



**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 Barb Barry

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter Sunday our words rang out loud and clear.

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Out of the ashes of defeat and death, God is doing a new thing. If we look back over our lives with the eyes of our hearts wide open, we can see God working resurrection out of ashes many times. God has a track record. We can trust God to keep promises. We celebrate Jesus raised from the dead and we know that promise is for us too. Not just after we die, although it is that, but right here right now in the middle of our lives today.

God is doing a new thing in our lives personally and in our family life here at Solomons.

I have a picture of the crucified Jesus hanging in my home office. When I sit at my desk, I see clearly Jesus' face; a crown of thorns encircles His head. The picture changes, though, when I stand up and walk toward the picture. Jesus' face slowly dissolves into dozens of faces of famous and not so famous people. The painting is an object lesson using paint brush and canvas.

Here at Solomons, we're not just a disconnected bunch of individuals who happen to come together on Sunday, worship together, and then go our separate ways. We are family together. We are called to be in relationship with one another to reflect the love and light of Jesus to each other and our neighbors. **WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

On Easter, God responded to the violence, oppression, and betrayal of humanity not with power and punishment but with love and forgiveness. God did a new thing raising Jesus from the dead. God is doing a new thing here at Solomons. Our story is one of hope, optimism, and possibility. We continue to trust that God will guide us as we seek direction in how to move forward in ministry and with the call process.

Check out our mission statement on the front of the bulletin. It reminds us our family of faith at Solomons is anchored in love, God's love. As we make decisions moving into the future, pray that God's love is our motivation and guide. Let's use our mission statement as our template for continuing to grow in trust, love, and connection.

God is doing a new thing at Solomons. May we open our hearts to the transformation that is surely happening as we grow in hope. May we see what God is doing at Solomons and in our community. Then, say yes, and join in the party!

Easter blessings to you!

Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for May:

- Sunday, May 1 - John 21:1-19
- Sunday, May 8 - John 10:22-30
- Sunday, May 15 - John 13:31-35
- Sunday, May 22 - John 14:23-29
- Sunday, May 29 - John 17:20-26

Serving in May

	5/1/22	5/8/22	5/15/22	5/22/22	5/29/22
Head Usher	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen
Lector	Terry Fell	Patricia Yetter	Rich McEntire	Bonney Coldsmith	Sam Mull
Acolyte	Sarah Aldrich	Rebekah Aldrich	Wayne Dale	Sam Mull	Aaron Shreiner
Communion Set-Up	Bill & Lily Chiado	Sam & Becky Mull	Wayne & Margie Dale	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado
Communion Clean-Up	Bill & Lily Chiado	Judy Johnson & Patricia Yetter	Wayne & Margie Dale	Bill & Lily Chiado	Bill & Lily Chiado
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire	Sam Mull	Margie Dale	Ron Coldsmith	Becky Mull
Bread Cubes	Bill & Lily Chiado	Margie Dale	Margie Dale	Bill & Lily Chiado	Bill & Lily Chiado
Securing Offering	Becky Mull & Larry Socks				



Remember to **like and follow Solomons Facebook page**. **Share posts** you find meaningful or inspirational. **Add your 5-star review** and a few words about why Solomons is a special place. Part of our mission is to proclaim the Good News boldly. We can reach countless people with our Facebook page.



Thank you from our synod office to the members of Solomon Lutheran Church for meeting our 2021 Mission Support Plan (\$14,500). The letter is hanging on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Room.



Sign-up Sheets for worship assistants for the rest of the year will be on the side table in the Sunday School room beginning April 24. Communion: bread, set-up, clean-up, and assistant will be on a monthly basis. If you can't commit to the entire month, please see if you can share the month with someone else. Acolytes and Lectors are on a weekly basis. If you find you can't fulfill a chosen date, please call someone to take your place. Let Kimberly in the office know so the bulletin and newsletter info stays up to date. Thank you for your commitment to help provide opportunities for meaningful worship at Solomons. Kimberly will publish the schedule for each month in the newsletter.



A Communion Visitation Team has been formed: Margie Dale, Wayne Dale, Phil Johnson and Connie and Bo Coldsmith. The team will meet for training in May and begin visiting in June. This is an exciting time for Solomons. Homebound folk are often lonely and need intentional connection with their faith family. The homebound list will be split between the pastor and the team. Homebound members will receive Communion each month either by the team or the pastor. This way the pastor will get to everyone every other month.



The council is forming a media ministry team where all things computer will be cared for under one umbrella. This includes the worship services, office computers, Facebook account, etc. The more people who help, the less work for everyone. Is God calling you to learn new ways of preaching the Good News boldly following the example of Jesus Christ? Wayne Norman has agreed to lead this group. Call him if you feel called to this ministry.

Power Pack Meals



POWER PACK MEALS: School is just about out and there is enough food available to fill the Power Pack Meals for the remainder of the school year. Therefore, we will not be collecting food items until August for the 2022-2023 school year. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated this past year. Solomon's members have been very generous.

News from Social Ministry

Do you have household items that you no longer use, but are in good condition? Two Afghan families will soon be settling in the area. The Chambersburg Area Conference of Churches has a storage unit with plenty of large pieces of furniture, however they are in need of coffee pots, lamps with bulbs, toasters/toaster oven, saucepans, chest of drawers, sharp kitchen knives, mops & buckets, vacuums, little tables & chairs (seats 2/4), tools (screw drivers/hammers, etc.) If you have any of these items, you would like to donate please see Edna Harris or Pastor Barb for information on the contact person.

MARANATHA PAPER DRIVE: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Maranatha Paper Drive this past month. The Food Bank is much appreciative of your donation.

News from the Finance Committee

Financial Report for March:

March Income:	\$23,792.00
Year to Date Income:	\$67,484.00
March Expenses:	\$19,192.00
Year to Date Expenses:	\$54,317.00

News from the Church Council

The link to the website for the approved Council Minutes from March 2022 is [2022 Council Minutes March Approved.pdf \(solomonslutheran.org\)](https://solomonslutheran.org/2022-Council-Minutes-March-Approved.pdf) hover over link and press **control** + **click** to follow link.

News from the Call Committee



Solomons' Call Committee invites you to attend one of the scheduled meetings to review and discuss the results of the ministry survey for the Ministry Site Profile. Those of you that completed a survey, will be able to see the final calculation of the survey. Those of you that were unable to complete a survey will be able to share your thoughts at the meeting you choose to attend. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11th at 7 PM (Coffee and dessert will be provided). The second meeting will be Sunday, May 15th immediately following Coffee Hour after the worship service. Both meetings will be held in the adult Sunday School room.

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

Annual Auxiliary Membership Drive

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. Your support allows the auxiliary to continue to make generous contributions to SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, including donations to the Inn Endowment Fund and Homecare & Hospice Endowment Fund. These funds are essential to providing continued benevolent care. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Becky Pecha, your congregational representative.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are currently needed to assist residential living residents and team members on off-campus outings to restaurants, concerts, theater performances, and educational presentations. Please contact Linda Beaver at lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge. Volunteers play an integral role in providing compassionate care and support to those we serve.

News from Solomon's Relay for Life Team

ACS – Relay for Life – SAVE THE DATE! We are hoping to see you on May 21, 2022, at Greencastle Antrim High School, located at 300 S. Ridge Avenue, Greencastle, PA. Relay will start at 10:00 am and additional details will be posted shortly. There will be Basket Ally so bring some cash and take a chance! Don't forget to visit the ACS website to join our team and sign up as a survivor at www.relayforlife.org. Luminary forms are attached to this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Solomon's Relay for Life Team Basket Alley



We are looking for donations of Scratch-Off Lottery Tickets to place in our teams Lottery/Flowerpot for the Relay for Life Basket Alley Event to be held during the Relay for Life of Greencastle on Saturday May 21, 2022. Any dollar amount is appreciated. Please give your tickets or cash donations to Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert by Sunday May 8, 2022.

Solomon's Lutheran Church VBS 2022



June 20th – 24th

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Ages: 3 yrs. – 6th Grade

Celebration Sunday: June 26th at 10:15 am

Easter Sunrise Service Pictures

Photos curtesy of Pastor Bob McFarland from Solomons UCC.



Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in May and June are still available: 5/15, 5/29, 6/5, 6/19, 6/26.

Have an item for the summer newsletter?! Deadline is May **19th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.



Celebrating a Birthday in May....

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



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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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)