



**SOLOMON'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
GRINDSTONE HILL**

4856 Wayne Road Phone: 717-267-2266
Chambersburg, PA 17202-9355 Fax: 717-267-7030
E-Mail Address: info@solomonslutheran.org

October 2018

IN THIS ISSUE:

Pastoral Letter.....	1-2
Special Worship Events.....	2-3
Committee News.....	3-5
Fun & Fellowship.....	5-7
Server Schedule.....	9
Birthdays & Anniversaries.....	10

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

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:13-14

In 2014, there were 72,197 people over the age of 100 living in the United States, which is over 50% more than there were in 2000. There are forty people at Solomon's over the age of eighty. Our longer lifespans are due to advances in health care and a focus on healthier living. At the same time, you may have noticed that there seems to be more folks in our prayer concerns lately.

One of the realities of life is that the longer we live, the more likely it is that we will face serious health concerns. In addition, accidents, addiction, disease, violence and many other issues can affect us at any age. None of us know our future—we are all in God's hands. Even if we are blessed to be well, we are often called to care for family members or neighbors who are unable to care for themselves. This trend is expected to accelerate in the years to come.

Pain and suffering is the result of original sin which is a reality of life and of creation itself. St. Paul writes, *"We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit."* Romans 8:22-23a

The good news is that Jesus walks with us in our suffering and in our deepest need. He suffered pain, was wounded and died on the cross in order to heal us and forgive our sin. By the power of the Spirit, we are healed and empowered to bring the healing presence of Jesus to those around us who are in need.

In his book, *The Wounded Healer*, Theologian Henry Nouwen wrote, "The imitation of Christ does not mean to live a life like Christ, but to live your life as authentically as Christ lived his, then there are many ways and forms in which one can be a Christian."

The author of the Epistle of James encourages his Christian community to serve and console the suffering and the sick. Prayer and song and anointing are powerful ways of healing. I would say that each of you is an elder—a leader of the church, empowered to bring healing in the name of Jesus to all those in need in your world.

It's been said that the three characteristics of a Christian disciple are to be authentic, available and affirming. We see that lived out here at Solomon's as disciples pray for, serve and console those in need. I encourage each of you to pray for those who are in our church prayers. Call, write or visit someone who is sick or homebound. Even small acts of kindness can have powerful results. People frequently tell me how much they feel the prayers of others who lift them up in their time of need. You can make a difference!

I also encourage you to worship regularly. As we gather around Word and Sacrament, and pray, sing songs of praise, confess our sin and provide consolation, affirmation and support to each other, we are healed of our own suffering and weakness in order to bring Jesus' healing presence to others.

In closing, I want to encourage each of you to prayerfully consider how you can strengthen the ministries of your congregation through your giving of time, talent and financial support. October is the time we commit to serving and making a pledge to support our church mission for the coming year. I encourage each of you to see and rejoice in the work of God in Christ here at Solomon's. You have an opportunity to bring the good news of Jesus out into our world of need through your giving. Thank you.

See you in church!

Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities

Youth Sunday



October 7, 2018

10:15 a.m.

The youth of our congregation will be taking on the various server duties for this special worship service as well as assuming the assisting minister portions of the liturgy. There will also be a special "Adult's Message" led by the children and an anthem sung by the Youth Choir.



Commitment Sunday

October 21st

As you prepare to complete your *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets for next year, prayerfully consider what gifts God has given you and how they can be best used to serve Him and others. Then please remember to bring your completed *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets with you to church on October 21. They will be collected and given as an offering to the Lord during the morning worship service. Finally, be sure to read the update below from the Worship & Music Committee regarding the new sign-up system to request specific dates.

News from the Worship & Music Committee

Blessings! This month you'll be receiving Time and Talent Sheets, and you may notice a few changes! Did you know that it takes more than 20 volunteers on a given Sunday to make the morning worship service happen?! The Worship and Music Committee has proposed to make our Sunday mornings a little more efficient, so look for these new opportunities beginning January 2019:

- Ushers will also act as greeters (and we understand there are those who would like to greet and may not be able to perform the other usher duties as well; and those members are still welcome to be greeters, just coordinate with the ushers assigned for whichever Sunday you'd like to greet!)
- Only two Communion Assistants will be needed per regular Sunday for the Chalice and Cups. Acolytes will now handle "tray duty" and get new ones when needed. Empty glasses will be collected in baskets.
- IF parents agree, only one adult teacher will be needed for Children's Church. Older children can now sign-up to be helpers.
- After-church flower delivery will be at the discretion of those gifting the Altar flowers.

We hope these changes will help spread out our volunteers and give everyone a chance to come to church and focus on worship. More details to come, and training on new assignments will follow. Please direct questions to any member of the Worship and Music Committee (Pastor Bill, Carole Darr, Becky Pecha, Alan Johnson, Heidi Shenberger, and Karen Wolfinger).

Also new for next year, we will be using a sign-up sheet for Sunday duties to allow people to volunteer for the dates that suit them best. Much like the altar flower sign-up chart, simply look for the dates you are available and write them in. This should avoid "double-booking" and "overlapping" which has been a problem in the past. In addition, these sign-up sheets will allow everyone to see all the needs that exist. Hopefully you'll find a spot just waiting for your name!

Sign-up sheets will be in the Sunday School room during the month of October and beginning of November. Once completed, the Worship and Music Committee will compile them and type up a master list. Lists will then be placed in your church mailbox as in past years.

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

News from the Church Council

Church Council Nominations Being Sought—The Church Council has three members that will be completing their term at the end of this calendar year. Accordingly, new members are needed to fill the vacancies. Please prayerfully consider members (possibly even you!) that may make a good addition to our church leadership team and submit their names by early November to either Bill Wepking, Council President, Margie Dale, Council Vice President, or Council member Becky Mull. The congregation will then vote by ballot at the November annual meeting.

News from the Christian Education Committee

Youth Fun Night—The youth of our congregation are invited to attend the Fall Kids' Fun Night on **Saturday, October 6th**. The evening kicks off at 4:15 p.m. at Lincoln Lanes Bowling Alley. Afterward, we will head over to Marie and Sal's Pizzeria for dinner.

News from the Social Ministry Committee

Lunch, Learn & Play—LLP meets the first Wednesday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Our next event is **October 3rd** beginning at 12 noon with lunch followed by a game of BINGO.

Please sign-up on the Sunday School bulletin board or call Edna Harris (717-352-4392) so we can prepare properly for the number attending. Thank you!!

Personal Care Kits— On behalf of the Social Ministry Committee and all the Recipients of the Personal Care Kits, I want to THANK YOU for providing supplies to fill 37 kits. This is the most kits we have ever made. I'm sure the receivers of these kits will be very appreciative. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!! From Edna Harris, Committee Chair

CROP Walk—Solomon's will participate in the annual area CROP Hunger Walk in downtown Chambersburg on **Sunday, October 21st**. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the walk starts at 1:30 p.m. We will begin our walk at Trinity Lutheran Church, 431 Philadelphia Avenue. Walkers are also encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food items to be given to our local food pantry.

To participate, please write your name on the sign-up sheet and get an envelope from either Pastor Bill or Edna Harris. If you are not able to walk but would still like to support this effort, please give your cash or check (made out to CROP) to one of our Solomon's walkers.

Started in 1969 by Church World Service, the CROP Hunger Walk has expanded to nearly 1000 communities across the country and raises \$10 million annually to support U.S.-based hunger fighting organizations including 1,900 food banks and soup kitchens. Visit crophungerwalk.org to learn more!

Paper Products Drive—Social Ministry will once again sponsor a Paper Products Drive for the Maranatha Food Pantry in downtown Chambersburg. We will be collecting items **the first three Sundays in November: 4th, 11th, and 18th**. Items being sought include toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins, women's feminine hygiene items, baby diapers and baby wipes.

From the Editor

Have an announcement for the November newsletter? Please submit your items to Kristy Nienstedt by **October 17th**. She can be reached via email at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or you can place information in her church mailbox.

From Pastor Bill

Fall Bible Study—Join Pastor Bill and Richard Graven on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the conference room for an informal Bible Study. We are doing a study of the Early Church to the Reformation. All are welcome. Please note: NO class on October 17th due to Apple Fest preparations.

Adult Sunday School—You are invited to Pastor Bill's weekly Sunday morning class. The group meets in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. We usually explore the lectionary texts for the day.

Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

LUNCH, LEARN, & PLAY!

Wednesday, October 3rd

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

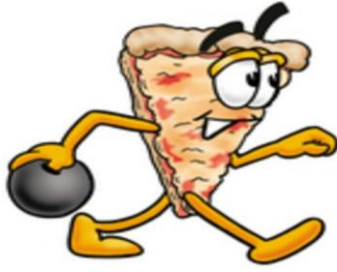
Solomon's Fellowship Center

Sign up in the old Sunday School room.

Need transportation? Contact Edna Harris!

Get Ready to Play....





Youth Fall Fun Night

Saturday, October 6th

LINCOLN LANES BOWLING

Meet at Lincoln Lanes at 4:15 pm for shoe rental.
Kids Bowl for Free!! Parents can play a game or help their child bowl.

Afterwards we will go out for dinner to **Marie and Sal's Pizzeria & Restaurant**

Kids Eat Free! \$2 Donation Per Each Adult

RSVP to Zoe Mummert by Sunday, Sept. 30th



CROP WALK

Sunday, October 21st

Downtown Chambersburg

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens at Trinity Lutheran Church

1:30 p.m. Walk Begins

What to Bring?

Bottle of Water

Non-Perishable Food Items for Donation to the Local Food Pantry

Your Good Heart and Feet!

Save the Date!



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 10th

Solomon's Fellowship Center

Secret Pal Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 2nd

Solomon's Fellowship Center

AppleFest 2017

Saturday, Oct. 13th--8:00 a.m.

Baking Apple Bread and Making Applesauce

Monday, Oct. 15th--8:00 a.m.

Making Apple Butter

Tuesday, Oct. 16th--8:00 a.m.

Making Whoopie Pies

Wednesday, Oct. 17th--6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Make and Bake Apple Pies and Crisps

Thursday, Oct. 18th--6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Make Apple Dumplings

Happening In Our Larger Community...

Wellness Talk at Luther Ridge: The Wellness Talk for October is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 16th at 1 p.m.** Join Pat and Christopher Furry for an educational talk on Brain Tumors, (glioblastoma) and an Optune application demonstration. 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, October 10th, 2018.** The cost is \$7.50. The menu for October is baked lasagna, creamed lettuce, California blend vegetables, garlic bread, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, October 4th.



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 **October 5** and **November 1**. If you come and don't see the Bookmobile Bus, look for the Bookmobile Van.

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner—The SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary will host a Pork & Sauerkraut Supper on **Saturday, October 27th from 5-7 p.m.** The dinner will be held **at Solomon's Lutheran Church** in the Fellowship Center. The menu includes old-fashioned pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, rolls, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-10. All tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the programs of SpiriTrust Lutheran in Franklin and Fulton counties including SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care and Hospice, SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services, SpiriTrust Lutheran Stephen Ministry, and The Village at Luther Ridge.

Discount Card Fundraiser- The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is currently selling discount cards which feature discounts from 25 local merchants. To receive the discount shown on the card, simply present the card when making your purchase or dining out. The cost of each card is \$5.00. Check out the sample posted on the bulletin board! To purchase cards, please see Margie Dale or contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org. These cards will make great stocking stuffers for family and friends living in the area!

"Communications" Update

As technology continues to change the way we communicate, it has been suggested we utilize a free texting app known as **Remind**. It would be used for special group reminders and time sensitive announcements. For those who do not have a smart phone, it also has an email feature. To make it work, the church would need to compile the cell phone numbers of those interested in participating. This list would NOT be published. Kristy Nienstedt has offered to help compile the list and send out the notifications once it is ready. She will have a sign-up at church for you to add your contact information. This is also a good opportunity to review the email addresses we have on file for sending out the newsletter.

Serving in October

	10/7/18*	10/14/18	10/21/18	10/28/18	
Assisting Minister	Youth				
Lector	Youth	Gladys Mull	Jay Hunter	Alan Johnson	
Acolyte	Audrey Shenberger	Rebekah Aldrich	Aaron Shreiner	Clark Shenberger	
Ushers	Head Usher: Clif Rau; Ron & Brian Coldsmith, Glenn & Patsy Wildeson				
Greeters	Youth	Becky Pecha Nan Kuykendall	Jay Hunter Judy Johnson	Jere & Phyllis Brehm	
Children's Church		Heidi Shenberger Becky Pecha		Lilly Chiado Alan Johnson	
Nursery	"On Call" If Needed: Kristy Nienstedt, Barbara Aldrich, and/or Marilys Johnson				
After Service Coffee	Lilly Chiado	Richard Graven Peggy Craven	Tana Vance Margie Dale	Phyllis Brehm	
Communion Assistants	Ron Coldsmith (Challis), Karen Wolfinger (Cups), Ilona Laney (Trays)				
Communion Bread	Karen Wolfinger				
Communion Set-Up	Karen Wolfinger				
Communion Clean-Up	Clif & Carole Rau				
Flower Delivery	Alan & Marilys Johnson				
Securing Offering	Bernie Harris & Joe Wolfinger				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Annamarie Schwartz				

*YOUTH SUNDAY



Gospel Readings for October:

Sunday, Oct. 7th--Mark 10:2-16
 Sunday, Oct. 14th--Mark 10:17-31
 Sunday, Oct. 21st--Mark 10:35-45
 Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28th--John 8:31-36



Celebrating a Birthday in October...

10/2 Sally Gayman	10/18 Joe Mock
10/2 Marilys Johnson	10/18 Jay Hunter
10/3 Roxy Bothe	10/20 Elizabeth Schultz
10/4 Richard Graven	10/22 John Wolfinger
10/9 Wayne Norman	10/24 Ginny Detwiler
10/11 Bob Shreiner	10/25 Bob Scott
10/12 Courtney Shreiner	10/29 Linda Hess
10/15 Kristy Nienstedt	10/31 Randy Hess
10/17 Ty Gross	

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October...

10/20	Jere & Phyllis Brehm
10/29	Keith & Cathy Kuykendall

1517-2018

501st Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Arlene Brill**. She was called to her eternal home on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the age of 84.

A celebration of Arlene's life was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15th, in the Chapel of Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home and Cremation Center (located at 333 Falling Spring Road in Chambersburg). Pastor Bill Nienstedt officiated. Private interment was held in Parklawns Memorial Gardens.

Arlene was born in Altenwald in 1934 to the late Alvey Angle and Cora Shinham Angle. She married Richard Brill in 1955 and they were blessed with one son, Alan. She is survived by her husband, her son, and her daughter-in-law Cheryl.

Arlene was a graduate of Quincy High School and was employed by the Public Opinion as a secretary in the business office for over 35 years. She was a lifelong member of Solomon's Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School for 20 years. More recently, she participated in the Secret Pal program and was known for always helping out her friends whatever the need.

We give thanks to God for our time with Arlene. May God comfort Dick, Alan, and Cheryl with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Everyone at Solomon's will miss Arlene's sweet smile and unbounding kindness.



Our Christian sympathy is also extended to Carolyn Clouser. Carolyn's older brother James "Jim" Stoner passed away in Chambersburg on August 27, 2018. His life was celebrated during a memorial service on September 7, 2018 in the Chapel of Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home.

May God comfort Carolyn and her extended family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.

Clarification of Altar Flower Policy

The Worship & Music Committee would like to clarify the altar flower policy as there have been some questions raised recently. Our contract runs thru the end of this year, 2018, with Everlasting Love florist. They have agreed to the rate of \$30 for two vases each Sunday. IF you would like to request specific types of flowers the week you are buying the altar flowers, you need to contact the florist **directly** with the understanding that you may have to pay additional money for special requests.

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Social Ministry Committee's Personal Care Kit Service Project and/or helped put them together. We prepared 37 kits!

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

Thank you to the family of John Deardorff and those who made contributions in his memory. His memorial fund was used to pay for the step improvements at the entryway to the church. This much-needed update now makes it possible for those using walkers to safely move up and down the steps.

Thank you to our Director of Music, Doug Mummert and our wonderful choir for the beautiful anthems they share each week. After the long summer hiatus, it is nice to have them back up front!

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who participated in Celebration Day at Luther Ridge.

Thank you to the Worship & Music Committee members and Property Committee members(as well as all the additional volunteers) for their various roles in presenting the Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Lunch in the Picnic Woods.

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for preparing a delicious Rally Day breakfast and hosting our special guest speaker. Read down below to learn how this morning event led to a new partnership!

Thank you to Worship & Music Committee member Heidi Shenberger for her role in securing the Marty Haugen liturgy setting.

Thank you to everyone who donates altar flowers each week to enhance our worship space and give glory to God.

Thank you to our youth Sunday School teachers for volunteering to teach our youngest members. For the 2018-2019 school year the teachers are as follows: Barbara Aldrich, Ilona Laney, Janice McEntire, Kristy Nienstedt, Heidi Shenberger, and Leah Wolfinger.

Thank you to everyone who came out to eat at Panera on September 14th to support the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

Thank you to our Home Communion Ministers who continue to faithfully go out and minister to our Homebound members.

Thank you to our Kitchen Committee Members who so wonderfully maintain our kitchen facility for use during all our special events.

Did you know?! Solomon's is now host to the New Franklin Elementary School Bible Release "Good News Club." They will have class each Thursday morning in the old Sunday School room. Dan Russell, of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) for Franklin and Fulton Counties, was our guest speaker at the Rally Day breakfast. His organization wrote a letter requesting use of the space and our Church Council voted to allow the group to come each week for their lessons. May God continue to bless their ministry!

2018 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate, along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Deadline for **red, white, burgundy, marble (pink & white) and pink** poinsettias is November 4, 2018. Cost is \$7.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot and the flower will have 3-5 blooms. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Johnson.

***The Christmas Poinsettias in
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends
have been donated by:***

(name)

Red _____ White _____ Burgundy _____ Marble _____ Pink _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total Poinsettias ordered _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

Poinsettias will be used for the Christmas Cantata 10:15 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, December 23rd and the 7:00 p.m. Worship Service on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

They must be taken home on Dec. 24th ***after the evening service.***

Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.

SOLOMON'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4856 WAYNE ROAD
CHAMBERSBURG PA 17202-9355

Join us Sunday mornings!

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

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church
4856 Wayne Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202-9355
Phone: 717-267-2266
www.solomonslutheran.org

Pastor Bill Nienstedt

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

Martin Luther