

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: July - Patricia Timmins August - Tony Fazio September– Sam Forry

Wk. 1 July 5

CHORISTER Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY Mike & Sarah Kolbe

PIANIST Diane Duell

AUDIO Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR Jennifer Speraw

USHERS Bob & Wendy Lingle
S. Forry & L. Rebman

Wk. 2 July 12

Praise Team

Praise Team

Ashley Koch

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Jennifer Speraw

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

Wk.3 July 19

Allen Rebman

John Wise

Abby Christ

Sarah Brubaker

Todd Rebman

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Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

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

Children/Youth

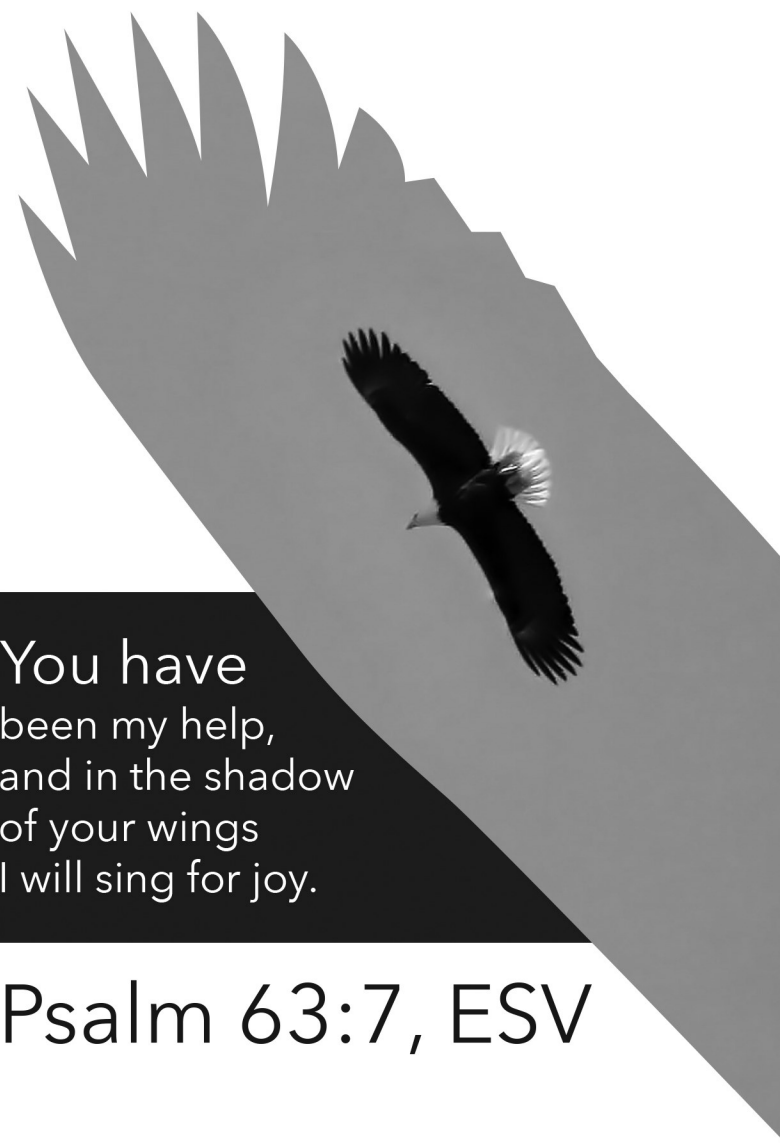
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
Hall)

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.



You have
been my help,
and in the shadow
of your wings
I will sing for joy.

Psalm 63:7, ESV



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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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.

Kevin Boltz
Gerald Bowman
William Long
Jennifer Speraw
Beryl Wanner
Ralph Wanner
Un Nuevo Renacer, Mountville, PA



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

Challenge Question

In what aspect of knowing God, could you help others see?

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, and visits during Kevin's hospitalization & surgery.

~ Kevin & Louanne Boltz

Church Service
July 19th @ 10:00 AM
Camp Swatara Family Camp
Fellowship Building
Covered dish luncheon after service

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,273.00
Building	\$ 85.00
Family Assistance	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 425.00
Sunday School	\$ 21.00
Feed Them	\$ 75.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 200.00
Food Pantry	\$ 160.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 1,043.00
Men's Fellowship	\$
Hand Bells	\$ 1,445.00
Total	\$ 8,752.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2026
\$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 21 & 75
Virtual Worship - 16
Sunday School - 45

Large Print Bulletins & Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
Please help yourself.



July 12, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"Up+Up"
"Have Your Way"
"Your Ways Better"
"For God Is With Us"

Prayer

Scripture - Genesis 3:22-24

Catch of the Day - "Difficult"

Deep Dive

1. What are some examples of difficult things we have to do?
2. What do you think is the most difficult thing God ever had to do?
3. Has there ever been a time you were away from others? How'd that feel?
4. Why was it such a big deal for Adam and Eve to eat the fruit from the tree they were told not to?
5. Do you think God can be jealous? If so how? (Ex. Other gods we worship, idols)

Kids Praise - "J-E-S-U-S"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

July 12, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Be Unto Your Name"
"You Have Been Good"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*unison*)

God, we come to You with open hearts.
You are our strength and our hope.
Your love is better than life, and Your presence satisfies our souls.
Today we choose to seek You, to lift our voices in praise, and to
worship You with joy.

Opening Worship "Let There Be Praise" *projected*
"The River is Here"
"Almighty"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Dedication of VBS workers *insert*

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Friend of God"

Children's Moment

Worship Song "You Are My All in All" *projected*

Message —"Knowing God"

Scripture - Psalm 63: 1-8

Closing Worship "Knowing You" *projected*

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The July-August issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived
& is on the table in the narthex.



**Sunday at
Camp Swatara
July 19th
10:00 AM**

Please join the Little Swatara congregation for church on July 19th at Camp Swatara. Little Swatara's church service will be in the Fellowship Hall in the Family Campground starting at 10:00 AM. Signs will guide you in the right direction to the worship service. The church service is open to everyone whether you camp or not. Following the morning church service, join us for a covered dish lunch in the family camp pavilion. The Leadership Team will provide pulled pork or hot chicken sandwiches, roll and a drink. Plates, napkins and silverware will also

be provided. Congregation is asked to please bring a covered dish to share.

After the meal, you are invited to enjoy the day at camp! Hiking, swimming/splash pad, miniature golf, disc golf, fishing and more. All activities are available for you and your family to enjoy! The Family Camp pavilion is handicapped accessible with parking in the nearby field. If you need assistance, someone will be available to help you to the pavilion and even park your car for you.



Let's celebrate with Olivia and Michael Kolbe on July 19th at 1pm by the bridge at Camp Swatara as they enter the baptismal waters. What an exciting time!!

Brethren Disaster Ministries has urgent need for volunteers

in western North Carolina for the following weeks:

July 12-18 July 19-25 July 26- Aug. 1 Aug 9-15

Please contact Gary Bashore if you are interested



Thank you to all who blessed the congregation with a contribution to the Handbell Refurbishment Fund! We have reached our goal! We have been in contact with Schulmerich to arrange and schedule the refurbishment. There is no further need to contribute to this fund. Any funds that have already been received beyond the refurbishment cost, will be used for gloves, music, and cleaning supplies for the handbells.



The next Widows luncheon will be
Tuesday, July 14th @11:30 a.m.
 Country Fare Restaurant Myerstown, PA



Little Swatara Preschool is looking for an assistant teacher for the preschool classes. For more information please contact Sara Bryant at: sara.bryant@littleswatara.org



Date and time: Fri, Aug 14, 2026, 4:00 PM
 - Sat, Aug 15, 2026, 4:00 PM
Location: Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd, Bethel, PA 19507
Speaker: Marie Monville
Theme: "Our Comeback Stories"

Organizer: Kelly Bernstein, (717) 367-4730, or kbernstein@ane-cob.org
Registration deadline: August 3rd

All women are welcome to join in this weekend of worship, Bible study, singing, hiking, crafts, canoeing, swimming and more!



All are invited to gather at the Cleona Camp-meeting Grove (3854 Hill Church Road, Lebanon, PA 17046) on Sunday, August 2nd for a Contemporary Worship Night beginning at 7pm. A talented group of musicians from many local area churches is joining together to lift up

the name of Jesus. We need your help to sing these songs as we use our voices to praise the Lord! Free ice cream is available after the worship night! Any questions contact:

Ryan Arndt
 Worship Arts Coordinator (West Green Tree COB)
 717-926-1939.



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.

Please remember to check your church mailbox



July
 Mission of the Month
VBS Offering Project



What's Happening in:

July

- 12** Food Pantry Collection
 10:30 AM VBS Dedication
- 13-17** 8:30 AM—11:30 AM VBS
- 14** 11:30 AM Widow's Luncheon
- 15** Newsletter deadline
- 16** 8:30 AM Quilting
 9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 17-19** LSCOB Camp Swatara weekend
- 17** 8:30 AM Feed Then / kitchen
 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evangelical Luth. Ch., Bethel
- 19** 10:00 AM Church Service at Camp Swatara Family Camp
 Potluck Sunday at Camp Swatara Family Camp Fellowship Hall
- 23** 8:30 AM Quilting
- 25** 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café
- 28** Ministry Team Minutes due
- 30** 8:30 AM Quilting



VBS



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm