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**WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS**

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

**CHURCH SIGN CHANGER:** Feb.—Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

**Wk.3 March 15**

**Wk. 4 March 22**

**Wk. 5 March 29**

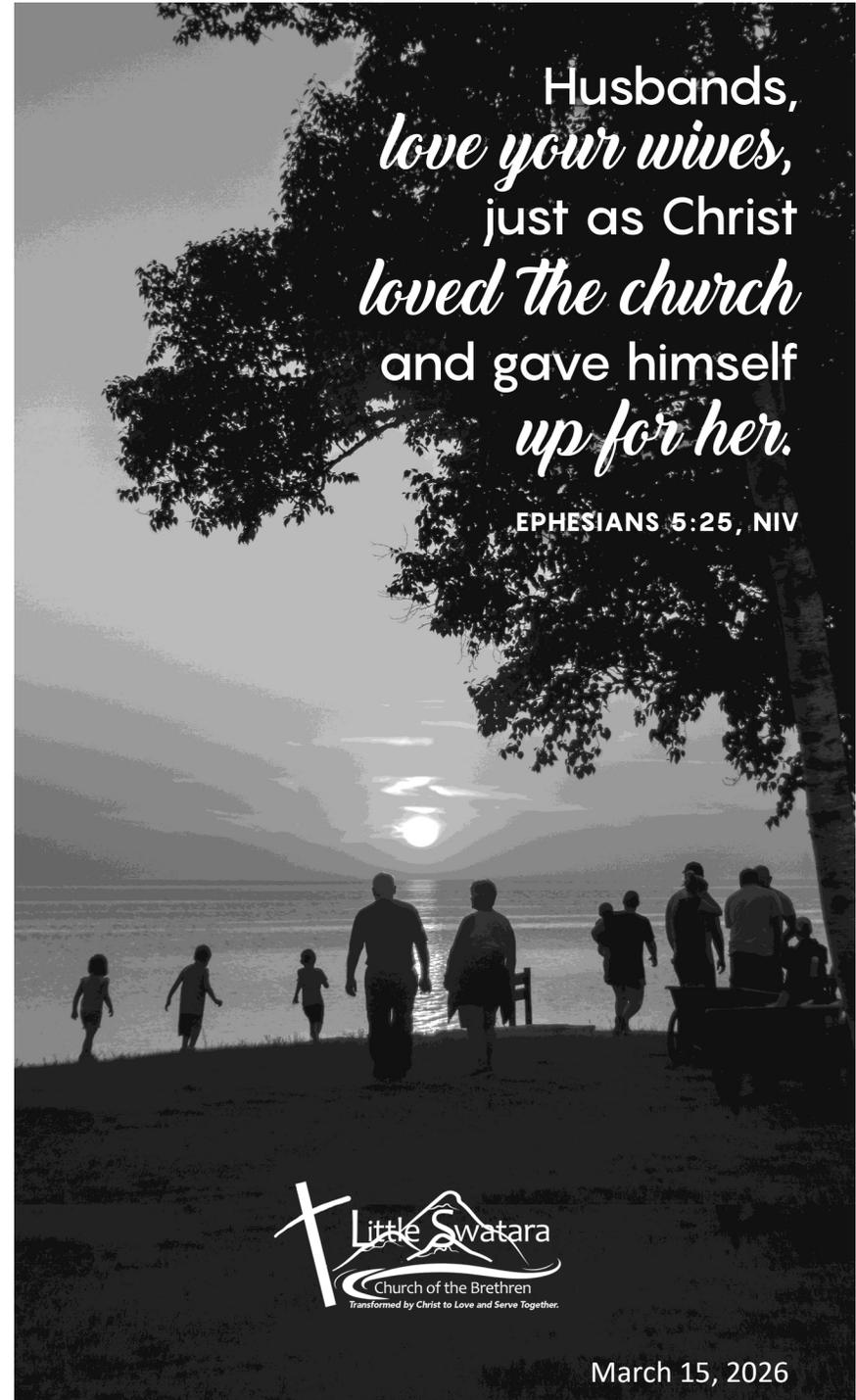
<b>CHORISTER</b>	Allen Rebman	Praise Team	Pam Gerberich
<b>WORSHIP LDR</b>	Pastor Matthew Christ	Praise Team	S. Metzler / K. Myers
<b>CHILD STORY</b>	Abby Christ	Savannah Metzler	S. Metzler / K. Myers
<b>PIANIST</b>	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team	Diane Duell
<b>AUDIO</b>	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
<b>WORSHIP CTR</b>	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney	Worship Center
<b>USHERS</b>	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Robert & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman

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

<b>Children/Youth</b> 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)	<b>Adults</b> Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship Hall Level) Hymn Study – Fellowship Hall
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**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.



Husbands,  
*love your wives,*  
 just as Christ  
*loved the church*  
 and gave himself  
*up for her.*

EPHESIANS 5:25, NIV



March 15, 2026

*Outreach: The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel  
 Contact: [gatheringplacecafe.com](http://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.

Brenda Kelly  
 Ralph Wanner  
 Philadelphia First



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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary L Bashore's birthday is March 28th.  
 Let's help her celebrate. Cards may be mailed to:

Myerstown Nursing & Rehab  
 7 W. Park Avenue  
 Myerstown, PA 17067

### "Challenge Question"

Where do I need renewal right now?

**Thank you** Pastor Heisey for sharing the word with us today and all during this week of Spiritual Renewal. May our hearts and minds be opened and renewed in the Spirit.

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

### GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	5,063.50
Building	\$	35.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	217.50
Sunday School	\$	14.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	746.00
Food Pantry	\$	30.00
Mission of the Month	\$	350.00
Messenger	\$	
Women's Fellowship	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>6,506.00</b>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026  
 \$ 347,035.00

### Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 13 + 81  
 Virtual Worship - 19  
 Sunday School - 45

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

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

**March 15, 2026**  
**10:30 AM Worship Service**

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Recognition of Service

Richard Yenser

Dianne Younker, Treasurer - 11 years  
 Tracy Bastian, Accountant - 11 years  
 Tony Fazio, Groundskeeper - 20 years

### Lenten Reading

Dianne High

### Senior Choir

"We Need You, Lord"

### Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

### Opening Hymn

"Just as I am"

Blue Hymnal #516

### Offertory Thought and Prayer

### Senior Choir

"Come Just as You Are"

### Children's Moment

### Hymn

"We praise thee, O God"

Blue Hymnal #99

### Message - "What About Marriage and the Home?"

Pastor Heisey

### Scripture - Ephesians 5:24 - 33

### Closing Hymn

"For Christ and the church"

Blue Hymnal #416

### Sending Out

*Every turning point brings us closer to the cross—  
 and the cross is where everything finally changes.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Spiritual Renewal Services with Pastor Walter Heisey

March 15, 2026 at 10:30am and 7:00 pm  
March 16—18 at 7pm

#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 15th, 2026

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 **TODAY**

### Easter Services

**March 29th** — Palm Sunday Services 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

**April 3rd** — Good Friday Service 6:30 PM

**April 5th** — Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM at Host Church

Easter Service at LSCOB at 10:30 AM (no 8:30 AM Service)



### Saturday, March 21, 2026 7:00 AM—10:00 AM

(Snow Date—March 28th)

*(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)*

Please check your mailbox



### Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday,  
March 4, 2026 at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



### Annual Conference

Lancaster COB is chartering a 56-seat motor coach to the 2026 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and invites others to join. Information is on the table in the back of the sanctuary or see Todd Rebman.



We are seeking a dependable **Substitute Church Secretary** to provide temporary office support as needed. Duties include answering phones, basic correspondence, and administrative tasks. Office and computer skills preferred. Please contact Rich Yenser or a member of the Stewardship and Property Committee for more information.



We need someone to lead our craft committee. For more information, please contact any member of our Women's Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 @ 9:00 AM



### BIDS - 4 - KIDS Annual Auction

March 20 & 21, 2026  
Lebanon Expo Center

For more information visit: [TrueLifeYouth.com/auction](http://TrueLifeYouth.com/auction)



Children of the Little Swatara Church and Little Swatara Preschool are invited to our annual Easter Festival on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. There will be an egg hunt and ice cream sundaes! Please bring your own basket or bag. This event is sponsored by the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren Christian Ed Committee. (Rain or Shine)

**Need a boost?** If you would like to receive a weekly Bible encouragement text from Pastor Matt, please text him at 717-675-3946





**Saturday, May 9th, 2026**

*Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet as we get closer to the date*



**Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show**

**Saturday, June 20th, 2026**

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

If you have any items to donate to our yard sale/flea market, please put them aside until closer to the date.

**Quilters Needed !**

The Quilting Group is in need of help. Experienced &/or anyone willing to learn quilting. You do not need to be a member of LSCOB to join this group of quilters. Come join us at 8:30 AM on Thursdays in the Ladies Aide Room on the lower level (enter at the kitchen entrance) Please spread the word.



**LITTLE SWATARA CoB  
2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 13—17, 2026**



**This year, we will be having our annual  
Sunday at Camp Swatara on .....  
July 19, 2026**

**Save the Date  
Sunday at Camp**

Past years have been in June but scheduling conflicts have us picking July instead. We have sites along the tree line across from the Fellowship Hall in the 70's reserved along with 4 cabins. Please call Family Camp and reserve your spot.

On Sunday, July 19th, please worship with us at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall that morning instead of at the church since we will be at camp.

Any questions please reach out to any member of the Leadership Team.

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**March  
Mission of the Month  
One Great Hour of Sharing**



**What's Happening in:**

**March**

**15** 10:30 AM (combined service - no 8:30 service) Spiritual Renewal & One Great Hour of Sharing  
All Fellowship Meal following 10:30 service  
7:00 PM Spiritual Renewal Service  
Food Pantry Collection



**16-18** 7:00 PM Spiritual Renewal Services

**18** Newsletter Deadline  
8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH



**19** 8:30 AM Quilting  
9:30am -10:30am Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry/Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethel



**20** 9:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen  
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry

**21** 7:00-10:00 AM Women's Fellowship Breakfast Buffet / FH & K



**23** 7:00 PM Stewardship & Property Team meeting

**24** Ministry Team Minutes due  
9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting /FH  
6:00 PM Christian Ed mtg.

**25** 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH

**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm  
Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:15 pm  
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00 pm  
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45 pm