for absorbing the beauty of God's creation. Ways you can help . . .

- ▶ Make a cash gift
- ▶ Volunteer construction labor for the gazebo
- ▶ Volunteer electrical labor for the gazebo
- ▶ Sponsor a specific piece of the gazebo

To volunteer or talk about specific sponsorship opportunities, please call **Kathy Trayer at 717.626.4295**, Friends of Luther Acres President.

We invite you to be a Friend of Luther Acres by making a gift to the Gazebo Project. You may participate through your congregation or make a gift by sending a check to:

Friends of Luther Acres (Please see Sally Hagy
 c/o Luthercare or Karen Laudenslager
 Accounting Department with your contribution.)
 600 East Main Street
 Lititz, PA 17543



Friends of Luther Acres *Thanks for being a Friend!*
 A Luther Acres Auxiliary

Musical Notes - March

This is a unique time in the church year, one filled with a range of emotions from deep sorrow to great joy. Just as the dark and dead of winter gives way to more light and the new life of spring, so too, the observance of Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter embody these changes. The music of the church during this six week period also embodies these changes. Sandwiched between the sadness of Lent and Holy Week, is a joyful celebration of Palm Sunday. On that day we sing one of the earliest hymns written - *All Glory, Laud and Honor*. It was written by Theodolphus, a theologian and poet who was born in Spain circa 760 C.E. He was a member of the court of Charlemagne, who appointed him Bishop of Orleans, France. (Ironically, 600 years later, Orleans would host another famous historical personality - Joan of Arc, when she led French troops against the English during the Hundred Years War). Bishop Theodolph took part in a theological dispute over the origin of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity. Later, he was unjustly accused of sharing in the conspiracy of King Bernard of Italy and was imprisoned at Angers, France. It was while in prison, that he composed this hymn which the French king heard him singing during a Palm Sunday procession. One story says the king was so impressed with the singing that he released Bishop Theodolph from prison. But, another story says he died in prison at Angers.

You will also notice changes in the liturgical music as we use Setting 5, a Plainsong setting, more somber and more attuned to the Lenten message of penitence and sorrow for one's sins, as we accompany Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem for the last time.

Easter will dawn with Setting 6, a joyous, celebratory rendition of the liturgy to accompany our joy at Jesus' resurrection and victory over death, and our gift of salvation. Sing your heart out this season, whether in sorrow or joy for music is God's gift to us to express the inexpressible.

Your servants in Christ,
Susan Kreitz and Bonnie Oplinger

The Newsletter Newsletter®

ACTIVITIES PAGE

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Make this craft to capture the beauty of God's creation in springtime.

What you need:

- White glue that dries clear
- White watercolor paper
- Black fine-point permanent marker
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Water bowl
- Paper towels

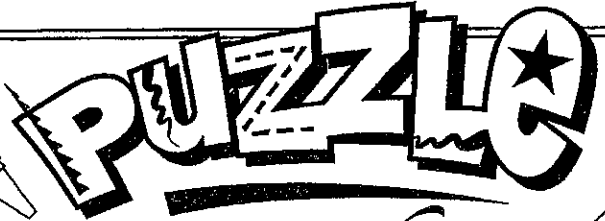
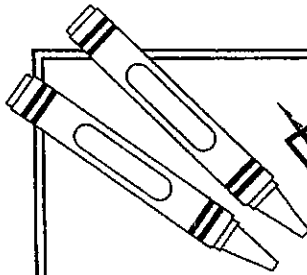


What you do:

1. With glue, draw a picture on watercolor paper of flowers and other things in God's creation we see in spring. Keep lines fairly big and simple, without many small details.
2. After the glue dries, use a fine-point permanent marker to trace the glue lines.
3. Paint your picture with watercolors for a stained-glass effect.



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SIGNS OF *Rebirth*

Isaiah 35 describes the rebirth of a dry land when Jesus returns, as well as the signs of God's beautiful creation at springtime.

Directions: Solve each math problem. Then write the words in order, from smaller numbers to larger numbers, in the spaces below.

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|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| bloom $6+1=$ ____ | blossom $2x2=$ ____ | rejoice $4x2=$ ____ |
| burst $3+3=$ ____ | wilderness $2+1=$ ____ | joy $5+5=$ ____ |
| crocus $3+2=$ ____ | desert $1x0=$ ____ | parched $0+1=$ ____ |
| glad $2x1=$ ____ | shout $10-1=$ ____ | |



"The _____ and the _____ land will be _____; the _____ will rejoice and _____. Like the _____, it will _____ into _____; it will _____ greatly and _____ for _____."

Isaiah 35:1-2, NIV

Answers:
"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy."

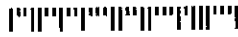
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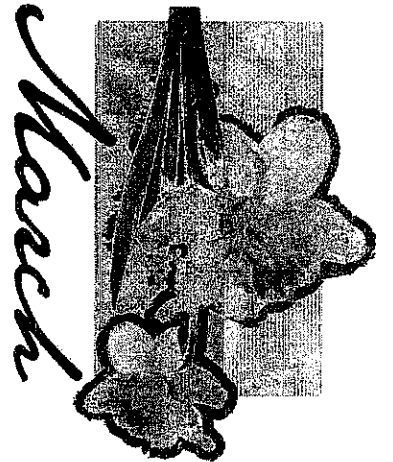
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