

# THE RISING N NEWSLETTER

## SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eucharist Worship Service 8:00 A.M. Eucharist Worship Service 9:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

## JANUARY, 2014

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

### Staff:

#### Ministers

Congregation

#### Pastor

The Rev. Dennis L. Trout

#### Adm. Assistant

Judith L. Sauder

#### Organist/Choir Director

Susan Kreitz

#### Sexton

Matthew Lewandowski

#### Officers of Council

Sue Knauer, President

David Kupp, Vice Pres.

David Sauder, Secretary

Steve Young, Financial Sec.

Guy Templin, Treasurer

Jim Kidwell, Asst. Treasurer

#### Congregational Council

Roslyn Bansner

Glenn Beard

Lori Gockley

Lori Hagy

Randy Krater

Tom Laudenslager

Don Risser

Heather Weaver

**?? What just happened?? Christmas just flew by; that's what happened. And, now "another" new year, start all over again!?**

**That wonderful writer Arthur Gordon in his book *A Touch of Wonder* tells about a man he met who had been a skydiver until, on his nineteenth jump, his parachute failed to open fully and his emergency chute wrapped itself around the partially collapsed main chute. He slammed into a dry lake bed at sixty miles an hour. Doctors thought this broken remnant of a man would never leave his hospital bed. They told him so, and he sank into black despair.**

**But in the hospital he had frequent visits from another patient, a man whose spinal cord had been severed in an automobile accident. This man would never walk, would never, in fact, move a finger again. But he was always cheerful. "I certainly don't recommend my situation**

To anyone, "he would say. "And yet I can read, I can listen to music, I can talk to people....."

"And yet," writes Arthur Gordon, "those Two words ("and yet") shift the focus from what has been lost to what remains—and to what may still be gained.

They gave such hope and determination to the skydiver that he came through his ordeal and today walks without a limp."

In a world of pain and defeat, in a world where might often makes right, and the worst often crowds out the best, and yet —another new year!

Hope is such a marvelous thing. It bends, it twists, it sometimes hides, but rarely does it break...It sustains us when nothing else can...It gives us reason to continue and courage to move ahead, when we tell ourselves we'd rather give in...Hope puts a smile on our face when the heart cannot manage...Hope puts our feet on the path when our eyes cannot see it... Hope moves us to act when our souls are confused of the direction...

Hope comes out of the faith God gives us. Carl Sandberg wrote, "A baby is Gods opinion that life should go on,"

Make no mistake—A Holiday that celebrated THE BIRTH just flew by—"And yet" the hope of a New Year, traditionally and secularly, (Father Time) is also symbolized by a baby: you make the connection!

Happy New Year and God Bless

Pastor Junt



Thank you for the \$250 we received for the Gettysburg Seminary Fund. This remains a very special community committed to training creative and visionary leaders for service in and through the church. The Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig Vice President of Seminary Advancement

# JANUARY BIRTHDAY LIST 2014



CHARLES HOPPMAN 1/3  
519 S. SIXTH STREET  
DENVER, PA

Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude to everyone for all their prayers, thoughts, cards, hugs and support for our family during a very difficult period. We are truly blessed with a very caring church family who truly do God's work!

BETTY KAUFFMAN 1/7  
1095 W. ROUTE 897  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

Many Thanks and God Bless,  
Bonnie, Tom, Abbey and Kenzie

ROBERT BACHMAN 1/11  
675 BLUE LAKE ROAD  
DENVER, PA 17517

Thank you for your generous donation of \$110 to Meals on Wheels. We truly appreciate your support and prayers for our program and clients.

LOWELL HAWS 1/18  
712 VINEMONT ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

Sincerely,  
Becky Miller, Program Coordinator

AUDREY LEWANDOWSKI 1/16  
P. O. BOX 815  
ADAMSTOWN, PA 19501

Dear friends at Swamp,  
Thanks so much for your caring concern regarding Allen. It was a big scare, but we think the doctors will just monitor him now. He has one more appointment with a neurosurgeon later this month. Thanks so much for the many cards and good wishes. We miss all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

RICHARD R. WINTER 1/20  
385 LAUREL RIDGE ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

P.S. Allen's big worry is "Who will pass out the candles on Christmas Eve, and none of these pastors are Pastor Trout!"

SHIRLEY HOPPMAN 1/22  
519 S. SIXTH STREET  
DENVER, PA 17517

Fred, Noretta and Allen Burke

CHARLES MOYER 1/30  
300 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD  
REINHOLDS, PA 17569

***If you know someone that will be 70 years old or older in 2014, who is not on the birthday list, please contact the office or Service Committee. Thank you.***

On behalf of the board of directors of Ephrata Area Socials Services, our staff and those we serve, thank you for the generous donation of \$200 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.

We continue to seek donations of food, for the food bank, and children's coats and winter clothing.

Thomas A Swalwell, Executive Director, EASS



**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;**

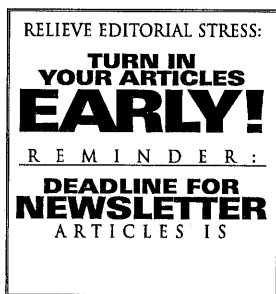
**\*You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;**

**\*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 \$1.25 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.**



**January 15, 2014  
for  
February Newsletter**

**Anything received after this date  
will go in the March newsletter.**



**Committee**

- Sue Knauer, President – Youth Ministry & Learning
- David Kupp, Vice President – Scouts & Service
- David Sauder, Secretary - Love, Inc, Constitution
- Steve Young, Financial Secretary
- Guy Templin, Treasurer - Worship
- Jim Kidwell, Co-Treasurer - Stewardship
- Roz Bansner Disaster Response
- Glenn Beard Helping Hands
- Lori Gockley Welcome
- Lori Hagy - Finance
- Randy Krater - Property
- Tom Laudenslager- Property
- Don Risser - Property
- Heather Weaver Learning & Youth Ministry
- Ray Weitzel - Property

**Council Members Retiring:**

**Glenn Beard  
Sue Knauer**

**Council Members 2<sup>nd</sup> year term:**

**Dave Sauder  
Heather Weaver**

**New Council Members:**

**Missy Ragen  
Scott Zook**



Earl & Marion Basehore  
 John Dillon  
 Edwin Kramer  
 Ray Long  
 Dale Reinecker  
 Alice Schannauer  
 Lela Trout

Charles Weitzel  
 Maryanne Weitzel

Dolores Becker  
 Elmer Kopp  
 Anna Mae Moyer

Ed Hainley – Ephrata Hospital  
 Robert Hershey  
 Jackie Kramer  
 John Dillon  
 William Crouse  
 The Family of Julia Shirk  
 Richard Eckenroad  
 Dale Reinecker – Denver Nursing Home

John - Father of Lisa Sandherr  
 Troy Hagy  
 Carol Bailey  
 Elmer Kopp  
 Dane Crowther  
 Casey Coble

Laura Pannebecker – Daughter of Troy &  
 Stacey Pannebecker  
 Luci Thomas – Friend of Sue Templin  
 Kathy Levi – Friend of Sue Templin

**Delaney Brown – 1<sup>st</sup> grader with Leukemia**

Matthew Uibel – Friend of Sue Kreitz  
 Nancy Frantz – Mother of John Frantz  
 Grace Lewandowski – Matt Lewandowski's  
 Sister-In-Law

Ray Long  
 Hunter Leisey  
 Emma Sue – Cousin of Katie Koehle  
 John Maicher – Friend of Connie Taylor  
 Frank Acri – Friend of Judy Habecker  
 Roger Martzall – Friend of Joyce Stoner  
 Fred Mack & Family – Step-father of Marie  
 Smith  
 Vern Yeagley  
 Patricia Hyde- Friend of Barbara Nicholas  
 Zach Meck – Friend of the Mohns  
 Carol Jenkins – Sue Kreitz

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**Epiphany's Significance**

The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning “to appear, to show or to manifest.” The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.

**Swamp Church Ornaments Are Here!**

\$25.00 for a beautiful pewter custom designed ornament with the church depicted on it. If interested in it contact Lori Gockley

**Abundant Blessings**

There is plenitude in God. That great fact must never be lost or obscured. We must not exchange this immense graciousness for a few scraps of human morality or a few shopworn proverbs. God is a vast reservoir of blessing who supplies us abundantly.

## SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## Treasurer's Report by Major Group

November of Fiscal Year 2013

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - CHECKING ACC'T

	November Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
REGULAR	22,575.96	254,702.60	237,030.00	107.46%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,575.96</b>	<b>254,702.60</b>	<b>237,030.00</b>	<b>107.46%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Group 00	8,076.60	45,890.01	34,906.63	131.47%
LEARNING	170.41	4,804.67	5,558.37	86.44%
WELCOME	380.00	2,838.73	2,633.37	107.80%
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00%
SERVICE	85.51	1,444.99	304.13	475.12%
WORSHIP	1,627.04	6,020.70	4,903.26	122.79%
PROPERTY	100.00	8,196.31	6,954.02	117.86%
YOUTH MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	733.37	0.00%
REIMBURSED EXP.	3,734.59	6,401.99	0.00	0.00%
REBUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
THROUGH STAFF	10,462.60	113,798.50	115,418.38	98.60%
BENEFITS	3,440.34	40,302.42	42,115.26	95.70%
ADMINISTRATION	1,032.12	16,159.07	16,706.47	96.72%
OPERATIONS	1,035.81	31,197.21	32,541.74	95.87%
INVESTMENTS	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00%
RESTORATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>30,145.02</b>	<b>377,054.60</b>	<b>262,925.00</b>	<b>143.41%</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-7,569.06</b>	<b>-122,352.00</b>	<b>-25,895.00</b>	

 **LUTHERCARE**  
Together in Community

December 4, 2013

Rev. Dennis L. Trout  
Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church  
275 Swamp Church Road  
Reinholds, PA 17569-9562

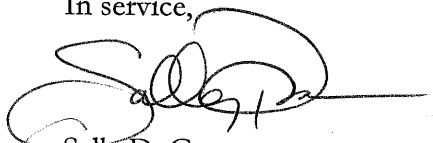
Dear Pastor Trout and Members of Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for bringing our mission to life through your contribution to Luthercare! Your commitment to the important work we do for the youngest to the oldest in our community is deeply appreciated. Your gift helps us provide benevolent care to families in our child care programs and residents in our retirement communities. Last year, that support was nearly \$4.7 million.

We are grateful to you for sharing your resources by making a gift of \$3,000.00 for Luthercare. Your gift will help us continue to provide quality care to residents who, through no fault of their own, have limited financial resources.

The act of giving is one of the most heartfelt expressions of caring. When asked for your partnership, you graciously responded. Your generosity will help Luthercare continue its ministry of caring for the people of our region.

In service,

  
Sally D. Groome  
Vice President - Philanthropy

SDG/cmf

*Thanks so much  
for your generosity!*

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

# JANUARY

## Bread and Wine Donor:

January Matt & Audrey Lewandowski  
February Ralph & Dottie Good

## Altar Guild:

January Sue Kreitz, Nancy Kulp

## Communion Assistants:

January 5  
8:00 AM Michael Wargo, Kathleen Fink  
9:00 AM Connie Taylor, Anita Kupp,  
Jan Risser, Kristin Gockley

January 12  
8:00 AM John Frantz, Chuck Albert  
9:00 AM Larry Kramer, Guy Templin,  
Michael Wargo, Jake Hill

January 19  
8:00 AM David Borrell, Danielle Witmer  
9:00 AM Deb Sweigart, Jake Hill, Jane  
Leshner, Debbie Carvell

January 26  
8:00 AM Chuck Albert, Guy Templin  
9:00 AM Leslie Diestel, Bonnie Oplinger,  
Greg Diestel, Connie Taylor

## Hunger Appeal:

December Madison Weaver, Taylor  
Weaver, Megan DeBock,  
Matt DeBock

January Sarah Zook, Jolynn Leed,  
Pamela Leed, Madison Weaver

## Flower Delivery:

Dec 15 & 22 Sally Hagy  
Dec. 24 & 29 Mike & Kathleen Fink  
Jan. 5 & 12 Michael & Julie Witmer  
Jan. 19 & 26 Ralph & Dottie Good

## Ushers , 9 AM:

January 5 David Kupp, Scott Zook  
January 12 Tom Laudenslager, Don Risser  
January 19 Randy Krater, Heather Weaver  
January 26 Scott Zook, Tom Laudenslager

**HELP WANTED/NEEDED:  
FLOWER DELIVERY plays an  
important role in our ministry with  
our sick and shut-ins. We need  
additional people to volunteer for  
flower delivery. You would deliver  
flowers two Sundays in a row, about  
two times a year (or less if we have  
more volunteers). Please contact Judy  
Sauder at the Church  
(336-2849).**

## Crucifer:

January 5  
8:00 AM Michael Wargo  
9:00 AM Chris Zander

January 12  
8:00 AM David Borrell  
9:00 AM Guy Templin

January 19  
8:00 AM John Frantz  
9:00 AM Kristen Gockley

January 26  
8:00 AM Missy Regan  
9:00 AM Michael Wargo

## Lector:

January 5 Jim Beard  
January 12 Bonnie Oplinger  
January 19 Debbie Sweigart  
January 26 Sue Kittler

## Acolytes:

January 5  
8:00 AM Rachel Young  
9:00 AM Pam Leed, Jake Hill

January 12  
8:00 AM Jonathon Templin  
9:00 AM Brett Kupp, Nathan Sandherr

January 19  
8:00 AM Danielle Witmer  
9:00 AM Jolynn Leed, Taylor Weaver

January 26  
8:00 AM Noah Roseboro  
9:00 AM Nathan Keppley, Austin Sweigart

## Banner Bearer


January 5 Jake Hill  
January 12 Kristen Gockley  
January 19 Brett Kupp  
January 26 Pamela Leed

## Greeters, 8 AM:

January 5 Ray Weitzel, Missy Ragen  
January 12 Roslyn Bansner, David Sauder  
January 19 Lori Hagy, Lori Gockley  
January 26 David Kupp, Ray Weitzel

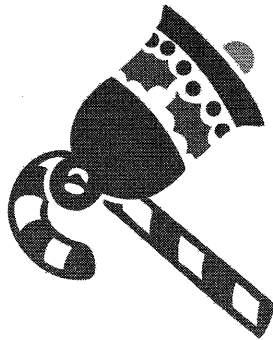


# JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	December 2013 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus  Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas Sunday after Christmas (White) 8 & 9 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Food Bank	6 The Epiphany of our Lord Scouts 6:30 pm Handbells – 7:30 pm	7 Service Mtg. 7 Welcome Mtg. 7	8 Chancel Choir 7pm	9 Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm	10	11
12 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (White) Baptism of Our Lord 8 & 9 a.m. Eucharist Service Install new council members Dehang the Greens 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	13 Scouts 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm	14 Bible Study – 7pm	15 Chancel Choir 7 pm Council Mtg. 7 pm	16	17	18 The Confession of St. Peter
19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (Green) 8 & 9 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Social hall Reserved - Noon	20 Scouts 6:30 pm  Martin Luther King Jr Day (Observed)	21	22 Chancel Choir 7 pm	23 Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm	24 St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor	25 The Conversion of St. Paul  Can Collection – all day
26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (Green) St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor 8 & 9 am Eucharist Service 10:30 am Sunday School Disaster Relief Offering	27 Scouts 6:30 pm	28	29 Chancel Choir 7 pm	30	31	

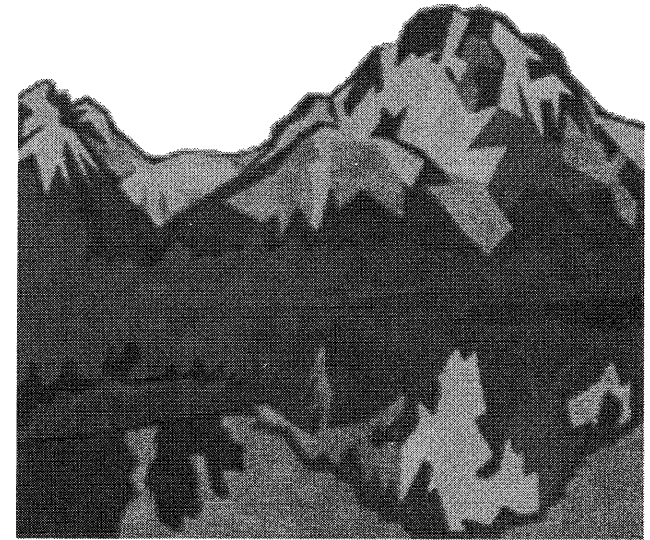
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**Return Service Requested"**



How *beautiful* on the mountains  
are the *feet of the messenger*  
who brings *good news*,  
the *good news of*  
*peace and salvation.*

Isaiah 52:7, NLT



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