

# **Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ**

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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. 4 July 27**

### **Wk. 1 August 3**

### **Wk. 2 August 10**

#### **CHORISTER**

Praise Team

Dianne High

Praise Team

#### **WORSHIP LDR**

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

#### **CHILD STORY**

Savannah M./ Karen M.

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

#### **PIANIST**

Praise Team

Diane Duell

Praise Team

#### **AUDIO**

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

#### **WORSHIP CTR**

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

Tanya Feathers

#### **USHERS**

Richard & Michelle Yenser  
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle  
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman  
Scott Bohn & John High

## **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)

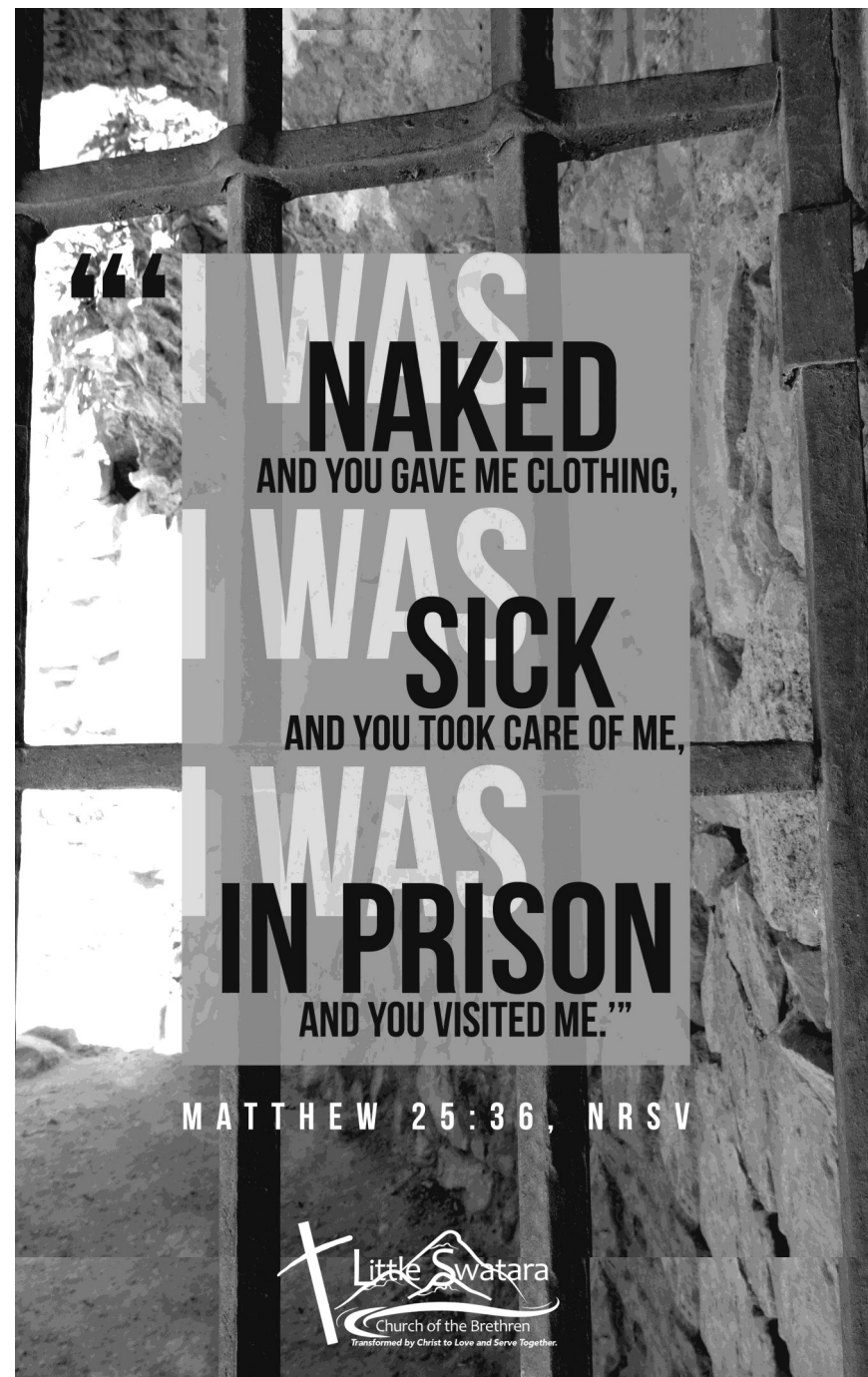
### **Adults**

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.



**July 27, 2025**

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**LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
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 Church Web Page - [www.LittleSwatara.org/](http://www.LittleSwatara.org/) phone: 717-933-4723  
 FB: @LittleSwataraCoB \*\*\* Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren

*Outreach: The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel  
 Contact: [gatheringplacecafe.com](http://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  
 John Kauffman  
 Wendy Lingle  
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw  
 Suzanne Wichert  
 Iglesia Berith, Oasis De Esperanza



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



*The more we take care of  
 others, the more we take care  
 of Jesus.*

*That's what we call showing  
 our faith!!*

*Give it a try!!!*



**August 3rd, 10:30 AM Service  
 with The Faithful Men**  
*(no 8:30 AM service)*

## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

|                        |    |                 |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|
| General Fund           | \$ | 3,429.50        |
| Building               | \$ | 72.50           |
| Family Assistance      | \$ | 93.00           |
| Maintenance            | \$ | 215.00          |
| Sunday School          | \$ | 118.00          |
| Feed Them              | \$ | 50.00           |
| Nigerian EYN           | \$ |                 |
| Global Food Initiative | \$ |                 |
| Food Pantry            | \$ | 20.00           |
| Women's Fellowship     | \$ |                 |
| Mission of the Month   | \$ | 110.00          |
|                        | \$ |                 |
|                        | \$ |                 |
| <b>Total</b>           | \$ | <b>4,108.00</b> |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025  
 \$ 349,661.00

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 15 + 70  
 Virtual Worship 13  
 Sunday School 33

**Pastor Matt will be  
 on vacation  
 July 28th—Aug. 3rd**

## Welcome & News

## Humor

## Prayer

## Worship Songs

"Good Good Father"  
 "You Say"  
 "God, Turn it Around"  
 "Where I Belong"

**Scripture** - 1 Corinthians 4:2-5 NIV

**Catch of the Day** - "Conscience"

## Deep Dive

1. Why do you think we have a conscience?
2. Why's it hard to wait; especially on God's timing?
3. What might someone hide in the darkness?
4. Why are we not to judge?

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

## Prayer

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

**July 27, 2025**

**10:30 AM Worship Service**

**Prelude**      “Lead Me”  
                    “Voice of Truth”

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Morning Prayer**

**Unison Call to Worship**

God, we gather with anticipation. We gather with expectancy. We gather with an eagerness to make you known. Help us Lord to show our faith, to reveal your character to the world. We gather to sing of your great name.

**Opening Worship**      “Our God Saves”      projected  
                                    “You Have Called Us”      projected  
                                    “Make Me a Servant”      projected

**Offertory Thought and Prayer**

**Offertory Music**      “I Will Follow”

**Children’s Moment**

**Worship Song**      “Find Us Faithful”      projected

**Message** - “Faith That Shows”

**Scripture** - Matthew 25: 31-46

**Bread and Cup Communion**

**Closing Worship**

“May You Be Rooted and Grounded in Love” #396 purple hymnal

**Sending Forth**



**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 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.



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

**Days of Old**  
**August 10, 2025 @ 3 PM**

**Volunteers Needed to Help Pack “Tulpy Packs” !**

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



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



Please check your mailbox



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.



### COUNTRY FAIR

**Saturday, August 24th**

**Fun starting at 5:00 PM**

**Mt. Aetna Fire Co. Carnival Grounds**

**Food - Fun - Fellowship**



### August 5 - National Night Out

Bethel Fire Company grounds

5:00-8:00 PM

**COME JOIN THE FUN !!!**

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High,  
Renee Brown or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary  
at [secretary@littleswatara.org](mailto:secretary@littleswatara.org)



**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](mailto: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!

No Exercise Classes during July & August



## July Mission of the Month VBS Offering Project



### What's Happening in:

#### July

27 Bread & Cup Communion



31 Quilting



#### August

3 11:30 AM Farm Women #2 / pav

5 5:00 PM National Night Out / Bethel Fire Co. grounds

7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

7 8:30 AM Quilting



9 J. High / pav

10 Anointing service  
Food Pantry Collection  
Tilden/Edis reunion / pav  
3:00 PM Days of Old concert / sanct.



11 7:00 PM Every Member Council meeting

12 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

14 8:30 AM Quilting



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

15 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen  
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry

