

## 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. 4 January 25

Wk. 1 February 1

Wk. 2 February 8

<u>CHORISTER</u>	Praise Team	Dianne High	Praise Team
<u>WORSHIP LDR</u>	Praise Team	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
<u>CHILD STORY</u>	Savannah Metzler	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch
<u>PIANIST</u>	Praise Team	Diane Duell	Praise Team
<u>AUDIO</u>	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman
<u>WORSHIP CTR</u>	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney
<u>USHERS</u>	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

### WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

#### Children/Youth

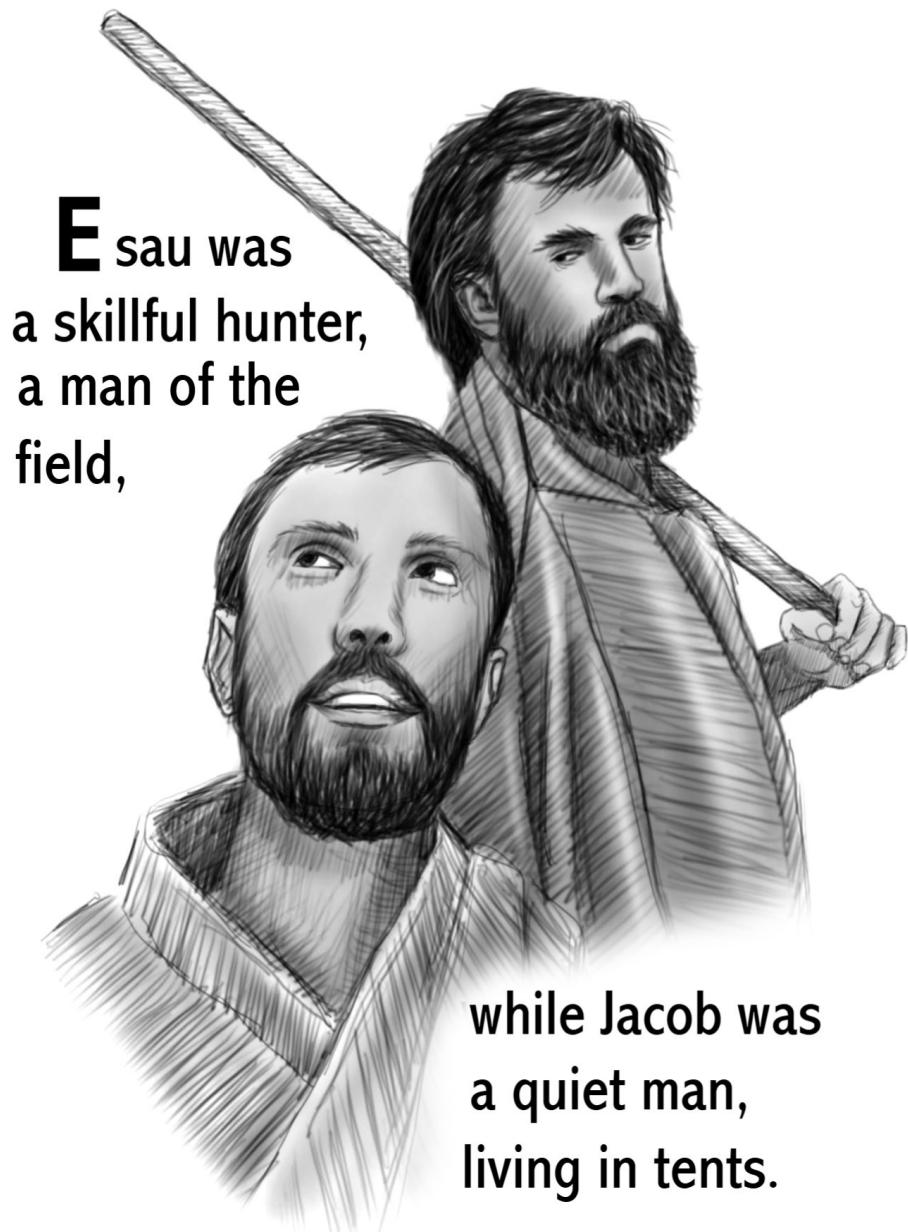
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level  
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room  
(Fellowship Hall Level)  
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship Hall)

#### 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.



**while Jacob was  
a quiet man,  
living in tents.**

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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  
 Parker Ford, Pottstown, PA



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

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



Randy Keeney will be celebrating his birthday on February 6th. Let's shower him with birthday wishes. You may mail cards to:

2803 Clark Avenue  
 West Lawn, PA 19609

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

**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	\$	2,755.00
Building	\$	45.00
Family Assistance	\$	
Maintenance	\$	45.00
Sunday School	\$	58.00
Feed Them	\$	25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	25.00
Food Pantry	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	100.00
Messenger		

Total	\$	3,053.00
GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025		
\$ 349,661.00		

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 6 + 42  
 Virtual Worship - 28  
 Sunday School - 22

## **"Challenge Question"**

Where can I change my focus on where I Started?



**January 25, 2026**  
**8:30 AM Service**

## Welcome & News

## Humor

## Prayer

## Worship Songs

"Indescribable"  
 "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"  
 "How Great Thou Art"  
 "Lord, I Need You"

**Scripture:** John 10: 14-15

**Catch of the Day - "Known"**

## Deep Dive

1. How would you describe a sheep and a shepherd ?
2. What happens in someone's life that they feel they don't need God?
3. How is someone known in our society?
4. How's that different from being known by God?
5. Can we ever change the way God feels about us?

**Kids Praise - "Jesus Loves Me"**

## 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.

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary

**Spiritual  
Renewal**

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

Please check your mailbox



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

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

#### January

27 Ministry Team Minutes due

28 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



29 8:30 AM Quilting 

31 Deacon Retreat / Ctry Fare cottage



Deacon Retreat

#### February

3 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting

4 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

5 8:30 AM Quilting 



15 10:30 AM Anointing Service  
Potluck meal following 10:30 service  
Food Pantry Collection



18 Ash Wednesday  
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

**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