

Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

OFFICE HOURS: TUE., WED. & THURS. 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

Church Office: 717-933-4723 Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: September – S. Forry October - D. Long November—P. Timmins

Wk. 2 September 13

Wk.3 September 20

Wk. 4 September 27

CHORISTER	Praise Team	Allen Rebman	Praise Team
WORSHIP LDR	Praise Team	John Wise	Savannah Metzler
CHILD STORY	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ	S. Metzler / K. Myers
PIANIST	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney
USHERS	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/D. Umberger	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

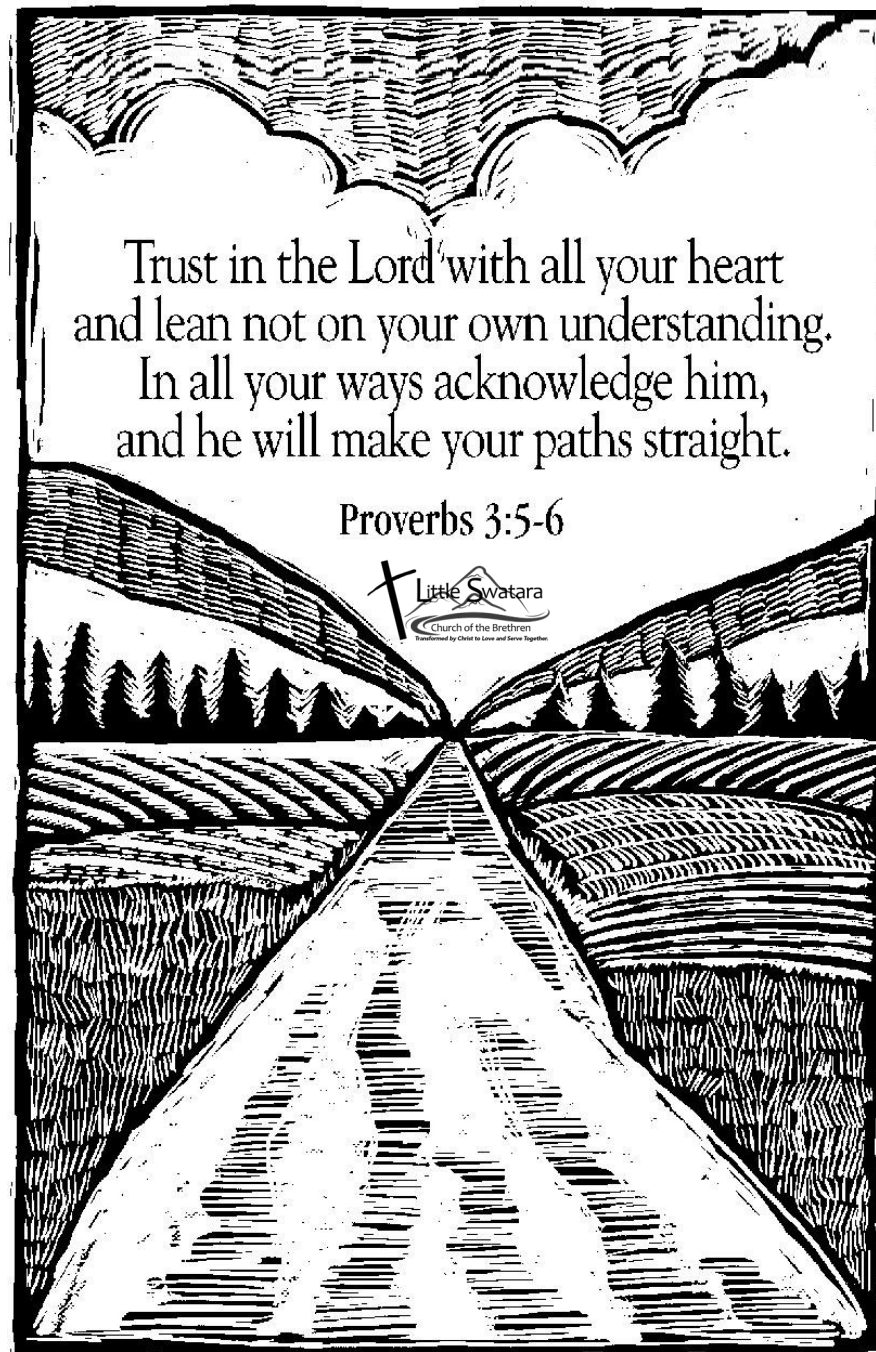
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship
Hall Level)
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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 FB: @LittleSwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren

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.)

Prayer Concerns

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

Gerald Bowman
 William Long
 Jennifer Spraw
 Lancaster COB



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

Challenge Question

In what areas of our lives, do we need to trust God more?

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

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



Sunday, Sept. 20th
 immediately following
 the church service



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,529.00
Building	\$	50.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	365.00
Sunday School	\$	125.00
Feed Them	\$	75.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	952.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$	
VBS offering	\$	
Total	\$	5,446.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 10 & 60
 Virtual Worship - 21
 Sunday School - 35



Our deepest sympathy & prayers for Shelly & Rich Yenser on the loss of Shelly's father, Bernie Sobjak, who passed away on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026.



September 13, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Reeling -In

"Lord be with us now. Let us see you for you. Quiet our hearts. Fill our minds.

Worship Songs

"Demons"
 "The Truth"
 "Have Your Way"
 "Honesty, We Just Need Jesus"

Prayer

Casting Out

Scripture - James 4: 7-19

Catch of the Day - "Magnets"

Deep Dive

1. What are you drawn to the most and why?
2. How can we draw near to God? What does it look like in everyday life?
3. How do you define someone that's humble?
4. How does someone flee from the devil?
5. What is something in your life that makes it difficult to fully submit to God?
6. Submit... Resist...Draw Near....Cleanse...Humble. Which of these is most challenging for you, and why?

Kids Praise - "I'm in the Lord's Army"

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

September 13, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Stand Up and Give Him the Praise"
"I Will Follow"

Welcome and Announcements

(We are so excited to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Lord, we want to be one with you. We call upon your name which is worthy to be praised. Keep us aligned with your will and committed to your mission to love and serve together.

Opening Worship "I Will Call Upon the Lord" projected
"Take My Life" Blue Hymnal #389

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory music "Trust in God"

Children's Moment

Worship Song "Be Unto Your Name" projected

Scripture - Proverbs 3: 1 - 12

Message - "Not Like That"

Closing Worship "I Surrender All" projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please mark your calendar for the
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
to be held at the Expo in Lebanon
September 25 and 26, 2026



Part-time Cook wanted!!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking Cook to help at our popular café. Approx. 20-25 hrs./week
For more information or to apply, please contact Patty Timmins @717-679-7381, or Mike Peace.@717-933-8495



**Lunch N' Learn
@ Londonderry Village**

September 30, 2026 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall in the Snell Community Center on the Londonderry Village Campus / Reservations Required.

Alpaca Farming: Meet & Greet the Eastland Alpacas with Eastland Alpacas

Kevin and Sue of Eastland Alpacas will share a look into alpaca farming and what it takes to care for these gentle animals. They will talk about daily farm life, how alpaca fiber is used, and more. Guests will also have the chance to meet two calm alpacas.



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Monday, September 22nd 2026 at 9:00 A.M .

Upcoming events:

Breakfast Buffet: October 24th, 2026 from 7:00 —10:00 am

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 7th, 2026 from 8:00 am—1:00pm

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 21st, 2026 from 9– 11:00 am
in the Cottage at Country Fare.

FREE

ANE District's 5th Annual Older Adult Coffee House

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

2:00 PM—3:30 PM

Lancaster COB, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601



Exercise Classes will Resume Wednesday, Sept. 16th

Women's Exercise Class 8:45 a.m.

Seated Class 10:00 a.m.

Londonderry Village Auxiliary Apple Dumpling Fundraiser

The Londonderry Village Auxiliary is having an Apple Dumpling Fundraiser. The cost is \$6.00 for a regular dumpling and \$6.25 for sugar-free. Sycamore Springs Orchard will be making the dumplings. Sunday, September 13 will be the last day to order, and they will have to be paid in advance. Checks should be payable to Londonderry Village Auxiliary. The dumplings will be delivered to our Church on Saturday, October 10th for you to pick up Sunday, October 11th. There is an order sheet on the table in the Narthex.

ANE District Conference Service Project

The ANE Program & Arrangements Committee is inviting us to participate in this year's District Conference service project by supporting the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg, PA! The representatives from LSCOB will be taking these items with them to conference on October 3rd, 2026. A collection box will be in the narthex to collect needed food items. The deadline for contributions is Sunday, September 27th. Monetary donations are also acceptable. Make checks payable to ANE District (memo: CPFB). Most needed food items:

Canned vegetable	canned fruit	pasta
Cereal	juice	peanut butter
Granola bars	soup	rice

Please ensure all items are unopened and not expired.



Chow-Chow Orders

We will be making chow-chow on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd & Monday, Oct. 5th starting at 8:00 AM. If you have empty quart or pint jars, please place them on the counter in the kitchen. An order form is 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



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

September Mission of the Month Brethren Disaster Relief

What's Happening in:

September

13 Grandparents Day
Food Pantry Collection Sunday
VBS Volunteer Breakfast



16 Newsletter deadline
8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



17 8:30 am Quilting
9:30 am packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel



18 8:00 am Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 pm Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang.
Lutheran Church



20 Potluck Sunday
Spiritual Nurture Team meeting



21 7:00 pm Music & Worship Team meeting

22 9:00 am Women's Fellowship mtg / FH
Ministry Teams minutes due

23 8:45 AM Women's exercise
class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise
class / FH



24 8:30 am Quilting

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir - Thurs. 6:15—6:45 pm
Senior Choir - Thurs. 7-7:45 pm
Bell Choir - Thurs. 7:45—8:30 pm
Praise Team - Wed. 7:15 pm