

# **Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ**

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## **WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS**

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

**CHURCH SIGN CHANGER:** June - Diane Long July - Pat Timmins August - Tony Fazio

### Wk. 1 September 7

### Wk. 2 September 14

### Wk.3 September 21

#### **CHORISTER**

Dianne High

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

#### **WORSHIP LDR**

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

John Wise

#### **CHILD STORY**

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

#### **PIANIST**

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

#### **AUDIO**

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

#### **WORSHIP CTR**

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

#### **USHERS**

Bob & Wendy Lingle  
Sam Fory & 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.



*"Zacchaeus, hurry and  
come down, for I must  
stay at your house today."*

**LUKE 19:5**



September 7, 2025

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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-Sat 6-10am**

## Prayer Concerns

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

Barry Bashore  
 Diane Duell  
 Earl Ebling  
 John Kelly  
 Wendy Lingle  
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw  
 Myerstown COB



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



Our deepest sympathy and  
 prayers for David & Sharon Hoke  
 on the loss of David's brother,  
 Michael C. Hoke, who passed  
 away on Sunday, August 24th



The Bethel Food Pantry has  
 an **urgent** need for non-perisha-  
 bles. A collection box is located  
 in the narthex for donations.

The September-October issue of the **Upper  
 Room** has arrived and  
 is on the table in the narthex.



## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,525.50
Building	\$	90.00
Family Assistance	\$	70.00
Maintenance	\$	522.50
Sunday School	\$	67.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	20.00
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$	,4,305.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025  
 \$ 349,661.00

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 7 + 59  
 Virtual Worship 22  
 Sunday School 34

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



**September 7, 2025**  
**8:30 AM Service**

## Welcome & News

## Humor

## Prayer

## Worship Songs

"The 99"  
 "My God is Still the Same"  
 "Brighter Days"  
 "Come Jesus Come"

## Scripture - Luke 19: 5-10 NIV

## Catch of the Day - "At Once"

## Deep Dive

1. Why would Jesus be welcoming to a sinner such as this tax collector?
1. Who do we often place in the sinner category in our country?
2. If we had to choose between someone saved or a sinner, who we choose and why?
4. What did Zacchaeus do to demonstrate his heart had changed? What can we do?

## Kids Praise - "Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man"

## Prayer

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

**September 7, 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)

**Unison Call to Worship**

God you give us grace when we fail. You give us mercy when we fail again. You love us no like no else can. You forgive us even though we feel unforgivable. So we gather and we pray that our hearts would be at peace with you. We gather together to ask your blessing.

**Opening Hymn** "We gather together" #17 blue hymnal

**Joys and Concerns**

**"A Grandparent Blessing"**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn** "Joys are flowing like a river" #301 blue hymnal

**Offertory Thought and Prayer**

**Children's Moment**

**Hymn** "Heart with loving heart united" #420 blue hymnal

**Message** - "Not What We Think"

**Scripture** - Luke 19: 2-10

**Closing Hymn** "With happy voices singing" #83 blue hymnal

**Sending Forth**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**COBY's Bike & Hike  
TODAY**

At the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz PA.

For details and information go to: <https://cobys.org/bike-and-hike>

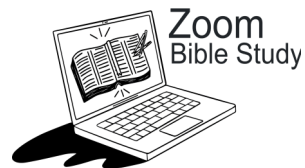


Jubilee Choir -Thursday 6:15 –6:45 PM

Senior Choir - Thursday 7—7:45 PM

Bell Choir - Thursday 7:45—8:30 PM

Praise Team - Wednesday 7:15 PM



**Zoom  
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

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



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



### Women's Fellowship

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

#### Upcoming events:

**COBYS Bike & Hike:** September 7, 2025.

**Brethren Disaster Relief Auction:** September 26 and 27, 2025.

**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.

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

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School on the morning of Sept. 3rd and Sept. 17th



#### 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.



Please mark your calendar for the  
**Brethren Disaster Relief Auction**  
to be held at the Expo in Lebanon  
**September 26 and 27, 2025**










**BRETHREN**  
Disaster Ministries

## September Mission of the Month

### Brethren Disaster Ministries

#### What's Happening in:

#### September

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| 7  | Promotion Sunday<br>Grandparents Day<br>Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast / FH   |  |
| 9  | 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare  |  |
| 11 | 8:30 AM Quilting  |   |
| 14 | Food Pantry Collection Sunday<br>Wartluff Reunion / pavilion  |   |
| 15 | 8:00 AM chow chow canning / kitchen   |  |
| 17 | Newsletter Deadline<br>8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH<br>10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH<br>7:00 PM Online Bible Study | <br>    |
| 18 | 9:30 AM Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem<br>Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel                                      | <br> |
| 19 | 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen<br>3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salen Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel                                |  |
| 21 | All-Church Potluck meal<br>Spiritual Nurture meeting<br>9:00 AM B. Brubaker reunion / pav.                                      |   |
| 23 | 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH<br>Ministry Team Minutes due  |  |