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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Feb.—Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

Wk. 2 April 12

Wk.3 April 19

Wk. 4 April 26

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

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WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

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Tanya Feathers

USHERS

Gerald & Jim Bowman
 Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

Ken Duell / John High
 Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

Richard & Michelle Yenser
 Andrew & Chris Brubaker

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

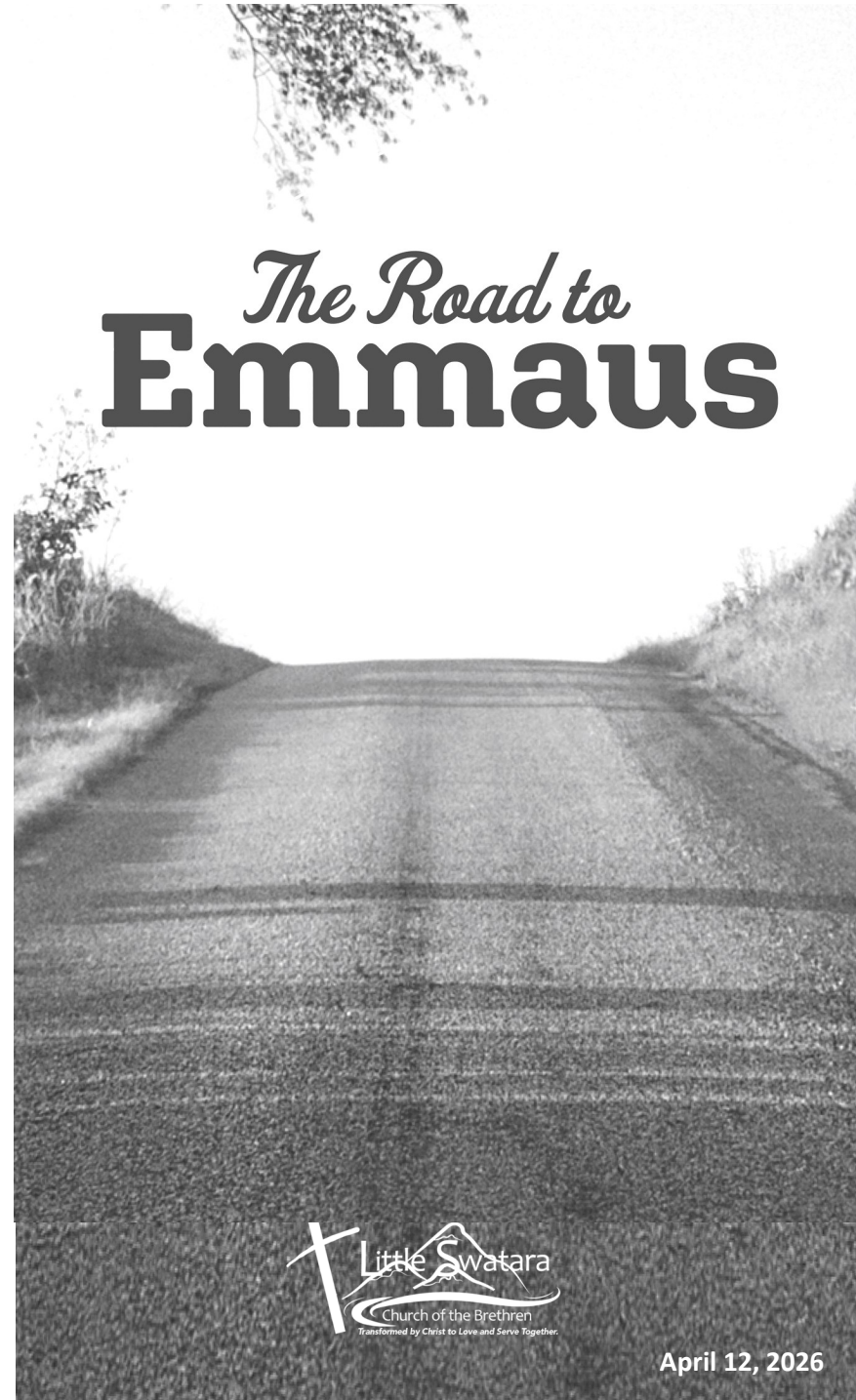
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
 Children’s (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
 (Fellowship Hall Level)
 Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
 Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship
 Hall Level)
 Revelations Study – Fellowship Hall

NOTICE: We are currently running a Livestream ministry. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning in person, you can join us “online” by visiting our Facebook or YouTube page. Our 10:30 service is streamed every week.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: If you do not want you or your child to appear on this Social Media Stream, please contact the camera operator in the back of the sanctuary to make sure you are avoided.



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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Outreach: The Gathering Place Café, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)



April 12, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and elderly not able to be with us today.

Pastor Randy Fiske
 Brenda Kelly
 Ralph Wanner
 Amwell COB



(Please contact the secretary if anyone should be added or removed from the Prayer List.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Keeney will be 91yrs young on April 28th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. There's a box on the table in the narthex or mail to:

423 S. Broad Street
 Myerstown, PA 17067



Sunday, April 19th
*immediately following
 the church service*

"Challenge Question"

How have you seen God in your daily life?

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the many beautiful birthday cards that I received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks so much. God bless you.

~ Marlene Blatt

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 10,193.50
Building	\$ 25.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 317.50
Sunday School	\$ 65.00
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$ 300.00
Food Pantry	\$ 120.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 225.00
Women's Fellowship	\$ 20.00
	\$
Total	\$ 11,316.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 109
 Virtual Worship - 28
 Sunday School - 57
 Good Friday - 41

Large Print Bulletins & Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself.

The April issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived & is on the counter at the mailboxes

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"Have Your Way"
 "Still"
 "Friend in High Places"
 "Miracles"

Scripture - Luke 24: 19-24

Catch of the Day - "Misunderstanding"

Deep Dive

1. Have you ever said, "I had hoped..." in your walk with God? What happened?
2. In what ways do we sometimes limit Jesus to our own expectations?
3. How can we respond when God's plan doesn't match what we expected?
4. Do you tend to trust eyewitness testimony (like the women's), or doubt it? Why?
5. What helps move someone from doubt to belief?

Kids Praise - "Good Day"

Prayer

*Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
Transformed by Christ to Love and
Serve Together*

April 12, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Firm Foundation" (He Won't)
"Come Just as You Are"

Welcome and Announcements

(What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register.)

Opening Worship "This is Amazing Grace" projected
"Lord I Lift Your Name on High " projected

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Song "Draw Me Close" projected

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "The Risen Christ"

Children's Moment

Worship Song "Come Jesus Come" projected

Scripture: Luke 24. 13- 26

Message: "What Things?"

Closing Worship "Same Power" projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual District-Wide
Older Adult Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 12 noon
Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA**

Cost \$27/person— includes a meal, a concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet, and the opportunity to fellowship with older adults from across the district as well as special guest Don Fitzkee, this year's Annual Conference Moderator

If enough people are interested we will rent a van
Sign-up sheet on table in the narthex
(be sure to mark your meal selection)

Deadline April 19th
Any questions contact Bob or Wendy Lingle



We need someone to lead our craft committee. For more information, please contact any member of our Women's Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM



We are seeking a dependable **Substitute Church Secretary** to provide temporary office support as needed. Duties include answering phones, basic correspondence, and administrative tasks. Office and computer skills preferred. Please contact Rich Yenser or a member of the Stewardship and Property Committee for more information.

Attention to anyone & all committees utilizing the church refrigerators and freezers

Freezers and refrigerators are due for cleaning. Please have all items being stored in church refrigerators &/or freezers dated and labeled with individual or committee name **by April 17th**

~ Kitchen Committee

The May-June issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived & is on the table in the narthex.

Mother-Daughter Banquet
 Saturday, May 9th at 6 PM
 LSCOB Fellowship Hall



Please join us!
 Sign-up sheet on table in the Narthex

Annual Conference

Lancaster COB is chartering a 56-seat motor coach to the 2026 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and invites others to join. 41 of 56 seats are filled - reserve yours soon! Information is on the table in the back of the sanctuary or see Todd Rebman.

Zoom Bible Study

April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6, and May 13 at 7:00 PM
 (no Bible Study on May 6th)



LITTLE SWATARA CoB
2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 JULY 13—17, 2026



Preschool Sub Sale
Orders taken April 1st—12th
Delivery Thursday, April 23rd

Choice of 12" subs @ \$7.50/ea. or pretzel sandwiches @ \$6.50/ea. from R & K Subs. All orders will be delivered to the church on Thursday, April 23rd at 11:15am. An order sheet is on the table in the narthex. All money is due by April 12th.. Checks should be made payable to: Little Swatara Preschool. Place payment in Mailbox #7 at the time of your order. Questions? Ask Renee Brown 724-809-6433

Tulpehocken Twp Night at the Reading Phillies Stadium
April 22nd, 2026

Free General Admission tickets are available
 Stop in at the township office during business hours
 Monday—Thursday 9am—3 pm














April
 Mission of the Month
Little Swatara Preschool



What's Happening in:

April

- 12 Food Pantry Collection Sunday 
- 14 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 15 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH 
 10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH
 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 
- 16 8:30 AM Quilting 
 9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry/Salem Evang. Lutheran Church
- 17 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen 
 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry/ Salem Evang. Lutheran Church
- 19 Potluck Sunday 
- 20 7:00 PM Music & Worship team meeting 
- 21 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting/FH
- 22 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 
- 23 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 25 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast/café 
- 26 Preschool Sunday 
- 28 Ministry team minutes due

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
 Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00 pm