

THE RISING N NEWSLETTER

SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD , REINHOLDS, PA 17569

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Eucharist Service 8:00 a.m. Worship service 9:00 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.

F E B R U A R Y 2012

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

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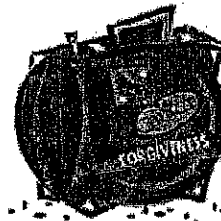
Don Risser

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Ray Weitzel

Michael Witmer

Pack well



During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

--based in the "Journey to Hope" sermon series

Who do you believe? Everyone has an opinion: in Jesus' day as well. We have all been tempted by voices, concepts, ideas and seemingly for a "good reason". Come and experience the voices of Lent that lead to Good Friday.

God Bless,

Pastor Trout

Lenten Schedule for 2012

All Services begin at 7:00 p.m. with Nursery & Refreshments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2/22	Pastor Dennis L. Trout	Swamp	
2/29	Pastor Joe Veres	St. John's Center	Satan
3/7	Pastor Tim Craven	Bergstrasse	Judas
3/14	Pastor Robert Kramer	St. Paul's Adamstown	Annas
3/21	Pastor Dennis L. Trout	Mellinger's	Caiaphas
3/28	Pastor Herb Lohr	Faith United	Peter
4/4	Pastor Sandy Gideon	Muddy Creek	Herod
5/17	Pastor Clifford Eshbach	Swamp	Ascension

Offerings will benefit Habitat and Richard Saaker in South East Asia

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BIRTHDAYS IN 2012



FEBRUARY

LUCILLE LORAH 2/1
236 FIELDCREST LANE
EPHRATA, PA 17522

CHARLES WEITZEL 2/9
EPHRATA MANOR, RM. 120
99 BETHANY ROAD
EPHRATA, PA 17522

BETTY HORNBERGER 2/8
55 W. FRANKLIN STREET
APT. 403
EPHRATA, PA 17522

SUSAN DOLLA 2/10
230 PINE VIEW DRIVE
DENVER, PA 17517

ANNA ROSE SCHANNAUER 2/10
65 FIELDCREST LANE
EPHRATA, PA 17522-2913

VERNON SHOWALTER 2/13
843 N. FOURTH STREET
DENVER, PA 17517

MINNIE WENGER 2/16
EPHRATA MANOR, RM N121A
99 BETHANY ROAD
EPHRATA, PA 17522

CAROLYN LESHER 2/17
DENVER NURSING HOME
RM. 101, ASSISTED LIVING
400 LANCASTER AVENUE
STEVENS, PA 17578

RAY KAUFFMAN 2/19
1095 W. ROUTE 897
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

GRANT BOYER 2/20
943 FRITZTOWN ROAD
SINKING SPRING, PA 19608

MICHAEL WARGO 2/21
178 HOSPITAL ROAD
WERNERSVILLE, PA 175565



Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards and fruit basket.

Dolores Becker and Son

Pastor Trout:

Thank you so much for making Mark's service so meaningful. Many friends and family members commented on how comforting it was to them. Judy, thank you for the beautiful music. We appreciate everyone who helped with the delicious luncheon. We are so grateful to have wonderful people like all of you in our lives. Please keep us in your prayers.

Troy, Mel & Adrienne Ulrich

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the box of goodies and the Christmas cards you gave me. One card stood out. That was from Jake. Harry and I sat a few seats back from Jake and he always acknowledged us even though he was a little boy. Another card was from a 5th grader named Sarah. I am going to frame that one. I hope all of you have a wonderful new year.

Love,
Maryanne Weitzel

Swamp Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness! Thank you, God bless,

Jennifer & girls

I would like to thank the congregation for all the pretty Christmas cards, flowers, and variety basket I received for Christmas.

Thank you and God bless,
Anna Mae Moyer

Special Dates in February 2012

African-American History Month
Boy Scout Sunday, February 5, 2012
Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012
Transfiguration Day, February 19, 2012
Presidents Day, February 20, 2012
Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012
First Sunday in Lent, February 26, 2012

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;

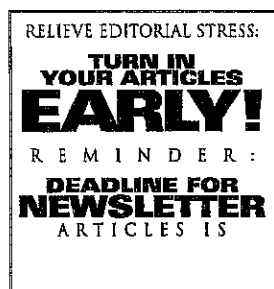
*You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;

*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.**



February 15, 2012

FOR

MARCH 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
- Tom Laudenslager
- Michael Mixell
- Don Risser
- David Sauder – Love, Inc. & Constitution
- Ray Weitzel - Property
- Michael Witmer – Disaster Response



CALM5 Youth Group

The next monthly meeting of the CALM 5 Youth Group will be held Sunday, February 12 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. 6th grade and under will meet at St. Paul's and 7th grade will meet at Swamp. Please invite a friend.



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 Samuel Leed who passed away Wednesday January 4, 2012. Sam's funeral was held Saturday, January 7 at Roseboro Stradling Funeral Home.

Rev. James B. Miller
 Marlene Boyer
 Linda Martzall
 Mariah Pannebecker
 Nancy Frantz - Mother of John Frantz
 Lynn Hirneisen
 Robert Kopp
 Mel Hilton – Hershey Medical Center
 Wallace Lewandowski – Brother of Matt Lewandowski
 Edith Showalter
 Caroline Leshner
 Carter Truscott, new born son of Matt & Nicole “Gockley” Truscott

William R. Kase – Friend of Connie Taylor
 Barton “Rocky” Leed – Brother of Sam Leed
 Eugene Moyer
 Gilbert Ochs – Brother of Edie Showalter
 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
 Libby Kern – granddaughter of Clarence & Marlene Kern
 Esther Hellyer
 Karen Landis – Cousin of Jerry Landis
 Donna Schalata - Mother of Katie Koehle
 Nancy Sides - Friend of Dane Crowther
 Dane Crowther - Lancaster General Hospital
 Bob Boyd - Friend of Sue Kittler
 The Family of Joe Paterno and all victims of Child abuse throughout the world and their families.

(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).

DAFFODIL SUNDAY – MARCH 25th

Name _____

Phone # _____

I would like to order:

_____ Bunch(es) of 10 Daffodils @ \$10.00 each

_____ Vase and a Bunch @ \$15.00 each

_____ Potted Mini Daffodils @ \$12.00 each

_____ Bear and a Bunch @ \$25.00 each

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Deadline to order is February 19th. Please give your orders to Sue Kreitz or call her at 717-336-3272. Orders may also be mailed to Sue at P.O. Box 76, Reamstown, PA 17567. Please make checks payable to The American Cancer Society or Sue Kreitz.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE NEWS

What's Cookin' in Swamp's Kitchen?

Thursday February 9 Seminar

Arrangements have been made with Nancy Wiker, Penn State Cooperative Extension to present a workshop at Swamp on Thursday evening February 9. *"Cooking for a Crowd"* is a 3-hour workshop designed primarily to educate people on the safe preparation of foods. It is highly recommended for anyone at Swamp who is or will be involved with food preparation activities in our kitchen. The workshop also will be beneficial even for cooking at home. Participants will receive a certificate. Please contact Sandra or Lowell Haws (610-775-0750 or lhaws1@verizon.net) no later than February 5 to register. Cost is \$3 per person; \$8 per person if a food thermometer is needed. Though not required, a manual will also be available for \$12.

Wednesday February 22 Supper

Beginning at 6:00 PM prior to the Ash Wednesday worship service, the Kitchen Committee has planned a soup and sandwich supper. Reservations are appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. There is no specific charge but, donation baskets will be available.

Saturday March 17 Soup Sale

We will be making soup for pick up on Saturday March 17. The soup will be ham & bean (mit rivels). Orders may be placed using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by contacting Sandy Haws or any member of the Kitchen Committee. A request was made with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to supplement proceeds made from this sale to be added to the Action Fund at Swamp.

Holy Week Breakfasts

Plans are being made to once again prepare breakfasts each morning of Holy Week (April 2-6) beginning at 6:00 AM. More information later.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Bread and Wine Donor:

February Ralph & Dottie Good
 March Randy & Lori Gockley

Altar Guild:

February Sally Hagy, Julie Witmer
 March Kaye Shugarts, Judy Habecker
 April Jane Leshner, Linda Mohn
 May Anna Sweigart, Corinne Sweigart

Communion Assistants:

January 29
 8:00 AM Connie Taylor, Samantha Young
 9:00 AM Jane Leshner, Guy Templin,
 Michael Wargo, Bernadette Wargo

February 5
 8:00 AM Janice Moyer, Guy Templin
 9:00 AM Sue Kreitz, Connie Malafarina,
 Connie Taylor, Deb Sweigart

February 12
 8:00 AM Kathleen Fink, Connie Taylor
 9:00 AM Anita Kupp, Don Risser
 Jan Risser, Guy Templin

February 19
 8:00 AM Transfiguration
 Michael Wargo, Bernadette Wargo
 9:00 AM Katie Krater, Connie Taylor,
 Connie Malafarina, Alex Kupp

February 22
 Ash Wednesday
 Connie Taylor, David Borrell,
 Michael Wargo

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

Crucifer:

January 29
 8:00 AM Chris Zander
 9:00 AM Leslie Diestel

February 5
 8:00 AM Guy Templin
 9:00 AM Deb Sweigart

February 12
 8:00 AM Chris Zander
 9:00 AM Connie Malafarina

February 19
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February 22
 Ash Wednesday
 Guy Templin

February 26
 8:00 AM Guy Templin
 9:00 AM Leslie Diestel

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

FEBRUARY

Acolytes:

January 22
 8:00 AM Kylee Kidwell, Taylor Kidwell
 9:00 AM Gillian Diestel, Jake Diestel

January 29
 8:00 AM Dakota Moyer, Jonathan Templin
 9:00 AM Alex Kupp, Brett Kupp

February 5
 8:00 AM Rachel Young, Kylee Kidwell
 9:00 AM Megan Debock, Matt Debock

February 12
 8:00 AM Dakota Moyer, Jonathan Templin
 9:00 AM Taylor Weaver, Dana Shugarts

February 19
 8:00 AM Transfiguration
 Samantha Young, Rachel Young
 9:00 AM Jonathan Templin, Jake Diestel

February 22
 Jonathon Templin, Brett Kupp

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

March 4
 8:00 AM Kylee Kidwell, Rachel Young
 9:00 AM Dana Shugarts, Corinne Sweigart

Lector:

January 22 Anna Sweigart
 January 29 Jake Diestel
 February 5 Lowell Haws
 February 12 Sue Kittler
 February 19 Linda Mohn
 February 22 Sue Kittler
 February 26 Noretta Burke
 March 4 Connie Malafarina

Torch Bearers:

February 19 Taylor Kidwell, Samantha Young

Bible Bearer:

February 19 Michael Wargo

Banner Bearer:

January 29 Kristen Gockley
 February 5 Dana Shugarts
 February 12 Brett Kupp
 February 19 Corinne Sweigart
 February 22 Dana Shugarts
 February 26 Taylor Weaver
 March 4 Katie Krater

Flower Delivery

February 5 Fred & Noretta Burke
 Feb. 12 & 19 Janice Moyer
 Feb. 26, March 4 Ralph & Dottie Good

Greeters:

January 29

8:00 AM

Randy Krater, David Sauder

9:00 AM

Janice Moyer, Anita Phipps

February 5

8:00 AM

David Kupp, Michael Mixell

9:00 AM

Boy Scouts

February 12

8:00 AM

Glenn Beard, Ray Weitzel

9:00 AM

Dan & Sandy Clouser

February 19

8:00 AM

Transfiguration

Don Risser, Tom Laudenslager

9:00 AM

Michael & Kathleen Fink

February 22

Ash Wednesday

Council Members

February 26

8:00 AM

Lori Hagy, Abbey Stopper

9:00 AM

Fred, Noretta & Allen Burke

Hunger Appeal:

January 29

Gillian Diestel, Katie Krater,

Taylor Weaver, Corrine Sweigart

February 26

Hunter Lesiey, Cody Leisey,

Jake Diestel, Brett Kupp



Confirmation Camp 2012

The Lebanon/North Lancaster Confirmation Ministry will be having their three Confirmation Camps the same week this year. The Camps will be for those currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Camp will be held from Sunday, June 17, through Saturday, June 23, 2012. We expect all our young people to participate in their appropriate Confirmation Camp. More details will be sent out in May 2012. Please mark your calendars NOW and plan to participate. If there is a problem, please talk to Pastor Trout as soon as you are able.

The Lebanon/North Lancaster Confirmation Ministry has expanded and is now including the congregations of Faith United, Denver; Mellingers, Schoeneck; Muddy Creek, Denver; Salem, Lebanon; St. James, Lebanon; St. John Center, East Earl; St. Paul, Adamstown; Swamp, Reinholds; Zion, Akron; and Trinity, New Holland. This brings more young people and their pastors into the ministry of growing as disciples of Jesus together. Thanks be to God.

LWR SOAP COLLECTION 2012

During this month of February the Service Committee will collect new bars of bath size soap. These bars of soap will be distributed to people throughout the world who do not have access to necessary hygiene products. A simple bar of soap can give someone dignity, keep hands clean and help them to stay healthy. Last year Swamp donated 400 bars of soap to LWR. Let's do it again!!

"Hope Volunteer Village"

50 volunteer slots have been reserved by Pastor Glenn Beard at "Hope Volunteer Village" in Minot, North Dakota for April 22-28, 2012. The slots are reserved for the Sixth North Lancaster Conference LDR Trip. There will be a planning meeting for this trip on Sunday, February 5th @ 2:00 p.m. I promise that everyone will be home long before kickoff! I am asking that anyone interested in attending this trip come to the meeting prepared to complete registration forms and to submit a deposit check in the amount of \$150.00 made out to: "North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund." The first 50 volunteers registered will go on the trip!

Over 4000 homes (about 20%) in the city Minot were destroyed in June when the Souris River exceeded the limits of the city's levees at 1558 feet above sea level. They, like so many other parts of the country, are in desperate need of volunteers to put their homes and their lives back together again. Please consider requesting special offerings to help defray the cost of this trip. I am estimating that it will cost about \$750/person. Thank you for your support and for your prayers as we reach out to those in need! If you have any questions, please contact me!

God Bless,

Glenn Beard, Jr.

717-721-7978



fact: Every day, as many as 11,000 kids die from hunger and related causes. Some starve. Some get sick and waste away. Either way, this is not okay with us.

Our CALM 5 youth are doing World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We don't think it's right that thousands of kids are dying from hunger every day. So we're doing something about it.

We're going without food for 30 hours to raise money so others can eat.
Here's how you can help:

1. **Pray.** Ask God to bless our students as they overcome hunger.
2. **Volunteer.** Come join us during our Famine Weekend.
3. **Give.** Just \$30 can help feed and care for a child for a month.

You can donate to a specific participant, or give our whole group a check made out to World Vision to help us meet our goal. Every donation is tax-deductible!

Our Famine dates: February 24th -25th, 2012

Contact: Katy Rothenberger- (717) 609-2891 or klothenberg@gmail.com

Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.
—Romans 12:21 (NIV)

www.30hourfamine.org | 1.800.7.FAMINE

World Vision®

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with mothers, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

30 Hour Famine: Students fasting and fighting hunger

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

18 January 2012

Your Council met Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in the library. Highlights include:

Boy Scouts reported they received a thank you from the OMPH Food Bank for the food drive they held in November. Boy Scout Sunday will be Sunday, February 5th. The Pinewood Derby will be held here Saturday, February 4th. They attended the Klondike Derby at Camp Mack.

Service committee reported that they will be holding a pig stomach dinner on Saturday April 21st and that the proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in July. They are working with the Welcome committee to plan a senior citizen banquet to be held on Saturday March 24th. They are also investigating the possibility of opening a Peter's Porch food distribution location.

Love, Inc. reported that the steering committee is looking at 2 different rental properties that could be used as the next home. The monthly rental cost of the home would be split between the participating congregations.

Welcome committee reported that they mailed out 58 cards this month. They are working on the entertainment for the senior citizen banquet. They are hosting a family game night on February 25th from 6:00-9:00pm in the social hall. Everyone is invited. They are working on college student, mother's day and father's day gifts and also checking into more economical alternatives to the roses that we hand out to visitors.

Helping Hands committee reported that on February 9th from 6:00-9:00pm they are sponsoring a "Cooking for a Crowd" workshop by the Penn State Cooperative Extension to educate people on the safe preparation of foods. Anyone is welcome to attend, but preregistration is required. They will be preparing a light meal at 6:00pm before the Ash Wednesday Service on February 22nd. They are holding a soup sale on March 17th and they will be preparing Holy Week breakfasts this year.

Finance committee reported that the treasurers are attending a Synod sponsored seminar on church finances.

Internet committee reported that they are looking into the possibility of broadcasting our services to our sick and shut-ins. This committee is in need of members, if you are interested please see Tom Laudenslager or Guy Templin.

Property committee reported that they are diligently tackling the long list of items on their to-do list. The Farm All tractor has been sold for \$2000. They are looking into adding additional motion sensors in certain areas of the church. They are also looking into dumpster trash pickup versus weekly pickup. Additionally they are looking into replacing the sign out front and placing it perpendicular to the roadway instead of parallel to it as it is now.

Disaster Response committee reported that they attended a meeting held by Reverend Glenn Beard Jr. on the upcoming 5th annual disaster service trip. The group has decided to go to Minot, North Dakota April 22 - April 28.

Worship committee reported that they are looking into other flower options as well as other wine choices. Transfiguration Sunday will be on February 19 with Ash Wednesday service being held on February 22 at 7:00pm. All Wednesday Lenten Services will be held at 7:00pm with the collections going to the Habitat for Humanity house and to support a missionary in Southeast Asia. Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 7:00pm and the Good Friday Service will be held at 8:00pm. On Easter Sunday we will be having only two services a 6:00am Easter Dawn Service and an 8:30am Service. There will be a 7:00am breakfast held between the two services.

Organist/Choir Director Search committee reported they will be advertising for this position shortly and plan to have the new person(s) to start after Easter.

Youth Ministry reported there are 10 youth and advisors attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Their first fundraiser will be the Premier Jewelry party being held on February 16th at 7:00pm in the social hall. The youth are also participating in a 30-hour famine on February 24 -25 to raise money and awareness for Word Vision's world-wide work with children's hunger. Sunday February 5th will be "Souper" Bowl Sunday and the youth are asking the congregation to bring a can of soup and \$1 to church to be donated to the EASS.

Building update -There are still some items not completed by the contractor and discussions are continuing regarding some billing discrepancies. The final payment will be held until these issues are resolved.

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in God's sanctuary.
Praise God in the firmament of God's power.
Praise God for God's mighty acts.
Praise God according to God's excellent greatness.
Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise God with the psaltery and harp.
Praise God with the timbrel and dance.
Praise God with stringed instruments and organs.
Praise God upon the loud cymbals.
Praise God upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 150

This psalm reminds us that God loves music. This psalm instructs us to use music to love God. God created music as an integral part of all creation. "Everything that has breath" includes us. The most perfect instrument is the human voice. God created each and everyone of us with a voice, not only for speaking, but also for singing.

Today the culture and society in which we live offers us a myriad of choices in just about every facet of our lives. When I was growing up, one could get the week's groceries at the corner Cassel's store that would fit into any corner of today's super market. When I was growing up, the Common Service Book (the Lutheran Hymnal) had about 300 hymns in it. Today we have many more choices.

Having more choices, means there is the likelihood that a hymn will be selected that we do not know. Even the "gems" we gravitate to and sing with gusto were new at one time and no one had ever heard them before. Some congregation in Germany heard "A Mighty Fortress" for the first time. Some congregation in England heard "Amazing Grace" for the first time. Some congregation in America heard "Jesus Lover of My Soul" for the first time. But, did that preclude the congregation from singing the hymn?

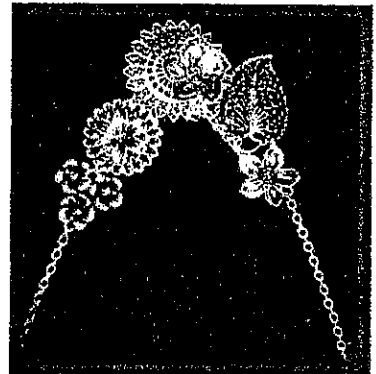
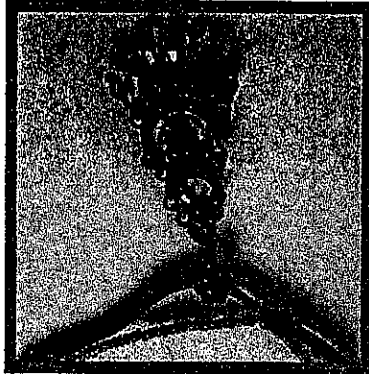
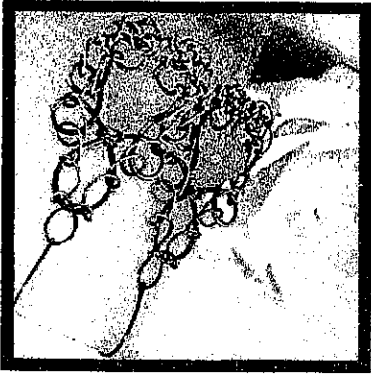
Congregational singing in the Lutheran church is as integral to the worship service as the Confession and Absolution. Congregational singing takes seriously Psalm 150. Try this the next time you hear an unfamiliar hymn. Listen to the music of the introduction to the hymn. Read the words in your mind as you sing "la, la, la" to the first verse. If the notes on the page go up, sing higher, if the notes on the page go down, sing lower, or say the words out loud and don't worry about the music. Ask yourself, what is the author of this hymn trying to say to us about our relationship with God? That is the point of writing any hymn anyway.

The service music is planned as part of an integrated whole that begins with the Gospel and other scriptural passages that support the Gospel. Remember, the scriptures tell us emphatically to "sing to the Lord a new song."

Sue Kreitz and Bonnie Oplinger

To benefit the Swamp Lutheran Church youth group as they travel to New Orleans to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Amy-Questrom
See Janice Meyer or Anita Klippa
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Swamp Lutheran Church
Social Hall
Thursday, February 16, 2012
7 p.m.-?

PREMIER JEWELRY PARTY

DECEMBER TREASURERS REPORT

		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
ENVELOPE FUND AND SIMPLY GIVING	\$ 20,123.00	\$ 212,980.00
LOOSE OFFERING	\$ 3,647.51	\$ 19,223.79
CHURCH SCHOOL	<u>\$ 38.50</u>	<u>\$ 532.20</u>
TOTAL INCOME TOWARD BUDGET	\$ 23,809.01	\$ 232,735.99
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 458.62	\$ 6,310.33
FLOWERS AND BULLETINS	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,525.25
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	\$ 4,925.00	\$ 15,685.76
MEMORIALS	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,475.00
MATCHING FUNDS & RETURNS		\$ -
DINNERS		\$ -
NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 236.47
FIRE DONATIONS		\$ 322.00
CAPITAL FUND DRIVE	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 140,175.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	<u>\$ 190.87</u>	<u>\$ 134,078.80</u>
INCOME TOTALS	\$ 32,235.50	\$ 534,544.60
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
BENOVELENCE	\$ 2,083.37	\$ 25,000.00
SAMARITAN COUNCILING CENTER		\$ 1,000.00
LUTHERCARE		\$ 4,000.00
OTHER BENOVELENCES		\$ 2,940.50
LEARNING	\$ 377.22	\$ 4,632.27
WELCOME		\$ 1,010.97
STEWARDSHIP		\$ -
SERVICE		\$ -
WORSHIP	\$ 169.56	\$ 4,225.56
PROPERTY	\$ 826.80	\$ 7,649.04
YOUTH MINISTRY		\$ 800.00
STAFF EXPENSES	\$ 9,517.78	\$ 114,256.46
STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 4,296.27	\$ 47,004.52
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 2,290.96	\$ 20,109.43
OPERATIONS OF PROPERTY	<u>\$ 1,628.17</u>	<u>\$ 31,639.64</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED ITEMS	\$ 21,190.13	\$ 264,268.39
<u>UNBUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
BENEVOLENCE - ACTION FUND	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 6,255.00
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$ 488.62	\$ 6,393.10
MISCELLANEOUS NONBUDGETED		\$ 4,401.59
MATCHING FUND PAYMENTS		\$ -
FLOWERS/ REIMB EXP	\$ 417.25	\$ 7,171.52
RESTORATION/REBUILDING	<u>\$ 66,245.69</u>	<u>\$ 85,298.30</u>
PAID MEMORIALS		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 93,021.69	\$ 378,787.90
ACCOUNT BALANCE NOVEMBER 2011	\$ 233,804.39	
TOTAL RECEIPTS DECEMBER 2011	\$ 32,235.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS DECEMBER 2011	<u>\$ (93,021.69)</u>	
ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2011	\$ 173,018.20	
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	

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ACTIVITIES PAGE

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FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

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FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

gain	as	or	ear	van	an	for	give	
gave	her	on	it	one	other	he	an	a

B _____ w _____ h each
 ot _____ d _____ give
 _____ e an _____ if _____ y
 of you h _____ grie _____ ce
 a _____ st some _____
 For _____ as t _____ L _____ d
 for _____ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

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FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																									
			1 Chancel Choir 7 p.m.	2 The Presentation of Our Lord Groundhog Day	3	4																																																																																																									
5 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 5th Sunday after Epiphany (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scout Sunday Food Bank	6 Scouts 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Chancel Choir 7 p.m.	9 Seminar on Cooking 6-9 p.m.	10 Set up for Pinewood Derby 7 p.m.	11 Pinewood Derby all day																																																																																																									
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19 Transfiguration of Our Lord/ 7th Sunday after Epiphany (White) 8 & 9 a.m. Worship Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	20 Scouts 6:30 p.m. President's Day / Washington's Birthday	21	22 Lenten Meal 6p.m. Ash Wednesday Church Services at Swamp – 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Immediately after Ash Wed service	23	24 30 hr. Famine – Youth Ministry Project	25 Game Night 6-9 p.m. Can Collection 9-Noon at the ambulance building																																																																																																									
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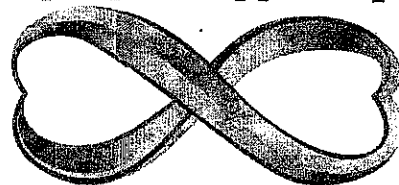
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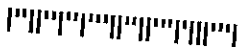
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FEBRUARY

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*We love because
he first loved us.*

1 John 4:19

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