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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**

[God said to Abraham] *"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."* Genesis 12:2

The weather is finally feeling seasonal and the trees are turning color. Last week, the smell of apple butter wafted through the building as the disciples and friends of Solomon's again made apple dumplings, whoopee pies, pies and baked goods for the community. It's also that time of year when we give thanks to God for our abundant blessings and look forward to the coming year.

First, I want to say thank you to all our disciples who generously pledged their time, talent and financial support for the ministries of our congregation for 2019. The people of Solomon's have been blessed so that they can be a blessing and it shows in so many ways. Thank you again for your continued support.

In Genesis, God blesses Abraham and Sarah in order that they can do God's work and build a nation of God's people. Later, the prophet Isaiah proclaims how God continues to bless the Israelites: "I am the LORD...I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given a covenant to the people, a light to the nations." (Isaiah 42:6) And Peter addresses the early Christians: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Christ who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

Today, here at Solomon's, God continues to bless us so we can change lives and bring the light of Christ to people in our community and the world. This is the big picture of who we are and who we are called to be. Of course, this doesn't just happen by itself; it takes the efforts of all the people of the congregation in their giving of time, talent and money.

Have you ever considered the primary reasons people support the church? According to J. Clif Christopher, a pastor and author of several books on church finance and stewardship, there are dozens of reasons people give to the church, but the three main reasons are: 1. Confidence in the vision and mission of the congregation, 2. Confidence in the staff and lastly 3. Support the fiscal stability of the institution.

Interestingly, the number one reason people give to the church is confidence in the church's mission. While the financial health of the congregation is vitally important, it is the vision and mission of the church that is paramount. Are we sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we do? Do we make Christ's presence known in our worship and other ministries? Do we serve others in Jesus' name? How are we preaching and teaching the faith to young people, adults and seniors? Are we sharing God's abundant blessings with others inside the congregation, as well as to others in our community?

I believe we are focused on our mission at Solomon's but we must always look to how we can build on our strengths, identify our challenges and grow into the future. It is true: we have many challenges in the church. But remember that we have almost two hundred disciples and Jesus began with only twelve. I am confident that our future is bright. We are doing "God's Work with Our Hands."

See you in church.  
Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Bill

## Special Worship Opportunities

### *All Saints Sunday* Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.

We remember all the saints at Solomon's who entered the church triumphant in the past year. We will begin worship with thanksgiving for baptism, recalling that we are joined to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A chime will ring as the names of those who have died are read aloud: Jim Bowen, Arlene Brill, John Deardorff, Lenora Deardorff, and Sarah Henneberger.

### *Thanksgiving Worship Service* Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.



We will celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks to God for all our blessings in Sunday worship on this day. **You are encouraged to write down one thing you are thankful for on a slip of paper and place it in baskets located at either entrance to the sanctuary.** We will bring them forward with the offering and the communion elements as a visible sign of God's abundant gifts.

## News from the Church Council

**Annual Fall Congregational Meeting**—There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the morning worship service. The congregation will elect members to the church council as well as vote on a 2019 operational budget recommended by the church council. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and participation in this important meeting. Look for more information by mail in early November and please bring it to the meeting.

## News from Social Ministry

**Lunch, Learn & Play**--On Wednesday, **Nov.7<sup>th</sup>**, we will be playing the card game **Phase 10**. *We are asking for attendees to 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!! LLP runs from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. so come on out and bring a friend!

**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: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Items being sought include toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, and baby diapers and wipes.

**Salvation Army Bell-Ringing**-- On **Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will go to the Butcher Shoppe to ring the bell and collect donations for the Salvation Army's red kettle. It's a Christmas tradition you will want to be a part of! Shifts run between **8 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Sign up in the old Sunday School room.

## News from the Kitchen Committee

**Thanksgiving Dinner Preparations**-- Help is needed to prepare food for the upcoming Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Help is also being sought to serve the meal and clean up afterwards. See the sign-up sheets in the old Sunday School room for specific shifts. Thanks in advance for your support!

The **food preparation** work schedule will be as follows:

**Nov. 7** at 6 PM – cut up bread to make filling (bring along electric knife to cut bread) and prepare turkeys for roasting

**Nov. 8** from 7-11 AM – roast turkeys

**Nov. 8** at 1 PM – cut up turkeys

**Nov. 9** at 9 AM – make pies

**Nov. 9** at 9 AM – set up tables, chairs

## News from Christian Education

**Clearances**--Just a reminder that anyone who works with our youth must have updated clearances. Paperwork will be handed out in November and is due back to Zoe Mummert by Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Christmas Dinner & Movie Night**--Remember to save the date of **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will be enjoying a meal together followed by a screening of the 2017 animated movie **The Star**. Bring your favorite blanket or sleeping bag and a pillow to get cozy as we view it in the conference room!

## From Pastor Bill

**Fall Bible Study**—Join Pastor Bill on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the conference room for an informal Bible Study. We are beginning a new study so please join us! Please note: NO class on November 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship



*Paint with Us! A Relay for Life Fundraiser*  
**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**  
**at Solomon's Lutheran Church**

We are excited to welcome local artist Charlie Harr of Charlie's Art & Soul leading us as we paint a lovely winter scene. All skill levels of painters are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door the day of the event.  
Seating is limited so you are encouraged to pre-register!  
Contact Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert for tickets

## *Lunch, Learn, & Play!*

**Wednesday, November 7th**  
**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**  
**Solomon's Fellowship Center**



**Enjoy lunch with friends as we play the game *Phase 10!***

*Sign up in the old Sunday School room.*  
*Need transportation? Contact Edna Harris*



Menu Includes Roast Turkey, Filling/Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peas & Carrots, Cranberry Relish, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, Apple & Pumpkin Pie, Water, Coffee & Tea.

## Save the Date!

### *Christmas Is Coming!!*

*Be sure to mark these fun and inspiring ways to celebrate on your holiday calendar!*

**Secret Pal Luncheon, Sunday, December 2nd (12 noon)**

**Youth Christmas Dinner & Movie Night , Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (6-8 p.m.)**

**Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins, Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> (10:15 a.m. Worship Service)**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Special Music begins at 7:10 p.m.)**

## An Invitation to the Antietam Memorial Illumination

On **Saturday, December 1, 2018**, Antietam National Battle Field will host the **30<sup>th</sup> 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 24 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, then gather for a Memorial Service at 4:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be on the Sunday School room bulletin board beginning November 4. If you have any questions, please talk to Sally Gayman or Bonney Coldsmith.

## A Special "AppleFest" Thank You

From Zoe Mummert, on behalf of the Fundraising Committee....

We would like to thank everyone for another successful year! We appreciate all pre-sold items and for all "**your**" hard work. It's amazing how much we accomplished! When there is a task put before us, we as a church come together. We couldn't have done this without "**everyone's**" help, thank you.

**See the chart below with the total of our sales.**

Apple Dumplings	792
Apple Pies	65
Apple Crisp	85
Whoopee Pies	830
Breads	105
Apple Butter 4 oz./8 oz.	4/73
Apple Butter Pint/Quart	59/2

## Server Sign-Up Sheets Update

On **Commitment** Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the congregation were invited to submit their *Time & Talent* sheets as well as their financial pledge forms. Traditionally, the *Time & Talent* sheets were then used to create a master server schedule. However, this year, the Worship & Music Committee is piloting a new approach to the server schedules. Members may now choose which specific dates/months they would like to volunteer. Large sign-up sheets are currently posted in the old Sunday School room with the "Jobs" needed.

Many individuals have already signed on for duty! Thank you!! However, there are still a number of slots that need volunteers: **communion ministers, altar guild-related tasks, and handling the flowers.** (**Please Note:** The flower duties have been revamped for 2019. Volunteers will no longer need to deliver the flowers but help is still needed to prepare them for transport either for the purchaser and/or for Pastor Bill to deliver them.) Please prayerfully consider whether you could serve in one of these capacities. Remember, it is by week, so you could even just try it out once and see how it goes!!

## Happening In Our Larger Community...



There is no Wellness Talk scheduled for November but watch this space for upcoming Talks in the new year!

**Dinner at the Ridge** will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, November 14th, 2018**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for November is creamed lettuce, roast turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, baked corn, dinner roll with butter, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.



**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 **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you come and don't see the Bookmobile Bus, look for the Bookmobile Van.

## News from the SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

**Annual Fall Meeting**-- The annual fall meeting of the Auxiliary will take place **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Fleck Center on the campus of SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge. The morning will begin with a breakfast at **9 a.m.** Following breakfast, we will elect officers and pass a budget for 2019. All members of the Auxiliary are invited to attend. The cost for breakfast is \$5.00. Please call Margie Dale at 717-263-0088 by November 2<sup>nd</sup> if you plan to attend.

**Discount Cards Fundraiser**-- The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is currently selling discount cards which feature discounts from local merchants. To receive the discount shown on the card, simply present the card when making your purchase. The cost of each card is \$5.00. To purchase cards, please see Margie Dale or Gladys Mull and/or contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or [lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org](mailto:lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org).

These cards will make great stocking stuffers for family and friends living in the area!

## Remembering our Homebound Members

As we gather together to celebrate the holidays, please remember those members of our Solomon's "Family" who are now homebound. No doubt they would love to get a holiday greeting from you! (Their addresses can be found in our Solomon's directory unless otherwise noted.)

Harold "Bud" Armstrong  
Connie & Ferd Bikle  
Jack Bowen  
Ray Fell

Bonnie Hudson  
Helen Hess  
Frances Kramer  
Marjorie McMullin

Linda Russ  
Clayton Schwartz  
Bob Shreiner  
Gerald & Esther Schultz

## Serving in November

	11/4/18	11/11/18	11/18/18	11/25/18	
Assisting Minister	Carole Darr				
Lector	Kristy Nienstedt	Rich McEntire	Wayne Dale	Bonney Coldsmith	
Acolyte	Audrey Shenberger	Rebekah Aldrich	Katy Nienstedt	Clark Shenberger	
Ushers	Head Ushers: Bonney Coldsmith; Joe Wolfinger, Becky Pecha, Becky Mull				
Greeters	Barbara & Rebekah Aldrich	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Margie Dale Marilys Johnson	Sam & Becky Mull	
Children's Church		Tammy Helman Karen Wolfinger		Heidi Shenberger Marilys Johnson	
Nursery	"On Call" If Needed: Kristy Nienstedt, Barbara Aldrich, and/or Marilyns Johnson				
After Service Coffee	Bonney Coldsmith	Patsy Wildeson	Alan & Marilyns Johnson	Becky Mull	
Communion Servers	Lilly Chiado (Challis), Becky Mull (Cups), Ilona Laney (Trays)				
Communion Bread	Kristy Nienstedt				
Communion Set-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Communion Clean-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Flower Delivery	Heidi Shenberger				
Securing Offering	Bill Chiado, Duane Shenberger				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Gladys Mull				



### Gospel Readings for November:

*All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>--John 11:32-44*

*Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>--Mark 12:38-44*

*Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>--Mark 13:1-8*

*Thanksgiving, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>--Matt. 6:25-33*

*Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>--John 18:33-37*



### **Celebrating a Birthday in November....**

11/1 Paul Skelly	11/16 Garrett Gross (5 <sup>th</sup> )
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 (10 <sup>th</sup> )	11/22 Raymond Fell
11/13 Mark Gayman	11/23 Frances Reichard
11/15 Ina Shreiner	11/24 Brandon Mummert
11/16 Joe Hess	

### **Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in November...**

11/4	Ron & Bonney Coldsmith
11/13	Chris & Barbara Aldrich
11/22	Ferd & Connie Bikle



**Don't Forget! Poinsettia Orders Are Due on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>!**

## A Special Prayer

From our member Ruth McNeill:

I thought this prayer would be a nice addition to our newsletter. The person (Robert J. Wicks) who wrote it has his doctorate in psychology and specializes in the treatment and mentoring of professional helpers and healers such as physicians, nurses, priests, ministers, psychotherapists, and teachers. He is on faculty at Loyola College in Baltimore where he teaches pastoral counselling.

### My EVENING PRAYER

**Now, as I watch the fading soft colors of dusk,  
I pause, breathe deeply, and remember You.  
My heart is tired, yet I am filled with hope.  
My body aches, but my spirit is at home.**

**As I stretch and lie down for the evening,  
Let worrying cease,  
my tired muscles relax,  
my nose stop running,  
my plans wait for morning...  
my heart be at *peace*.**

**Yes, let me sleep in Your arms  
Until a fresh clear morning awakens me,  
So I can greet You with *love*...once again.  
Amen.**

**Written by Robert J. Wicks  
Author of  
*After 50 Spiritually Embracing Your Own Wisdom Years***

## Honoring Our Veterans

On Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Americans remember those among us who have served our nation both domestically and abroad, in war time and in peace. If you see one of our Solomon's veterans, be sure to tell them thanks! May God bless all our veterans!!

Solomon's Veterans include the following members:

Harold "Bud" Armstrong  
Jack Bowen  
Hugh McNeill  
Gerald Schultz  
Bill Brindle  
Bill Chiado  
Richard Graven  
Bernie Harris

Clayton Schwartz  
Don Wildeson  
Alan Johnson  
Phil Johnson  
Norm Kuykendall  
Jerry Laney  
Rich McEntire  
Joe Mock

Keith Kuykendall  
Mark Kuykendall  
Wayne Norman  
Joe Wolfinger  
Bob Shreiner

## Stewardship Bouquets

**Thank you** to the Christian Education Committee for hosting a fun-filled Fall Youth Night at Lincoln Lanes.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported AppleFest 2018 whether by their donations, sales, and/or labor. Special shout-out to Zoe Mummert for once again organizing everything so well.

**Thank you** to our Stewardship Committee (Becky & Sam Mull, and Pastor Bill) for their faithful service all year but especially during October's Stewardship Campaign.

**Thank you** to all the members who submitted financial commitment cards and/or "time & talent" sheets. Your generous and continued support of Solomon's ministries are greatly appreciated!

**Thank you** to Heidi and Duane Shenberger and Mercersburg Printing for creating this year's Server Schedule Sign-Up posters.

**Thank you** to our youth (Audrey, Clark, Katy, Madison, Rebekah, Sam, and Sarah) and the "Mom Trio" (Barbara, Heidi, and Kristy) for their time practicing and preparing for Youth Sunday. The kids all did a great job!

**Thank you** to our 2018 CROP Walk Participants: Bernie & Edna Harris, Phil & Colleen Johnson, and the Nienstedt Family. Thanks also to all those individuals who supported our walkers with their donations.

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

**Thank you** to all the members who faithfully assist with food preparations for dinners in the Fellowship Center.

**Thank you** to Duane Shenberger and his team at Mercersburg Printing for their donation of time and creative energy in updating our church website. Be sure to check it out!

## From the Editor

**Have an announcement for the December newsletter?** Please submit your items to Kristy Nienstedt by **November 14th**. Note this is EARLIER than usual due to the Thanksgiving holiday. She can be reached via email at [kristynienstedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristynienstedt@gmail.com) or you can place information in her church mailbox.

**Text "REMIND" List**--Solomon's is gathering updated cell phone numbers and/or email addresses of members. This list will only be used for time sensitive announcements (weather cancellations, funeral notices, due date reminders) via text and email. The numbers will NOT be published. If you have not done so already but would like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet. This is also a good time to make sure your correct email address is being used for the e-version of our newsletter.

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Join us Sunday mornings!

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

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

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*“We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings  
and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth.”*

Harvest Prayer, ELW page 62