

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. 2 September 14

Wk.3 September 21

Wk. 4 September 28

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

USHERS

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris 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.

By
his wounds
you have been
healed.

1 Peter 2:24



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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
 Stevens Hill COB



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



Sunday, Sept. 21
*following the
 church service*



I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during my recovery and continued healing.

A special "Thank you" to Pastor Matt for his visits and prayers.

~ Diane Duell



**JOIN US FOR
 SUNDAY SCHOOL**
9:30 - 10:15 AM

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,350.50
Building	\$ 85.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 92.50
Sunday School	\$ 50.00
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Women's Fellowship	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 525.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$,5,253.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 14 + 64
 Virtual Worship 20
 Sunday School 50

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



September 14, 2025
8:30 AM Service

A Time to Welcome
A Time to Laugh
A Time to Pray

A Time to Worship

Worship Songs

"Take It All Back"
 "If I Got Jesus"
 "Somebody Prayed"

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 3: 11-15

Catch of the Day - "In Its Time"

Deep Dive

1. Why would God create a time for everything?
2. What happens when timing is off?
3. In what ways do people try to make time go their way?
4. Name things that God has done from "beginning to end" that we struggle to understand?

Kids Praise - "This is the Day"

Prayer

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

September 14, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"
"Break Every Chain"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader - Lord, who are we that you would be mindful of us.

People - Lord, you teach us. You love us. You want what's best for us.

Leader - We confess though there's times we feel hurt.

People - Help us heal. Help us turn to you continually in worship.

All - Spirit , come make us humble.

Opening Worship "Give Us Clean Hands" *projected*
"I Give You My Heart"

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "By Your Great Compassion"

Children's Moment

Worship "Let God Arise" *projected*

Scripture - 1 Peter 2: 22-25

Message - "Hurt Heals"

Closing Worship "Break Every Chain" *projected*

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.



Online Bible Study

The Wednesday evening

Online Bible Study

will resume on September 17th at 7:00 PM.

This will be a 6-week study - "Reclaiming the Sabbath".

If interested contact Dianne High. Cost is free



Chow-Chow Orders

We will be making chow-chow on Monday, Sept. 15th & Monday, Sept 29th starting at 8:00 AM. Please bring your jars to be refilled & place your order on the form on the table in the Narthex, or contact any member of Women's Fellowship. **We would appreciate help both days.** Also, let us know if you have any vegetables to donate.

Quarts \$9.00 Pints \$5.00



Jubilee Choir -Thursday 6:15 –6:45 PM

Senior Choir - Thursday 7—7:45 PM

Bell Choir - Thursday 7:45—8:30 PM

Praise Team - Wednesday 7:15 PM

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

Exercise Classes starting
Wednesday, September 17th
Women's Exercise at 8:45 AM
Seated class at 10:00 AM



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 September 17th



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

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
at the Expo in Lebanon
September 26 and 27, 2025



Baked Goods Needed

Baked goods are needed for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction bake tables. i.e.. pies, cookies, breads, cakes, muffins, anything baked. Gluten free items are appreciated. Clearly mark with an ingredient list to avoid allergy problems. No refrigerated items, please..

Pie plates will be available on the table in the narthex. or use disposable containers. Baked items may be dropped off at our Church kitchen before 9:00 A.M. Friday, September 26th or you may deliver them directly to the Expo early Saturday morning, September 27th.



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 1, 2025 from 8:00 – 1:00
Women's Christmas Brunch: November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM
at the Cottage at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown




September Mission of the Month

Brethren Disaster Ministries

What's Happening in:

September

- 14** Food Pantry Collection Sunday
Wartluff Reunion / pavilion
- 15** 8:00 AM chow chow canning / kitchen
- 17** Newsletter Deadline 
8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
7:00 PM Online Bible Study
- 18** 9:30 AM Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 19** 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salen Evang. Lutheran
Church, Bethel
- 21** All-Church Potluck meal
Spiritual Nurture meeting
9:00 AM B. Brubaker reunion / pav.
- 23** 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH
Ministry Team Minutes due
- 24** 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
7:00 PM Online Bible Study
- 25** Quilting—cx

