



**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 Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe summer is here already. It seems just yesterday we were preparing for Easter. The newsletter takes a hiatus now. This will be the last published edition until the September newsletter. Most committees take a break as well.

The slower summer pace is a perfect time to reflect on why and how we do things at Solomons. You've met in small groups and filled out a survey to describe how you sense the Holy Spirit calling Solomons into the future. What gifts does your new spiritual leader need in order to help you? Remember, the pastor is a spiritual leader and guide. The pastor can do NOTHING without your mutual help and cooperation. Being open to different ways of doing things and new possibilities in worship and ministry are important pieces to consider.

Summer is NOT a vacation from God. Personal spiritual practice and worship with your family of faith are a vital part of spiritual growth. Relationships take time and that is most certainly true for your most important relationship with God. This seems to be a good time to remind ourselves not only the importance of worship but how worship helps us to encounter Christ.

Our wonderful God, who loves us more than words can describe, who showers us with unconditional love and forgiveness, deserves honor and praise. That's essentially what worship is: honoring and praising God. We do that in our personal devotion time, in our community worship services and even in the way we live. Brother Lawrence, a monk, taught that ordinary tasks like washing dishes or sweeping the floor can be worship if we are intentional about it.

Worship in church is more meaningful if we remember that the service is set up to honor and praise God. It's about God not us. Yes, God meets us there and nourishes our souls through Word and Holy Communion. Yet,

the primary focus is our honor and praise for God. It might be helpful for you to take a minute before worship to breathe deeply, sit in the silence and pray that your heart might be open to what God has to say to you.

The worship services are based on the theme of the Scripture readings. Notice how the prayers, hymns and readings all blend to make a whole. That's intentional! See if you can identify the theme. It's a way to help us chew on God's word and how the Word for the day might be incorporated into our lives. If we're not changed by our worship, we're not paying attention.

Worship is about God not about us. It's important to avoid being a distraction for others who are trying to pray. Stop talking when the service begins. I strongly encourage you to sit quietly and pray during those times when there isn't activity. Personal chit chat during any part of the service is disruptive and makes it hard to pray. After receiving Jesus in Communion is the perfect time to sit in the silence and pray as others receive. The murmur of conversation becomes very disruptive.

I pray your summer is a time of refreshment and connection with God, your friends and family. Blessings on your journey!

Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for June:

- Sunday, June 5 - John 14:8-17, 25-27
- Sunday, June 12 - John 16:12-15
- Sunday, June 19 - Luke 8:26-39
- Sunday, June 26 - Luke 9:51-62

Gospel Readings for JULY:	Gospel Readings for AUGUST:
Sunday, July 3 - Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Sunday, August 7 - Luke 12:32-40
Sunday, July 10 - Luke 10:25-37	Sunday, August 14 - Luke 12:49-56
Sunday, July 17 - Luke 10:38-42	Sunday, August 21 - Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, July 24 - Luke 11:1-13	Sunday, August 28 - Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sunday, July 31 - Luke 12:13-21	

Serving in June

	6/5/22	6/12/22	6/19/22	6/26/22
Head Usher	Wayne Dale	Wayne Dale	Wayne Dale	Wayne Dale
Lector	Wayne Dale	Patricia Yetter	Marti Veilleux	Bible School
Acolyte	Norm Kuykendall	Sam Mull	Rebekah Aldrich	Aaron Shreiner
Communion Set-Up	Sam & Becky Mull			
Communion Clean-Up	Judy Johnson & Patricia Yetter			
Communion Assist	Marjorie Dale	Marjorie Dale	Marjorie Dale	Marjorie Dale
Bread Cubes	Marjorie Dale			
Securing Offering	Wayne Norman & Doug Mummert			

News Around Solomon's



Pentecost Sunday, June 5: The day the church celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **Wear red to the worship service** to remind us of the tongues of flames as seen by the apostles.
- This celebration will be an **OUTSIDE SERVICE**. In the interest of safety for our older more unsteady family members, the Worship and Music team is planning a **Service of the Word to keep walking to a minimum**.
- **Food assignments** for the picnic lunch after worship are listed by the beginning letter of your last name: A-H desserts (cake will be provided), J-R meat/main course, S-Z veggies/salads



Solomons Facebook page is now active. There will be weekly posts with news or inspiration. If you have a Facebook Account, please like and follow Solomons page. Please share anything you find helpful. This is an easy way we can preach the Good News boldly which is part of our mission. Add your 5-star review and a few words about why Solomons is a special place. How do you encounter Christ here?



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.



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.



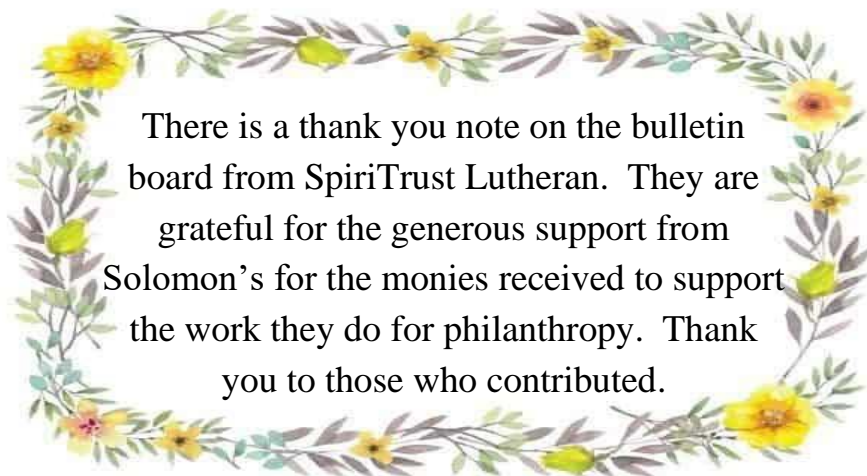
Who are we? Whose are we? Pastor Barb will hold a special adult class this summer to explore the meaning of some basic ideas in our life together as church. **What does it mean for us to be Lutheran Christians?** We'll discuss the meaning of Grace, Baptism, Holy Communion, the Bible and being part of the Body of Christ. **The class will be about an hour or so after worship. Bring a lunch!** The day will be determined soon. **Stay tuned for more details.**



The summer is a time to slow down and take life a little easier. When routine gets ruptured, we can lose our bearings and perspective and forget who we are and whose we are. Relationships take time. Our most important relationship with God is no exception. **Don't forget to include God in your summer plans.**

Make a point of attending worship while you're on vacation. **Bring the bulletin back to share with the Worship and Music team.** It's an adventure to see how other congregations encounter Christ in worship. Solomons might find new creative ways to glorify and honor God through your summer visits.

Use the summer to commit or renew spiritual practice. Rote reading of devotions is different from taking time to BE authentically with God. You could explore new ways to be with God like Centering prayer, practicing Sacred Presence, praying through Scripture through the ancient practice of Lectio Divina or using a Bible commentary. **Call Pastor Barb if you'd like some direction or resources.**



Power Pack Meals

Power Pack Meals: We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2022-2023 school year. Please place the items you donate in the gray tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's and put Power Pack in the memo line.

News from Social Ministry

Beginning in June and continuing through August Social Ministry will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits as we have done in past years. Items needed are:

- One light-weight dark color bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27")
- Two - three bath size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand in original wrapping;
- One adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers attached file optional.

We are not asking that you donate an entire kit, just the items you feel you can give. Please place the items in the gray tote under the coat rack. The kits will be assembled during **God's Work Our Hands** on Rally Day Sunday in September.

News from the Finance Committee

Financial Report for April:

March Income:	\$14,823.00
Year to Date Income:	\$82,307.00
March Expenses:	\$16,384.00
Year to Date Expenses:	\$70,700.00

News from the Church Council

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

Music @ the Ridge

Wednesday, May 25

Shippensburg Swing Band

'30s-'50s Big Band, Swing & Jazz

Redemption BBQ food truck will be selling pulled chicken and pork, brisket, macaroni & cheese and cole slaw from **4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Music begins at **6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 22

Patsy Cline & Friends

A Tribute to the Legends

Food service TBA

Music begins at **5:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, July 20

Take Two Variety Band

Blues, Gershwins, Big Band, Country Legends, Originals

Food service TBA

Music begins at **5:30 p.m.**

The Fleck Center

SpiriTrust Lutheran®, The Village at Luther Ridge

2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg

Bring your lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held inside.

Come for supper, stay for the music!

 **SpiriTrust Lutheran®**
The Village at Luther Ridge



Michael's BBQ Chicken

Saturday, June 11th

10:30am - until sold out

(Drive through only)

\$13.00/Dinner

Dinners include ½ chicken, baked beans, applesauce, macaroni salad or chips, and Martin's rolls

Location

In front of Lowe's, LWE, Chambersburg

Sponsored by

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary

All proceeds benefit SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge and SpiriTrust Lutheran Homecare & Hospice



VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY

June 26, 2022

We are asking all members to bring canned food items to our VBS Celebration Sunday Service. During the week of VBS we are asking the kids to donate a canned food item. We will be building a canned food pyramid with the items donated. All donations will then go to Maranatha Ministries of Chambersburg.



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



Celebrating a Birthday in June....

6/1	Jared Mummert	6/15	Nancy Deardorff
6/2	Rosalie Hoffman	6/15	Connie Bikle
6/4	Annabelle Hoover	6/24	Lisa Mentzer
6/7	Genny Grant	6/24	Dot Hunter
6/11	Don Wildeson	6/27	Erin Mummert
6/13	Darrell Veilleux	6/28	William Hoover



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in June...

6/1	Jay & Lois Kanagy
6/2	Randy & Mary Jane Hess
6/5	Glenn & Patsy Wildeson
6/6	Jesse & Tonya Reichard
6/11	Tytus & Hollie Taylor
6/14	Phil & Colleen Johnson
6/25	Wayne & Margie Dale
6/28	Todd & Marie Dovey



Celebrating a Birthday in July....

7/8 Linda Russ
7/11 Rob Floyd
7/16 Joe Wolfinger
7/18 Frances Kramer
7/20 Zoe Mummert

7/22 Paizley Parr
7/23 Mary Jane Hess
7/27 John David Schultz
7/28 Rich McEntire
7/29 Brian Coldsmith

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in July...

7/2 Brandon & Erin Mummert
7/8 Lee & Carol Locke
7/22 Paul Kostreski & Helen Garst
7/29 Darrell & Martie Veilleux
7/29 Ed & Frances Reichard
7/31 Curtis & Autumn Reichard
7/31 Todd & Abby Schultz



Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in June, July, August, and September are still available: 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/24, 7/31, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28.

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



Celebrating a Birthday in August....

8/1	Emma English	8/16	Lena Graven
8/1	Norm Kuykendall	8/17	Reed Weiss
8/3	Paul Kostreski	8/20	Marty Wenger
8/5	Annamarie Schwartz	8/20	Tana Vance
8/5	Calvin Mentzer	8/21	Mark Kuykendall
8/9	Bill Wepking	8/23	Rose Wishard
8/11	Jere Brehm	8/23	Isabelle Schultz
8/14	Matthew Reichard	8/24	Bernie Harris
8/16	Dustin Mull	8/25	Marjorie McMullin
		8/29	Tarryn Taylor



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in August...

8/1	Bill & Linda Wepking
8/12	Blaine & Lisa Mentzer
8/23	Rich & Janice McEntire
8/31	Doug & Zoe Mummert

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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)