

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.

Create in me a
clean
heart,
O God,
and put a new &
right
spirit
within
me.

Psalm 51:10, NRSV



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507
 Church Web Page - 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 / 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
 Pottstown COB



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

Challenge Question

In what area of your life do you need to turn it back to God?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vera Gross will be 100 yrs. young on July 5th. Let's help her celebrate with a card shower! There will be a birthday box on the table in the narthex or cards may be mailed to:

265 Deep Run Road
 Myerstown, PA 17067

Nolan Keeney will be 85 yrs. young on July 5th. Let's shower him with birthday wishes. Mail cards to:

1651 Little Mountain Rd.
 Bethel, PA 19507-9592

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$
Building	\$
Family Assistance	\$
Maintenance	\$
Sunday School	\$
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$
Mission of the Month	\$
Men's Fellowship	\$
Hand Bells	\$
Total	\$

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 65
 Virtual Worship - 14
 Sunday School - 26

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



**July 5, 2026
 8:30 Worship Service**

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"What An Awesome God"
 "God I'm Just Grateful"
 "Build My Life"
 "How Good It Is"

Prayer

Scripture - Acts 10: 9-15

Catch of the Day - "Different"

Deep Dive

1. What is your favorite food?
2. What if you could never eat it again?
3. Peter never ate anything unclean, how do we feel when God takes you outside your comfort zone?
4. What makes you unlike other people?
5. What can we do to love people that are different from us?

Kids Praise - "The Lord's Army"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

July 5, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*unison*)

Lord, we have all sinned and fallen short. Yet you continually forgive us as we confess and turn back to you. Lead us today as we worship you and honor you with our lives. Thank you for the cross.

Opening Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" supplement #19

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "Just as I am, without one plea" blue hymnal #516

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "Alas! and did my Savior bleed" blue hymnal #253

Message - "Turning Back"

Scripture - Psalm 51: 1-12

Closing Hymn "Create in me a clean heart" blue hymnal #128

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Help us celebrate Vera Gross's 100th birthday!
Sunday July 5th, 2026 . Drop-in between 3—6 PM
at 265 Deep Run Road, Myerstown, PA 17067
All the fixings for a "Make Your Own Taco" will be provided. Bring your lawn chair. Please no gifts.

Donations may be given to the "Bells Refurbishing Fund" c/o Little Swatara COB



The Stewardship and Property Team has approved setting up a fund to raise money for the refurbishment of the handbells. A motion was approved at council meeting to refurbish bells upon having financing available. For complete refurbishment of the bells there is a cost of \$8550. The project will not be started until funding is available. Donations may be included on your offering envelope marked "Handbells".



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!

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



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

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 handicap 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.

If interested in spending the weekend in Family Camp, please check the Camp Swatara website for available campsites.



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

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

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School. on the morning of July 8th & July 22nd



Please remember to check your church mailbox



July
Mission of the Month
VBS Offering Project



What's Happening in:

July

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| 9 | 8:30 AM Quilting |  |
| 12 | Food Pantry Collection
10:39 AM VBS Dedication |  |
| 13-17 | 8:30 AM—11:30 AM VBS |  |
| 14 | 11:30 AM Widow's Luncheon | VBS |
| 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 |  |

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm