

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM TUE.&THURS., WED. 11:00 AM -2:00 PM

Church Office: 717-933-4723 OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

Secretary—Connie Davis Email: secretary@littleswatara.org

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: June - Diane Long July - Pat Timmins August - Tony Fazio

Wk. 2 July 13

Wk.3 July 20

Wk. 4 July 27

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah M./ Karen M.

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

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WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

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)

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.

“He will separate
people one
from another as
a shepherd
separates
the SHEEP from the GOATS.”

Matthew 25:32, NRSV



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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-Sat 6-10am**



Prayer Concerns

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

Barry Bashore
 Earl Ebling
 Wendy Lingle
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw
 Suzanne Wichert
 Harmonyville COB (Pottstown, PA)



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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,037.50
Building	\$ 112.50
Family Assistance	\$ 30.00
Maintenance	\$ 485.00
Sunday School	\$ 75.00
Feed Them	\$
Nigerian EYN	\$ 250.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 300.00
Food Pantry	\$ 60.00
Women's Fellowship	\$
*Mission of the Month	\$
Brethren Housing	\$ 779.00
VBS	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 7,629.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 85
 Virtual Worship - 20

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

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Playlist

"Only Jesus"
 "Surrounded"
 "Cornerstone"
 "O Come to the Altar"

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 12:1-5 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Legacy"

Deep Dive

1. What are you most known for in this life?
2. What do you want to be remembered for once you leave this earth?
3. How can we change our legacy even now?
4. Is life more about you or more about Jesus?

Kids Praise "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"

Prayer

All-Church POTLUCK *Sunday July 20th, 2025*
immediately following church service

If you have a hard time seeing God at work in your life, check your spiritual vision.

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

July 13, 2025
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "I'm Yours Lord"
"Ten Thousand Reasons" (Bless the Lord)

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Call to Worship

God, we gather to meet you, to know you, to worship you for who you are. We gather with gratitude for your presence and your faithfulness to us as followers of your Son, Jesus. Grant us mercy and lead us to the least of these to love them like you do.

Opening Worship "Give Us Clean Hands" projected
"Mighty to Save" projected

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Brothers and Sister of Mine" #142 blue hymnal

Children's Moment

Worship Song

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" #387 purple hymnal

Message - "Why The Moment Matters"

Scripture - Matthew 25: 31-46.

Closing Worship "If We are the Body" projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Hiring: Church Treasurer Wanted!

Are you organized, trustworthy, and have a heart for service? Our church is seeking a **dedicated Treasurer** to help steward our financial resources with integrity and care.

Responsibilities include:

- Managing budgets and financial records
- Overseeing donations and expenses
- Preparing reports for church leadership

Accounting experience preferred.

This part-time paid position is perfect for someone who wants to support the church's mission in our community.

Join the Little Swatara team---apply today!
Contact Jamie Wise for more information.

The July issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the narthex.



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.



2025 Vacation Bible School

July 14 - 18, 2025

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday morning July 23rd & August 6th at 9:00 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



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



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.
(no meeting in July)

Upcoming events:

COBYS Bike & Hike: September 7, 2025.

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction: September 26 and 27, 2025.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 1, 2025 from 8:00 – 1:00

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30
at the Cottage at Country Fare.



*ANE District
Women's
Fellowship
Camp*



Date and time: Fri, Aug 15, 2025, 4:00 PM
- Sat, Aug 16, 2025, 4:00 PM
Location: Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swa-
tara Rd, Bethel, PA 19507
Speaker: Ann Bach - "Fill My Cup, O Lord"
Organizer: Kelly Bernstein, (717) 367-4730,
kbernstein@ane-cob.org
Registration: closes August 1st

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



Join us for an afternoon of fun, music and
a little inspiration with....

Days of Old
August 10, 2025 @ 3 PM



Help: The Church Library is missing its copy of
the "History of Little Swatara Church of the
Brethren." If you run into it, please send it
home. The other books are lonesome without
their history.

No Exercise Classes during July & August



July Mission of the Month VBS Offering Project



What's Happening in:

July

13 Food Pantry collection



14-18 Vacation Bible School



16 Newsletter Deadline

17 8:30 AM Quilting



9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel

18 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evan Lutheran Ch.



19 7:00 AM Bashore Reunion / pav.

20 Church Potluck Sunday



21-25 unavailable 2nd to church carpet cleaning & floor waxing

22 Ministry Team Minutes due

24 8:30 AM Quilting
12:00 PM Crafting



26 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café

27 Bread & Cup Communion
J. Hartman / pav



31 Quilting

