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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."

Rite of Confirmation

On Sunday, October 25th, four youth will affirm their Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the students met Sunday mornings with Pastor Bill. After the shutdown, the girls have met via Zoom or outside in the Picnic Woods for class.

Leah Wolfinger has assisted Pastor Bill with some of the classes as well as volunteering as their chaperon and leader for the Confirmation Retreat at Camp Nawakwa last Fall. Many thanks to Leah for her participation and time!

Also, thank you to the families for their support of their daughters throughout their confirmation classes!

In the Spring, the Christian Education Committee plans to honor the girls with a special luncheon.

Our four confirmands are Rebekah Aldrich, Kate Nienstedt, Izzy Schultz, and Audrey Shenberger. Congratulations to all of them! May God continue to bless and take care of these four young ladies as they grow in their Christian faith!

Worship Reminders

The decision to attend worship in person is up to each family. *If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or a fever over 100.4, please stay home.* If you have underlying health concerns or are at high-risk for infection, we encourage you to wait before returning to worship.

Our Worship Services continue to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. However, they are now being recorded on Sunday mornings. Accordingly, you should be able to find them uploaded to our church website (along with the worship bulletin and *Taking Faith Home*) on Sunday afternoons. You can also search *YouTube* directly.

Pastor Bill is continuing to send out weekly updates via email and/or snail mail for those members who are homebound or feel more comfortable remaining at home.

News from the Social Ministry Committee

God's Work, Our Hands: This is the message we received from Shelly Davies, Director of Outreach & Education, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church regarding our recent participation in the Blessings Bag project:

*Thank you SO much for being part of the **God's Work. Our Hands.** project this year and helping bless the staff of Luther Ridge retirement community in Chambersburg, PA.*

We were able to bless 133 staff members with a 'Bag of Blessings' including Lifesaver candy, Lindt truffles, a water bottle, hand sanitizer, tissues, a prayer reminder and \$20 in Butcher Bucks! That's over \$2600 that was raised, plus the physical items that we included! We also received a generous donation from the Lindt Factory Outlet in Carlisle of 1600 truffles and a discount from The Butcher Shoppe for purchasing so many bucks.

Thanks again for being part of this project and serving our community through blessing!

Maranatha Paper Products Drive: Since we are limited in the number of people at worship in the church each Sunday, we will collect paper products each Sunday during the month of October. If Norm's red truck is not in the parking lot, please bring your donation into the church and place it in the gray Social Ministry bins in the Sunday School room or under the coat rack. If you would like to donate but are not coming to church because of the virus, call Edna (717-352-4392) to arrange pickup.

Crop Walk: Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Chambersburg CROP Walk has been cancelled. Pastor Peter Emig of Solomon's UCC Church recently wrote, "CROP Walk is the main hunger relief fundraiser of Church World Service. It's mission is to help feed the millions upon millions of hungry people throughout the world...because of COVID, there will be no community CROP Walk this year."

We ask that you consider donating to CROP this year because the hungry still need our support. You can mark your donation "CROP" and make your check out to Solomon's Lutheran. Thank you for your generosity.

Power Packs: With school back in session, the Power Packs program has now resumed. Currently, eight families have been identified at New Franklin Elementary School in need of food assistance. You can donate vegetable or fruit cups like last year. Donations of cash are also welcome if you are unable to shop or attend church due to the pandemic.

News from the Kitchen Committee

Yard Sale: On **September 19th**, the Kitchen Committee sponsored a Yard Sale to raise money for the SpiriTrust Lutheran Skilled Care Unit. They are happy to report \$390 was raised. Thank you to all who supported this event!

News from the Christian Education Committee

Background Clearances: Notice to all Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church Teachers/Assistants and VBS Teachers & Helpers you will be receiving papers in the mail and/or handed to you to fill out for The Child Protection / Background Checks. You should be receiving them by the beginning of October. We need you to fill these out and get them back to us no later than Sunday November 1, 2020.

News from the Worship & Music Committee

Given the pandemic situation, the Committee has decided to continue holding the Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. through October. The Committee will continue to re-evaluate the situation at their next meeting.

News from the Fundraising Committee

Apple Butter: We will be selling homemade Apple Butter in ½ Pint (\$ 3.00) and Pint Jars (\$ 5.50). Orders are due Sunday, October 4th. Pick up dates will be Saturday, Nov. 14th between 10 am and 12:00 pm and Sunday, Nov. 15th after Church. An order form is included with this newsletter.

Candy Making: It's the return of candy making at Solomon's! We will be working on Monday, Nov. 9th, Tuesday, Nov. 10th and Wednesday, Nov. 11th. We will set-up on Sunday Nov. 8th. Please sign-up to help make candy! At 6:30 a.m. we need people to stir chocolate during the melting process. At 8:00 a.m. we need volunteers to dip chocolate into paper cups.

Call Sally Gayman at the Church (717-267-2266) or her cell (717-360-2223) or Zoe Mummert (717-267-1777). Please leave a message with dates and times you can help. You can also email Zoe at zoem@kenshadle.com. We will have stations spaced throughout the gym in small groups. You will need to wear a mask, gloves and hat/hairnet. (Gloves and hairnets will be provided. Bring your own mask and hat.) \$ 10.00/1 lb. bag & \$ 6.00 / ½ lb. bag. Orders are due Sunday October 18th. Pick-up dates will be Saturday Nov. 14th between 10 am and 12:00 pm and Sunday Nov. 15th after Church. An order form is included with this newsletter.

Please note: If Pennsylvania shuts down again because of Covid-19 we will have to cancel this event and all orders. We will send out a notice to everyone. Thank you for your help and support.

Relay for Life Update

Lottery Ticket Fundraiser: Our Relay Team is selling raffle tickets to win state lottery tickets as part of an October American Cancer Society fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 each and have one number per ticket. Winners will be selected from the 7:00 p.m. PA Lottery drawing on October 28, 2020. Winning number will receive 1 roll of \$20 tickets, 1 roll of \$10 tickets, 1 roll of \$5 tickets, and 1 roll of \$3 tickets. One number higher and one number lower (than the winning number) will each receive 1 roll of \$5 tickets. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Becky or Sam Mull. All money/orders for tickets are due by Sunday, October 11th.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary Fundraiser

Smith's BBQ Fundraiser: Our local SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary sold 493 chicken dinners on September 13th and raised about \$2200 to support the programs of SpiriTrust Lutheran in Franklin and Fulton counties. Thank you to everyone who worked the event and/or purchased a meal. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

From the Editor, Kristy Nienstedt

If you have an item for the November newsletter, please email it to me (kristynienstedt@gmail.com) by October 21st.



Celebrating a Birthday in October...

10/2 Sally Gayman	10/18 Joe Mock
10/3 Roxy Bothe	10/18 Jay Hunter
10/4 Richard Graven (90 th)	10/20 Elizabeth Schultz
10/9 Wayne Norman	10/22 John Wolfinger
10/15 Kristy Nienstedt	10/24 Ginny Detwiler
10/17 Ty Gross	10/29 Linda Hess
	10/31 Randy Hess

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October...

10/9	Willy & Karin Huber (55 th)
10/20	Jere & Phyllis Brehm
10/29	Keith & Cathy Kuykendall

Happy Retirement Sally Gayman!

Thank You and Godspeed Sally Gayman!

We always give thanks to God for you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1-2

After many years of service as Solomon's office administrator, Sally Gayman will be retiring in December. Sally wrote, "This is not an easy decision for me to make. I have enjoyed working at Solomon's for the past thirty years and have greatly appreciated the time I've spent there."

Pastor Bill noted that Sally has been an invaluable member of the staff and a loyal and dedicated servant to Solomon's and the gospel of Jesus Christ. He said, "Sally always got her work done effectively and efficiently. She helped me to be a better pastor with her constant support and insight. Her deep knowledge and experience at Solomon's Lutheran Church will be sorely missed. At the same time, I wish Sally and Mark God's rich blessings in their retirement."

Fortunately, Sally and Mark will continue to be part of our Solomon's community. Please take time to thank Sally for her many years of dedicated service.

Veterans' Sock Ride Update

From Wayne Norman....

Here is a quick update that I received from the Harley Chapter about the VA sock distribution.

On Sunday, September 27th, members of the Harley Chapter will be riding from Greencastle to the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. They will be met by a VA Representative to unload the 175+ care packages to be distributed to the veterans by the VA Center staff. Because of the current Covid-19 situation the chapter members are not allowed to be involved with distribution.

Thank you to everyone that donated! It is greatly appreciated by the veterans and me.

Camp Nawakwa/Lutheran Camping Update

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic meant a cancelled summer season for organized youth camps. However, Camp Nawakwa is open for private rentals. Lodges are available to rent throughout the year. Cabins will be available through mid/end of October. Call 717-677-8211 to reserve your get-a-way!

Also, Camp Nawakwa is still hosting its annual **Fall Foliage Day** on Sunday, October 18th from 1-6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person (ages 5 and older). *** Masks and social distancing required at all LCC events. ***

For more information, visit LutheranCamping.org.

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to those serving in the various worship duty roles each Sunday morning during this challenging time.

Thank you to everyone that worked/bought meals from the SpiriTrust Auxiliary BBQ fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Kitchen Committee's Yard Sale fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Relay for Life Walk on Sept. 12th and the Hammer & Stain fundraiser on Sept. 27th.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends at Solomon's,

I want to thank everyone for their cards, notes, telephone calls and prayers following my heart attack, operation and recovery. Also, I want to thank the Social Ministry Committee and especially Nancy Deardorff for the lovely knitted lap blanket. It has come in handy during these cool September evenings. Your thoughtfulness during this period was very touching and greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, Bill Chiado

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV)