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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 Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."* John 1:14 *The Message*

Eugene Peterson, a Presbyterian minister, theologian, writer and scholar, was perhaps best known as the author of *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*. Peterson, who recently died at age 85, once said he loved almost every minute of being a pastor. His family wrote in a statement: "It feels fitting that his death came on a Monday, the day he always honored as a sabbath during his years as a pastor. Eugene has now entered into the fullness of the kingdom of God and has been embraced by eternal sabbath."

I especially appreciate *The Message*, Peterson's faithful translation of the Bible, which makes Scripture resonate in the context of our daily lives. Consider that Jesus not only comes into the world and lives a mortal human life, but he "moved into the neighborhood." The neighborhood Jesus lived in was not a place of privilege or honor but the neighborhood of deep human need. Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." (Luke 6:20b-21)

And Jesus moves into your neighborhood, wherever it may be. Jesus is with you in your joys as well as your deepest challenges. As we enter a new year and a new beginning, I invite you to reflect on how Jesus has transformed your neighborhood by his presence. Welcome others into your home and your heart with the love and peace of Christ. Even more, invite someone to worship with us so they can be our guest in our church neighborhood.

I am always amazed and grateful for the hospitality, support and love my family and I have received in the neighborhoods of Solomon's Lutheran Church. Whether I've been invited into the comfort of your home, or shared with you in the hospital, care facility or even at the death of a loved one, Jesus has been there with us in our midst.

Eugene Peterson once said, "I remain convinced that if you are called to it, being a pastor is the best life there is. But any life can be the best if you're called to it." This has been my experience as well and I thank God for the honor. Ultimately, we are called—each with our own unique gifts—to minister to each other, lifting each other up in mutual consolation and support.

Thank you for the privilege of walking with you and your family as your pastor. I truly feel that we are family. As we journey in the neighborhoods of our community and world in the coming year, I look forward to doing great ministry together. The best part is that we are not alone—Jesus is with us and promises to never let us go.

See you in church.  
Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Bill

## News from Social Ministry

**Lunch, Learn & Play**— Help us welcome the New Year in on **Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a pork & sauerkraut dinner followed by some games. All are welcome, invite your friends and neighbors. REMINDER: If the local schools are closed, or have a late start due to inclement weather, we will NOT have LLP.

**Prison Ministry Christmas Toy Drive**-- WOW!! We had an overflowing tote of stuffed animals and athletic balls for the children of inmates in the Franklin County prison. Thank you all very much!

**“Souper Bowl” Sunday**—Hard to believe it is that time of year once again. We don’t know the opposing teams yet. When we find out, pick your team and vote with a donation of soup placed in the corresponding container in the old church Sunday School room. Sunday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, is *Souper* Bowl Sunday!

## News from Relay for Life

Solomon’s Relay for Life thanks you for your support this past Fall with their assorted fundraisers including the *Paint with Us!* event, Dining Night at Panera, and holiday shirts sales. Be watching next month for more information about their upcoming Daffodils fundraiser.

## Reminders

**Pastor Bill’s Mid-Week Bible Study** resumes in January. The next class is **January 9<sup>th</sup>**. This group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the conference room. We will be continuing our study of Colossians.

**2019 Altar Flowers Chart**—Sally has posted the new altar flowers chart. The two flower arrangements together cost \$30. Members who donate flowers may choose to write a special dedication for the bulletin or simply give them to the glory of God. The chart can be found off the church entryway (leading out to Wayne Rd.) in the room to your left (as you face the altar). Many thanks to those who have already signed up!

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER** (as previously published in the October 2018 newsletter): If you would like to request specific types of flowers the week you are purchasing them, you need to contact the florist, Everlasting Love, **directly** with the understanding that you may have to pay an additional fee for special requests. Their phone number is 717-263-5009.

**Have an item for the February newsletter?!** Deadline is **January 16th**. Email Kristy Nienstedt at [kristynienstedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristynienstedt@gmail.com) or place it in her church mailbox.

## 2019 Calendar of Events

Chambersburg Conference Pastors Meeting.....	January 8
Congregation Meeting .....	February 10
Ash Wednesday Service .....	March 6
Wednesday Evening Lenten Suppers / Service.....	March 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10
Spring Youth Fun Night .....	March 23
Palm Sunday.....	April 14
Maundy Thursday Service.....	April 18
Good Friday Service .....	April 19
Easter Sunrise Service .....	April 21
Congregation Dinner .....	April 23
Easter Cantata .....	May 4
Spring Outdoor Service .....	May 26
Relay for Life Event at Norlo Park .....	June 7 & 8
Vacation Bible School.....	June 17-21
Vacation Bible School Celebration Service .....	June 23
Rally Day .....	September 8
Fall Outdoor Service .....	September 15
Fall Youth Fun Night .....	October 5
Make Apple Dumplings .....	October 11-19
Thanksgiving Dinner .....	November 16
Congregation Meeting .....	November 24
Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins.....	December 8
Children's Christmas Party .....	December 14
Secret Pal Luncheon .....	December 15
Christmas Cantata .....	December 22
Christmas Eve Service .....	December 24

## Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

### *Lunch, Learn, & Play!*



*New Year's Party*  
**Wednesday, January 2nd**  
**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**Solomon's Fellowship Center**

*Special Meal Featuring Pork and Sauerkraut!*

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

## November Congregational Meeting Minutes

**NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

I. Following a prayer offered by Pastor Bill Nienstedt, the meeting was called to order by Council President Bill Wepking at 11:25 PM.

**II. Nominations for Solomon's council were presented.** There are five openings in order to meet the minimum number of 10 council members according to the constitution. Nominees are as follows: Kathy Bowen, Bonney Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Jay Hunter, Sam Mull. Nominations were asked for from the floor. With no further nominations being offered, the nominations were closed with unanimous approval upon a Linda Wepking/Clif Rau motion. Ballots were distributed and the above listed nominees were elected to Solomon's Council.

**III. Solomon's 2019 budget was presented.** Items noted were: estimate of 2019 income - \$205,775 (2018 estimate - \$203,475); estimate of 2019 expenses - \$242,786 (2018 estimate - \$242,139); 2% salary increase to choir director, administrative assistant and custodian; total benevolence of 13%. The floor was opened for discussion. Questions were raised regarding an increase in continuing education for the Pastor, and a Christian Education budget increase. Discussion was held on these increases. Discussion was closed upon a Sam Mull/Duane Shenberger motion and with unanimous approval. Upon a Ron Coldsmith/Jay Kanagy motion and with a unanimous voice vote, Solomon's 2019 budget was approved.

The meeting was adjourned upon a Clif Rau/Carole Darr motion and with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted by Bonney K. Coldsmith, Council Secretary

## Happening In Our Larger Community...



There will be no Wellness Talk for the month of January. The program will resume in February.

**Dinner at the Ridge** will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for January is roast pork & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, creamed lettuce, Dutch green beans, dinner roll with butter, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, January 4th.



As noted in last month's newsletter, **the Franklin County Library Bookmobile Bus/Van is NO LONGER stopping at Solomon's**. Instead, it now stops at Providence Place on the first Thursday of the month from 11:00-11:30 a.m. For a complete list of Bookmobile stops, visit their Facebook page.

## News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

**Stephen Ministry Training Classes**-- A Stephen Minister is a lay Christian care-giver who has undergone extensive training in order to be able to provide comfort and support to someone going through a difficult time in their life. Whether it is a time of grief, loneliness, an extended illness or some other difficulty or life transition, a Stephen Minister is someone who stands ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christ-centered care.

A new Stephen Ministry training class is currently being planned for the spring of 2019. If you are interested in becoming a part of this powerful ministry or would like more information, please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or [lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org](mailto:lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org).

**Prayer Shawls Needed**-- Volunteers are currently needed to knit or crochet prayer shawls for residents at The Inn and the new Skilled Care facility opening in the spring of 2019. Please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or [lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org](mailto:lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org) if you are able to help with this project.

## In Recognition...

**Special Congratulations** go out to two of our Solomon's members for their recent achievements of note...

**Rebekah Aldrich**, currently an eighth grader at Chambersburg Area Middle School-South, was awarded the prestigious 4-H Junior Achievement Award at the 2018 Franklin County Member & Leader Recognition Banquet in late November. Besides her long list of projects and committee contributions, she was commended for her creative thinking and helpful demeanor. Yay Rebekah!

**Jared Mummert**, presently a middle school math teacher at Ferguson K-8 in York, was recognized as one of York City Schools' elite Shining Star Teachers. This award was given to 35 outstanding teachers from across the school district. They were honored at a special luncheon where they each received an engraved desk plaque and a personal letter of congratulations from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolfe. Way to go Jared!!!!

## Serving in January

	1/6/19	1/13/19	1/20/19	1/27/19	
Cantor	Alan Johnson	Gladys Mull	Sam Mull	Peggi Norman	
Lector	Alan Johnson	Patricia Yetter	Bonney Coldsmith	Gladys Mull	
Acolyte	Audrey Shenberger	Rebekah Aldrich	Clark Shenberger	Aaron Shreiner	
Ushers/Greeters	Bernie & Edna Harris	Bernie & Edna Harris	Ron & Bo Coldsmith	Bernie & Edna Harris	
Children's Church		Tammy Helman Becky Pecha		Karen Wolfinger Marilys Johnson	
After Service Coffee	Gladys Mull	Alan & Marilys Johnson	Bonney Coldsmith	Zoe Mummert	
Communion Asst. (Chalice)	Sam Mull	Peggi Norman	Heidi Shenberger	Ron Coldsmith	
Communion Asst. (Trays)	Bernie Harris	Bernie Harris	Bernie Harris	Bernie Harris	
Communion Bread	Ilona Laney				
Communion Set-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney				
Communion Clean-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Head Usher	Margie Dale				
Securing Offering	Margie Dale, Bernie Harris				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Gladys Mull				



### Gospel Readings for January:

Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany—Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>--Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>--John 2:1-11

Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>--Luke 4:14-21



### Celebrating a Birthday in January....

1/1	Hollie Taylor	1/12	Marie Dovey
1/2	Bud Armstrong (97 <sup>th</sup> )	1/16	Peggy Craven
1/4	Gertie Reichard	1/17	Ed Reichard
1/4	Carolyn McCleaf	1/19	Ferd Bikle, III
1/9	Sarah Aldrich	1/19	Rebekah Aldrich
1/9	Colleen Johnson	1/20	Helen Hess (92 <sup>nd</sup> )
1/11	Kristen Parr	1/21	Gerald Schultz (92 <sup>nd</sup> )
1/12	Kaitlyn Dovey	1/26	Clark Shenberger (10 <sup>th</sup> )

### Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in January...

1/31          Larry & Gloria Socks

### Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **M. Louise (nee Sponsler) Pile** who passed away on December 7, 2018 at the age of 96. Her life was celebrated at a funeral service on December 12<sup>th</sup> in Everett, PA.

Originally from Everett, Louise lived in Chambersburg for over 50 years and was an active member of Solomon's until she relocated to Rebecca's Personal Care Home in Everett a few years ago.

She married Simon Pile in 1948. He passed away in 1971. Louise worked as a secretary at Letterkenny Army Depot. She was known for being an avid bowler.

May God comfort her brother Jack Sponsler as well as the rest of her extended family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.

## Stewardship Bouquets

**Thank you** to Doug Mummert, our music director, and our adult choir for their beautiful Christmas Cantata. Thanks also to our Children's Choir for their lovely hymns throughout Advent and on Christmas Eve.

**Thank you** to the Christian Education Committee for another memory-making Children's Christmas Party.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in our 2018 Secret Pal program. Special thanks to those who coordinated and served the festive Christmas luncheon.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in our annual Caroling to the Homebound. Your joyful noises raised spirits!

**Thank you** to the Worship & Music Committee members for decorating the church for Christmas. Special thanks to Colleen Johnson for coordinating the poinsettias.

**Thank you** to the Social Ministry Committee for hosting the December Lunch, Learn, & Play Christmas Party.

**Thank you** to all those who donated a ball or stuffed animal for the prison ministry Christmas gift project.

**Thank you** to the Worship & Music Committee, especially Heidi Shenberger, for compiling the new Server Schedules for 2019.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the SpiriTrust Lutheran discount card fundraiser .

**Thank you** to all the members who came out to set up luminaries at Antietam.

**Thank you** to Lilly and Bill Chiado for coordinating the "Christmas Greeting Card" Christmas Tree.

**Thank you** to Linda Berberich for creating the beautiful Christmas arrangements in the outdoor planters.

**Thank you** to Kathy Bowen and Sam Mull, our newest members of the Church Council, for volunteering their time.

**Thank you** to Becky Mull, Tammy Helman, and Lisa Mentzer, who have completed their term on the Church Council.

**Thank you** to Bonney Coldsmith, Margie Dale, and Jay Hunter for volunteering for a second term on the Church Council.

## A Special Note of Thanks

Dear Solomon's Carolers,

Thank you for coming out to sing to me (on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>). I miss church very much and every one of you. After years of church being a regular part of my life, it is hard not worship with you. I can get transit during the week but not weekends.

Thank you very much for thinking of me and including me in your plans. Let me say "A Blessed Christmas to every one of you."

Yours in Christ,

Clayton (and Annamarie) Schwartz



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