

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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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. 1 April 5

Wk. 2 April 12

Wk.3 April 19

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CHORISTER	Dianne High	Praise Team	Allen Rebman
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	John Wise
CHILD STORY	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ
PIANIST	D. Duell & P. Gerberich	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker
AUDIO	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Worship Center	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw
USHERS	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Children/Youth

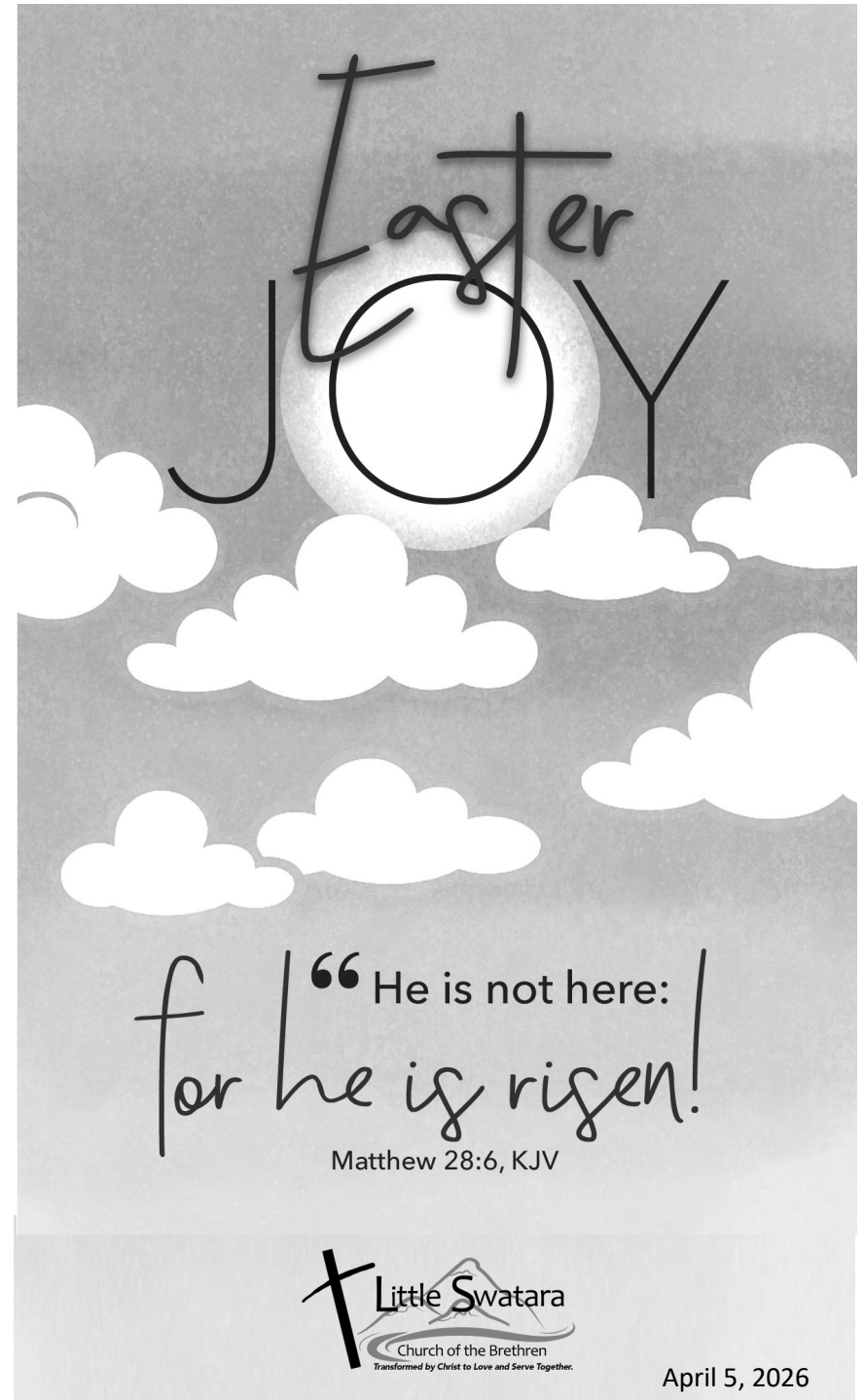
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
 Children’s (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
 (Fellowship Hall Level)
 Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
 Hall)

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.



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.)

Prayer Concerns

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

Pastor Randy Fiske
 Brenda Kelly
 Ralph Wanner
 East Cocalico COB



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pauline Seiler will be 91 yrs. young on April 10th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. Cards may be mailed to:

521 W..2nd Ave.—Apt. #2013
 Lititz, PA 17543

Jean Keeney will be 91yrs young on April 28th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. Cards may mailed to:

423 S. Broad Street
 Myerstown, PA 17067

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

"Challenge Question"

What "stones" are keeping you from following Jesus closer?

*Every turning point brings us closer to the cross—
 and the cross is where everything finally changes.*

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,557.00
Building	\$	120.00
Family Assistance	\$	150.00
Maintenance	\$	255.00
Sunday School	\$	13.00
Feed Them	\$	100.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	100.00
Mission of the Month	\$	675.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	5,970.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 19 + 84
 Virtual Worship - 22
 Sunday School - 48

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

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

April 5, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Bell Choir "The Day of Resurrection"

Call to Worship

L: God, there's no where we go that you're not there.

P: Even in the broken and the emptiness, we find you.

L: Death tried to defeat you.

P: But victory is yours and we praise you that you are risen.

All: You are risen, indeed!!

Opening Hymn "Low in the grave he lay" blue hymnal #273

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Jubilee Choir "Christ is Risen"
 "Alive Alive"

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music Medley for Easter Bell Choir

Hymn "He Lives" Supplement #5

Children's Moment

Senior Choir "Lift Your Voice and Sing, He is Risen"

Message - "Rolling Stones Away"

Scripture - Matthew 28: 1-10

Closing Hymn. "Christ the Lord is risen today" blue hymnal. #280

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

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



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

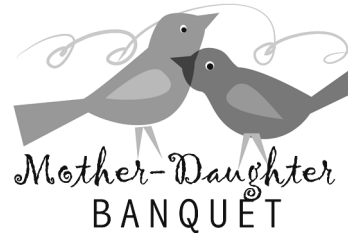


We are seeking a dependable **Substitute Church Secretary** to provide temporary office support as needed. Duties include answering phones, basic correspondence, and administrative tasks. Office and computer skills preferred. Please contact Rich Yenser or a member of the Stewardship and Property Committee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

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. Information is on the table in the back of the sanctuary or see Todd Rebman.

Please check your mailbox



Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet as we get closer to the date



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show

Saturday, June 20th, 2026

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

If you have any items to donate to our yard sale/flea market, please put them aside until closer to the date.

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

Zoom Bible Study

April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29, and May 13 at 7:00 PM

(no Bible Study on May 6th)



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



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

Need a boost? If you would like to receive a weekly Bible encouragement text from Pastor Matt, please text him at 717-675-3946



Londonderry Village

Lunch N' Learn @ Londonderry Village

April 16, 2026 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall in the Snell Community Center on the Londonderry Village Campus / Reservations Required

"How Plants Predict the Weather" with Heather Freeland

Heather Freeland from Penn State's Master Gardening Group will explore the fascinating ways plants protect themselves through changing weather and what those natural responses can reveal about the conditions ahead. She'll explain how certain plant behaviors act as early signals of shifts in temperature, moisture, and storms. Heather will also share practical examples and easy ways to observe these patterns, helping you better understand the environment around you and how plants adapt to it

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday, April 15th & April 29th at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



Londonderry Village

Londonderry Village Annual Estate & Barn Sale

Thursday, May 28th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 29th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 30th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Categories include large and small appliances, antiques, books, camping gear, glassware, cooking essentials, electronics, tools, a wide variety of furniture, jewelry, plants, and much more!

Cash or checks only!

Proceeds benefit the Londonderry Village Good Samaritan Fund for benevolent care









April Mission of the Month Little Swatara Preschool



What's Happening in:

April

- 5 10:30 AM Easter Service (no 8:30 AM Service)
- 7 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting
- 8 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH
Zoom Bible Study 
- 9 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 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
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
- 20 7:00 PM Music & Worship team meeting
- 21 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting/FH
- 22 Zoom Bible Study

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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