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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

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Acts 4:33-35

In the early church as described in the Book of Acts, radical generosity based on the needs of others became the basis of economic practice in the Christian community. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, there was great enthusiasm as people were transformed by the Holy Spirit to share the gospel with the whole world which was hungering for good news.

Two thousand years later, the church is still being transformed to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world. Certainly, 2020 has been a year like no other as we have dealt with the worldwide pandemic of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Virtually no nation or community has been unaffected by this disease. Solomon's is no exception and we have responded to changing conditions with modified worship and ministries. Yet, no matter the challenges, we take comfort in the words from the Book of Hebrews, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

We have crafted what is being called "hybrid church" where we offer modified live worship, video worship and a printed "home worship" service to accommodate the needs of our congregation members and the community. We have conducted confirmation classes outside and on "Zoom" video calls and council meetings have included videoconferencing for those who needed to stay safely at home. In partnership with hospitals and senior care communities, "virtual visits" with patients and residents have been conducted using video tablets. Solomon's disciples have also been proactive in keeping in touch by telephone with those who are homebound or live alone.

We are having regular worship services in the sanctuary following safety protocols including wearing face masks, social distancing, providing hand sanitizer, reduced singing and shortened service length.

We continue to look at ways we can further enhance our ministries. Currently, we are planning on adding internet connectivity in the sanctuary so that we can possibly provide livestream video services and congregational meetings.

Throughout the year, the disciples of Solomon's have continued to be generous with their giving, both to the general fund as well as to various benevolent causes, including the Luther Ridge Skilled Care campaign, Power Pack Meals for New Franklin school children, Lutheran Disaster Response (especially for hurricanes and US wildfires), ELCA World Hunger, ELCA and LSS Covid-19 relief campaigns, SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services, Maranatha Food Pantry paper drives, the "Souper" Bowl, Relay for Life, gift bags for health care workers at Luther Ridge and many others.

I want to personally thank you all for your generosity and steadfastness in 2020. We have been blessed by God with great grace. As we look forward to 2021, I encourage you to keep up the good work. Your stewardship team is inviting families to consider increasing their giving in 2021 by a modest amount as you are able. Recognizing that some families are more affected by the pandemic than others, we will not send out pledge cards this year. The stewardship team suggests adding \$10 a month to your regular giving if you are able. In addition, consider how you might serve on a ministry team in 2021. There are ways you can serve while being safe—the Worship Committee will be crafting a schedule for worship volunteers for winter and spring of 2021 and Christian Education, Property and Social Ministry are always looking for new members.

Again, thank you for all you do to share the gospel at Solomon's and beyond.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1st at 9:30 a.m.

We remember all the saints at Solomon's who entered the church triumphant in the past year. We will begin worship with thanksgiving for baptism, recalling that we are joined to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A chime will ring as the names of those who have died are read aloud: Ferd Bikle III, Helen Hess, Jay Hunter, Marvin McKenzie, and Bob Shreiner.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 22nd at 9:30 a.m.



We will celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks to God for all our blessings in Sunday worship on this day. We will bring them forward with the offering and the communion elements as a visible sign of God's abundant gifts.

News from the Church Council

Annual Fall Congregational Meeting—There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 22nd**, immediately following the morning worship service. The congregation will elect members to the church council as well as vote on a 2021 operational budget recommended by the church council. Look for more information by mail in early November.

News from Social Ministry

Power Packs--As announced last month, the New Franklin Elementary School Power Packs program is up and running again. They are seeking donations of individual serving cups of vegetables and fruits to send home with children in need on the weekends. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Paper Products Drive--Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Maranatha Food Pantry!

News from Christian Education

Background Clearances: Notice to all Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church Teachers/Assistants and VBS Teachers & Helpers you were sent papers in the mail and/or they were handed to you to fill out for The Child Protection Background Checks. You should have received them at 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 Funeral Luncheon/Kitchen Committee

Thank You--Many thanks to everyone who kindly donated food for the Jay Hunter Funeral Luncheon. It was greatly appreciated by the committee members as well as the family.

News from the Fundraising Committee

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.)

Pick-up dates will be Saturday Nov. 14th between 10 am and 12:00 pm and Sunday Nov. 15th after Church.

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.

Antietam Memorial Illumination

Sadly, due to the ongoing pandemic, the Antietam Memorial Illumination has been cancelled this year.

Welcome Our Newest Members

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our Confirmands: Please welcome our newest confirmed members of Solomon's Lutheran Church; Rebekah Aldrich, Katarina Nienstedt, Audrey Shenberger and Isabelle Schultz. After completing their catechism instruction, they will made public affirmation of their baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020.

"Oh God, stir up in them the gift of the Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen."

Help Wanted!

As announced last month, our **wonderful** Administrative Assistant, Sally Gayman, is retiring in early December after 30 years of service to Solomon's Lutheran Church. Her position is now being advertised. A portion of the job description is listed below and a complete, detailed copy is attached to this newsletter.

Title: **Administrative Assistant**

I.) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To help fulfill the mission of Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church by carrying out prompt, accurate clerical duties in order to facilitate good communication between the pastor, this congregation, and the community at large.

II.) QUALIFICATIONS

1. Good reading, writing, and usage skills in English language
2. Good personal computer skills to include proficiency in software such as: Word, Excel and/or Quicken, E-Mail

The following requirements are expected of all employees:

1. Good interpersonal and communication skills
2. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality
3. Willingness to learn and grow in knowledge and interpersonal skills

III.) ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Demonstrates understanding and commitment to mission of the Church.
2. Shows respect, honesty, fairness and a positive attitude towards all God's people.
3. Demonstrates dependability, to include attendance and punctuality.
4. Is accountable; takes initiative and ownership of issues.
5. Displays a professional demeanor. Represents the church in a positive way.
6. Works to continuously improve work environment/processes.
7. Supports coworkers; pitches in, does own part and helps others.
8. Encourages others by providing recognition and support.



Celebrating a Birthday in November....

11/1 Paul Skelly (90 th)	11/16 Garrett Gross
11/1 Carole Darr (80 th)	11/17 Abby Gayman-Hoover
11/2 Jim Darr	11/17 Pastor Bill Nienstedt
11/4 Eli Mummert	11/19 David McEntire
11/9 Edna Harris	11/22 Bonnie Hudson
11/11 Adilyn Mull	11/22 Raymond Fell
11/13 Mark Gayman	11/23 Frances Reichard
11/15 Ina Shreiner	11/24 Brandon Mummert
11/16 Joe Hess	

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in November...

11/4	Ron & Bonney Coldsmith
11/13	Chris & Barbara Aldrich

Birthday Card Shower

Paul Skelly is turning the **BIG 90** on Sunday, November 1st. His daughters a.k.a. the "Skelly Girls" (Bonnie Hudson, Roxy Bothe, Tammy Helman, and Lisa Mentzer) request that you send along a birthday card for his special milestone day. No doubt he would really enjoy hearing from his Solomon's "family" members!

You can mail birthday cards to Paul at the following address:

Paul Skelly
64 Lantern Lane
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of John "Jay" Hunter who was called to his eternal home on October 7, 2020. He was 77 years old.

A celebration of Jay's life was held on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Solomon's Lutheran Church. Pastor Bill Nienstedt officiated. Interment will be held privately at a later time.

Jay was born October 18, 1942, in Orange, NJ, to the late Warren and Janet (Bush) Hunter. He was a 1964 graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, KY. He worked as an underwriter for State Farm Insurance for 36 years. He retired in 2003.

Jay married Dorothy "Dot" on August 24, 1968. They were blessed with two daughters, Lisa and Lori.

Jay was involved in many activities including the Central Club, the Deer Lake Club, SNAP, the Harmony Singers, and Delta Sigma Phi. He enjoyed golf, gardening, sailing, and traveling.

At Solomon's, Jay was a very active member. He was a member of the Church Council, worked on the Finance and Fellowship Committees, and was a lector, greeter, and usher. Jay also enjoyed participating each year in the Crusaders for Christ Christmas Caroling to the Homebound.

He is survived by his beloved wife Dot, his daughter Lisa and her husband Stephen, his daughter Lori and her husband Tom, two step-grandchildren, Cody and Mackenzie, and his sister-in-law Phyllis and niece Deb. His brother Dean preceded him in death.

We give thanks to God for our time with Jay. May God comfort Dot, Lisa, Lori, and the rest of the family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Everyone at Solomon's will miss his warm smile, upbeat attitude, and encouraging words.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Coldsmith family. Bonney's father, Ernest "Jack" White passed away on October 4, 2020 in Hagerstown, MD. He was 92 years old. Jack was remembered by friends and family at a Memorial Service in Hagerstown on October 9.

May Bonney, Ron, Brian, and Kevin find comfort in the promise of the Resurrection.

Honoring Our Veterans

On Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th, Americans remember those among us who have served our nation both domestically and abroad, in war time and in peace. May God bless all our veterans!!

Solomon's Veterans include the following members:

Harold "Bud" Armstrong
Bernie Harris
Hugh McNeill
Gerald Schultz
Bill Brindle
Bill Chiado
Richard Graven

Clayton Schwartz
Don Wildeson
Alan Johnson
Phil Johnson
Norm Kuykendall
Jerry Laney
Rich McEntire

Keith Kuykendall
Mark Kuykendall
Wayne Norman
Joe Wolfinger
Joe Mock
Larry Socks

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to everyone who supported apple butter sales whether by their donations, sales, and/or labor.

Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or helped serve the meal for the Jay Hunter funeral luncheon.

Thank you to Wayne Dale for handling AV duties on behalf of Pastor Bill while he was away on October 11th.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a PA Lottery raffle ticket to support Solomon's Relay for Life Team.

Thank you to everyone who brought in paper products for the Social Ministry Paper Products Drive.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Solomon's Friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my surgical adventure. I have never experienced anything as hard as that was and I could not have done it without all of you behind me.

I love you all,
Patricia Yetter

From the Editor

Have an announcement for the December newsletter? Please submit your items to Kristy Nienstedt by **November 18th**. She can be reached via email at kristynienstedt@gmail.com.

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Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

OR check us out on *YouTube!*

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*“We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings
and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth.”*

Harvest Prayer, ELW page 62