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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. 4 March 22**

**Wk. 5 March 29**

**Wk. 1 April 5**

<b>CHORISTER</b>	Praise Team	Pam Gerberich	Dianne High
<b>WORSHIP LDR</b>	Praise Team	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Gary Bashore
<b>CHILD STORY</b>	Savannah Metzler	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Mike & Sarah Kolbe
<b>PIANIST</b>	Praise Team	Diane Duell	D. Duell & P. Gerberich
<b>AUDIO</b>	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
<b>WORSHIP CTR</b>	Sandra Keeney	Worship Center	Worship Center
<b>USHERS</b>	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Robert & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman

**WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 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.

Again he said  
unto me, . . . .

*Prophesy*

upon these

*Bones, &*

say unto them,

O ye  
*Dry bones,*

hear the word

of the

*Lord!*

. . . . .

**Ezekiel 37:4**

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**LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
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*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.)



**March 22, 2026**  
**8:30 Worship Service**

**Prayer Concerns**

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

Brenda Kelly  
 Ralph Wanner  
 Grace Christian



(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

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Pauline Seiler will be 91 yrs. young on April 10th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. Cards may be mailed to:

521 W..2nd Ave.—Apt. #2013  
 Lititz, PA 17543

**"Challenge Question"**

How might God be calling me to speak hope and truth into lifeless situations?

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

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

**GIVING LAST SUNDAY**

General Fund	\$	4,864.00
Building	\$	95.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	342.00
Sunday School	\$	56.00
Feed Them	\$	25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	300.00
One Great Hour of	\$	1,322.01
	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>7,054.01</b>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026  
 \$ 347,035.00

**Last Sunday's Attendance**

Worship N/A + 115  
 Virtual Worship - 17  
 Sunday School - 54

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

**Welcome & News**

**Humor**

**Prayer**

**Worship Songs**

- "Goodbye Yesterday".
- "Heart of the Father"
- "God Can Use a Broken Man"
- "Dry Bones" (Come Alive)

**Scripture** - Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Catch of the Day** - "Come Alive"

**Deep Dive**

1. What does this passage teach about God's ability to restore what seems hopeless?
2. How does the promise of God's Spirit giving life encourage believers today?
3. In what areas of life do people today need to trust that God can bring life from death?
4. How should the certainty of God's promise ("I have spoken, and I will do it") affect our faith and obedience?

**Kids Praise** - "Up + Up"

**Prayer**

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

**March 22, 2026**

**10:30 AM Worship Service**

**Prelude** "All Because of Jesus"  
"Holy Spirit"

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Lenten Reading** Jean Myers

**Opening Worship**

"God Who Touches Earth with Beauty" purple hymnal #550  
"Glory to God Forever" projected

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Morning Prayer**

**Worship Song** "Awesome God" projected

**Offertory Thought and Prayer**

**Offertory Music** "His Strength is Perfect"

**Children's Moment**

**Message** - "Bone To It's Bone"

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 37: 1 - 4

**Closing Worship** "He Reigns" projected

**Sending Forth**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Easter Services**

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

**April 3rd** — Good Friday Service 7:30 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)



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)



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



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.

**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.



**Family Movie Night**  
"The Last Supper" 2025  
April 1st @ 6:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall



**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.

**Attention to anyone & all committees utilizing the church refrigerators and freezers**

Freezers and refrigerators are due for cleaning. Please have all items being stored in church refrigerators &/or freezers dated and labeled with individual or committee name by April 17th

~ Kitchen Committee

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

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday, April 1st & 15th at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



**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.



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



**What's Happening in:**

**March**

**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



**26** 8:30 AM Quilting



**28** 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / cafe

**29** Palm Sunday  
2:00 PM Easter Festival

**April**

**1** 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH  
6:00 PM Family Movie Night "The Last Summer" / FH



**2** 8:30 am Quilting



**3** 7:30 PM Good Friday Services

**5** 10:30 AM Easter Service  
(no 8:30 AM Service)

**7** 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

**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