

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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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. 5 March 29

Wk. 1 April 5

Wk. 2 April 12

CHORISTER

Pam Gerberich

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

PIANIST

Diane Duell

D. Duell & P. Gerberich

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Worship Center

Worship Center

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Robert & Wendy Lingle
 Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman

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Gerald & Jim Bowman
 Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Children/Youth

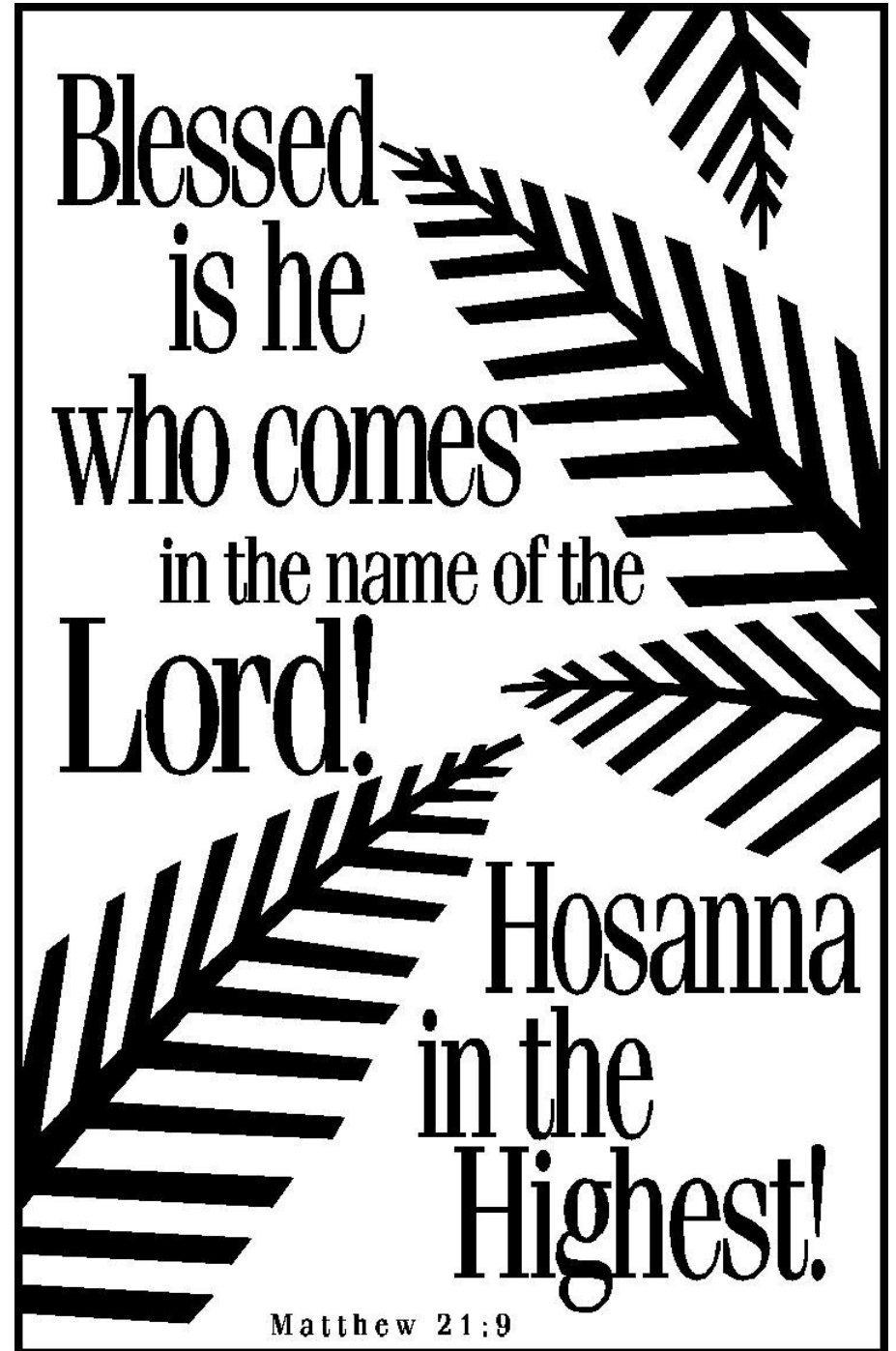
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
 Children’s (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
 (Fellowship Hall Level)
 Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
 Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship
 Hall Level)
 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.



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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 / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)



March 29, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

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

Pastor Randy Fiske
 Brenda Kelly
 Ralph Wanner
 Hatfield COB



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Join us in celebrating the remarkable life of Lester D. Bashore. A gathering will be held on Saturday, April 4th at Little Swatara COB. Visitation 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Service at 11:00 AM

“Challenge Question”

What expectations do I need to change to better follow Jesus?

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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	2,802.00
Building	\$	10.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	20.00
Sunday School	\$	115.00
Feed Them	\$	25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	28.00
Mission of the Month	\$	10.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	580.00
	\$	
Total	\$	3,650.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 6 + 78
 Virtual Worship - 15
 Sunday School - 25

Church Office will be closed
 Friday, April 3rd

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

- King of Kings – Hillsong
- Jesus Messiah – Chris Tomlin
- Here is our King - David Crowder
- King of My Heart – Bethel Music

Scripture— Matthew 21: 1-11

Catch of the Day - “Expectations”

Deep Dive

1. What do we expect from life?
2. What does Jesus expect from us?
3. What happens when our expectations aren't met?
4. How can we change our expectations?
5. What does it mean Jesus is our King?

Kids Praise - “Sing Hosanna”

Prayer

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

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

March 29, 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.)

Bell Choir "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Lenten Reading John High

Jubilee Choir "Shout for Joy"
"We Have a King"

Opening Hymn "Hosanna, loud hosanna" Blue Hymnal #238

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music—Bell Choir "All Glory Laud and Honor"

Hymn "Ride on, ride on in majesty" Blue hymnal #239

Children's Moment

Skit Michael & Sarah Kolbe

Message: "Expectations"

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Closing Worship "I love to tell the story" Blue hymnal #398

Sending Out (unison)

Lord, we leave this place knowing you are our king. You go with us. You keep us. You watch over us. We trust your unfolding plans. Use us this week to share the story of your great love.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Services

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)



Family Movie Night

"The Last Supper" 2025

April 1st @ 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall



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.



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, April 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM



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

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

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



9 8:30 AM Quilting



12 Food Pantry Collection Sunday



14 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon @ Ctry Fare

15 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