

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

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

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WORSHIP CTR

Worship Center

Tanya Feathers

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USHERS

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

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)

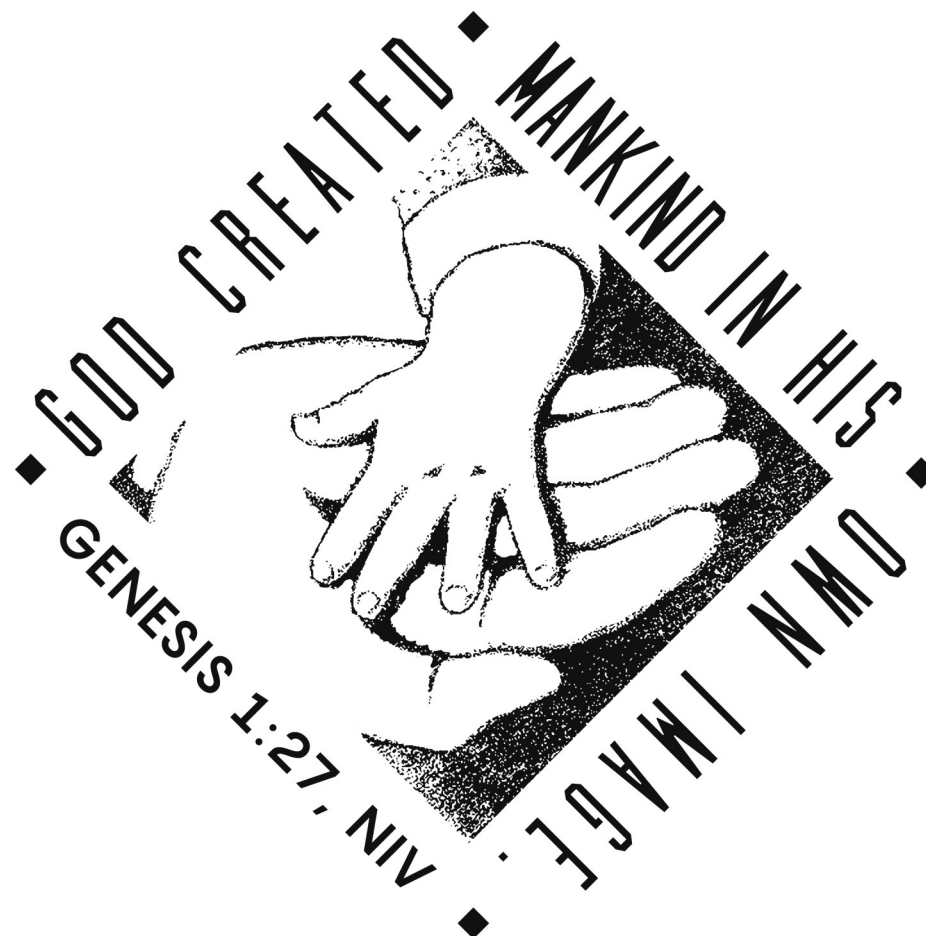
Adults

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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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**

Prayer Concerns

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



(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

ANNUAL
Committee
REPORTS

Attention Committee Chairpersons
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

Total	\$ 10,728.50
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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

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

January 11, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "The River is Here"
"Awesome God"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship (*unison*)

Lord, of all creation, you see us as very good. We are so grateful to be called your children. To be called sons and daughters. You are such an amazing God and we come praising and seeking to know your truth more and more.

Opening Worship "Our God" *projected*
"Great are You, Lord"

Morning Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music: "Chances"

Children's Moment

Worship Song "I'm Yours" *projected*

Message - "Created Us"

Scriptures - Genesis 1:1, 26-28; Isaiah 43: 6-7

Closing Worship

"10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord) *purple Hymnal 111*

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need a boost? If you would like to receive a weekly Bible encouragement text from Pastor Matt, please text him at 717-675-3946



January Mission of the Month
"We Care" Packages

Each year the Mission and Evangelism committee sends packages to the college and military students from our congregation. If you would like to donate items for the students, a box will be provided in the narthex upstairs and foyer downstairs. The last day to bring donations will be February 1st.

ITEMS NEEDED for CARE PACKAGES

Crackers	Writing utensils	Hard Candy
Cookies	Hot chocolate mix	Band-aids
Popcorn	Small tissue packs	Candy bars
Gum	Instant soup mix	Lip Balm
Q-Tips	Post-It notes	Granola bars
Travel size - hand lotion, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and floss		

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School on the morning of January 21st, 2026



Quilters Needed !

The Quilting Group is in need of help. Experienced &/or anyone willing to learn quilting. You do not need to be a member of LSCOB to join this group of quilters. Come join us at 8:30 AM on Thursdays in the Ladies Aide Room on the lower level (enter at the kitchen entrance) Please spread the word.

Notice: Exercise Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026



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