

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: March - Pat Timmins April - Tony Fazio May - Sam Forry

Wk. 1 March 3

CHORISTER

Dianne High

Wk. 2 March 10

Praise Team

Wk.3 March 17

Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

John Wise

CHILD STORY

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Alan Bashore

Greg Bryant

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

USHERS

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

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

Children/Youth

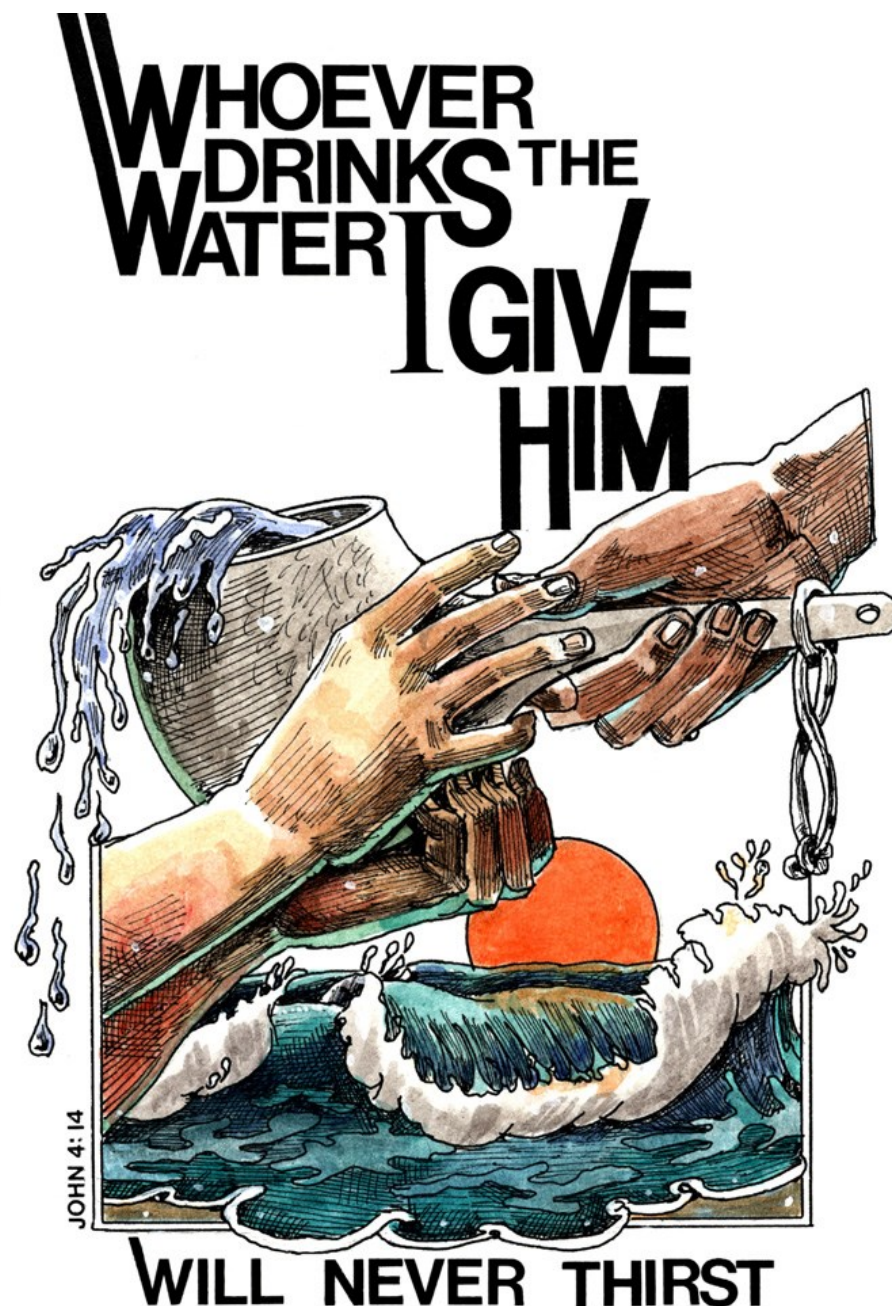
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Elementary (Grades K to 5) – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship Hall)

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.



March 3, 2024



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.

Annetta Keeney
 Thelma Keeney
 John Kelly
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw



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



As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Dylan & Deanna Brugger on the loss of their son, Hendrix. Hendrix passed away on February 25th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary L Bashore's birthday is March 28th. Cards may be mailed to:
 Berks Leisure Assisted Living Home
 1399 Fairview Drive,
 Leesport, PA 19533

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	\$ 5,091.50
Building Fund	\$ 97.50
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 190.00
Sunday School	\$ 93.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 100.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Mission of the Month *	\$ -
Global Food Initiative *	\$ 100.00
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 200.00
Playground	\$ 670.00
Gathering Place	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 6,692.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024
 \$340,195.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 23 + 81
 Virtual Worship 33
 Sunday School 49

March 10th



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

March 3, 2024
10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(We are so excited to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Senior Choir "Gathered Here in the Mystery of this Hour"

Call to Worship

All - Lord we come thirsty and hungry searching for your truth to set us free from the snares of this world. Give us that same water you offered to the woman at the well. Let us worship in splendor and awe.

Opening Hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him" #100

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic" #112

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "Hallelujah for the Cross"

Message - "Not your plain old water"

Scripture - John 4: 1-26

Closing Hymn "I will sing of my redeemer" #344

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE– the next Women's Fellowship meeting rescheduled to March 26th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Save the Date
Spiritual Renewal 2024
March 17-20th



on the table in the Narthex is a list of people who have previously given their names and phone numbers as being trained in CPR / AED. Please verify that your certifications and phone numbers are current and correct. If you are certified in First Aid or CPR and would be willing to help in an emergency, please add your name and phone number to the list. Contact Karen Myers if you have any questions.

Flowers may be purchased to enhance the sanctuary for Easter. Order sheet located on table in Narthex or contact Pam Gerberich. Checks or cash accepted for payment. Checks should be made out to *Little Swatara COB*



Easter Flowers

Lilies \$7

Mums available in white, yellow or pink \$7

Azaleas available in red, white or pink \$8.00

Orders will be taken until March 4th



Library Open House

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 9:00 AM-12 noon

Thursday, March 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Located next to the Oak Room (Lower-level narthex, proceed up the ramp and turn right.)

Come to the library to see some of the changes made, browse the collection, and maybe even check out a book or two.



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 following mornings.

March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd, April 17th,
May 1st & May 15th

(Park in front of school along bus lane & enter doors A2)



Attention

Effective **April 1, 2024**, the fees for cemetery plots will be increasing in price.

If you are interested in purchasing a plot **before** the price increase, please contact:

Dennis Emerich at 717-376-7561



BIDS - 4 - KIDS

Annual Auction

March 15 & 16, 2024

80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA

For more information visit: TrueLifeYouth.com/auction



BREAKFAST BUFFET

March 23, 2024

7:00 -10:00 A.M



(We will need help in the kitchen and in various other ways. Please contact anyone in Women's Fellowship if you are able to help)



Interested in a Brethren Disaster Ministry mission trip? There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex if interested. Date for a planning meeting TBD.

Please remember to check your church mailbox



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 3rd - 24th

One Great Hour of Sharing reaches those near and far, sometimes changing the life of someone in distress in your own community, while at other times impacting the lives of those we may never meet, but who are in need of our compassion. Gifts through this special offering empower ministries such as:

Church of the Brethren Global Mission & Service
Brethren Disaster Ministries
Global Food Initiative, and many more!

Your gifts can be given in the same way as your regular church offering. Simply mark your gift as "One Great Hour of Sharing" or use the special envelope provided in your bulletin. All gifts may be returned to the church by **March 24th**



News from Camp Swatara

Paul Bunyan Day
Saturday, March 9, 2024
8:00 AM



This day will look different than it has in past years and we will be tackling a few different projects around Camp both up and down the mountain. Lunch will be provided
RSVP Online: www.CampSwatara.org
or call the Camp Office (717-933-8510).



Maple Syrup Making 101
Thursday, March 14, 2024
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

This super sweet event is one you don't want to miss. Join us as we discover the entire syrup making process. By the time you leave, you'll have gotten a chance to 'tap' a maple tree, taste some maple sap, and watch the sap boil down to syrup. And..... there may or may not be pancakes involved. Grab your friends and come on out for this sweet day at Camp!

Cost: \$10 per student - pay online
Info and Registration: www.CampSwatara.org








March
Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing™



What's Happening in:

March

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| 5 | 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting | |
| 6 | 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH |  |
| 7 | 8:30 AM Quilting |  |
| 10 | Food Pantry collection Sunday
12 NOON Spiritual Nurture mtg | |
| 12 | 11:30 AM Widows' luncheon / Ctry Fare | |
| 13 | 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH |  |
| 14 | 8:30 AM Quilting
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church |  |
| 15 | 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry |  |
| 16 | 10:00 am Trim Healthy Mommas class | |
| 17 | Camp Swatara Sunday
10:30 AM Spiritual Renewal Service
12 Noon All Fellowship Meal
7:00 PM Spiritual Renewal Serv | |
| 18-20 | 7:00 PM Spiritual Renewal Serv | |

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs.6:00pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs.7:00pm
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45pm