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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

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

Recently, I asked members of our midweek Bible Study what the most important part of their faith is. There were many good responses. One individual simply said, "Love." This cuts to the heart of the gospel and Jesus' Great Commandment; "Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself." It also points to John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

During the Epiphany season, we have heard stories in worship about Jesus' sacrificial love for God's people. Jesus heals the sick and blesses the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Jesus has shown us love so that we can love one another. Ash Wednesday, March 6, marks the beginning of Lent. You are invited to join us for Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

The forty days of Lent are a time of repentance, when we challenge ourselves to turn and follow in the way of Jesus; loving others and the world in which we live. The Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and giving are ways that you can focus on what really matters in life. They are ways you can focus away from your own self-absorption and toward loving others.

I encourage you to consider ways you might consume a little less in this time of Lent—being frugal with what you eat reminds you of those who don't get enough. A bonus is that you might improve your health. I am using an app called *My Fitness Pal* (free download) which tracks what you eat each day.

Another Lenten discipline is prayer. Many of you use a devotional or prayer book as part of your daily routine. *Taking Faith Home*, the weekly insert in the back of the worship bulletin, has Bible reading, prayers, devotions and family activities you can use during the week. Pull it out and take it home with you. I encourage you to write down on a piece of paper the names of people in your life who you can pray for. Pray for others around the world who are challenged by man-made or natural disasters. Pray for peace and the alleviation of hunger and human suffering. Pray for favorable weather, abundant food and clean air and water for all.

Lastly, give to others in need. Start a spare change jar at home and donate it to charity. Give to the special Lenten offering, earmarked this year for the *Good Samaritan Fund*, which provides emergency aid to those in need in our community. Support our *Relay for Life* team to fight cancer. Provide personal care items for the *Veterans Sock Ride*. Purchase paper products for the Maranatha Pantry paper drive. Volunteer with the kitchen committee to make hearty soups which are provided to the sick, recently hospitalized and those in need. Speak with me about becoming a Stephen Minister or a volunteer at the hospital. Tutor a child at school or in a club or visit a homebound person. The possibilities are endless!

Lent is the time we can model our lives after the love and grace that Jesus first showed us. I hope you experience the joy of faith through your devotional habits. Come to worship on Sundays and be nourished by Word and Sacrament. I also hope to see you at our soup suppers on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., followed by an informal worship service at 7:00 p.m. beginning on March 13th.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
With Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
March 6th at 7:00 p.m.



Mid-Week Worship Service
March 6, 13, 20, & 27 and April 3 & 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for an informal worship service in the sanctuary.
Our Lenten offering is earmarked for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Preceded by a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Center at 6:00 p.m.
The various Solomon's Committees will be providing the meals.



Passion (Palm) Sunday is April 14th
Worship at 10:15 a.m. with a Procession with Palms and a reading
of the Passion according to St. Luke

Maundy Thursday is April 18th
Worship at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion and
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday is April 19th
Worship at 12 p.m.

Save the Date!



Crusaders for Christ's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20th, Solomon's Picnic Woods, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 21st, the New Franklin Ruritan tennis courts, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Festival Holy Communion Service, Sunday, April 21st, Solomon's, 10:15 a.m.

Easter Cantata, Sunday, May 5th, during Solomon's 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
Upon This Rock, Created & Arranged by Pepper Choplin



Vacation Bible School will be in session **June 17-21**.

This year we are going on safari! Be sure to save
these dates on your summer activities calendar!

News from the Social Ministry Committee

Lunch, Learn & Play—Everyone is welcome to join us on **Wednesday, March 6 at 12 noon** in the Fellowship Center for a soup and sandwich lunch. Afterwards, we will continue our game of Bunco. Bring your friends and neighbors for some fellowship and fun.

“Souper Bowl” Sunday— A HUGE thank you to the youth for their help with *Souperbowl* Sunday on February 3rd. Also, thanks to the congregation for all the soup you donated to the Maranatha Food Bank making our *Souperbowl* a huge success. Our final score was 49 cans for the Los Angeles Rams and 28 cans for the New England Patriots. Several more donations came in after the main event so we were able to deliver 85+ items which they were happy to receive.

Paper Products Drive— People who need to use the Food Bank in order to provide food for their families also need paper products. These products cannot be purchased with their food stamps. On three Sundays in March (**March 10, 17 and 24**) we will be collecting paper products to be taken to the Maranatha Food Bank. Items needed include toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins, diapers, etc. Maranatha will be grateful for whatever you can give.

News from the Relay for Life Team

The **Main Event** will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars now **for Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8**. We are looking forward to seeing you at Norlo Park!

We have already completed several fundraising activities and are planning a few more. Thank you to everyone who continues to support us and our efforts. *Forms are already available to order luminaries* in honor or in memory of your loved ones. We are also *looking for donations for Basket Alley* and any other ideas you would like to share. Thank you to those that **ordered daffodils** and remember they will **available** at the Church **for pick up on Sunday, March 24, 2019**.

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Team Rally at Norlo Park in the Community Center. This is open to EVERYONE and I hope you come out and join me.

Please take a few minutes to *register to participate with our team*. When you are registered you may be eligible for the 2019 tee shirt. If you are a cancer survivor, please register and plan to participate in our Friday evening ceremony, the meal following and receive the 2019 Survivor tee shirt. If you need help finding our website and registering, please see Becky Mull.

News from the Church Council

CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2019

I. Call to order - Following a prayer offered by Pastor Bill Nienstedt, the meeting was called to order at 11:16 AM by Council Vice-President Marjorie Dale.

II. Motion to dispense - Upon a Wayne Dale/Sally Gayman motion and with unanimous approval from the congregation, the reading of the November 18, 2018 congregation meeting minutes was dispensed.

III. Annual Report of Solomon’s - Council Vice-President Marjorie Dale presented Solomon’s Annual Report for Approval. Patricia Yetter/Gladys Mull made a motion to accept the Annual Report as written. The floor was opened for discussion and questions. Pastor Bill noted that the report shows a sense of where Solomon’s has been and where it is going, noting how God is sending all of us in the congregation to go out in support of our mission. The vote was called and the Annual Report received unanimous approval.

IV. Meeting adjourned - The meeting was adjourned following a Wayne Dale/Clif Rau motion.

Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

Lunch, Learn, & Play!

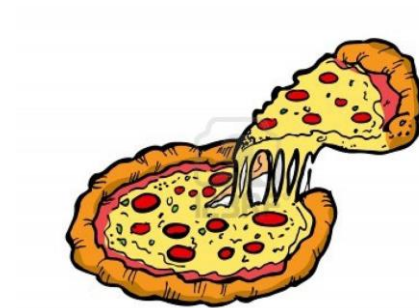
Wednesday, March 6th
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Solomon's Fellowship Center

ALL AGES WELCOME!!!!

*Sign up in the old Sunday School room.
Need transportation? Contact a member of Social Ministry*

Youth Spring Fun Night

March 23rd from 6-8 p.m.



This time the youth are making their own meal!

For dinner, the kids will make their own pizzas.
For dessert, they will be creating their favorite ice cream sundaes.

The featured craft will be *Glow in the Dark Slime!*



Happening In Our Larger Community...



The Wellness Talk for March is scheduled for **Thursday, March 7th at 11am**. This month's topic is **Safe Driving for Seniors** and will be presented by Trooper Garcia. Aging often involves physical changes that can make certain actions while driving more challenging. Come learn how older drivers can remain safe on the road. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please R.S.V.P. to 717-267-1665 if you plan to attend.

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for March is creamed lettuce, corn beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dinner roll with butter, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, March 8th.

SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, will be hosting a **Community Grand Opening Open House** for the **new Skilled Care and Rehabilitation Center** on **Sunday, March 17th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm**. All are welcome to attend and join in celebrating this beautiful new addition to the campus.

World Day of Prayer

March 1st is the World Day of Prayer. This year Solomon's is hosting the Church Women United in our sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. There will be refreshments provided after the service. This event is open to everyone so please make plans to join us! See Gladys Mull for more information or to donate cookies.



Reminders

Pastor Bill's Mid-Week Bible Study will NOT be held during Lent (March and April). It will resume AFTER Easter.

Altar Flowers--There are still some open spots on the altar flower sign-up chart. If you have not already done so, you are invited to donate flowers for Sunday worship. The cost is \$30. You may take the flowers with you or have them delivered to a sick or homebound member.

Have an item for the April newsletter?! Deadline is **Wednesday, March 20th**. Email Kristy Nienstedt at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or place it in her church mailbox.

Serving in March

	3/3/19	3/10/19	3/17/19	3/24/19	3/31/19
Head Usher	Clif Rau	Clif Rau	Clif Rau	Clif Rau	Clif Rau
Cantor	Sam Mull				
Lector	Terry Fell	Rich McEntire	Patricia Yetter	Katy Nienstedt	Wayne Dale
Acolyte	Aaron Shreiner	Katy Nienstedt	Audrey Shenberger	Rebekah Aldrich	Clark Shenberger
Ushers/Greeters	Shenbergers	Sam & Becky Mull	Gladys Mull Annamarie Schwartz	Rich & Janice McEntire	Rich & Janice McEntire
Children's Church		Heidi Shenberger Becky Pecha		Karen Wolfinger Kristy Nienstedt	
After Service Coffee	Shenbergers	Jere & Phyllis Brehm	Zoe Mummert	TBD	Becky Mull
Communion Bread	Linda Berberich	Linda Berberich	Linda Berberich	Karen Wolfinger	Karen Wolfinger
Communion Servers	Sam Mull (Chalice) Becky Mull (Trays)	Sam Mull (Chalice) Becky Mull (Trays)	Sam Mull (Chalice) Becky Mull (Trays)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Kristy Nienstedt (Trays)	Sam Mull (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)
Communion Set-Up	Wayne & Peggi Norman				
Communion Clean-Up	Sam & Becky Mull (3 rd , 10 th , and 17 th) ** Help needed for 24 th & 31 st				
Flower Delivery	Kathy Bowen				
Securing Offering	Ilona Laney, Phil Johnson				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Peggi Norman				

**Ash Wednesday Evening Service, March 6th at 7 p.m.*

Lector: Kristy Nienstedt; Head Usher: Clif Rau; Acolyte: Katy Nienstedt; Communion Bread: Kristy Nienstedt
Still need Communion Set-Up, Communion Clean-Up, and two Communion Servers.



Gospel Readings for March:

Sunday, March 3rd—John 2:13-22
 Ash Wednesday, March 6th--
 Sunday, March 10th—John 3:14-21
 Sunday, March 17th—John 12:20-33
 Sunday, March 24th—Mark 14:1-15:47
 Sunday, March 31st--John 13:1-17, 31b-35



Celebrating a Birthday in March....

3/1	Larry Socks	3/20	Riley Garner
3/9	Lilly Chiado	3/23	Jay Kanagy
3/12	Tyler Kuykendall	3/26	Tammy Helman
3/14	Jean Jackson	3/27	Joyce Skelly
3/15	Clayton Schwartz	3/30	Kipten Parr
3/16	Garrett Mull	3/31	Emma Shultz
3/19	Curtis Reichard		

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in March...

3/7	Clayton & Annamarie Schwartz (65 th)
3/18	Norm & Nan Kuykendall
3/20	Joe & Karen Wolfinger
3/24	Sam & Becky Mull

Remembering our Veterans

The annual **Harley Owners Group Veterans Appreciation Ride** will be **April 28th** this year. They will be providing toiletries and socks to the vets at the Martinsburg (WV) VA Hospital once again. If you would like to contribute, please place any donations in the bin in the Sunday School room. Wayne Norman, a member of the group and a military veteran himself, will collect donations until April 21st. The vets are in need of the following items:

White Socks (male and female)	Q-tips (travel size)
Toothpaste	Kleenex (small individual packs)
Tooth brushes	Dental floss
Shampoo and/or conditioner (medium size)	Mouthwash (Alcohol Free)
Body wash	Shaving Cream
Deodorant	Body Lotion
Foot/Body powder (travel size)	Chapstick

Please no large size bottles/packages and no commercial logos (hotel names) on soaps, etc.

Special Notes of Thanks

Dear Solomon's Church Family,

Saying "thank you" seems to be a bit inadequate to let you know how much I've appreciated your prayers, your thoughts, and the prepared foods we've received to help us through these last couple of weeks following the totally unexpected need for my major surgery!!! It's a real lesson in how much love and care we live in and don't fully appreciate. I will be forever grateful for the support and care you've been giving me.

Thank you,
Carole Darr



Dear Solomon's Friends,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, altar flowers, delicious homemade soup (from the Kitchen Committee), and other gifts I received after my recent accident. I'm doing much better now and continue to heal.

Love,
Katy Nienstedt

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to all those individuals that donated soup for the "Souper Bowl" and those that sorted and delivered it.

Thank you to Frances Reichard and the Kitchen Committee for preparing the meal for the SpiriTrust Lutheran fundraising luncheon.

Thank you to Heidi Shenberger for handling music duties while Doug was away.

Thank you to the property committee members who coordinated snow removal during the recent weekend storms.

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee members for hosting the February "Lunch, Learn, & Play" event.



EASTER FLOWERS - 2019



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Easter Flowers is asked to fill out the following form and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with cash or a check made payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Easter Flowers." Flowers will be in the church on Sunday, April 21, 2019 and must be taken home that day. **Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.**

The deadline to order Easter Flowers is March 31st!

***The Easter Flowers in
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends
has been donated by:***

(name)

Daffodils (6 ½").....\$ 14.00
Yellow _____

Mini Daffodils (4 ½").....\$ 8.00
Yellow _____

Lilies (6 ½")\$ 15.00
White _____

Tulips (6 ½").....\$ 11.00
Red _____ Yellow _____ Purple _____
Pink _____ White _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total plants ordered _____

In memory of _____

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In honor of _____

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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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Jesus said, "It is written. One does not live by bread alone."

Luke 4:4 (NRSV)