

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. 4 August 23

Wk. 5 August 30

Wk. 1 September 6

CHORISTER	Praise Team	Pam Gerberich	Dianne High
WORSHIP LDR	Praise Team	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Gary Bashore
CHILD STORY	S. Metzler / K. Myers	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Mike & Sarah Kolbe
PIANIST	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker	Diane Duell
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
WORSHIP CTR	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers
USHERS	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/Dennis Um-	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am**

Children/Youth

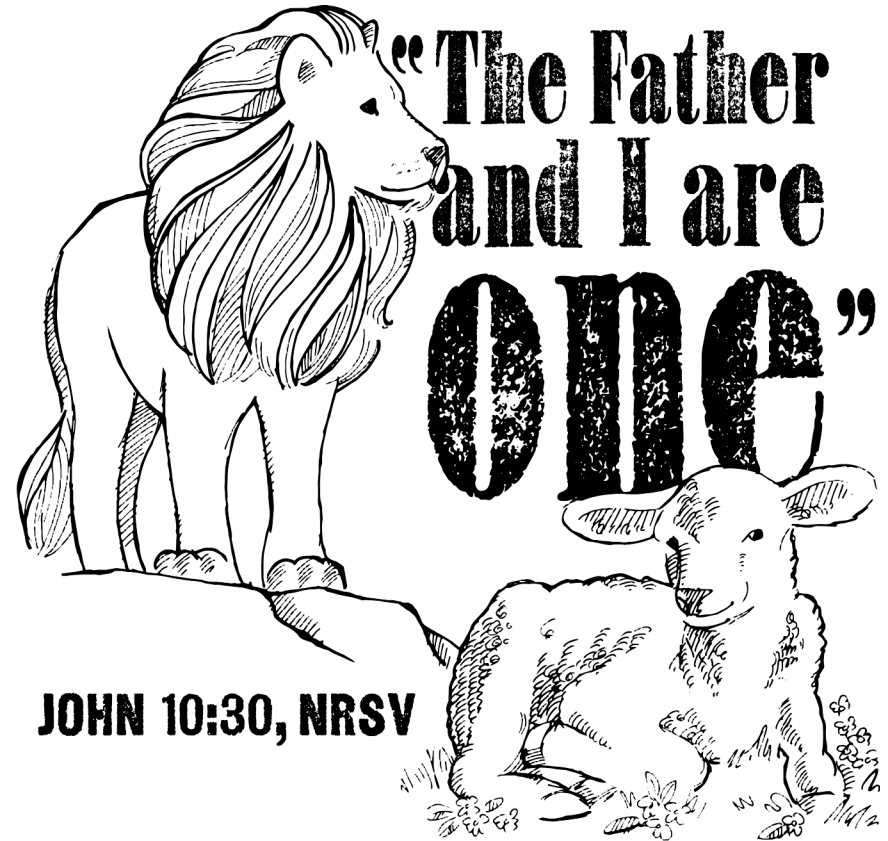
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
Hall)

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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 Church Web Page - www.LittleSwatara.org/ phone: 717-933-4723
 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.

Gerald Bowman
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw
 Skippack COB, Collegeville, PA



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

Challenge Question

What do I believe
 about Jesus?

New Member Classes

New member classes
 are forming soon.

Please see Pastor Matt if interested. This
 includes transfers and /or those Interested



**Become
 Part of
 Our
 Church
 Family**

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

Please remember to check your
 church mailbox



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,633.50
Building	\$	25.00
Family Assistance	\$	150.00
Maintenance	\$	327.50
Sunday School	\$	56.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Mission of the Month	\$	125.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$	
VBS offering	\$	
Total	\$	4,327.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 12 & 71
 Virtual Worship - 28
 Sunday School - 33

**Large Print Bulletins & Chil-
 dren's Bulletins** are on the table
 in the back of the sanctuary.
 Please help yourself.



**August 23, 2026
 8:30 Worship Service**

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"Praise You In This Storm"
 "Still Waters (Psalms 23)
 "God of Wonders"
 "Gratitude"

Prayer

Scripture - 1 Peter 1: 3-5 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Mercy"

Deep Dive

1. If someone says "Lord have mercy" what do they mean?
2. How do we show mercy to others?
3. What gives you reason to praise God?
4. What do we hope for? How's that not the same as a living hope
 In Jesus?

Kids Praise - "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

August 23, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Firm Foundation" (He Won't)

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Lord this day belongs to you. We choose to believe and worship you.
You are more than enough. You are everything to us. We commit to your
ways, and we live every second for you.

Opening Worship "How Great is Our God "
"Enough" projected
"Jehovah -Jireh"

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Jesus Messiah" projected

Children's Moment

Worship Song "King of Kings" projected

Message - "Believe What?"

Scripture - John 10: 22-30

Closing Worship "This I Believe" projected

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



Women's Fellowship

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

Upcoming events:

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 Communi-
ty 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



Due to unforeseen circumstances our PreK-Assistant Teacher position has become available and we are looking to hire immediately for the 2026-2027 School Year. If you would like to be a part of a wonderful early childhood education team, please contact Sara Bryant at sara.bryant@littleswatara.org



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.



August Mission of the Month COBY'S



What's Happening in:

August

- 24 Preschool classes start
7 PM S&P Team meeting
- 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



September

- 1 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting
- 3 8:30 am Quilting
- 6 Promotion Sunday
- 7 Labor Day—church office closed
- 8 11:30 am Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 10 8:30 am Quilting
- 13 Grandparents Day
Food Pantry Collection Sunday
VBS Volunteer Breakfast
- 16 Newsletter deadline
- 17 8:30 am Quilting
9:30 am packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel

