

## Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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### WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Jan.– Sam Forry Feb.—Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins

Wk. 2 January 11      Wk.3 January 18      Wk. 4 January 25

<u>CHORISTER</u>	Praise Team	Allen Rebman	Praise Team
<u>WORSHIP LDR</u>	Praise Team	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
<u>CHILD STORY</u>	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ	Savannah Metzler
<u>PIANIST</u>	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team
<u>AUDIO</u>	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
<u>WORSHIP CTR</u>	Worship Center	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers
<u>USHERS</u>	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

<u>Children/Youth</u>	<u>Adults</u>
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)	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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**LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
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 FB: @Little SwataraCoB \*\*\* 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.

Ralph Wanner  
 Mechanic Grove, Quarryville, PA



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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Elizabeth Hershey will be 94 y/o on Jan. 14th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. You may mail cards to:

2840 W. Mark Drive  
 Sarasota, FL 34232

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

>>>>>>>>> **Attention Committee**  
**ANNUAL** **Chairpersons**  
**REPORTS** Needed—team accomplishments in 2025 for the Annual Report booklet due January 31st. Please email your report to the church secretary.

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

## **GIVING LAST SUNDAY**

General Fund	\$	6,209.50.
Building	\$	45.00
Family Assistance	\$	74.00
Maintenance	\$	317.50
Sunday School	\$	62.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	120.00
Mission of the Month	\$	1,451.00
Messenger		149.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 10,728.50</b>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025  
 \$ 349,661.00

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 21 + 78  
 Virtual Worship - 19  
 Sunday School - 50

## **“Challenge Question”**

What or where or who am I holding control of?



**January 11, 2026**  
**8:30 AM Service**

## **Welcome & News**

### **Humor**

### **Prayer**

### **Worship Songs**

“10,000 Reasons” (Bless the Lord)  
 “House Of The Lord”  
 “In Christ Alone”  
 “Who You Say I Am”

**Scripture** - Genesis 1: 1; 27

**Catch of the Day** - ‘Created’

### **Deep Dive**

1. What are examples of things that were created?
2. Which of these things have the most value and why?
3. Why Did God create us?
4. What's the difference between something created by God that is good versus very good?
5. For fun what are things God created that make us wonder why?

**Kids Praise** - “Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands”

### **Prayer**



**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

## Annual Reservations

If you have an annual recurring reservation for the pavilion or fellowship hall, please take a few moments to re-confirm your reservation with the church secretary. Please give her a phone call during office hours or place a note in the box on the secretary's mailbox with your name, phone number and information about your annual reservation. This will help to make sure that the reservations are current & that your place is held with the dates you want to reserve. Thank you.

## **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.

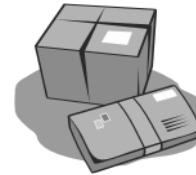
## Attention Committee Treasurers

It's time again for AUDITING of the books. Please bring your updated checking account books and statements to the church office by mid-January for the auditors. Note, if you started a new check register in 2025, please also submit the previous year's check register and the December 2024 statement. Thank you.

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



The next Women's Fellowship Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.



## January Mission of the Month **"We Care Packages"**

### **What's Happening in:**

#### January

11 Food Pantry Collection



13 Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

14 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



15 8:30 AM Quilting



16 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry /Salem Evang. Lutheran Church



18 Church Potluck Meal following church service / FH

20 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH

21 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH  
Newsletter deadline



22 8:30 AM Quilting



24 7:00 AM Men's prayer breakfast / café

27 Ministry Team Minutes due

28 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