

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Sept. - Sam Forry Oct. - Diane Long Nov. - Patricia Timmins

Wk. 1 October 5

Wk. 2 October 12

Wk.3 September 21

CHORISTER

Dianne High

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

John Wise

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Michael Kolbe

Abby Christ

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

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

Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room

(Fellowship Hall Level)

Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship Hall)

Adults

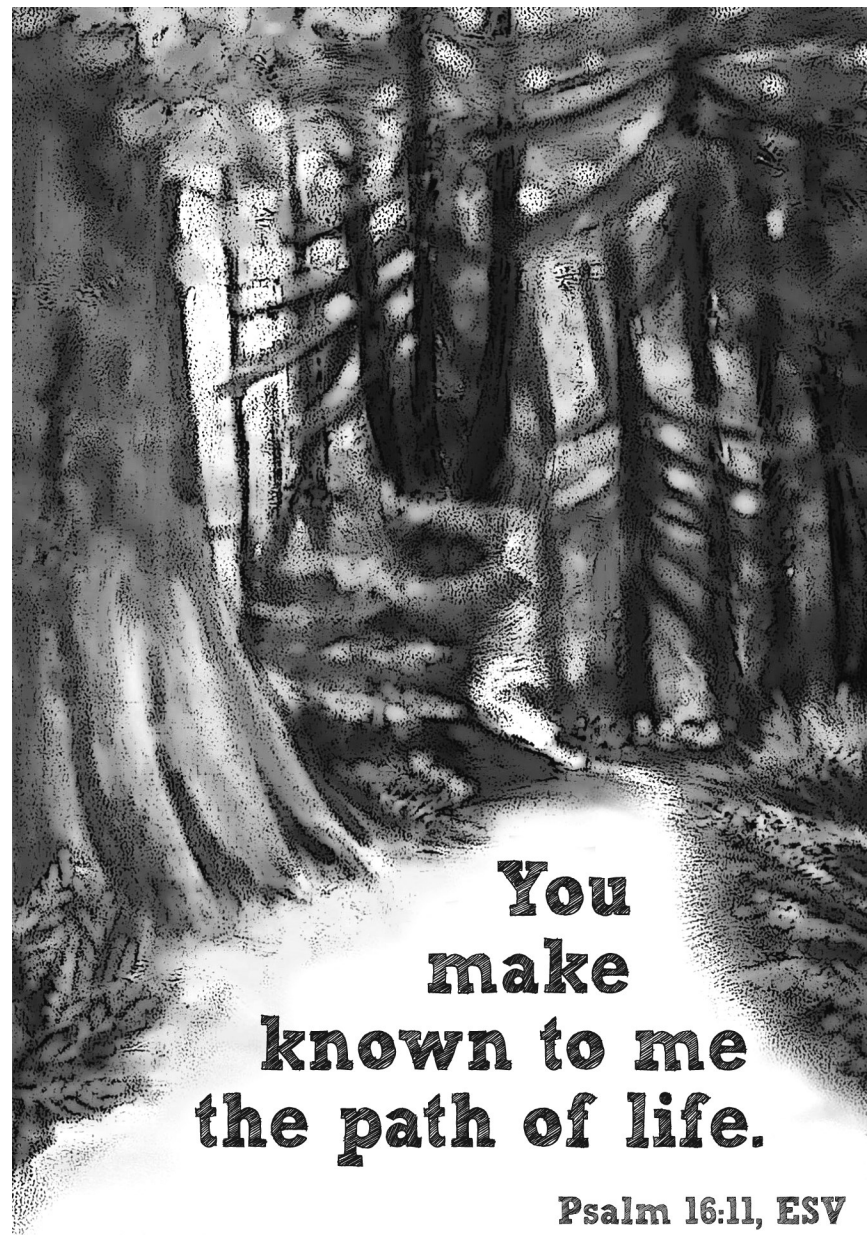
Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship

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.



**You
make
known to me
the path of life.**

Psalm 16:11, ESV



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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-Sat 6-10am**

Prayer Concerns

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

Sharon Bashore
 Earl Ebling
 Wendy Lingle
 Jennersville COB



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



Our deepest sympathy and prayers to LuluBelle Ziegler and the Ziegler family on the passing of Owen R. Ziegler. Owen passed away on Friday, September 26th

Harvest Home Sunday October 12th

October's Mission of the Month is the "Harvest Home/Food Pantry". We will be collecting canned & /or boxed goods, and cash donations on Harvest Home Sunday. Please place donations in the front of the sanctuary with the display or in the boxes in the narthex and downstairs

Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for two age groups. Please help yourself

**Pastoral Appreciation
October 12th**

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	5,291.55
Building	\$	45.00
Family Assistance	\$	10.00
Maintenance	\$	117.50
Sunday School	\$	20.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	170.00
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	5,654.05

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
\$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 14 + 82
 Virtual Worship 24
 Sunday School 43

**This year the
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
raised \$383,530
for disaster relief.
Thank you**



**October 5, 2025
8:30 AM Service**

Prelude "Great Things"
 "Living Hope"

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"I Thank God" by Housefires"
 "Build My Life" by Bethel Music"
 "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
 "I Saw The Light"

Scripture - Matthew 13: 1-2

Catch of the Day - "Lakeside"

Deep Dive

1. Where is our "lakeside" where we can sit and be alone with God?
2. The large crowds caused Jesus to get in a boat to teach. What happens when we're in large crowds?
3. When we get so busy we don't have time, what could happen?
4. What is it just staying at home rather than going out of our homes?

Kids Praise - "Deep & Wide"

Prayer

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

October 5, 2025
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)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "Thanks Be to God"

Unison Call to Worship

Lord, it's good to be in this place. We honor you and we worship you with all that we are. We surrender our lives to your pleasing and perfect will, and we ask you Lord to do what only you can do in and through us.

Opening Hymn "Summoned by the God Who Made Us" purple hymnal #1

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "God is Our Refuge"

Children's Moment

Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" purple hymnal #536

Message - "Fix My Eyes"

Scripture - Psalm 16: 5-11

Closing Hymn "We Walk by Faith" purple hymnal #588

Love Feast Preparation

Leader - As we prepare for the feast, we prepare to meet you.

People - Examine us, forgive us, make us new.

Leader - Lead us now with thankful hearts to the place where you took a towel and washed the others feet.

People - Humble us to love and serve one another.

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Hiring: Groundskeeper Wanted!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking **Groundskeeper** to help care for our church property and maintain the beauty of our grounds.

Responsibilities include:

- Lawn care, trimming, mulching, and general landscaping
- Seasonal tasks (leaf removal, snow/ice clearing (sidewalks and steps), pruning, etc.)
- Light maintenance and upkeep of outdoor areas
- Ensuring the church grounds are welcoming and safe for all

This is a part-time hourly rate position with flexible scheduling.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jamie Wise or any other member of the Stewardship and Property Team.

The October issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the narthex.

Quilters Needed !



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group is in need of help. Experience and 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.



ITEMS NEEDED

Our Annual Little Swatara Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Donated baked items and/or homemade candy would be greatly appreciated. See Sally Emerich.

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School on the morning of \ October 15th





Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 1, 2025 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM
at the Cottage at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown



Women's Fellowship Buffet Breakfast
October 18th, 2025
7:00 AM—10:00 AM



Golden Age Dinner
October 26th



Our Golden Age Dinner will immediately follow
the service. Everyone 60 years of age and older is invited to attend.
A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex

Join us on Saturday, October 18th at 6:00
PM at the Little Swatara COB pavilion for
activities for the kids, campfire to toast
marshmallows, refreshments and a hayride.

Bring your family & friends!

All are welcome!



October 18th



Please check your mailbox

Londonderry Village Auxiliary **2025 Holiday Nut and Snack Sale**

Items for sale include (in one pound bags): salted peanuts, salted and unsalted cashews, salted mixed nuts, honey crunch (peanuts, yogurt raisins, sesame sticks, peanuts), and cabin crunch (M&M chocolate and peanut butter candies, peanuts, raisins, sesame sticks, pretzel balls & tree nuts).

Orders will be taken until **Oct. 12th**. An order sheet will be placed on the table in the narthex. Linda Bowman will pick up the orders and deliver them to the church on Nov. 18th. Checks must be made payable to the **Londonderry Village Auxiliary**. Checks &/or cash may be given to:

Linda Bowman - Mailbox # 55



October Mission of the Month

Harvest Home / Food Pantry



What's Happening in:

October

5 Love Feast



7 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg

8 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study



9 8:30 AM Quilting



12 Harvest Home Sunday

14 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Country Fare



15 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study



16 8:30 AM quilting
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang.
Lutheran Church, Bethel



17 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church



18 7:00 AM Buffet Breakfast / FH
6:00 PM Fall Festival & Hayride

19 Church Potluck Meal / FH

21 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship
mtg / FH

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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