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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

*"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love."* Prayer of St. Francis

October 4 is the day the church marks the Feast of Saint Francis, commemorating the life of St. Francis of Assisi, who was born in the 12th century. Francis is known for his sacrificial love for others and notably for his love of animals and the environment.

The commemoration of St. Francis is considered a lesser festival in the Lutheran Church. Many people celebrate *"Blessing of the Animals"* on or around October 4. If you have a beloved animal that you would like to receive a blessing, several Lutheran churches in our community are offering this on Sunday, October 3. All are welcome to bring their pets and animals.

- Trinity Chambersburg, 1:30PM, Trinity Greencastle, 2PM, St Luke Chambersburg, 4PM

Above all, Francis set out to imitate Christ and literally carry out his work. He preached: "Your God is of your flesh, He lives in your nearest neighbor, in every man." Francis believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", and even preached to the birds.

Today, Franciscan friars wearing the traditional simple brown robes continue his work in their service and giving to those in need in our world. While most of us will never live a monastic life, there are many opportunities to join a retreat devoted to meditation, prayer, worship, studying Scripture, introspection, and community modeled after the Franciscan way of life.

A few years ago, I spent a few days on a retreat with a Lutheran Franciscan community in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. It was a deeply spiritual experience and a time of renewal for me. I invite you to consider

attending a retreat. I also suggest to you a prayerbook available on Amazon entitled “Rule for a New Brother.” This book would be a great resource for a small group prayer gathering.

In closing, I leave you with the “*Prayer of St. Francis*,” which I encourage you to read and contemplate on October 4 and throughout the month.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

See you in church.

Peace and joy in Christ!

Pastor Bill



Gospel Readings for OCTOBER:

- Sunday, October 3rd – Mark 10:2-16
- Sunday, October 10th – Mark 10:17-31
- Sunday, October 17th – Mark 10:35-45
- Sunday, October 24th – Mark 10:46-52
- Sunday, October 31st – Mark 12:28-34



Welcome New Member...by Kristy Nienstedt

As I shared in the September newsletter, Solomon's welcomed its newest disciple, Earl "Sarge" Weaver on July 11, 2021. Since opportunities for fellowship have been greatly limited due to the pandemic, you may not have been able to meet him. Here's a little bit of an introduction to Sarge....

Earl "Sarge" Weaver was born in Hagerstown, Maryland but grew up primarily in Greencastle. Later his family took up residence in the Chambersburg area.

He has been married to his wife Barbara for 54 years and they have two daughters, Kelly and Melissa. They have been blessed with many grandchildren ranging in age from 7 years to 30 years!

Prior to his retirement, Sarge worked primarily in assorted farming-related industries including work as a farm equipment mechanic. He now enjoys cheering on the Penn State football team.

I asked Sarge how he came by his nickname and it is a rather sweet story. When his father returned from World War II with the rank of Sergeant, his mother took some of the stripes from his father's old uniform to make him a little miniature one! He's been called "Sarge" ever since the age of three years old. He jokes some people have no idea his real name is Earl!

Sarge is very happy to be a part of our Solomon's church community. I invite you to reach out and introduce yourself to him if you haven't already done so.

Serving in October

	10/3/21	10/10/21	10/17/21	10/24/21	10/31/21
Head Usher	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen
Lector	Richard Graven	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	Rebekah Aldrich	Sarah Aldrich	Katy Nienstedt	Sam Nienstedt	Aaron Shreiner
Communion Set-Up	Margie & Wayne Dale	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado
Communion Clean-Up	Margie & Wayne Dale	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado
Bread Cubes	Margie Dale	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado	Lilly & Bill Chiado
Communion Assistant	Margie Dale				
Securing Offering	Ilona Laney & Sam Mull				

News from the Worship & Music Committee

This month you will be receiving Time and Talent Sheets. Did you know that it takes several volunteers on a given Sunday to make the morning worship service happen?! These sheets are designed to give you an overview of what needs exist so you can see which ones best match your talents and interests.

In addition to the time and talent sheets, the Worship and Music Committee will once again be placing sign-up sheets on the tables in the Sunday School Room in November. You can volunteer on specific Sundays for the first six months of 2022. This approach offers you the opportunity to choose which dates accommodate your schedule.

“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 Christian Education Committee

Sunday School Is in Session--Sunday morning classes begin at 9:00 a.m.! Youth Sunday School meets downstairs. Adult Class meets in the Sunday School room.



Chambersburg Area CROP Walk - CROP Walk is the grassroots community interfaith fundraiser sponsored by Church World Service. It is a worldwide effort to help the needy help themselves. Part of the money that is raised locally is used to assist the Chambersburg Area Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. CROP allows people from different area churches to walk hand in hand together. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to join with other people of faith to fight the good fight.

This year's CROP Walk will take place on October 17 beginning at 1:30 p.m. It will commence from Central Presbyterian Church and follow a 2 1/2-mile route that circles the downtown area.

For walkers, envelopes are available from Edna Harris for your donations. If you wish to contribute but not walk, see Edna Harris. Checks can be made out to Solomon's with CROP Walk in the memo line.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for supporting our Personal Care Kit mission. The goal of Social Ministry was to collect enough items to fill 30 kits, but with your help we were able to complete 39 kits. Also, thanks to those of you who helped assemble the kits on Rally Day.



Saturday, October 9, 2021

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Spaghetti Dinner

All you can eat: Spaghetti w/ meatballs, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverage

**at Solomon's Lutheran Church
4856 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg**

All Tickets Sold at the Door

Adults - \$10.00

Children 3-10 - \$5.00

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at Luther Ridge**

Special Worship Opportunities



Stewardship Sunday

October 17, 2021

As you prepare to complete your *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets for next year, prayerfully consider what gifts God has given you. Please bring your completed *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets with you to church on October 17th or send them to the office. They will be given as an offering to God during the worship service.

Fund Raising Committee

Apple Butter – We will be selling homemade **Apple Butter in ½ Pint \$4.00 and Pint Jars \$7.00.** Orders due Sunday October 10th. Pick up dates will be Saturday Oct 30th between 10 am and 12:00 pm and Sunday Oct 31st after Church.

Candy Making – **Thursday October 28th & Friday October 29th** (if needed) - **Set-up – Wednesday October 27th** – Sign-up to help make candy – 6:30 am – Need people to stir chocolate during melting process; 8:00 am – dip chocolate into paper cups – Sign-up sheets will be in the Sunday School room, or you can call Zoe Mummert 717 267-1777 please leave a message with dates and times you can help. You can also email Zoe at zemummert@gmail.com . We will have stations spaced throughout the gym in small groups. You'll have to wear gloves and hat/hairnet, mask if required at the time (gloves and hairnets will be provided). **Chocolate Candy \$12.00/1 lb. bag & \$7.00/1/2 lb. bag.** **Orders due Sunday, October 10th.** Pick up dates will be Saturday, October 30th between 10 am and 12:00 pm and Sunday, October 31st after Church. Please make sure you hand in your candy orders before Candy Making Day, so we can plan on how much we're making. You can always add on at any time. Thank you for your help and support.

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** for a Sunday during the month of October or November, the following dates are still available: 10/31, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28. Please email or call Kimberly (office@solomonslutheran.org / 717 267-2266).

Have an item for the November newsletter?! Deadline is **October 15th.** Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating a Birthday in October....

10/2 Sally Gayman
10/3 Roxy Bothe
10/4 Richard Graven
10/9 Wayne Norman
10/15 Kristy Nienstedt
10/17 Ty Gross

10/18 Joe Mock
10/20 Elizabeth Schultz
10/22 John Wolfinger
10/24 Ginny Detwiler
10/29 Linda Hess
10/31 Randy Hess



Luncheon Invitation Oct 3: The congregation is invited to attend a light luncheon in celebration of Richard Graven's 91st birthday on October 3 in the Fellowship Center after church. Meet his family and enjoy his presentation on "How I Became a Christian".



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October...

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

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Join us Sunday mornings!

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

OR check us out on *YouTube!*
Links are listed on our website.

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

Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)