

Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

OFFICE HOURS: TUE., WED. & THURS. 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

Church Office: 717-933-4723 Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: August - Tony Fazio September – Sam Forry October - Diane Long

Wk.3 August 16

Wk. 4 August 23

Wk. 5 August 30

CHORISTER

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Pam Gerberich

WORSHIP LDR

John Wise

Praise Team

S. Metzler / K. Myers

CHILD STORY

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

S. Metzler / K. Myers

PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Um-

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

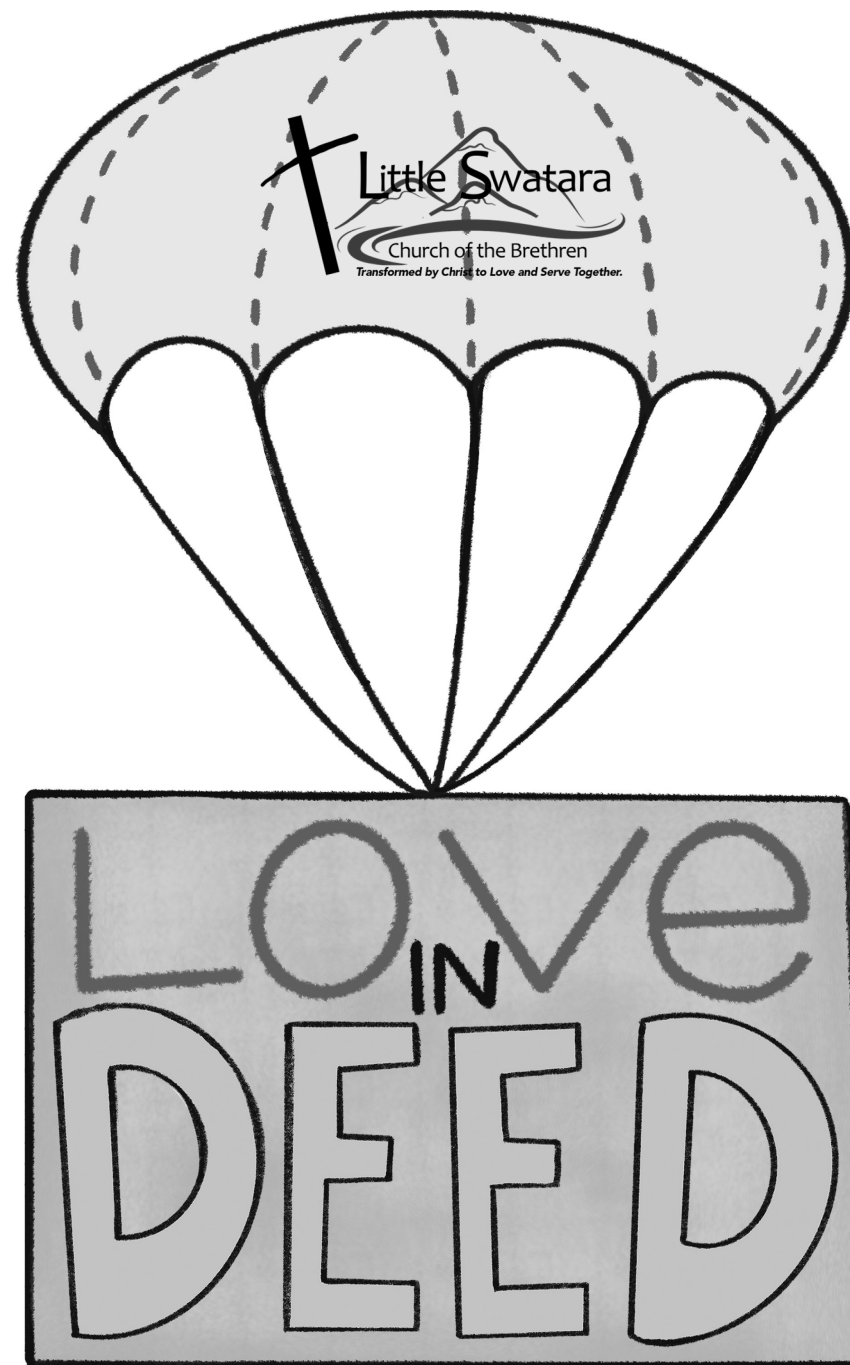
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship
Hall Level)
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.



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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., 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.

Kevin Boltz
 Gerald Bowman
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw
 Beryl Wanner
 Ralph Wanner
 Brooklyn First COB



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

Challenge Question

How do you demonstrate your faith ?



TODAY

immediately following the church service

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, cards, and visits during my recovery from surgery.
 ~ Sam Forry

2025 Annual Conference Wrap-Up

Sunday, August 23rd
 during Sunday School hour
 All are welcomed to join!

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,616.50
Building	\$	125.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	162.50
Sunday School	\$	25.00
Feed Them	\$	75.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Mission of the Month	\$	954.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$	
VBS offering	\$	799.13
Total	\$	6,817.13

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 18 & 83
 Virtual Worship - 23
 Sunday School - 45

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



August 16, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"10,000 Reason"
 "Great I Am"
 "Your Great Name" b
 "Lord, I Need You"

Prayer

Catch of the Day - "Reminders"

Scripture - John 21:12-14 NIV

Deep Dive

1. If you love breakfast as much as I do, what are your favorites.
2. If you had been sitting around the fire with Jesus, how would you would you be feeling—and why?
3. How did they know it was the Lord? Why didn't they dare ask? How do we know when it's someone we know?
4. How often do we need reminded of things?
5. After three appearances, would you be convinced Jesus rose from the dead? Why or why not?

Kids Praise - "Joy, Joy, Joy"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

August 16, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(We are so excited to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Call to Worship

Lord, we want to be close to your heart. Shape us and mold us to be living proof of your existence. We are willing vessels and there's complete joy in worshipping you.

Hymn "When We Walk With the Lord" blue hymnal #544

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" blue hymnal #389

Children's Moment

Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" blue hymnal #395

Message - "Faith Alive!"

Scripture - James 2:14-26

Hymn "I love to tell the story" blue hymnal #398

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please mark your calendar for the
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
to be held at the Expo in Lebanon
September 25 and 26, 2026



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction: September 25 and 26, 2026.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 7th, 2026 from 8:00 – 1:00

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 21st, 2026 from 9– 11:00 am
in the Cottage at Country Fare.



COBY's Bike & Hike
September 13, 2026

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>



Lunch N' Learn
@ Londonderry Village

September 30, 2026 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall in the Snell Community Center on the Londonderry Village Campus / Reservations Required.

Alpaca Farming: Meet & Greet the Eastland Alpacas with Eastland Alpacas

Kevin and Sue of Eastland Alpacas will share a look into alpaca farming and what it takes to care for these gentle animals. They will talk about daily farm life, how alpaca fiber is used, and more. Guests will also have the chance to meet two calm alpacas.

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



COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, August 22nd

Fun starting at 5:00 PM

Mt. Aetna Fire Co. Carnival Grounds

Food - Fun - Fellowship



Western Berks Shepherding Ministries is in need of volunteer drivers to help clients get to their important appointments. If you are able to help please contact:

Jodi Eisenhauer, Executive Co-Director
Western Berks Shepherding Ministries, Inc.
Phone: 484-294-7394



Camp Swatara Labor Day Auction

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. Item Preview—Friday, Sept. 4th, 6-8 PM. and Saturday, Sept. 5th, 8—9 AM. Children's Auction—Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 9 AM. Regular Auction following Children's Auction.



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



August
Mission of the Month
COBY'S



What's Happening in:

August

16 Food Party collection
Potluck Sunday
11:00 am J. Manbeck / pav



17 7:00 pm Music & Worship Team meeting

18 4:00 pm Preschool meet the Teacher Night / upstairs



19 4:00 pm Preschool meet the Teacher Night / downstairs
Newsletter Deadline

20 8:30 am quilting
9:30 am packing food for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang.
Lutheran Church, Bethel



21 8:00 am Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 pm Bethel Food Pantry



22 5:00 pm Country Fair, Mt. Aetna Fire Company grounds

24 Preschool classes start



25 Ministry Team Minutes due
9:00 am Women's Fellowship meeting / FH

27 8:30 am quilting



30 10:00 am S. Hartranft / pav

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm