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**WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS**

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

**CHURCH SIGN CHANGER:** Feb.—Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

**Wk. 2 February 8**                      **Wk.3 February 15**                      **Wk. 4 February 22**

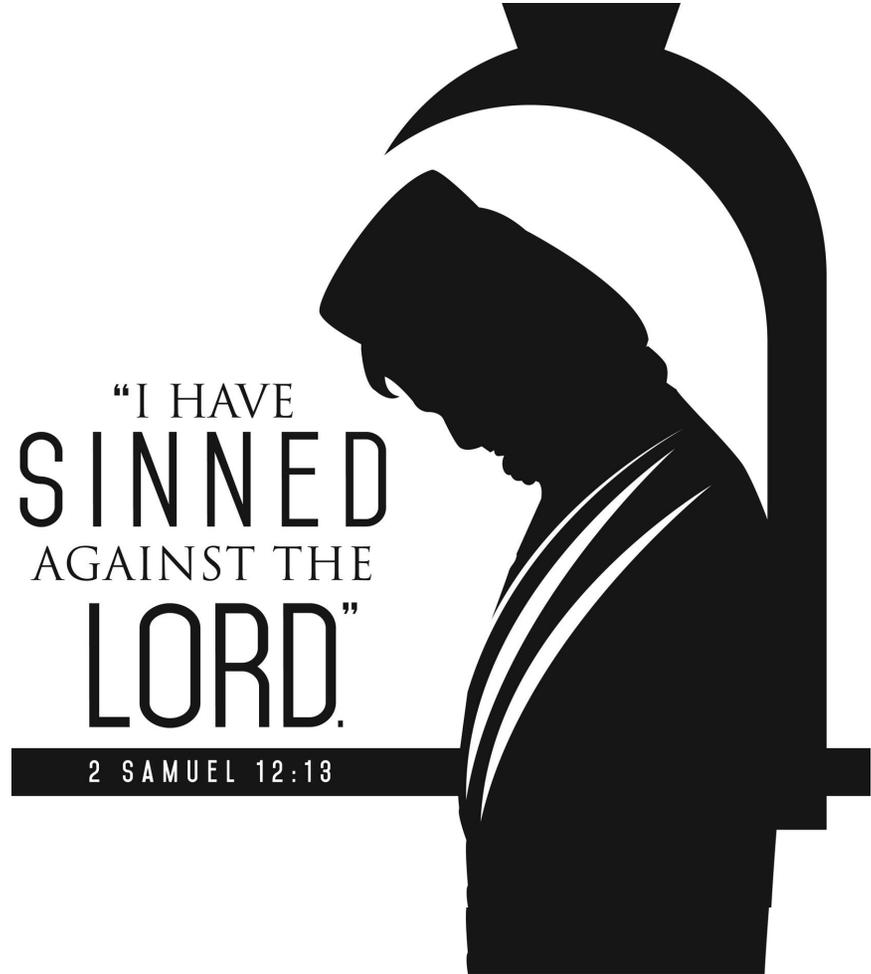
<b>CHORISTER</b>	Praise Team	Allen Rebman	Praise Team
<b>WORSHIP LDR</b>	Praise Team	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
<b>CHILD STORY</b>	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ	Savannah Metzler
<b>PIANIST</b>	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team
<b>AUDIO</b>	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
<b>WORSHIP CTR</b>	Sandra Keeney	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw
<b>USHERS</b>	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker

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

<b>Children/Youth</b> 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)	<b>Adults</b> Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship Hall Level) Hymn Study – Fellowship Hall
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**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.



February 8, 2026

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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](http://gatheringplacecafe.com) / Phone: 717-933-5958  
 Café Hours: **Mon-Sat 6-10am**



**February 8, 2026**  
**8:30 AM Service**

**Prayer Concerns**

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

Ralph Wanner  
 Heidelberg COB



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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Violet Frantz will be celebrating her **100th birthday** on February 26th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. You may mail cards to:

6295 Four Point Road  
 Bethel, PA 19507

**"Challenge Question"**

In what areas of my life, do I need to acknowledge my sin to God?"

**Every Member Council Meeting**  
**7:00 PM**  
**February 9, 2026**



**Ash Wednesday**  
**6:00 pm Service & movie**  
**"The Passion of the Christ"**  
*In the Fellowship Hall*

**GIVING LAST SUNDAY**

General Fund	\$	9,178.00
Building	\$	145.00
Family Assistance	\$	150.00
Maintenance	\$	445.00
Sunday School	\$	68.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	150.00
Mission of the Month	\$	150.00
Messenger	\$	

**Total** \$ 10,586.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025  
 \$ 349,661.00

**Last Sunday's Attendance**

Worship 25 + 76  
 Virtual Worship - 14  
 Sunday School - 50

**Welcome & News**

**Humor**

**Prayer**

**Worship Songs**

- "When God Ran"
- "Good Good Father"
- "Come Alive (Dry Bones)"
- "Awesome God"

**Scripture:** Psalms 95:3-7

**Catch of the Day** - "Awesome"

**Deep Dive**

1. What makes our God an awesome God?
2. How are people awesome?
3. When we worship what are we actually doing?
4. What might be things people worship or bow down to in the world?
5. What challenges us to fully worship only God?

**Kids Praise** - "Clap Your Hands All Ye People"

**Prayer**

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

**February 8, 2026**  
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "I Thank God"  
"Mighty to Save"

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship** (*unison*)

Lord Jesus, we wait for you. We know that you alone can turn things around. There's no one like you, God. There's no other name deserving of our worship. We bring you our all and all. We gather in your name.

**Opening Worship** "Come Jesus Come" Projected  
"No One Like Our God" Projected

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Worship Song** "O Come to the Altar" Projected

**Offertory Thought and Prayer**

**Offertory Music** "My God Can"

**Children's Moment**

**Worship Song** "Create in Me A Clean Heart" Purple Hymnal 141

**Sermon** - "Acknowledge"

**Scripture** - 2 Samuel 12:1 -13

**Closing Worship** "Grace Alone" Projected

**Sending Forth**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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



**News from Camp Swatara**

**Registration for Camp is open.**

2026 Summer Camp Theme: "Into the Wilderness", Matthew 4:4  
<https://www.campswatara.org/resident>

Don't miss out on the \$25 Early Bird Discount which runs until 3/31/26.

**Camp Swatara - Help Wanted**

Begin your journey as part of the Camp Swatara staff community which includes leadership opportunities in communication, team-work, group dynamics, specific skill development, and being a mentor and role model. These contribute to strengthening you as a person, preparing and sharpening you for your future . . . AND, having a pocket of time to build into the lives of the campers who come to Camp Swatara.

We're hiring for the summer beginning at 14 years old and have positions in Counseling, Buildings & Grounds, Housekeeping, and Pool & Waterfront. Don't have a full summer to be with us - come serve for a week or two.

Staff & Volunteer Applications for 2026 are ready for you to APPLY!!  
<https://www.campswatara.org/employment-opportunities>



We need someone to lead our Craft Committee. For more information, please contact any member of our Women's Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24th at 9:00 AM.

**Volunteer Needed:** Seeking volunteers to help with snow clean-up. If you have any availability and are willing to serve the church, by helping to clean sidewalks or plow the parking lot, please contact John High

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

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



We are seeking a dependable **Substitute Church Secretary** to provide temporary office support as needed. Duties include answering phones, basic correspondence, and administrative tasks. Office and computer skills preferred. Please contact Rich Yenser or a member of the Stewardship and Property Committee for more information.

**We're Hiring: Groundskeeper Wanted!!**

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking **Groundskeeper** to help care for our church property and maintain the beauty of our grounds.

**Responsibilities include:**

- Lawn care, trimming, mulching, and general landscaping
- Seasonal tasks (leaf removal, snow/ice clearing (sidewalks and steps), pruning, etc.)
- Light maintenance and upkeep of outdoor areas
- Ensuring the church grounds are welcoming and safe for all

This is a part-time hourly rate position with flexible scheduling.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jamie Wise or any other member of the Stewardship and Property Team.



**Save the Date  
Spiritual Renewal 2026  
March 15-18th**

**Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !**

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



Please check your mailbox



February Mission of the Month

**Global Food Initiative**



**What's Happening in:**

**February**

- 9 7:00 PM Every Member Council meeting
- 10 11:30 AM Widow's Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 11 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH 
- 12 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 15 10:30 AM Anointing Service  
Potluck meal following 10:30 service  
Food Pantry Collection 
- 18 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service & Movie / FH  
8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
- 19 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 20 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church
- 24 9:AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH  
Ministry Team Minutes due
- 25 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

- Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
- Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:15 pm
- Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00 pm
- Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45 pm