

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.

J U L Y - A U G U S T 2 0 1 2

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
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Don Risser
David Sauder
Ray Weitzel
Michael Witmer

Did you ever get tired, frustrated, anxious, or depressed. (What an entrance to the pastor's thought for the day)! We work hard at being Christian ---ever feel not up to it. Read on -----

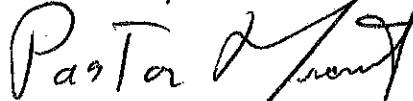
The next time you think you have an excuse why God can't use you, consider the following:

Noah was a drunkard, Abraham was too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar, Leah was ugly, Joseph was abused, Moses was a murderer, Gideon was afraid, Samson had long hair, Rahab was a prostitute, Timothy was too young, David had an illicit affair, Elijah was suicidal, Leah preached naked, Job was bankrupt, John the Baptist ran around in a loin - cloth and ate locusts, Peter was hot-tempered, John was self-righteous. The disciples fell asleep while praying, Martha fretted about everything, Mary Magdalene was demon-possessed, the boy with the fish and five rolls of bread was too obscure, the Samaritan woman was divorced more than once, Zacchaeus was too small, Paul was too religious, and Lazarus was dead.

No more excuses!

Author unknown

God Bless,



Pastor Trout



JULY

JULIA CRILLS 7/1
85 SWAMP BRIDGE ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

CLARICE HAWS 7/8
100 BLUE LAKE ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

JOAN REDDIG 7/10
945 HOPELAND ROAD
LITITZ, PA 17543

ANNA HERSHEY 7/15
46 STONY RUN VILLAGE
DENVER, PA 17517

MARION BERGMAN 7/26
17 RAY DRIVE
DENVER, PA 17517

JOHN DILLON 7/27
COUNTRY MEADOWS, RM 266
1802 TULPEHOCKEN ROAD
READING, PA 19610

GLADYS ECKENROAD 7/29
113 E. MAIN STREET
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

ANNA MAE MOYER 7/30
300 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569



Dear Swamp:

Thank you so very much for the gift card. It was perfect timing because my light bulb blew the night before so I went and got a new one with the gift card. Thanks for thinking of me while I am away at school.

God Bless,
Janet Krater



AUGUST:

LORRAINE CROWTHER 8/3
45 ARROWHEAD DRIVE
EPHRATA, PA 17522-1400

MATTHEW LEWANDOWSKI 8/7
P. O. BOX 815
BOWMANVILLE ROAD
ADAMSTOWN, PA 19501

BEATRICE GRESS 8/16
155 S. BLAINSPORT ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

EMORY GRESS 8/19
165 S. BLAINSPORT ROAD
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

DOTTIE GOOD 8/20
P. O. BOX 101
BOWMANVILLE, PA 17507

IRENE MYERS 8/20
1845 FURNACE HILL ROAD
DENVER, PA 17517

ALVERTA SHOWALTER 8/26
845 DAWN AVENUE
APT. 100
EPHRATA, PA 17522



We would like to thank everyone who reached out to dad and to us during and after his passing. All the cards made it easier to celebrate dad's life. Thanks again one and all.

Sincerely,
Tess & Bob Shank
Bev Ansley
Heather & Hoy Kohl & Sons
Tanya & Ken Stauffer & Daughter

Celebrating 40 Years • 1971-2011



**EPHRATA
AREA
SOCIAL
SERVICES**

May 9, 2012

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd.
Reinholds, PA 17569

Thank you:

On behalf of the board of directors of Ephrata Area Social Services, the staff and those we serve, I want to thank you for your generous contributions of food made to EASS.

We are grateful for the continued support shown for EASS and its mission. We are able to do what we do because of your faith and trust in us...

During April 2012, EASS distributed food to 211 families, helping 705 people. 314 people benefited from the Clothing Bank. We provided 144 rides through the Transportation Service. We also helped 13 New Families, having 38 members. 40 families (127 family members) benefited from our *Emergency Financial Assistance Program (Discretionary Funds)* expending **\$5,863.68** in financial assistance to help with prescriptions, home heating fuel, **electric payments to prevent disconnections** and with overnight lodging.

The mission of Ephrata Area Social Services is *to channel effectively community resources into a network of support for neighbors in need of Human Resources*. With your support we are able to continue meeting that challenge.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Swalwell,
Executive Director, EASS

The donor received neither goods nor services in return for their donation.



THANK YOU to the church and to all who donated to help with the funds for our recent mission trip to Hope Village in Minot, North Dakota. North Lancaster Conference sent 28 people from 9 different churches this year. We were separated into teams to work in many different homes.

The homeowners at the house we worked on showed us pictures of their house after the flood waters receded. They had water up to the ceiling when the primary surge of water came thru, then some of the water receded, but about 6 foot of water stayed in the area for 35 days. The flood was in June and they could not get to their house until August. They currently live in a FEMA trailer behind their home.

We worked from Monday thru Thursday at that home. We cut out the holes for the windows, wrapped the house with 'tyvek' (the moisture barrier); installed 9 windows; placed insulation around the window and frames inside; installed insulation and siding on one side; installed the soffit; and installed fascia to the back of the house. We couldn't work inside the home because the electrical work wasn't complete so on Friday, because of rain and wind, we joined another team inside 'their' home, where we helped to install drywall and subflooring.

There is so much devastation in Minot. Everyone (the homeowners, waitresses, storekeepers, and community members) were very thankful we were there. Our homeowner baked us cookies, cakes, and even made us soup for lunch one day.

Our team consisted of Glenn Beard, Jr; Mike Witmer; Fred Nolt; Alta Nolt; and Nancy McQuate.

Thank you again.

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;

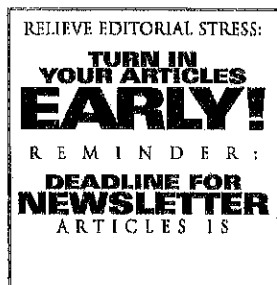
*There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage or divorce);

*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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AUGUST 15, 2012

FOR

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



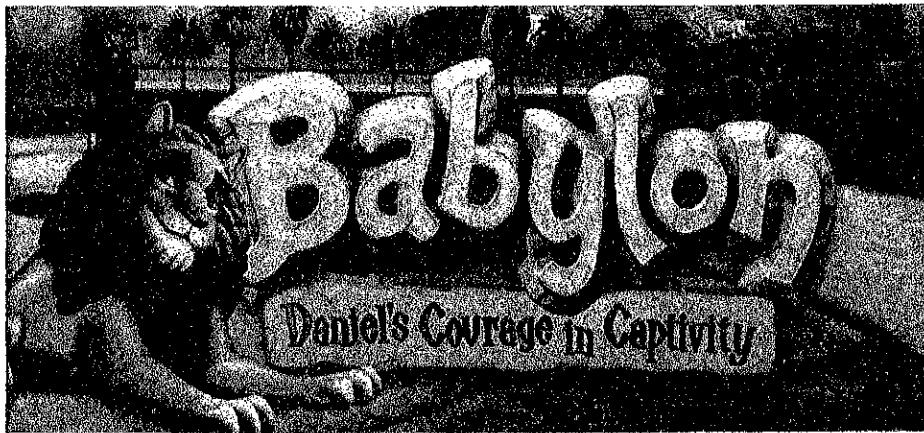
Committee

- 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



Band Concert

July 28, 2012 the Bowmansville Band, a traditional concert band, will present a concert at Mt. Zion UM Church @ 7:00 p.m. Mt. Zion is located at 105 N. 11th St. in Akron. A free will offering will be made for Ephrata Area Social Services.



Vacation Bible School
Swamp & Mellingers Lutheran Churches
July 8 to July 12, 2012 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)
@ Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last grade completed: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

In case of Emergency contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Allergies or Medical Conditions: _____

Home Church: _____

I (parent or guardian) of above-named child,

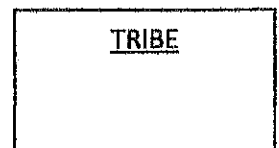
Permit

Do not permit

Mellingers or Swamp Lutheran to use my child's photo on their website, and/or in PowerPoint presentations

Signed by: _____ (parent /guardian)

Date: _____





Property committee reported that they have installed all the new doorstops and that the door closures are ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. The shelves in the music room were also installed. At their meeting this past week they have decided not to mulch everything this year, only a few areas. Instead they would like to transition from mulch to stone in our flowers beds. Beginning this year they will stone 2 of the existing flowerbeds. Every year we will stone a few more. This decision was made because of two factors. The first one is cost. The initial cost for stone is higher than mulch, however, the stone is not replaced each year like the mulch, so there will be a significant cost savings long term. And the second is lack of help. Each year less people show up to help with all the weeding and mulching and with stone we won't need as many people to do the annual weeding, etc. The committee does want everyone to know that the annual work evening of June 4th is still being held since we still have weeding and other things that must be done. They are going to plant Arborvitae around the dumpster to enclose it from the wind and lay pavers down for it to sit on. The playground is getting new swings and chains and the sliding board will be closed off temporarily until it can be repaired. Currently, it has several rotted boards and is a safety hazard. They discussed removal of the seesaws, however, a younger member of the committee strongly opposed the idea and is going to make new seesaws.

Vacation Bible School Mission Project

Our Mission Project for Vacation Bible School this year is Snacks for the Summer Lunch Program that the local churches are running this summer.

Each night we will be collecting the following approved snacks. Due to the Federal Nutrition Guidelines, we can only accept what is on the list and please note that every item must be single serving (.5oz to 1.5oz) and individually wrapped.

- Goldfish
- Pretzels
- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks (100% fruit juice)
- Graham crackers (bug bites, Scooby snacks etc.)
- Pop corn
- String cheese
- 4oz juice boxes (100 % fruit juice)



Thank you in advance for your donations and participation in this Mission Project.



Brittney Hickernell: Graduated from Conrad Weiser High School. She played Field Hockey and was selected to the "All Star Team". She will continue her academic and athletic career at Lock Haven University.

Dylan Hickernell: Graduated from Elco High School. He will be going to East Stroudsburg in the fall and is hoping to wrestle and major in criminal justice.

Tyler Elizabeth Kidwell: Graduated from Cocalico High School and will be attending Villanova University on an athletic scholarship to play field hockey and will be studying biology with hope of a Masters Degree in physical therapy to follow. She was involved in Aviedum Club; track 2 years; Club hockey –Xcalibur Hockey/Pottstown, PA; National Indoor Club Championships 4 years; 2012 LL League – all league team – field hockey. 2012 PA all state 1st team – field hockey

Michael Witmer: Graduated from Cocalico High School and will be attending Pennsylvania State University, Smeal College of Business, University Park. He participated in the wind ensemble, symphonic band, Leo club and golf team. He is currently working at Galen Hall.

Alex Kupp: Graduated from Cocalico High School. He will be attending Point Park University in Pittsburgh. He would like to become a part of the Conservatory at Point Park where he would like to study Set Design. Alex would like to be able to entertain people in some capacity in his future. His summer plans include working as a Life guard at Denver Pool and at Bentley Law Offices helping where he is needed.

Samantha Young:
Over the past four years at Cocalico High School, I have been actively involved in both in-school and out-of-school activities. I've spent a lot of time volunteering in the Community through Leo Club, National

In school I have worked hard and earned the honor of being this year's valedictorian after graduation, I will be attending DeSales University and studying in the 5-year Physician Assistant Program. I'm very excited and feel blessed to be one of our youth here at Swamp who will be traveling to New Orleans this summer for the ELCA Youth gathering. I want to thank my parents, Michelle and Steve Young and my sister, Rachel for always supporting me and putting up with me.

Gillian Diestel: Graduated from Cocalico High School and graduating 13th in the class of 2012. I was involved in concert choir for three years and choraliars for two years. I was in National Honor Society for the past two years, and also in the Amnesty Club for three years. This past year I was president of the club. I am planning to attend the University Park Campus of Penn State to major in either premedicine or biology with a minor in Spanish. I would eventually like to go on to medical school and become a doctor.

Katie Krater: I am a senior at Eastern Lebanon County High School (ELCO). I am involved in Student Council, Envirothon, Raiderthon, Spanish Club, Concert Band, Marching Band, Chorus, Concert Choir, Musical and Girl Scouts. This fall I will be attending Poin Park University in Pittsburgh. My current major is undecided but I hope to do something with Graphic Design and Advertising.

Maggie Krater: In December, I graduated from Penn State University. During my time at PSU I was involved with the Blue and White Society, THON, and the Rehab & Human Services Student organization. In the future I want to work with children/adolescents who are having trouble at home.

Josh Hagy: Graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering technology. He is employed by Carpenter Steel as a Project Manager. He is looking forward to beginning his Master's Degree in Engineering Management in the Fall of 2012.



The youth will be having a car wash on Saturday, June 30th at Advance Auto at 737 East Main street in Ephrata. The car wash is by donation and all proceeds will go towards expenses for the youth Gathering that 10 of us will be attending this July. It is scheduled to go from 9 AM to 1 PM. (unless we have a lot of cars at 1, then we will stay longer. We thank the congregation for all the support we have gotten so far and appreciate your continued support.

Connie Malafarina

Quilt & Kit Ministry

Today and everyday, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits give families throughout the world a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future. As the intensity of humanitarian needs increases worldwide, the requests for LWR Quilts & Kits are also on the rise. Our Quilts & Kits are urgently needed! From now until Sun Oct 7, Ingathering / Harvest Home Sunday, we will be collecting completed kits or individual items which can be used to complete kits, quilts and soap to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to people worldwide and at home who are suffering due to natural disasters and lack of basic necessities. Please consider contributing a kit or any of the following items:

Personal Care Kits : 1 light-weight bath-size towel, dark color
 2 bath-sized bars (4or5 oz) of soap, in original wrapping
 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

School Kits: 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8"X10 1/2"
 1 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other
 1 pencil sharpener
 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors)
 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secure together with rubber band.
 5 black or blue ballpoint pens, secure with rubber band.
 1 box 16 or 24 crayons
 1 2 1/2" eraser

1 STURDY DRAWSTRING BACKPACK-STYLE CLOTH BAG APPROX. 14"X17" WITH SHOULDER STRAPS (NO STANDARD BACKPACKS)

Quilts: 3 Easy Steps

1. Place fabric 64"X 84" right side down on table, followed by a filler measuring 60"X80", and another piece of fabric 60"X80", right side up on top of the filler.
2. Tie layers together using crochet or similar cord, or machine-quilt them together.
3. Bring the edges of the 64"X84" piece over the top, pin and machine stitch the edge, using a zigzag stitch if possible.



Confirmation Class of 2012

Jacob James Diestel

Nicholas King Higgins

Kylee Nicole Kidwell

Brett Harrison Kupp

Dana Caroline Shugarts

Emily Megan Taylor



Earl & Marion Basehore

Dolores Binner

Charles Boyer

Dorothy DeLong

John Dillon

Ray Hershey

Edwin Kramer

Caroline Leshner

Dale Reinecker

Alice Schannauer

Lela Trout

Walter Weinhold

Charles Weitzel

Maryanne Weitzel

Minnie Wenger

Dolores Becker

Elmer Kopp

Anna Mae Moyer



We welcome Donna & Dennis Hill into our church family. Donnia & Dennis live at 24 Aspen Drive, Manheim, PA. 17545



Our condolences go out to the family of Eugene Moyer. Eugene died Sunday, June 17 and his funeral was held at Swamp Lutheran Church June 21, 2012. Interment in Swamp Cemetery.

John Levan – Hershey Medical Center

Ray Long – Manor Care

Charles Boyer – Denver Nursing Home – Rm 317

Lorraine Crowther

Elmer Kopp

Linda Martzall

Leonard Hudzik

Susan Shirk

Caroline Leshner

William R. Kase – Friend of Connie Taylor

Barton "Rocky" Leed – Brother of Sam Leed

The Family of Eugene Moyer

Mary Clark

Becky Christman – Friend of Cindy Golden

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

Donna Schalata - Mother of Katie Koehle

Bob Boyd – Friend of Sue Kittler

Frank Acri – Friend of Judy Habecker

Carter Truscott, newborn son of Matt & Nicole

"Gockley" Truscott

Stu Yost

Karen West – Friend of Sandy Clouser

The Family of Jack Spicer – Friend of Connie Taylor

Shane & Greta Stoner and Family

Fred Cook – Friend of Byron & Sheila Reedy

William Badedar – Friend of Byron & Sheila Reedy

Betty Snyder – Grandmother of Laurie Sauder

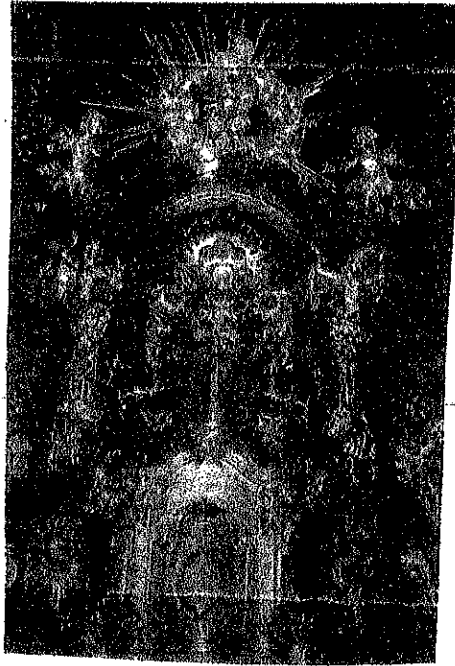
Thomas Blaszuk

The family of Bonnie Trout and for the people of Colorado who are threatened by the fire and those who have already lost their homes; Bonnie's 2 cousins being two of them.

(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)

Musical Notes - July/August

But oh!
What art can tach,
What human voice
can reach
The Sacred organ's praise?
Notes inspiring holy love,
Notes that wing their
heavenly ways
To mend the Choirs above.
Orpheus could lead
the savage race,
And trees unrooted
left their place,
Sequacious of the lyre;
But bright Cecilia raised
the wonder higher;
When to her Organ
vocal breath was given
An angel heard and
straight appear'd-
Mistaking Earth
for Heaven.



-John Dryden

Please add to this poem the unbridled gratitude to all those whose ministry of music added to the service of Word and Sacrament in liturgy enhances their meaning for everyone. There are those who use their voices - the adult choir, children's choir, others play instruments - bell choir, guitar, bass, drums, trumpet, flute, piano, bells, and together they have provided inspiration and edification in worship and fellowship in this church for the past year. It must be especially noted that when you add the total number of years the members of the adult choir have sung, their voices reverberate back to the 14th century. (These people are older than they look). When a total was added up of the number of years each member of the adult choir has sung in choirs throughout their lives, they amassed 714 years of giving thanks and praise to God. Thanks be to God who has given us the most perfect instrument - the human voice.

Grace and peace to you,

Sue Kreitz

Bonnie Oplinger

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Bread and Wine Donor:

July Matt & Audrey Lewandowski
Ray & Joan Long
August Fred & Noretta Burke
September Joan & Dale Reinecker

Altar Guild:

July Kaye Shugarts, Judy Habecker
August Sue Kreitz, Nancy Kulp
September Anna Sweigart, Corrine Sweigart

Communion Assistants:

June 24
8:00 AM Michael Wargo, Bernadette Wargo
9:00 AM Connie Malafarina,, Maggie Krater,
Guy Templin, Anita Kupp
July 1
8:00 AM Kathleen Fink, Guy Templin
9:00 AM Michael Wargo, Bernadette
Wargo, Deb Sweigart,, Jane Leshar
July 8
8:00 AM Kathleen Fink, Guy Templin
9:00 AM Anita Kupp, Guy Templin, Janet
Krater, Deb Sweigart
July 15
8:00 AM Jane Leshar, Danielle Witmer
9:00 AM Deb Sweigart, Sue Kreitz,
Michael Wargo, Bernadette Wargo
July 22
8:00 AM Missy Regan, Samantha Young
9:00 AM Maggie Krater, Sue Kreitz,, Nate
Shugarts, Guy Templin
July 29
8:00 AM John Frantz, Connie Taylor
9:00 AM Guy Templin, Debbie Carvell, Janet
Krater, Katie Krater
August 5
8:00 AM Kathleen Fink, Guy Templin
9:00 AM Jane Leshar, Connie Malafarina, Greg
Diestel, Michael Wargo
August 12
8:00 AM John Frantz, Connie Taylor
9:00 AM Jan Risser, Nate Shugarts, Alex Kupp,
Guy Templin
August 19
8:00 AM Guy Templin, Danielle Witmer
9:00 AM Connie Taylor, Sue Kreitz, Debbie
Carvel, Anita Kupp

JULY & AUGUST

August 26
8:00 AM Guy Templin, John Frantz
9:00 AM Connie Taylor, Donna , Sue Kreitz,
Jane Leshar
September 2
8:00 AM Missy Regan, Connie Taylor
9:00 AM Anita Kupp, Leslie Diestel, Greg
Diestel, Guy Templin
Hunger Appeal:
June Alex Kupp, Brett Kupp, Jake Diestel,
Matt DeBock
July Sarah Zook, Megan DeBock, Taylor
Weaver, Samantha Donmoyer
August Noah Roseboro, Cody Leisey, Hunter
Leisey, Trent Walter
Crucifer:
July 1
8:00 AM Chris Zander
9:00 AM Gillian Diestel
July 8
8 :00 AM Guy Templin
9:00 AM Anita Kupp
July 15
6:00 AM Guy Templin
8:30 AM Deb Sweigart
July 22
8:00 AM Chris Zander
9:00 AM Michael Wargo
July 29
8:00 AM Guy Templin
9:00 AM Connie Malafarina
August 5
8:00 AM Connie Taylor
9:00 AM Leslie Diestel
August 12
8:00 AM Chris Zander
9:00 AM Nate Shugarts
August 19
8:00 AM Guy Templin
9:00 AM Connie Taylor
August 26
8:00 AM Michael Wargo
9:00 AM Dana Shugarts

September 2

8:00 AM Connie Taylor

9:00 AM Chris Zander

Acolytes:

July 1

8:00 AM Kylee Kidwell, Rachel Young

9:00 AM Sarah Zook, Katie Krater

July 8

8:00 AM Jonathan Templin, Dakota Moyer

9:00 AM Megan DeBock, Samantha Donmoyer,

July 15

8:00 AM Allison Witmer, Danielle Witmer

9:00 AM Noah Roseboro, Cody Leisey

July 22

8:00 AM Samantha Young, Rachel Young

9:00 AM Kylee Kidwell, Taylor Weaver

July 29

8:00 AM Jonathan Templin

9:00 AM Jake Hill, Matt DeBock

August 5

8:00 AM Kylee Kidwell, Rachel Young

9:00 AM Katie Krater, Dana Shugarts

August 12

8:00 AM Dakota Moyer, Noah Roseboro

9:00 AM Austin Sweigart, Jonathan Templin

August 19

8:00 AM Danielle Witmer, Allison Witmer

9:00 AM Taylor Weaver, Jake Hill

August 26

8:00 AM Rachel Young, Kylee Kidwell

9:00 AM Jake Hill, Jake Diestel

September 2

8:00 AM

9:00 AM Sarah Zook, Dana Shugarts

Lector:

July 1 Jim Beard

July 8 Deb Sweigart

July 15 Lowell Haws

July 22 Jenn Weitzel

July 29 Wanda Maxey

August 5 Linda Moh n

August 12 Jim Beard

August 19 Wanda Maxey

August 26 Connie Malafarina

September 2 Jake Diestel

September 9 Greg Diestel

Flower Delivery

July 1 & 8 Ralph & Dottie Good

July 15 & 22 Lori Gockley, Jenn Weitzel

July 29 & Aug. 5 Sally Hagy

Aug. 12 & Aug.19 Jim & Kathy Hickernell

Aug. 26 & Sept 2 Michael & Kathleen Fink

Greeters

7/1 Lori Hagy & Michael Witmer

7/8 Sue Knauer & Ray Weitzel

7/15 Randy Krater & Tom Laudenslager

7/22 David Kupp & Lori Hagy

7/29 Glenn Beard & Michael Mixell

8/5 Don Risser & Michael Witmer

8/12 Abbey Stopper & Ray Weitzel

8/19 Sue Knauer & Tom Laudenslager

8/26 Randy Krater, Abbey Stopper

9/2 David Sauder & David Kupp

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

2012 TREASURERS REPORT

	April	YTD Total	Budget
INCOME			
ENVELOPE FUND AND SIMPLY GIVING	\$ 22,296.75	\$ 74,196.00	\$ 22,506.17
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 3,203.51	\$ 10,284.34	
CHURCH SCHOOL	\$ 123.50	\$ 272.87	
TOTAL INCOME TOWARD BUDGET	\$ 25,623.76	\$ 84,753.21	\$ 270,074.00
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 457.95	\$ 2,301.83	
FLOWERS AND BULLETINS	\$ 80.00	\$ 950.25	
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	\$ 2,315.06	\$ 4,740.06	
MEMORIALS	\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00	
MATCHING FUNDS & RETURNS	\$ 161.00	\$ 2,577.00	
DINNERS	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,635.00	
NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 86.20	\$ 287.65	
FIRE DONATIONS		\$ -	
CAPITAL FUND DRIVE	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 4,973.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 25,516.27	\$ 32,642.37	
INCOME TOTALS	\$ 57,340.24	\$ 135,035.37	
DISBURSEMENTS			
BENOVELENCE	\$ 2,083.37	\$ 8,333.48	\$ 25,000.00
SAMARITAN COUNCILING CENTER	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LUTHERCARE	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 4,000.00
OTHER BENOVELENCES	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,390.00
LEARNING	\$ -	\$ 461.72	\$ 7,100.00
WELCOME	\$ -	\$ 317.01	\$ 1,200.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
SERVICE	\$ 737.29	\$ 737.29	\$ 1,000.00
WORSHIP	\$ 437.66	\$ 1,761.78	\$ 5,395.00
PROPERTY	\$ 615.95	\$ 4,349.20	\$ 6,790.00
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
STAFF EXPENSES	\$ 11,390.06	\$ 41,684.76	\$ 123,530.00
STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 3,455.71	\$ 15,412.25	\$ 44,594.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 1,545.76	\$ 6,309.25	\$ 19,775.00
OPERATIONS OF PROPERTY	\$ 1,050.75	\$ 21,668.26	\$ 26,300.00
TOTAL BUDGETED ITEMS	\$ 22,231.55	\$ 103,950.00	\$ 270,074.00
UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS			
BENEVOLENCE - ACTION FUND	\$ 250.00	\$ 515.00	
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 1,428.01	\$ 3,251.89	
MISCELLANEOUS NONBUDGETED		\$ 178.00	
MATCHING FUND PAYMENTS		\$ -	
FLOWERS/ REIMB EXP	\$ 1,398.70	\$ 2,815.42	
RESTORATION/REBUILDING		\$ 36,855.50	
PAID MEMORIALS		\$ -	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 25,308.26	\$ 147,565.81	
ACCOUNT BALANCE PREVIOUS MONTH	\$ 128,455.78		
TOTAL RECEIPTS CURRENT MONTH	\$ 57,340.24		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS CURRENT MONTH	\$ 25,308.26		
ACCOUNT BALANCE CURRENT MONTH	\$ 160,487.76		
This amount includes the following:			
Bible Study Group Money		\$ 78.00	
Personal Choir \$15.40 & Bell Choir Money \$26.32		\$ 41.72	
Memorials		\$ 75,884.80	
*TOTAL INCLUDED IN CHECKING		\$ 76,004.52	

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH

2012 TREASURERS REPORT

	May	YTD Total	Budget
<u>INCOME</u>			
ENVELOPE FUND AND SIMPLY GIVING	\$ 15,539.50	\$ 89,735.50	\$ 22,506.17
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 1,819.00	\$ 12,103.34	
CHURCH SCHOOL	\$ 37.00	\$ 309.87	
TOTAL INCOME TOWARD BUDGET	\$ 17,395.50	\$ 102,148.71	\$ 270,074.00
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 367.21	\$ 2,669.04	
FLOWERS AND BULLETINS	\$ 248.00	\$ 1,198.25	
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	\$ 417.65	\$ 5,157.71	
MEMORIALS	\$ -	\$ 175.00	
MATCHING FUNDS & RETURNS	\$ 207.00	\$ 2,784.00	
DINNERS	\$ -	\$ 1,635.00	
NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ 287.65	
FIRE DONATIONS		\$ -	
CAPITAL FUND DRIVE	\$ 1,007.00	\$ 5,980.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 80.34	\$ 32,722.71	
INCOME TOTALS	\$ 19,722.70	\$ 154,758.07	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
BENOVELENCE	\$ 2,083.37	\$ 10,416.85	\$ 25,000.00
SAMARITAN COUNCILING CENTER	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LUTHERCARE	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ 4,000.00
OTHER BENOVELENCES	\$ 803.65	\$ 1,803.65	\$ 3,390.00
LEARNING	\$ 40.74	\$ 502.46	\$ 7,100.00
WELCOME	\$ 90.68	\$ 407.69	\$ 1,200.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
SERVICE	\$ 62.10	\$ 799.39	\$ 1,000.00
WORSHIP	\$ 527.00	\$ 2,288.78	\$ 5,395.00
PROPERTY	\$ 556.00	\$ 4,905.20	\$ 6,790.00
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
STAFF EXPENSES	\$ 9,616.00	\$ 51,300.76	\$ 123,530.00
STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 3,766.91	\$ 19,179.16	\$ 44,594.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 55,344.93	\$ 61,654.18	\$ 19,775.00
OPERATIONS OF PROPERTY	\$ 976.57	\$ 22,644.83	\$ 26,300.00
TOTAL BUDGETED ITEMS	\$ 73,867.95	\$ 177,817.95	\$ 270,074.00
<u>UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
BENEVOLENCE - ACTION FUND	\$ 100.00	\$ 615.00	
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 367.21	\$ 3,619.10	
MISCELLANEOUS NONBUDGETED		\$ 178.00	
MATCHING FUND PAYMENTS	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 1,640.00	
FLOWERS/ REIMB EXP	\$ 278.00	\$ 3,093.42	
RESTORATION/REBUILDING	\$ 1,007.37	\$ 37,862.87	
PAID MEMORIALS		\$ -	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 77,260.53	\$ 224,826.34	
ACCOUNT BALANCE PREVIOUS MONTH	\$ 160,487.76		
TOTAL RECEIPTS CURRENT MONTH	\$ 19,722.70		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS CURRENT MONTH	\$ 77,260.53		
ACCOUNT BALANCE CURRENT MONTH	\$ 102,949.93		

This amount includes the following:

Bible Study Group Money	\$ 78.00
Personal Choir \$15.40 & Bell Choir Money \$26.32	\$ 41.72
Memorials	\$ 75,884.80

*TOTAL INCLUDED IN CHECKING \$ 76,004.52

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 2012

Your Council met Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Highlights include:

Pastor Trout reported that there are 5 churches participating in Confirmation Church Camp this year, with approximately 36 children estimated to attend. Due to the retirement of some of the staff from prior years, Connie Taylor and Bonnie Oplinger will be helping to instruct the students.

Scouts reported that they will be having a walking taco food stand at Adamstown Days this year so come out and support them. Also they will be visiting the Denver Nursing home with our youth group to hand out goodie bags that the youth group put together for the residents there.

Service committee reported that the pig stomach dinner netted about \$1640 and that they are seeking matching funds from Thrivent, so that total amount they are giving to the youth toward their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering should be around \$2000. Again they want to thank everyone that helped.

Love, Inc. committee reported that the new Homes of Hope committee is looking for a few household needs such as papertowels, dish soap, toilet paper. A complete listing will be posted in the bulletin in the next couple of weeks. All donations can be place in the Narthex at the table where we collect the monthly food donations.

Welcome committee reported that they mailed out cards this month and made the chocolate covered pretzels that were handed out at the doors for Mother's Day.

Helping Hands committee reported that they served refreshments after the Ascension Day service.

Disaster Response committee reported that the June Disaster Response offering will be given to the youth that are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering. The youth will be participating in various mission projects throughout the city of New Orleans.

Finance committee reported that they met to review our mutual funds and other investments at the recommendation of the audit that was performed at the beginning of the year. Some of the funds/investments are earning a 0% return and they are exploring our options to get the best return on our investments. Also, they are going to pull the memorial money out of the general fund and put it into a separate account so that the general fund balance is a true representation of what is actually in that account and not skewed by the designated memorial funds.

Learning reported that Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 3 at the 9:00AM Service. June 10th we will recognize all our graduating seniors. If you have not returned your form to Judy, please do so ASAP. May 20th will be the last day for Sunday School and it will resume the Sunday after Labor day.

Youth Group reported that they are visiting the Denver Nursing home May 20th to hand out goody bags to the residents. They have planned their summer activities, which include trips to Ozzies Sports Center, Knoebels and Laser Quest.

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THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

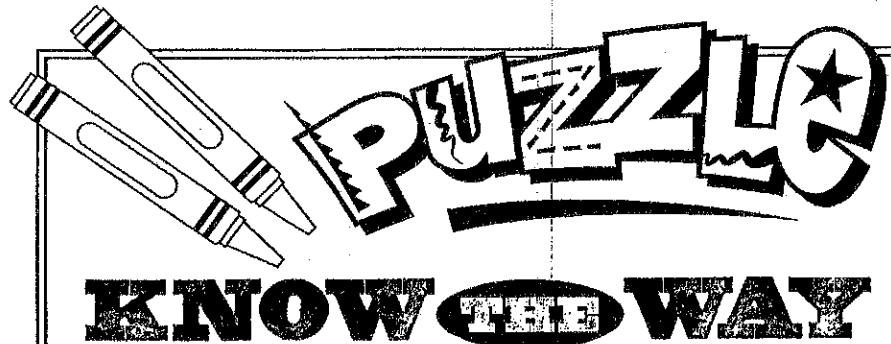
Play this game with a group of friends to remind you to follow Jesus.

What you need:

- Large space for running
- 3 jump ropes or 9 traffic cones

What you do:

1. Using jump ropes or traffic cones, form lines at both ends of the playing area. Also make a dividing line in the middle. Designate one side as "The Way" and the other as "The Truth." The center line is "The Life."
2. Choose one person to stand in the middle of the center line. He or she is the caller, yelling, "The way!" or "The truth!" or "The life!" The rest of the players also start on the middle line.
3. When a location is called, players run as fast as possible to the designated area. The last person to arrive switches places with the caller.
4. When "The Life" is called, players run to the center line and raise both hands. No one gets out.



Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5, NIV).

Directions: To read Jesus' reply, shade in the letters that contain an asterisk (*) and write them in order on the blanks below.

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Jes ____ ans ____ d, " ____ the ____
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14:6, NIV

Answer: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6, NIV

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JULY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services Food Bank	2	3 Thomas, Apostle (Red) Service & Welcome Meeting- 7 p.m.	4 July 4 	5	6	7
8 6 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services Vacation Bible School	9	0	1 2 Vacation Bible School Program	3	4	5 Wedding - Stevie Coble / Eric Posegay 4 PM
6 7 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services	7	8 Cactus Willies (Lunch or Dinner)	9	0	1	2
2 8 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Parent's Day 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services	3	4 St. James the Elder, Apostle (Red)	5	6 Women's Bible study 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Can Collection 9 - Noon @ the Ambulance Bldg.
9 9 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services Disaster Relief offering	0	1	2	3	4	5

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AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday							Tuesday							Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	JULY							SEPTEMBER											
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	29	30	31					29	30										
5 10 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services Food Bank																			6 Service Mtg. Welcome Mtg. 7 p.m.
12 11 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services Volleyball @ Mellingers 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.																			7 Mary, Mother of Our Lord (white) Council Meeting 7 p.m. Newsletter Deadline
19 12 th Sunday of Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services																			8 Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
26 13 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services Disaster Relief Offering																			9 St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Red)
																			10 Can Collection Reinholds Ambulance Bldg. 9 - Noon
																			11 Wedding - Laura Gockley/ John Martin 4 p.m.
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*"My grace
is sufficient
for you, for my
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perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

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