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Solomon's Says

A Newsletter from the Faith Community of Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

Pastoral Letter – Pastor Bill Nienstedt

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Chances are, when you read this, Easter morning will be in the past. After the Easter clothes are put away, the holiday dinners are finished and the flowers fade, we will get back to our regular routines of everyday living. Unfortunately, when we wake up on the Monday morning after Easter, the world will not have changed much—there will still be wars and violence, people will still hunger and thirst, diseases and natural disasters will still cause suffering and pain throughout the world.

The Sunday after Easter is often one of the most poorly attended in many churches throughout the world. Even Jesus' own Disciples forgot what Jesus had promised—they locked themselves behind closed doors on the first Easter, fearing that they might face the same fate as Jesus.

It is as if we all have short memories.

The really good news of Easter changes everything about our lives. Jesus is risen from the dead and we are promised eternal life with him. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

So today and for the rest of the year, I invite you to reflect on what this gift of eternal life means for you. How might your eyes be opened to the gospel of Jesus Christ in your life and the lives of those around you? How might you share the good news with others who are hungering for good news? How might you be renewed in order that you may love your neighbor as deeply as Jesus loves you?

One way you can energize your faith is through regular worship attendance. Gathering together in worship is essential to strengthening our faith. And your presence in worship is important in strengthening the faith of others. We are always better together.

Another way you can strengthen your faith is through daily prayer and devotion. Prayer was central to Jesus' life and it is essential for us as well.

Finally, I encourage you to get involved by giving of your time, talent and treasure—not just here at Solomon's but in the larger community and even around the world. Get involved in a hunger ministry, volunteer at the hospital or a senior-care facility, mentor a child, make quilts or blankets for disaster relief, send cards to the homebound, or volunteer at Habitat for Humanity. The opportunities are endless. I am certain there is something that you feel passionate about.

Christ's resurrection changes everything. No longer does death have the final word. You have been saved by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life. Be transformed by this incredible gift to share Christ's love with everyone.

See you in church.

Joy and peace in the risen Christ!

Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities



Easter Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service at the New Franklin Ruritan, 6:30 a.m.

Festival Holy Communion Service at Solomon's, 10:15 a.m.

Easter Cantata, April 29th

During 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Because We Believe: An Easter Affirmation of Our Faith

Created & Arranged by Marty Parks

In a despairing world looking for answers and real truth, Christians' proclamation of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus can bring hope and life to searching hearts. But to share that truth, we must believe it. ***Because We Believe***, created by Marty Parks, is an Easter affirmation of our faith and calls us to rise and proclaim our beliefs with courage. The time has come. The time is now. Let's stand and share what we believe!

Encore Performance on Thursday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. at Quincy Village.

News from the Social Ministry Committee

Lunch, Learn & Play— Wednesday, April 4, from 12 noon to 2:00. Enjoy a light lunch and play some games. Everyone is welcome so invite your friends and neighbors. Hopefully, bad weather will not be a concern, but if the schools are closed or have a late start because of weather, we will not meet.

And be sure to put the first Wednesday of each month (except July) on your calendar so you don't accidentally make other appointments during that time. We don't want you missing the fun!

Paper Products Drive—We will be sponsoring our annual Spring Paper Products Drive for the Maranatha Food Pantry on April 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Items needed include paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, facial tissue, diapers, baby wipes, and other paper products. Look for those "2 for 1" sales and donate please!

News from Solomon's Relay for Life Team

Quilt Raffle--Solomon's Relay for Life Team is currently selling raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt created by our very own Gladys Mull. Check out the photo and additional details below!

The Main Event--It is getting close to the "main event" weekend at Norlo Park. Be sure and save the dates of June 8th and 9th as that is when the community's many Relay for Life teams will come together for a series of special activities.

QUILT RAFFLE

Saturday June 9, 2018 at Norlo Park, Fayetteville

You do not need to be present to win

Queen Size Handmade Quilt

Created by Gladys Mull



All proceeds go to the

American Cancer Society

Small game of chance license #103 Dauphin County

Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Tickets are nondeductible - Winners must be 18 years or older

A copy of the American Cancer Society's official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling 1-800-732-0999

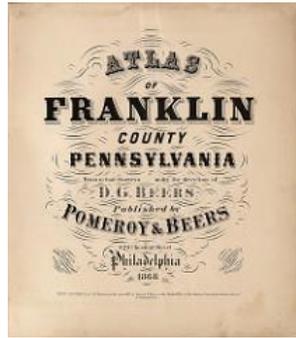
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Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

Lunch, Learn, & Play!

Wednesday, April 4th
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Solomon's Fellowship Center

*Sign up in the old Sunday School room.
Need transportation? Contact Edna Harris*



Congregational Dinner

Tuesday, April 24th @ 6:30 p.m.
Solomon's Fellowship Center
"A Trip Through Franklin County" featuring speaker Joyce Horst

Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, applesauce and cake for dessert!

Tickets go on sale April 8th!!
\$5 for Adults, \$2 for Children ages 5-11, Free for Children under age 5
For more information, contact Jay Hunter or Margie Dale.

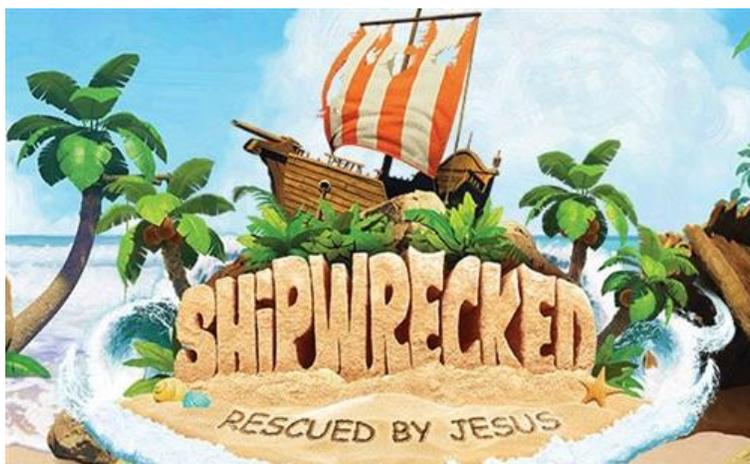
Save the Date!

Outdoor Service & Picnic Potluck
Sunday, May 27th
Solomon's Picnic Woods

Mark Your Calendars

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22, 2018
6:30-9:00 p.m.



Open to children
ages 3 years to
those that have
just completed
the 6th Grade

Celebration Sunday is June 24th in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 a.m.

A Special Thank You

Dear Friends,

What a privilege to spend six weeks working with a group of joyful hams desirous to be somebody they normally would not be. This year two characters attempted British and Russian accents, oh what fun! Thank you Boris and Gordon!

Another great cast performed "Million Dollar Meatballs" by Todd Wallinger. I thank all the cast and their families for the time they donated as well as the phenomenal help from Cliff Baker, Rich McEntire, Hugh McNeill, and Francis Reichard, each leading their teams that made this effort a successful go.

Ticket Sales Tally:	
5% to Pregnancy Ministries	\$212.95
5% to New Hope Shelter	\$212.95
90% to Solomon's General Fund	\$3,833.02

Thank you for the JOY!
Ruth McNeill

Happening In Our Larger Community...



The Wellness Talk for April is scheduled for **Thursday, April 12th** at 1:00 p.m. This month's talk will focus on The Gleaning Project, a South Central Pennsylvania collaborative, nonprofit effort to reduce food loss on local farms and increase food security in our communities. Come and meet the Gleaning Coordinator of Franklin County who will share about the project's mission, where the food comes from, where the food goes, what they were able to achieve during the 2017 gleaning season, and how you can get involved. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please RSVP to 267-1665 if you plan to attend this informative session.

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, April 11th, 2018**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for April is creamed lettuce, glazed baked ham, wild rice, vegetable medley, dinner roll, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, April 6th.



The Franklin County Library System Bookmobile Bus/Van will stop in our parking lot for the convenience of our members and others who live in our community. They will be here **the first Thursday of every month from 10:30-11:00 a.m.** The schedule for the coming months is **April 5** and **May 3**. If you come and don't see the Bookmobile Bus, look for the Bookmobile Van.

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

Birthday Party at Luther Ridge—Our church will be hosting a birthday party for the residents at Luther Ridge on Monday, April 9th. Sign-ups to help or donate items may be found on the bulletin board in the old Sunday School room.

News from the Lower Susquehanna Synod

As you may have heard announced in church last month, our Bishop, the Rev. Jim Dunlop, has been called to serve as the Acting President of the United Lutheran Seminary while they seek an Interim President. The Rev. Tom McKee has been named Acting Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod during Bishop Dunlop's absence.

A Note of Thanks

Edna & I appreciate the concern we received regarding my brother's death. Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and cards.

Bernie Harris

Serving in April

	4/1/18*	4/8/18	4/15/18	4/22/18	4/29/18
Assisting Minister	Leah Wolfinger				
Lector	Alan Johnson	Jay Hunter	Wayne Dale	Sam Mull	Cantata
Acolyte	Audrey S. Katy Nienstedt	Rebekah Aldrich	Katy Nienstedt	Aaron Shreiner	Karen Wolfinger
Ushers	Head Usher: Sally Gayman (4/1), Bill Wepking (4/8, 4/15), Becky Mull (4/22, 4/29) Ushers: Jay Hunter, Marilys Johnson, Jere & Phyllis Brehm				
Greeters	Clif & Carole Rau	Glenn & Patsy Wildeson	Patricia Yetter Margie Dale	Linda Berberich Jack Bowen	Barbara & Rebekah A.
Children's Church		Karen Wolfinger Becky Pecha		Karen Wolfinger Zoe Mummert	
Nursery	"On Call" If Needed: Kristy Nienstedt, Barbara Aldrich, and/or Marilys Johnson				
After Service Coffee	Bonney Coldsmith	Glenn & Patsy Wildeson	Margie Dale & Tana Vance	Zoe Mummert	Phyllis Brehm
Communion Assistants	Gladys Mull (Challis), Sam Mull (Cups), Becky Mull (Trays) Easter "2 nd Line": Carole Darr (Challis), Kristy Nienstedt (Cups)				
Communion Bread	Gladys Mull				
Communion Set-Up	Gladys Mull				
Communion Clean-Up	Sam & Becky Mull				
Flower Delivery	Kristy Nienstedt				
Securing Offering	Jere Brehm, Duane Shenberger				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Annamarie Schwartz				

*Easter Sunday

Gospel Readings for April:

Easter Sunday, April 1st--Mark 16:1-8
 Sunday, April 8th--John 20:19-31
 Sunday, April 15th--Luke 24:36b-48
 Sunday, April 22nd--John 10:11-18
 Sunday, April 29th--John 15:1-8

Reminders

Pastor Bill's Mid-Week Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 11th. We will continue our study of "By Heart."

Have an item for the May newsletter?! Deadline is **Wednesday, April 18th**. Email Kristy Nienstedt at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or place it in her church mailbox.

Newsletter Summer Edition—Looking ahead to summer at Solomon's, we will once again be doing a combined newsletter for the months of June, July, and August. If you have events happening in those months, please keep in mind that Kristy Nienstedt will need any information you would like published in this special edition by **May 16th**.



Celebrating a Birthday in April....

4/1	Mike Schultz	4/21	Glenn Wildeson
4/2	Peggi Norman	4/21	Bonney Coldsmith
4/6	Melissa Norman	4/22	Amy Mata
4/8	Luke Mentzer	4/23	Phil Johnson
4/10	Mike McEntire	4/25	Audrey Shenberger
4/11	Esther Gift	4/26	Todd Schultz
4/13	Curt Shreiner	4/27	Janice McEntire
4/13	Katy Nienstedt (10 th)	4/27	Hailey Gross
4/15	Alan Johnson	4/29	Taylor Garcia
4/16	Heidi Shenberger	4/29	Ilona Laney
4/18	Katie Garcia		

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in April...

4/9	Duane & Heidi Shenberger
4/26	Denny & Tammy Helman
4/28	Bob & Ina Shreiner

A Milestone of Note

Congratulations to Pastor Bill on the 10th anniversary of his ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Pastor Bill graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia in May 2007 and was ordained on April 19, 2008 at Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington, VA.

Here's a Fun Fact: His daughter Katy was born six days prior on April 13th (she arrived about three and a half weeks earlier than expected!) on what was slated to be his "Call Sunday" at Faith Lutheran. Needless to say, he missed both the worship service and the luncheon in his honor!

Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Sarah Henneberger who was called to her eternal home on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Sarah was 85 years old. She was preceded in death by both her first husband, Thomas Mortimer, and her second husband, who was also a member of Solomon's, the Rev. Jim Henneberger.

A celebration of Sarah's life was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, at Solomon's Lutheran Church. There was a funeral luncheon in the Fellowship Center immediately following the service. A private burial was attended by family.

Sarah was born in Waynesboro, the daughter of the late Richard Keller Newcomer and Ada Shockey Newcomer. She was the proud mother of Lynn and Mike by her first husband as well as step-mother to Linda, Susy, and David by her marriage to Jim. The combined families gave her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sarah had a wide and varied career in nursing having earned her degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1955. She also served faithfully alongside Jim in his work as a pastor both in Illinois and Virginia. They retired to Luther Ridge in Chambersburg and were members of Solomon's for 16+ years.

We will remember Sarah for her smile, intellect and love of music. She was especially fond of the choir's Christmas and Easter cantatas and was known to request hymns! She also greatly enjoyed being a part of the Secret Pal program. We give thanks for Sarah's time with us at Solomon's.

May God comfort Lynn, Mike, Linda, Susy, and David and their families with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.



Our Christian sympathy is also extended to the following members who lost loved ones recently...

Jay Hunter, whose brother Dean Hunter passed away March 1st at the age of 81 in Florida. His life will be celebrated by family later this spring in Rhinebeck, New York.

Hugh McNeill, whose sister Mary Warren passed away March 9th in North Carolina. She was given a Christian burial on March 15th in Roanoke Rapids, NC. Mary would have celebrated her 100th birthday in May.

The Joe Wolfinger family, whose mother and grandmother, Bettie Wolfinger passed away March 7th at the age of 94. She was given a Christian burial on March 10th in Newark, Ohio.

May God comfort all of these members and their families with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to all the committee members that provided the meal for our weekly March Lenten Soup Suppers.

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for hosting the March "Lunch, Learn, & Play" event.

Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or served the meal for the Henneberger Funeral Luncheon.

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for hosting another fun Kids' Night.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Crusaders for Christ Dinner Theatre production. It was another hit!

Thank you to the Crusaders for Christ members for their sponsorship of the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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Join us Sunday mornings!

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

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*“But the angel (at the tomb) said to them, “ Do not be alarmed;
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.”*

Mark 16:6 (NRSV)