

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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

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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. 4 August 24

Wk. 5 August 31

Wk. 1 September 7

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Pam Geberich

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

PIANIST

Praise Team

Diane Duell

Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

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.



*"For where two or three
come together in my name,
there am I with them."*

Matthew 18:20, NIV



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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 FB: @LittleSwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren

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
 Geiger Memorial COB



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



As a church family, we extend our
 sincere sympathy & Christian love
 to the Yenser & Walmer families on
 the passing of Betty Yenser Walmer. Betty
 passed away on August 16th.



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

Update: 2025 VBS Mission Project - Brethren Disaster Relief

VBS collection.....\$1,533.08
 Mission of the Month
 VBS Offering Project..\$2,486.00
 Gathering Place Café
 Donations.....\$ 953.00
 Total.....\$6,198.08

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,605.50
Building	\$	140.00
Family Assistance	\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	297.50
Sunday School	\$	102.00
Feed Them	\$	50.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
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Food Pantry	\$	320.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	20.00
Mission of the Month	\$	420.00
	\$	
Total	\$,6,,055.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 22 + 70
 Virtual Worship 18
 Sunday School 32

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

The September issue of the
Newsletter has arrived & is on the
 countertop at the mailboxes



August 24, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"My God Can"
 "Still Waters"
 "The Truth"
 "Thank God I Do"

Scripture - Luke 17:1-2 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Bound"

Deep Dive

1. What are examples of things that are bound to happen?
2. If they're bound to happen, what can we do to prepared when they do?
3. Why do we think Jesus emphasize the importance of not causing a little one to stumble?
4. His have others caused little ones to stubble?

Kids Praise - "Every Move I Make"

Prayer

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

August 24, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

"Ancient Words"

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music: "Come Jesus Come"

Children's Moment

Call To Worship:

L: God, you have called us to be the church.

P: A people devoted to loving and serving one another.

L: God, you have set us apart and you bind us in unity through the Spirit.

P: Let there be praise and joy in our hearts

Worship Song

"Let there Be Praise"

projected

Scripture Story - Matthew 18.20

Worship Song

"Holy is the Lord"

projected

Scripture Story - Hebrews 10. 24- 25

Worship Song

"Grace Alone"

projected

Scripture Story - Acts 2:42

Worship Song

"Lord Reign In Me"

projected

Scripture Story - Galatians 6.2

Closing Worship

"Bind Us Together"

projected

Sending Out



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.**



COBY's Bike & Hike September 7, 2024

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



**Zoom
Bible Study**

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



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



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.

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



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



What's Happening in:

August

25 9:00 AM Preschool starts



26 Ministry Team Minutes due

28 8:30 AM Quilting - CX

September

1 Labor Day



2 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

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



7 Promotion Sunday
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

17 Newsletter Deadline
7:00 PM Online Bible Study



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

