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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

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?" Psalm 42:1-2

Like many people, I tuned in to watch the funeral service for Prince Philip of England. While I am not a follower of the royal family, I like history and I especially wanted to see how the service was conducted. The service may have seemed a bit staid and dull by American standards, but the liturgy followed a pattern like our Lutheran order of worship.

The service reminded us how important rituals are in our corporate worship. Many details, countless small acts, and even solitary moments add up to display the support and consolation of our community, the grace of God, and the forgiving power of rituals.

While our worship service today has many modern elements, its structure dates to the earliest days of the Christian Church. Following is an excerpt from the *Didache*, a Christian worship service composed around the year 100:

Above all, we thank you because you are almighty. Glory be yours through all ages! Amen. Lord, remember your Church and deliver it from all evil; make it perfect in your love and gather it from the four winds, this sanctified Church, into your kingdom which you have prepared for it, for power and glory are yours through all ages! May the Lord come and this world pass away! Amen. (Didache 9-10)

Rituals simplify the complex. They bring order to our world of chaos and never-ending challenges. While our individual lives are small and transitory, our ritual worship connects us to the body of Christ and the whole Christian community across time and space.

Many people have told me that worship feeds their soul and gives them strength for the week ahead. And I am certain that the ritual of a memorial service gives peace to the family and friends of the departed and provides a fitting closure to the Christian life.

The death of Prince Philip is a reminder that even the most famous and powerful are mortal. Yet even the Queen showed stoicism and steadfastness in her time of grief. Some of the rituals that we have had to contend

due to the spread of COVID-19, have required that we stand apart and alone on those occasions when we most want to be with others.

But I believe the comfort and power of our rituals have brought us together and bound us to the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

The *Didache* contained a eucharistic prayer which still echoes through the centuries, reminding us that Jesus is with us and promises to never let us go. In closing, following is an excerpt of that prayer:

First for the cup: We thank you, our Father, for the holy vine of David your servant which you have revealed to us through Jesus your Child. Glory be yours through all ages! Then for the bread broken: We thank you, our Father, for the life and knowledge which you have revealed to us through Jesus your Child. Glory be yours through all ages!

Peace and joy in Christ! Pastor Bill



Gospel Readings for MAY:

Sunday, May 2nd – John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 9th – John 15: 9-17

Ascension of Our Lord, Thursday, May 13th – Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 16th – John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 23rd – John 15:26-27:16:4b-15

Sunday, May 30th – John 3:1-17

Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Marty Wenger Jr. whose beloved wife Sylvia passed away on April 2, 2021. She was 84 years old. Sylvia had been battling cancer for the past year with Marty faithfully attending to her. Their 50th anniversary would have been celebrated May 23rd. May God comfort Marty and his family with the hopes of a blessed reunion in heaven.

Welcome New Members

Welcome New Members...by Kristy Nienstedt

As I shared in last month's newsletter, our "New Member Sunday 2020" was cancelled by the pandemic shutdown. It had been planned that we would welcome Rosalie Hoffman and Carol Locke during morning worship but instead they were welcomed as new members by acclamation of the church council.

Since opportunities for fellowship have been greatly limited this past year, you may not have been able to meet them. Last month I profiled Rosalie and now I will introduce you to Carol.

Carol Locke was born in Allentown, PA, and grew up in nearby Schnecksville. She has happy memories of growing up in Eastern Pennsylvania and its beauty holds a special place in her heart. Carol tells me as a girl she loved to roam the woods and study nature. Their home was near what is now known as the Trexler Nature Reserve where palomino horses used to roam free. (The horses were moved to the Lehigh Valley Zoo in 2004.) She graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown.

Carol's career took her to many different states. She worked in the Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia region for 16+ years for Computer Sciences Corporation as a technical writer, editor, data manager (prior to computers it was all hard copy), and logistician. She would later work in New Jersey and then again in Virginia. Eventually she found herself in New Hampshire where she wrote for magazines such as *Byte*, *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, and *Yankee*.

During her 25 years in New Hampshire, she also bought a motel with a historic home and adjoining barn on the property, built in 1765, which Carol operated as a bed and breakfast. The house was home to Daniel Webster starting in 1802 and his descendants remained there until the 1920's. It is also the place where she met her husband, Lee. They will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary this summer on July 8th.

The couple decided to try out a warmer climate and moved to Florida but soon realized they missed living up north! Carol and Lee chose Quincy Village for its beautiful grounds as well as its proximity to Carol's two sisters (one is at Menno Haven and the other lives at Leisure World in Silver Spring, MD.)

Carol came to Solomon's at the encouragement of so many of our Quincy Village members. She moved in around the same time as Alan and Marilys Johnson who invited her to visit the church. Carol says she especially enjoys hearing the hymns played on our pipe organ.

Carol still loves nature and spending time outdoors. She is also a very avid reader. Carol looks forward to returning to in person worship as the pandemic subsides. I invite you to reach out to Carol and introduce yourself when she does!



Miscellaneous

Contact **Frances Reichard** for all reservations for the rental of the gym. (717) 263-1705 or (717) 360-5243.

Willie & Karin Huber donated some items to the church. Some of the items will be for sale. Sunday, May 2, and May 9 is set aside for any member who may have interest in the items before we offer them at a yard sale.

Something Special to Share

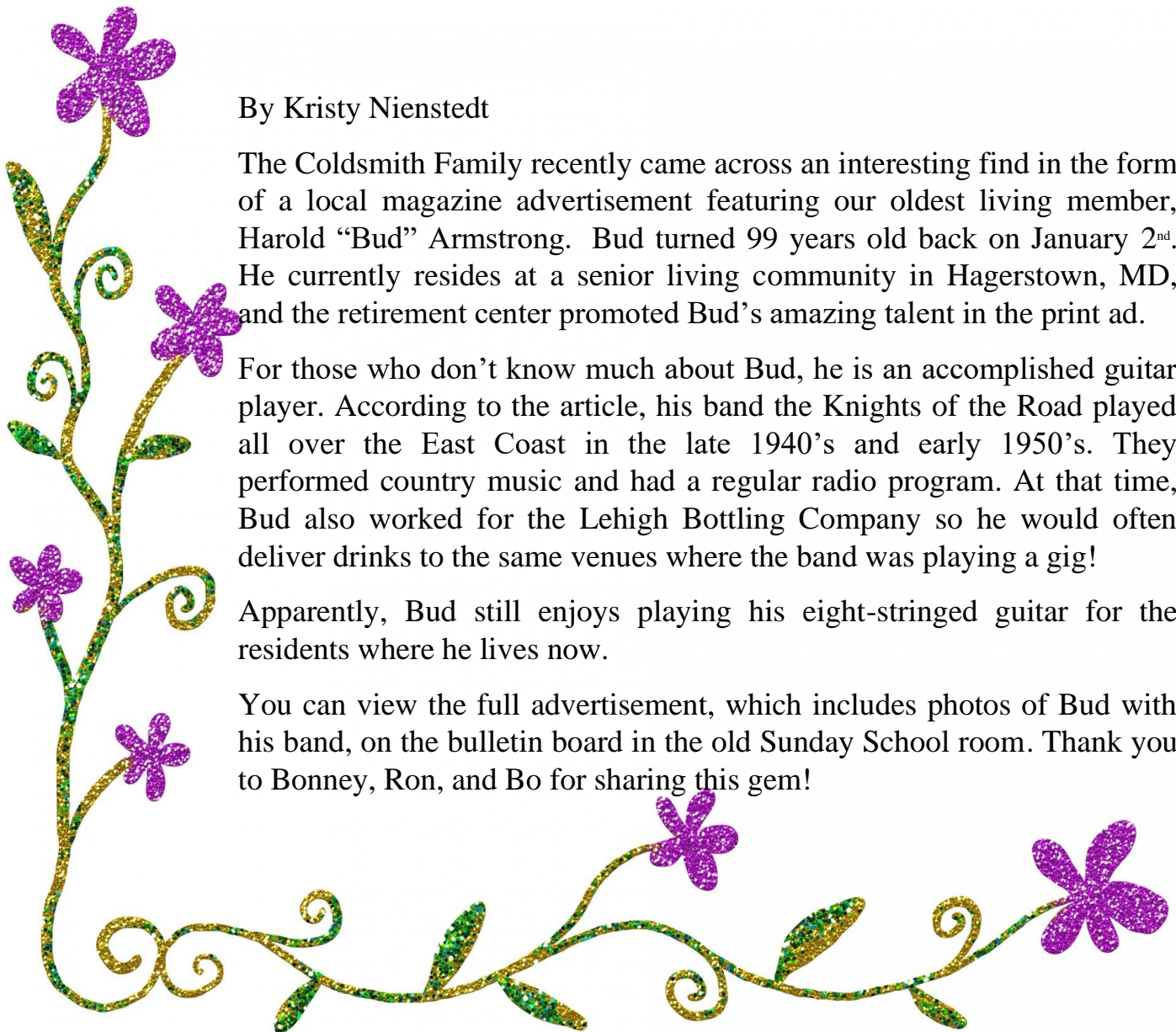
By Kristy Nienstedt

The Coldsmith Family recently came across an interesting find in the form of a local magazine advertisement featuring our oldest living member, Harold “Bud” Armstrong. Bud turned 99 years old back on January 2nd. He currently resides at a senior living community in Hagerstown, MD, and the retirement center promoted Bud’s amazing talent in the print ad.

For those who don’t know much about Bud, he is an accomplished guitar player. According to the article, his band the Knights of the Road played all over the East Coast in the late 1940’s and early 1950’s. They performed country music and had a regular radio program. At that time, Bud also worked for the Lehigh Bottling Company so he would often deliver drinks to the same venues where the band was playing a gig!

Apparently, Bud still enjoys playing his eight-stringed guitar for the residents where he lives now.

You can view the full advertisement, which includes photos of Bud with his band, on the bulletin board in the old Sunday School room. Thank you to Bonney, Ron, and Bo for sharing this gem!



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 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.

News from Solomon's Relay for Life Team

ACS - Relay for Life: Like most things in life these days our Relay event will look a little different this year. The Leadership team is continuing to meet, and we have a few things in place. Our event this year will be:

When: Friday, September 17, 2021

Time: 6 pm to 10 pm

Place: Norlo Park, Fayetteville, PA



We are planning to have our opening ceremony, survivor/caregiver reception, basket alley, walking path, luminaries, and other activities.

Don't forget to register and be part of Solomon's Team! You will need to log onto the website: relayforlife.org OR call 1-800-227-2345. There will not be paper registration forms this year.

Our current fundraising event is the Duck Derby. What is a Duck Derby you ask? When you purchase a ticket a cute little yellow rubber duck will have your number on it and then all the rubber ducks will be released into the Conocoheague Creek at 2nd Street in Chambersburg and will float to Fort Chambers Park. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and last place will be awarded on May 29th. Downtown Chambersburg is sponsoring this event. Purchase one duck for \$5.00 or a Quack Pack (6 ducks) for \$25.00.

Please see Becky Mull for tickets and questions.

Thank you for your support!

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

The **annual SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive** will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Because of your generous support, in the past the Auxiliary was able to make donations to SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice, SpiriTrust Lutheran LIFE, SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services, as well as The Inn Endowment Fund at The Village at Luther Ridge and many other important programs and services. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Becky Pecha, your congregational representative.

Michael's BBQ Chicken Fundraiser - Saturday, May 15th, starting at 10:30am. Drive



through service until sold out. Cost is \$12.00/dinner and includes ½ chicken, baked beans, applesauce, and a Martin's roll. The event will take place in front of Franklin Hardware & Pet Store, 1975 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg. Sponsored by the SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary. For pre-orders, see your congregation's auxiliary representative or call 717-860-7544.

Serving in May

	5/2/21	5/9/21	5/16/21	5/23/21	5/30/21
Head Usher	Bonney Coldsmith	Frances Reichard	Frances Reichard	Frances Reichard	Frances Reichard
Lector	Carole Darr	Margie Dale	Patricia Yetter	Terry Fell	Karen Wolfinger
Acolyte	Aaron Shreiner	Katy Nienstedt	Rebekah Aldrich	Sarah Aldrich	Sam Nienstedt
Communion Assistant	Margie Dale				
Bread Cubes	Frances Reichard				
Communion Set-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Communion Clean-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire & Bernie Harris				

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** for a Sunday during the month of June, the 27th is still available. Please email or call Kimberly (office@solomonslutheran.org / 717 267-2266).

Have an item for the June newsletter?! Deadline is **May 17th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.



Celebrating a Birthday in May....

5/1	Robin Mull	5/13	Nancy Kuykendall
5/7	Judy Johnson	5/18	Carole Rau
5/11	Ron Coldsmith	5/18	Nancy Marshall
5/11	Sam Nienstedt (10 th)	5/23	Margie Dale
5/12	Kathy Bowen	5/23	Jerry Laney
5/13	Carolyn Clouser	5/25	Sam Mull



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in May...

5/3	Mark & Sally Gayman
5/14	Jerry & Ilona Laney
5/21	Sean & Chelsea Kindall
5/26	Dan & Roxy Bothe

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OR check us out on *YouTube!*

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"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.."

Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)