



**SOLOMON'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends at Solomon's Lutheran Church,

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

With mixed emotions, I write to inform you that I will be retiring from fulltime ministry on December 31, 2021. I have served Solomon's for nearly eleven years, and I am deeply thankful and filled with gratitude to have walked alongside you in times of joy and sorrow as we together have shared the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond.

While this can be a challenging time of transition, I am confident that the Holy Spirit is already preparing for a new season of ministry at Solomon's Lutheran Church. Know that there will be exciting and fruitful times ahead as you discern a future vision and ways you can grow the ministries of your congregation and invite new disciples into your midst.

Kristy, Katy, Sam, and I will continue to make Chambersburg our home as we share time with Kristy's parents at Luther Ridge and take part in many school and extracurricular activities. I plan to be active with volunteer opportunities and to occasionally supply preach at area congregations. We also plan to visit family and friends and travel when the children are finished with school in the spring.

Again, I am humbly honored to have served you all as an under-shepherd of Jesus over the past decade and I pray that God will guide us all in the next chapter of life and ministry. Know that I will be fully engaged at

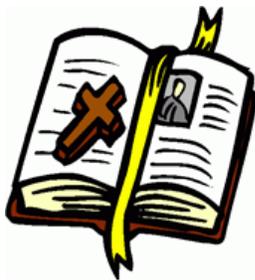
Solomon's for the rest of the year. I look forward to speaking with many of you in the coming weeks and Kristy and I will assist with the transition as needed and appropriate.

Know also that you are not alone. The staff of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the conference dean will be invaluable in the transition and discernment process. I encourage you to pray often, asking for God's guidance and strength as you look toward a future of hope.

See you in church.

Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Bill



Gospel Readings for NOVEMBER:

Sunday, November 7th – John 11:32-44

Sunday, November 14th – Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 21st – John 18:33-37

Sunday, November 28th – Luke 21:25-36

Honoring Our Veterans



On Veteran's Day, Thursday, 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
Sarge Weaver
Bill Brindle
Bill Chiado
Richard Graven
Rich McEntire

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

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

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards, calls and prayers during my unfortunate hospital stay. I am doing well, just a bit of trouble getting up from a chair. 😊 My address has changed, and I am using a cell phone exclusively. My new room is of course smaller than the cottage, but it is comfortable and pretty. Come and see me!



Serving in November

	11/7/21	11/14/21	11/21/21	11/28/21	
Head Usher	Margie Dale	Margie Dale	Bonney Coldsmith	Bonney Coldsmith	
Lector	Rich McEntire	Janice McEntire	Sam Mull	Kathy Bowen	
Acolyte	Sarah Aldrich	Rebekah Aldrich	Aaron Shreiner	Sam Nienstedt	
Communion Set-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	
Communion Clean-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	
Communion Assistant	Wayne Dale				
Bread Cubes	Margie Dale				
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire & Phil Johnson				

Ministry Safety and Security briefing

The Ministry Safety and Security Team will be presenting a special Church Security Briefing presented by Chambersburg Police Department Sgt Anthony Rosenberry, immediately after worship Sunday November 21st in the Sanctuary. Everyone is urged to stay after Worship for this important information.
Any Questions can be directed to Wayne Dale.

An Invitation to the Antietam Memorial Illumination

On **Saturday, December 4, 2021**, Antietam National Battlefield will host the **32nd/33rd Annual Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination** in honor of those soldiers who fell during the Battle of Antietam. Solomon's will join over 1,400 volunteers to place luminaries and light candles dedicated to those brave soldiers.

Please join us this year as Solomon's celebrates 26 years of volunteering at Antietam. **Solomon's is in charge of setting out 720 luminaries beginning at 10 AM.** We will also light the candles around 2:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be on the Sunday School room bulletin board. If you have any questions, please talk to Bonney Coldsmith.

News from the Christian Education Committee

Youth Christmas Party

Saturday December 11, 2021

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Solomon's Fellowship Center

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm:

Chicken Fingers, Tater Tots, Carrots, Celery, Dip,
Christmas Cookies, Ice Cream Sundaes & Drink.

Join us for: Crafts, Food & Fun
Sign-up Sheet will be in the Sunday School Room



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Adult Sunday School Teacher/Leader: Anyone who would be interested in helping teach/lead the Adult Sunday School Class starting January 2022 please contact Janice McEntire.

FYI – Christian Education Committee will be meeting every second Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

News from Social Ministry

Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated by walking or donating in the Crop Walk. We had 6 walkers and raised a total of \$255.00.

During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. You may place items in the gray totes in the Sunday School room or under the coat rack at the back door.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Bring joy to the less fortunate by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in front of the Butcher Shoppe on Saturday, November 27. We are asking for one hour of your time between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sunday school room. Any question, see Edna Harris.

Volunteer Opportunities In Our Larger Community

Volunteer Opportunities at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge

We are thrilled to welcome volunteers back to our campus! Please consider spending quality time with our residents through the following opportunities:

Off-site escorts for independent living are currently needed. These volunteers provide an essential service by accompanying independent living residents along with team members on off-campus outings, such as group trips to concerts, restaurants, theatre productions, and other local events. This is a great way to spend time with residents while helping to provide a safe outing. Volunteer meals and ticket costs are covered on these trips.

Life Enrichment volunteers are needed at the personal care and skilled care levels. These volunteers assist by leading or helping residents to participate in games, crafts, or other activities. If you are a “crafty” person or enjoy playing cards or other games, this could be for you. Bingo is also very popular so we also have a particular need for bingo callers.

If you are interested in these opportunities or would like to explore other possibilities, please reach out to Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org.

Special Worship Opportunities



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 7th at 10:15 a.m.

We remember all the saints at Solomon's who entered the church triumphant in the past year. A chime will ring as the names of those who have died are read aloud: Nelle Mummert and Joyce Wildeson.

Friendly Reminders

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



Remember to change your clocks on November 7th.



Saturday

November 20th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

"Thanksgiving Dinner"

All you can eat: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, corn, peas & carrots, cranberry relish, applesauce, roll & butter.

Dessert: pumpkin or apple pie.

Drink options: Coffee, hot tea and water.

at **Solomon's Lutheran Church**
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Take out meals will be available

Adults - \$14.00

Children 5-11- \$7.00

Children under 5- Free

Proceeds to benefit our local Salvation Army

2021 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate (beside the Baptismal Font), along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Deadline for **red, or marble (pink & white)** poinsettias is November 28, 2021. Cost is \$7.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot.

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

(name)

Red _____ Marble _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total Poinsettias ordered _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

Poinsettias must be taken home on Dec. 24th *after the evening service*.
Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.



Celebrating a Birthday in November....

11/1	Paul Skelly	11/16	Garrett Gross
11/1	Carole Darr	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



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in November...

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

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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)