

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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OFFICE HOURS: TUE. & THURS. 9:00 AM –12:00 PM & WED. 11:00 AM –2:00 PM

Church Office: 717-933-4723 **OFFICE HOURS:** Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: June - Diane Long July - Pat Timmins August - Tony Fazio

Wk. 5 August 31

Wk. 1 September 7

Wk. 2 September 14

CHORISTER

Pam Gerberich

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Diane Duell

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

USHERS

Ken Duell / John High

Bob & Wendy Lingle

Gerald & Jim Bowman

Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Scott Bohn & John High

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

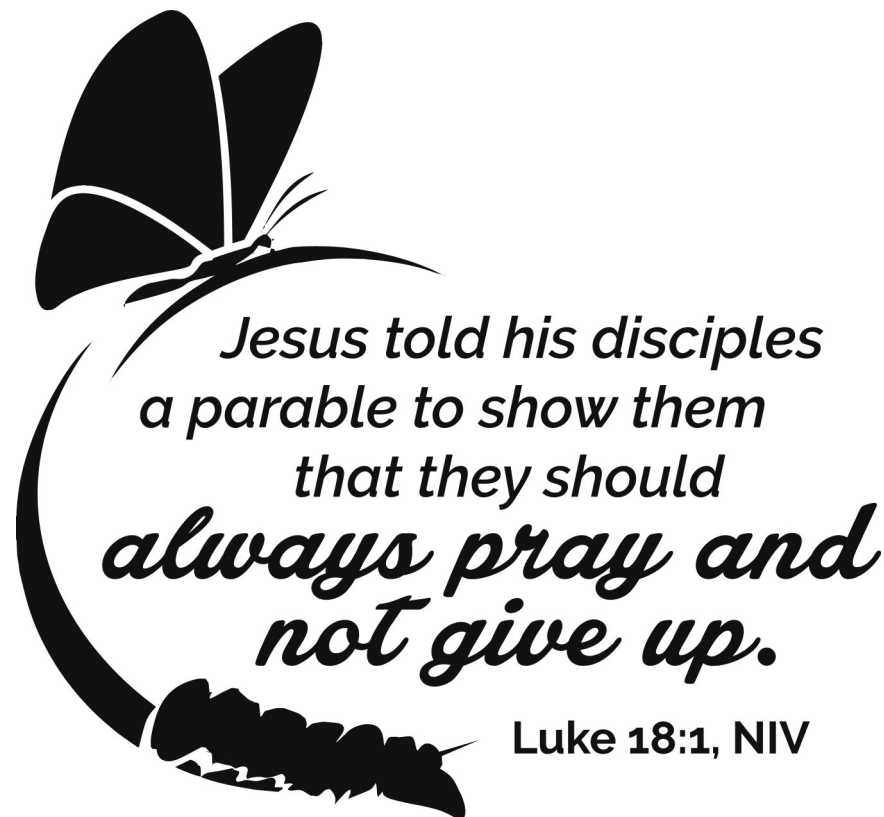
Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship

Hall Level)

Hymn 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.



August 31, 2025

Outreach: The Gathering Place Café, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: **Mon-Sat 6-10am**

Prayer Concerns

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

Barry Bashore
 Diane Duell
 Earl Ebling
 John Kelly
 Wendy Lingle
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw
 Myerstown COB



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



The Bethel Food Pantry has an
urgent need for non-perishables
 A collection box is located in the
 narthex for donations.

Church office will be closed
 Monday, September 1st in
 observation of Labor Day

Amended: 2025 VBS Mission Project Brethren Disaster Relief

VBS collection.....\$1,533.08
 Mission of the Month
 VBS Offering Project..\$2,762.00
 Gathering Place Café
 Donations.....\$ 953.00
 Total.....\$5,248.08

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,427.05
Building	\$ 25.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 107.50
Sunday School	\$ 69.00
Feed Them	\$ 25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 25.00
Women's Fellowship	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 30.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 250.00

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 \$
Total \$, 5,008.55

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 18 + 65
 Virtual Worship 23
 Sunday School 37



As a church family, we
 extend our sincere sym-
 pathy & Christian love to the
 Brown family on the passing of John
 J. Brown on August 19th



BRETHREN
 Disaster Ministries

September Mission of the Month

Brethren Disaster Ministries

What's Happening in:

September

1 Labor Day



LABOR DAY

2 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

4 8:30 AM Quilting
 6:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH



7 Promotion Sunday
 Grandparents Day
 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast / FH



9 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

11 8:30 AM Quilting



14 Food Pantry Collection Sunday
 Wartluff Reunion / pavilion



15 8:00 AM chow chow canning / kitchen

17 Newsletter Deadline
 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
 10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
 7:00 PM Online Bible Study



18 9:30 AM Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
 Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel



19 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel



Chow-Chow Orders

We will be making chow-chow on Monday, Sept. 15th & Monday, Sept 29th starting at 8:00 AM. Please bring your jars to be refilled & place your order on the form on the table in the Narthex, or contact any member of Women's Fellowship.

We would appreciate help both days.

Also, let us know if you have any vegetables to donate.

Quarts \$9.00 Pints \$5.00

The September issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the narthex.

If anyone knows anything about the Kool-Pops that are in the Church freezers please contact Wendy Lingle as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School on the morning of Sept. 3rd and Sept. 17th



The September-October issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived and is on the table in the narthex.



Please mark your calendar for the
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
to be held at the Expo in Lebanon
September 26 and 27, 2025

Exercise Classes starting
Wednesday, September 17th
Women's Exercise at 8:45 AM
Seated class at 10:00 AM



CHECK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BULLETIN BOARDS



August 31, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"Your Way's Better"
"Up + Up"
"Goodbye Yesterday"
"That's Who I Praise"

Scripture - Matthew 16:24-26

Catch of the Day - "Find It"

Deep Dive

1. Why have you decided to follow Jesus?
2. What would you consider the most difficult thing doing so?
3. What comes easy following Jesus?
4. Why is denying ourselves a challenge in following Jesus?

Kids Praise - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Prayer

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

August 31, 2025
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)

Unison Call to Worship

Lord, we gather to celebrate your Presence in our lives. We now turn our hearts to you in worship and know that you walk with us and you talk with us each day.

Opening Hymn "He Lives" Supplement #5

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Supplement #6

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "I Come To The Garden Alone" Supplement #10

Message - "Pray and Pray Some More"

Scripture - Luke 18:1-8

Closing Hymn "Sing The Wondrous Love" Supplement #27

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for two age groups. Please help yourself



Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

COBYS Bike & Hike: September 7, 2025.

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction: September 26 and 27, 2025.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 1, 2025 from 8:00 – 1:00

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM at the Cottage at Country Fare.



**COBY's Bike & Hike
September 7, 2025**

At the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz PA.

For details and information go to: <https://cobys.org/bike-and-hike>



Jubilee Choir - Thursday 6:15 – 6:45 PM

Senior Choir - Thursday 7—7:45 PM

Bell Choir - Thursday 7:45—8:30 PM

Praise Team - Wednesday 7:15 PM



**The Wednesday evening
Online Bible Study**

will resume on September 17th at 7:00 PM.

This will be a 6-week study - "Reclaiming the Sabbath".

If interested contact Dianne High. Cost is free