

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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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. 1 August 3

Wk. 2 August 10

Wk.3 August 17

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

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

USHERS

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph 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)

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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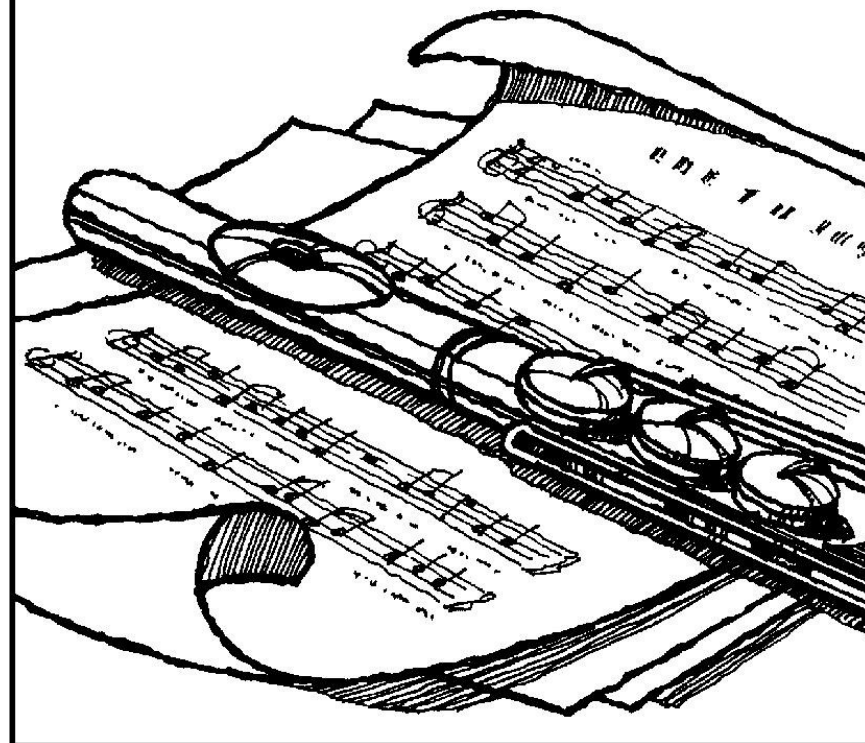
SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD

ALL THE EARTH.

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS;

COME BEFORE HIM WITH

JOYFUL SONGS.



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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-Sat 6-10am**

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

August 3, 2025
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

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

Barry Bashore
 Earl Ebling
 Wendy Lingle
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw
 Suzanne Wichert
 Philadelphia First



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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,739.00
Building	\$ 85.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 485.00
Sunday School	\$ 120.00
Feed Them	\$ 525.00
Nigerian EYN	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 110.00
Women's Fellowship	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 950.00
	\$
	\$
Total	\$ 8,139.00,


GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00


Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 10 + 78
 Virtual Worship 22
 Sunday School 43

Second Sunday

 Join us for an afternoon of fun, music and a little inspiration with....
Days of Old
August 10, 2025 @ 3 PM


Anointing Service
Sunday, August 10th
@ 10:30 AM


 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.

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

Prelude

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

Call to Worship

#866 purple hymnal

Opening Hymns "We Praise Thee, O God"
 "When We Walk with the Lord"

#91 purple hymnal
 #570 purple hymnal

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Sermon in Song

Faithful Men

Closing Hymn "Heart with Loving Heart United"

#420 blue hymnal

Benediction

Postlude



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.



The Gathering Place is in need of volunteers. Contact Mike Peace if you can help with this important ministry of Little Swatara to the community of Bethel.

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



Please check your mailbox

AUGUST 11th EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

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

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.



Date and time: Fri, Aug 15, 2025, 4:00 PM
- Sat, Aug 16, 2025, 4:00 PM

Location: Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd, Bethel, PA 19507

Speaker: Ann Bach - "Fill My Cup, O Lord"

Organizer: Kelly Bernstein, (717) 367-4730,
kbernstein@ane-cob.org

All women are welcome to join in this weekend of worship, Bible study, singing, hiking, crafts, canoeing, swimming and more!

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

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary



COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, August 24th

Fun starting at 5:00 PM

Mt. Aetna Fire Co. Carnival Grounds

Food - Fun - Fellowship



August 5 - National Night Out

Bethel Fire Company grounds

5:00-8:00 PM

COME JOIN THE FUN !!!

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on
Wednesday morning August 6th
at 9:00 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



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.



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






August Mission of the Month COBYS



What's Happening in:

August

- 3 11:30 AM Farm Women #2 / pav
- 5 5:00 PM National Night Out / Bethel Fire Co. grounds
7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting
- 7 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 9 J. High / pav
- 10 Anointing service
Food Pantry Collection—non-perishables needed
Tilden/Edis reunion / pav
3:00 PM Days of Old concert / sanct.
- 11 7:00 PM Every Member Council meeting
- 12 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 14 8:30 AM Quilting 
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 15 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry 
- 18 5:00-8:00 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher Night / narthex
- 19 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship / FH
5:00-8:00 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher Night / lower lobby
- 20 Newsletter Deadline

