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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

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday states that “we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.” Though many Lenten practices invite us to individual acts of repentance, prayer, fasting, and giving, Lent is also a time for a deepening of community.

In the early church, and even today in some faith communities, the forty days of Lent were a time when the whole community took responsibility for teaching catechumens—preparing new disciples for entrance into the church. At the Easter Vigil on the night before Easter, catechumens would be baptized, receive their first communion, and be welcomed into membership.

Not only were the catechumens enriched by this formation, but those in the community were strengthened in their faith along with them.

Using readings from Mark’s gospel, our Lenten Midweek Bible Study on Zoom will invite us to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation and with God. Each Wednesday during Lent, at 6:30 p.m., we will gather on a Zoom video conference in prayer and discussion on texts which interrelate with the Sunday readings during Lent. Following are the texts we will reflect upon:

March 3: Mark 9:2-8 *In community with all the saints.* The understanding of community expressed in the Apostles’ Creed reminds us that our faith extends beyond the present time and is intertwined with those who have gone before us.

March 10: Mark 2:1-12 *In community with our neighbor.* The story of the paralyzed man brought to Jesus, highlights the way in which it takes a community to care for one another.

March 17: Mark 5:1-20 *In community with those on the margins.* When Jesus crosses over to the land of the Gerasenes, he encounters and brings healing to a man who has been left on the margins and restores him to community.

March 24: Mark 10: 32-45 *In community with Christ.* Jesus once again reminds the disciples and all of us that our call will lead to the cross.

I hope you can join us for our midweek Lenten series. Peace and joy in Christ, Pastor Bill

## Special Worship Opportunities



Mid-Week Worship Service  
**March 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for an informal worship service on Zoom.  
Our Lenten offering is earmarked for the Maranatha Food Pantry.



**Passion (Palm) Sunday** is March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Worship at 10:15 a.m. with a Procession with Palms and a reading of the Passion  
according to St. Mark

**Maundy Thursday** is April 1st  
Worship at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion and  
Stripping of the Altar

## News from the Finance Committee

**Thank you** to Solomon's members who graciously contribute to the church via their IRA. Please note, however, that your financial institution may not always indicate the name of the contributor on the check. Please contact Janice McEntire, Financial Secretary at 717 264-3702 if you wish to have your semi-annual or year-end statements reflect your contribution.

thank you

## News from Social Ministry

**Social Ministry: Shawl Ministry** - Because there is not the usual crowd attending church, communications between members is not there. So please let me know if you or a member of the congregation who is ill and would like a prayer shawl. Social Ministry really has no other way to know who would appreciate one. Edna Harris [bernedna@centurylink.net](mailto:bernedna@centurylink.net) or 717-352-4392.

**Power Pack Meals:** The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups. See Pastor Bill if you would like to give a monetary donation.

**Heads-up:** During the month of April we will have our semiannual paper drive for Maranatha Food Bank. Products such as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, etc. are greatly appreciated.

## News from the Worship & Music Committee

**Lenten Special Offering:** Our Lenten special offering this year is earmarked to the Maranatha Food Pantry of Chambersburg. Maranatha provides food, paper products and staples to those in need in our community. The need is great, especially in this year of the pandemic. Please mark your offering "Lent Offering" and place in the collection plate or send to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

## Friendly Reminders

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If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** for a Sunday during the month of March or April, the following dates are still available: 3/7 & 4/18. Please email or call Kimberly ([office@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:office@solomonslutheran.org) / 717 267-2266).

**Have an item for the April newsletter?!** Deadline is **March 19th**. Email Kimberly at [office@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:office@solomonslutheran.org).

## Opportunities for Fun and Fellowship

Saturday, March 27th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. / SFC

**Spring Fun Night**

The logo for "Join the Fun" features the word "Join" in a large, pink, cursive font. Below it, the word "the" is in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "Fun" is in a large, bold, purple, sans-serif font.

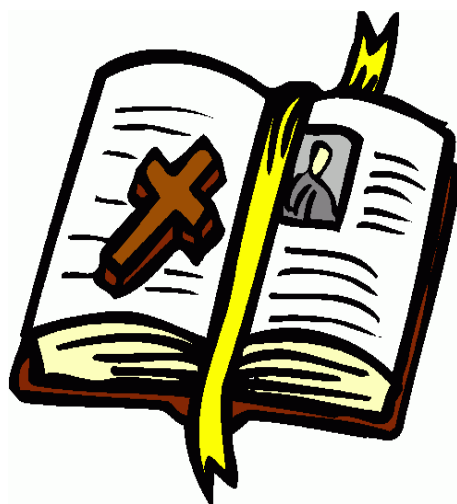
Prepackaged Menu: Ham Sandwich, fruit cup, chips, cookie and drink.

We will be making: Pretzel Hugs and Painted Rocks

Please contact Janice at 717 264-3702 if you are planning on attending.

## Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Becky McCleary and Mary Jane Hess. Beverly Haugh, Becky's daughter and sister to Mary Jane, passed away in Westminster, Maryland, on February 3, 2021. She was 72 years old. Beverly's life was celebrated in a private service officiated by Pastor Bill at Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home in Waynesboro. She was interred at Green Hill Cemetery in Waynesboro. May God comfort Becky, Mary Jane, and the rest of their family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.



### **Gospel Readings for March:**

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> —John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>—John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>—John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>—Mark 14:1-15



*Celebrating a Birthday in March....*

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|------|------------------|------|---------------------|
| 3/1  | Larry Socks      | 3/20 | Riley Garner        |
| 3/7  | Martie Veilleux  | 3/23 | Jay Kanagy          |
| 3/9  | Lilly Chiado     | 3/26 | Tammy Helman        |
| 3/12 | Tyler Kuykendall | 3/27 | Joyce Skelly        |
| 3/14 | Jean Jackson     | 3/30 | Kipten Parr         |
| 3/15 | Clayton Schwartz | 3/31 | Emma Schultz (10th) |
| 3/16 | Garrett Mull     |      |                     |
| 3/19 | Curtis Reichard  |      |                     |



*Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in March...*

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|------|------------------------------|
| 3/7  | Clayton & Annamarie Schwartz |
| 3/18 | Norm & Nan Kuykendall (60th) |
| 3/20 | Joe & Karen Wolfinger (50th) |
| 3/24 | Sam & Becky Mull (20th)      |

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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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*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.."*  
Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)