

THE RISING SUN NEWSLETTER

SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD, REINHOLDS, PA 17569

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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 2019

Staff:

Ministers

Congregation

Pastor

The Rev. Dennis L. Trout

Adm. Assistant

Judith L. Sauder

Organist/Choir Director

Susan Kreitz

Hand Bell Director

Doug Kulp

Sexton

John Frantz

Officers of Council

Lori Gockley, President

Sue Knauer, Vice Pres.

Jodi Showalter, Sec.

Steve Young, Fin. Sec.

Alex VanZant, Co-Treas.

Guy Templin, Co-Treas.

Congregational Council

Deb Kohl

Pam Leisey

Barbara Mizdail

Missy Ragan

Jan Risser

Krista Pannebecker

Jenn Weitzel

Michael Witmer

Scott Zook

A Prayer for New Beginnings

In his book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth* (Fortress Press), Walter Brueggemann writes in an Epiphany poem:

... This is a time to be born.
 So we turn to you, God of our life
 God of all our years,
 God of our beginning....
 We dare pray that you will do for us
 and among us and through us
 what is needful for our newness.
 Give us the power to be receptive,
 to take the newness you give
 There is a time to be born, and it is now.
 We sense the pangs and groans of your newness.
 Come here now in the name of Jesus. Amen.

How fitting that the Epiphany season and the new year coincide!
 Epiphany reveals a new King, the beginning of his ministry, his new
 disciples, his first healings, his "new teaching — with authority" (Mark
 1:27). We, too, experience newness, now and year-round. But newness
 can be tough. So we trust that God, who "[makes] all things new" while
 banishing "mourning and crying and pain" (Revelation 21:4-5), walks with
 us in this new year — and always.

Pax

Pastor Trout



**Please notify the church at
717-336-2849 if:**

- 1) *You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).
- 2) *You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- 3) *You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- 4) *There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage or divorce).
- 5) *You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.
- 6) *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 \$1.75 for each piece of mail that is returned.
- 7) *** 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 all of our activities.



**DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2019
for
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

Anything received after this date will go in the following newsletter.

CHURCH COUNCIL

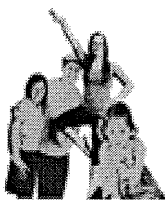
Committee

- , President Helping Hands
- Sue Knauer, Vice President – Personnel
- Deb Kohl Welcome
- Pam Leisey Learning
- Barbara Mizdail Welcome
- Melissa Ragan Public Relations
- Jan Risser Love, Inc.
- Deb Kohl Stewardship
- Jodi Showalter, Secretary Service
- Krista Pannebecker Youth Ministry
- Jenn Weitzel Learning
- Disaster Response
- Scott Zook Property & Youth Ministry
- Alex VanZant, Co-Treasurer
- Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer
- Steve Young, Financial Secretary



We have two members going off of Council this year. They are Lori Gockley and Mike Witmer. We want to thank them for their dedication to the church.

In their place we have elected Ryan Ranck and David Kupp. Congratulations and Welcome to Swamp Council



Student Recognition Sunday will be held January 6, 2018. Letters were sent out this week. If you did not receive a letter, and you are in college or in the military, please call the office and you will be given a paper.



Charles Boyer
 Michael Crowther
 Clarice Haws
 Betty Hornberger
 David Maxey
 Anna Mae Moyer
 Henry & Mary Rehlich
 Ella Shirk
 Alverta Showalter
 Clyde Showalter
 Charles Weitzel
 Jack Winter

Pastor Dennis L. Trout, Bonnie & Family
 Darrin Weaver who was deployed to Kuwait
 Dorothy Messner – Sister of Jan Risser & Deb Kohl
 Anna Mae Moyer – Wife of Charles Moyer
 Nancy Kulp – Wife of Doug Kulp
 Sandy Heisey – Sister-in-law of Jen Weitzel
 David Maxey – Hospice Care
 Jackie Hoshour – Sister of John Frantz
 Walter Reedy – Father of Byron Reedy
 Dawn Fetter
 Margaret Burke
 Esther Muth – Friend of Roxanne Strauss
 Gracie King Family - Friend of Caitlin Houck
 Amy Stitzel – Friend of Lori Hagy
 Tracey Pajski – Daughter of Andrew Kelly
 Cheryl Mankel – Sister of Sandy Clouser
 John & Yvonne Weaver – Sister and Brother-in-law of Jean Wolf
 Dennis & Janice Moyer – Brother and Sister-in-law of Jean Wolf
 Coty Gladfelter, Jr. – Friend of the Houcks
 Dennis Kaiser – Father of Beth Nye
 Earl Eshelman – Father of Kathy Worley
 Andy Long
 Lucas Hess – Friend of Jane Leshar
 Gloria Shober – Friend of Jane Leshar
 Deb Lorah – Friend of Connie Taylor and Sue Kreitz
 Tom Weinhold – Brother of Linda Ream
 Cheryl Black – Friend of the Gockley's
 Ryan Trella – Friend of Lee Showalter Family
 Tom Schalata – Step-father of Katie Koehle
 Judith Esterly – Friend of Janice Kelly
 Pam Maloni – Friend of Sue VanZant
 Kristen Ramsey – Fiancé of Eric Long
 Thomas Joseph Doyle, Jr.- Friend of Connie Taylor
 Bryan Miller – Friend of the Reedy's



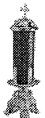
Get-Well & Birthday Card Shower

Get well cards to Pastor Trout
 430 Blue Lake Rd., Denver, PA
 17517

Pastor Trout's Birthday –
 12/31/2018



We need flowers for January 20 and 27, 2019. Please see Joyce Stoner if you are interested.
 The price is \$40.00 per Sunday.



We need the candle for January 14, 2019. Cost is \$3.00 per candle. Please see Joyce Stoner if interested.

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

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2018 Annual Congregational Meeting

Swamp Lutheran Church

December 9th 2018

The annual congregational meeting of Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church was held Sunday December 9th 2018 in the sanctuary. President Lori Gockley called the meeting to order at 9:44 am.

Pastor G. Beard opened the meeting with an invocation. Jodi Showalter, council secretary, read the minutes of the 2017 congregational meeting. President Lori Gockley asked for any additions or corrections. Hearing none, Andrew Kelly moved to accept the minutes as presented. Deb Kohl seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The proposed 2019 spending guideline was brought forth for discussion. Guy Templin from the finance committee reviewed the proposed spending guideline of 381,284.00. Guy noted 7.15% increase over last year's budget. He noted 2% staff salary increase. Also guideline includes new roofs over the sacristy and the old bathrooms. Guy noted he had to transfer \$10,000 to cover the budget this month. Also need \$7,332.38 per week to meet budget guideline. Matt Sweigart asked about the increase in their fire system maintenance/ security. Guy explained due to items being reviewed for increased security in the building. Hearing no further questions, Dave Kupp moved to accept the proposed 2019 spending guideline. Earl Myers seconded. The motion passed by voice vote

Council nominations were presented for election. Outgoing members are Mike Witmer and Lori Gockley. President Lori Gockley thanked Mike for his faithful service to Swamp. Pam Leisey and Jan Risser are nominated to serve a second 3 year term and Dave Kupp and Ryan Ranck are nominated to serve their first 3 year term. President Lori Gockley asked for additional nominations. Motion was made to elect the above mentioned for church council by Kim Houck. Seconded by Anita Kupp. Motion passed by voice vote. Sue Knauer thanked Lori Gockley for her service to Swamp.

The following reminders were given: there is breakfast after the meeting. End of year accounts will be ready for pick up the 1st and 2nd Sundays in January. It will save postage for the church, if you pick them up at the church. Pastor Trout update given with a request for a card shower for his birthday December 31st. Cookies are needed for the Night of Music.

Hearing no further business, President Gockley called for a motion to close the meeting. Matt Sweigart moved to close the meeting. Jan Risser seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was closed at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted

Jodi Showalter

Council secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

JANUARY

Bread and Wine Donor:

January Clair Sweigart
February Ralph and Dottie Good

Altar Guild:

January Sandy Clouser, Sue Kreitz

Communion Assistants:

Dec. 30

8:30 Pam Leisey, Jan Risser,
Denise Null, Jake Hill

Jan. 6

8:00 Janice and Andrew Kelly

9:00 Anita Kupp, Debbie Carvell,
Jake Hill, Deb Sweigart

Jan. 13

8:00 Missy Ragan, David Borrell

9:00 Jake Hill, Hunter Leisey,
Jane Leshner, Karen Krater

Jan. 20

8:00 Judy Habacker, Linda Ream

9:00 Jan Risser Cody Leisey,
Larry Kramer, Jake Hill

Jan. 27

8:00 John Frantz, Michael Wargo

9:00 Deb Sweigart, Jake Hill,
Debbie Carvell, Pam Leisey

Lector:

Dec. 30 Guy Templin

Jan. 6 Deb Sweigart

Jan. 13 Jake Hill

Jan. 20 Connie Malafarina

Jan. 27 Sue Kittler

Disaster Relief:

Dec. 30 Stephen Ranck, Hailey Ranck,
Katelyn Ranck, Jack Pannebecker

Jan. 27 Crystal Brown, Malia Van Zant,
Brooke Koehle, Becca Koehle

Crucifer:

Dec. 30 John Frantz

Jan. 6 David Borrell

Anita Kupp

Jan. 13 Missy Ragan

Connie Malafarina

Jan. 20 Guy Templin

Hunter Leisey

Jan. 27 John Frantz

Deb Sweigart

Acolytes:

Dec. 30

8:30 Hanna Weller, Crystal Brown

Jan. 6

8:00 Michael Wargo, Brian Reedy

9:00 Zach Brown, Isaac Zook

Jan. 13

8:00 Brian Reedy

9:00 Jack Pannebecker, Katie Houck

Jan. 20

8:00 Michael Wargo

9:00 Jake Hill, Hailey Ranck

Jan. 27

8:00 Brian Reedy

9:00 Dylan Koehle, Cameron Nye

Flower Delivery:

December 30. Jan. 6 Janice and Andrew Kelly

Jan. 13 and 20 Lori Gockley, Jen Weitzel

Jan. 27, Feb. 3 John Frantz, Jerry Landis

Feb. 10 and 17 Michael and Julie Witmer

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Treasurer's Report by Major Group

November of Fiscal Year 2018

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - CHECKING ACC'T

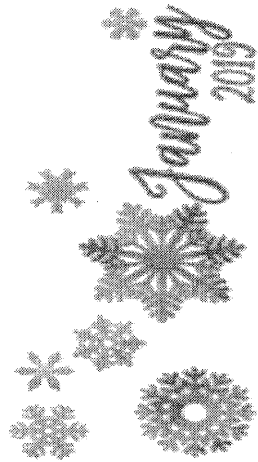
	November Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Percent of Budget
Income				
REGULAR	41,147.37	288,666.45	0.00	0.00 %
Total Income	41,147.37	288,666.45	0.00	0.00 %
Expense				
Group 00	3,993.37	38,397.40	32,756.63	117.22 %
LEARNING	201.76	6,071.86	4,662.39	130.23 %
WELCOME	100.00	2,078.46	4,862.50	42.74 %
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00 %
SERVICE	2,003.50	3,544.83	733.26	483.43 %
WORSHIP	540.27	5,880.26	5,670.98	103.69 %
PROPERTY	110.00	49,261.57	24,020.87	205.08 %
YOUTH MINISTRY	0.00	670.65	1,145.87	58.53 %
REIMBURSED EXP.	235.00	3,485.92	0.00	0.00 %
REBUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
THROUGH STAFF	11,461.93	126,189.23	126,381.23	99.85 %
BENEFITS	4,001.01	50,931.00	49,316.74	103.27 %
ADMINISTRATION	13,726.54	36,265.01	17,920.98	202.36 %
OPERATIONS	679.54	29,890.19	58,308.37	51.26 %
INVESTMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
RESTORATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Total Expense	37,052.92	352,666.38	325,929.82	108.20 %
Income Less Expense	4,094.45	-63,999.93	-325,929.82	



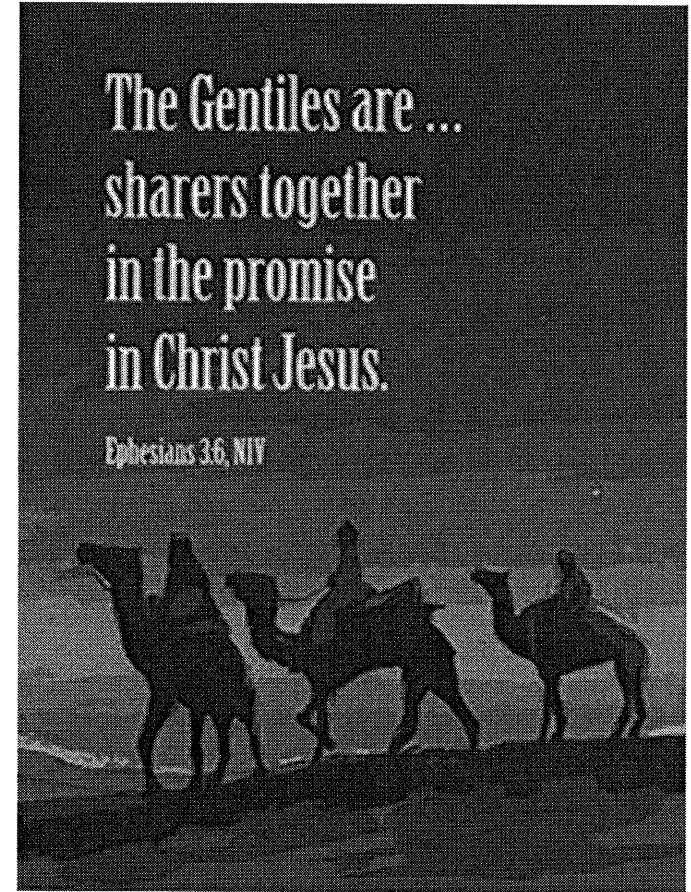
JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed	2 Chancel Choir 7pm	3 Karate 6 pm Learning 6:30 pm	4	5
(White) Food Bank Baptism of Our Lord 8 & 9 a.m. Eucharist Service Installation of Council Student Recognition Dehang the Greens 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	6 7 Hand bells – 7:30 pm	8 Karate 6 pm Service Mtg. 7pm Welcome Mtg. 7pm Bible Study 7pm	9 Chancel Choir 7pm	10 Karate 6 pm	11	12
(Green) Second Sunday after Epiphany 8 & 9 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	13 14 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	15 Karate 6 pm	16 Council Mtg. 7 pm Chancel Choir 7pm	17 Karate 6 pm	18	19
(Green) Third Sunday after Epiphany 8 & 9 am Eucharist Service 10:30 am Sunday School	20 21 Hand bells – 7:30 pm	22 Karate 6 pm	23 Chancel Choir 7pm	24 Karate 6 pm	25	26
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8 & 9 am Eucharist Service Disaster Relief Offering 10:30 am Sunday School	27 28 Hand bells – 7:30 pm	29 Karate 6 pm Home of Hope 7pm	30 Chancel Choir 7pm	31		

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