#### **Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ**

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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. 2 August 10                               | Wk.3 August 17                                       | Wk. 4 August 24                                      |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| CHORISTER      | Praise Team                                   | Allen Rebman   | Praise Team  |
| WORSHIP LDR    | Praise Team                                   | John Wise  | Praise Team  |
| CHILD STORY    | Ashley Koch                                   | Abby Christ  | Savannah M./ Karen M.                                |
| <u>PIANIST</u> | Praise Team                                   | Sarah Brubaker                                       | Praise Team  |
| <u>AUDIO</u>   | Todd Rebman                                   | Todd Rebman  | Todd Rebman  |
| WORSHIP CTR    | Tanya Feathers                                | Sandra Keeney  | Sandra Keeney  |
| <u>USHERS</u>  | Gerald & Jim Bowman<br>Scott Bohn & John High | Ken Duell / John High<br>Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker | Richard & Michelle Yenser<br>Andrew & Chris Brubaker |

#### WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 - 10:15 am

| Child | ren/Y | <u>outh</u> |
|-------|-------|-------------|
|       |       |             |

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.





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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
Earl Ebling
John Kelly
Wendy Lingle
Dale & Jennifer Speraw
Suzanne Wichert
Parker Ford CoB



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



Join us for an afternoon of fun, music and a little inspiration with....

# Days of Old TODAY@3PM



The Bethel Food Pantry has an **urgent** need for non-perishables. Starting on Sunday, August

10th a collection box will be placed in the narthex for donations.

# 2025 Annual Conference Wrap-Up

will be happening on August 24th during Sunday School hour. All are welcomed to join!

# GIVING LAST SUNDAY

| General Fund           | \$        | 3,528.00  |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Building               | \$        | 25.00     |
| Family Assistance      | \$        | 110.00    |
| Maintenance            | \$        | 822.50    |
| Sunday School          | \$        | 53.00     |
| Feed Them              | \$        |           |
| Nigerian EYN           | \$        |           |
| Global Food Initiative | \$        | 300.00    |
| Food Pantry            | \$        | 50.00     |
| Women's Fellowship     | \$        |           |
| Mission of the Month   | \$        | 350.00    |
|                        | \$        |           |
| _                      | <u>\$</u> |           |
| Total                  | \$        | ,5,239.00 |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025 \$349,661.00

#### Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 73 Virtual Worship 18 Sunday School 51

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



August 10, 2025 8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

**Prayer** 

# **Worship Songs**

"God is Good"
"Praise"
"Unashamed"
"I Lift my Hands"

Scripture - Habakkuk 2:4-5 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Greed"

### **Deep Dive**

- 1. What causes a person to want more than they really need?
- 2. Have you ever known anyone that has never been at rest?
- 3. The scripture spoke of being puffed up, how's that look on some one?
- 4. What does it look like to live by our faithfulness?

Kids Praise - "Happy and I Know It"

Prayer

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

# August 10, 2025 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Prelude** "Firm Foundation"

**Welcome and Announcements** 

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

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns** 

**Morning Prayer** 

**Unison Call to Worship** 

God, There's nothing worth more, nothing compares to your loving presence. We come humbled as your servants and gather devoted to your Word. We come to worship you.

Opening Worship "Holy Spirit" projected

"The Heart of Worship

**Offertory Thought and Prayer** 

Offertory Music "Te Deum Laudamus"

"Jehovah Jireh"
"One God"

**Children's Moment** 

Worship Song "Lord, You Have My Heart" projected

Message - "Is It Not Written?"

**Scripture** - Mark 11: 15-17

**Anointing** "Thy Word"

"Give Me Jesus"

Closing Worship "Teresa's Prayer" projected

**Sending Forth** 



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### We're Hiring: Church Treasurer Wanted!

Are you organized, trustworthy, and have a heart for service? Our church is seeking a **dedicated Treasurer** to help steward our financial resources with integrity and care.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Managing budgets and financial records
- Overseeing donations and expenses
- Preparing reports for church leadership

Accounting experience preferred.

This part-time paid position is perfect for someone who wants to support the church's mission in our community.

Join the Little Swatara team---apply today! Contact Jamie Wise for more information.

# AUGUST 11th EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Every Member Council Meeting will be held on **Monday**, **August 11th at 7:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall** 

## The agenda for this meeting:

- 1. 2nd Quarter financial report
- 2. Pastor Matt's report
- 3. Gathering Place report
- 4, 2026 LSCOB Ministry Call Slate
- 5. Ministry Team updates
- 6. Preschool Report

#### **Business:**

Constitution and By-laws of The Little Swatara Church Of The Brethren Revised May 9, 2022 recommended changes.

- a. Motion to change the "Quorum" paragraph in Article IV Section III A on page 9 to change from 25 members to 15 members.
- b. Motion to change Article VI Leadership Team Section I A Composition of the Leadership Team on page 11, to remove the treasurer position from the team.



#### **COUNTRY FAIR**

Saturday, August 24th
Fun starting at 5:00 PM
Mt. Aetna Fire Co. Carnival Grounds
Food - Fun - Fellowship

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



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Tuesday, August 19th, 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

at the Cottage at Country Fare.

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



Camp Swatara Labor Day Auction August 30th, 2025

Camp Swatara needs your help with the Annual Family Camp Auction! We want to make this auction the best yet! We are looking for individuals, SS classes, family groups, etc., who would be willing to donate something. Theme gift baskets are always a winner! Do you have a talent for painting, pottery, sewing, woodworking, etc.? Birdhouses and bird feeders are popular! We need items for the Children's Auction, too! Do you have a service you could share? Think outside the box! Remember 100% of donations from the auction benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. There are no administration costs, it is organized and run by volunteers. We will be glad to pick up your donation, just give us a call to make arrangements. Date of the auction is Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 9:00 am in the East Lodge at Camp Swatara. Children's auction is Friday, August 29, 2025 at 7:00 pm.



# August Mission of the Month

# COBYS



FOOD

# What's Happening in:

#### August

10 Anointing service
Food Pantry Collection—non-perishables needed
Tilden/Edis reunion / pav
3:00 PM Days of Old concert / sanct.



- 7:00 PM Every Member Council meeting
- 12 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 9:30 AM Quilting
  9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
  Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry



17 Church Potluck Sunday



- 18 5:00-8:00 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher Night / narthex
- 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship / FH5:00-8:00 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher Night / lower lobby
- 20 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 8:30 AM Quilting



23 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café



25 Preschool starts