



**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 Barbara Barry

Pastoral Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

The above Scripture verse is one of my favorites. That part about not being anxious and be grateful in every situation sounds like pie in the sky until we realize Paul wrote the letter while in jail. Clearly, Paul suggests that Thanksgiving is deeper than counting our many blessings.

What does it mean in every situation with thanksgiving present your requests to God? Is persistent prayer meant to change God's mind to do what we want? God loves you! The intention of prayer isn't to change God but to change us. Scripture is clear that God desires us to be authentic, become naked before the throne, no masks or pretensions. As we let go of our defenses, we make space for the Holy Spirit to fill us with God's love.

Paul assures us that God's love transforms us and we find the peace that surpasses understanding. In the midst of chaos, grief, overwhelm and fear, we have what it takes to get through. God walks with us!

Thanksgiving, then, is more than a one-day celebration where we pig out and watch football. It's an orientation of life, a spiritual practice that brings perspective and enriches our communion with the One Who Loves Us more than words can describe. Spiritual practice builds our spiritual muscles. What we practice grows stronger.

There are many ways to create a gratitude practice. Begin a journal and write daily 3 things for which you are grateful. Share a daily text or email with a spiritual friend to hold you accountable. Each evening at family dinner share a gratitude as part of grace before meals. Set an alarm on your phone and stop during the day to breathe and name something for which you're grateful.

I challenge you to try a spiritual practice of gratitude for one month. At the end, take a minute to evaluate. Do you notice an increase in your sense of peace and perspective? Has your sense of gratitude given you a newfound desire to join God in ministry? Do you find joy at the root of your being no matter what is going on?

May Thanksgiving be a way of life rather than a holiday celebration. Gratitude is a mark of Jesus' disciples.

Blessing on your journey,
Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for NOVEMBER:

- Sunday, November 6th – Luke 6:20-31
- Sunday, November 13th – Luke 21:5-19
- Sunday, November 20th – Luke 23:33-43
- Sunday, November 27th – Matthew 24:36-44

Honoring Our Veterans



On Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11th, Americans remember those among us who have served our nation both domestically and abroad, in war time and in peace. May God bless all our veterans!!

Solomon's Veterans include the following members:

Bill Brindle
Bill Chiado
Richard Graven
Bernie Harris
Phil Johnson

Keith Kuykendall
Mark Kuykendall
Norm Kuykendall
Jerry Laney
Rich McEntire

Joe Mock
Wayne Norman
Clayton Schwartz
Larry Socks
Sarge Weaver
Don Wildeson

Congregation Meeting

Congregational Meeting Sunday November 13: The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on November 13. The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve a 2023 operating budget and to elect members to the congregation council. A proposed budget was sent to all member households and is available in the office. Please review the budget before the meeting. You may contact council president Ron Coldsmith with any questions. *Since a quorum is needed all Solomon's voting members are encouraged to attend the meeting either personally or by Zoom on November 13. Zoom information will be sent via email before the meeting.*

Serving in November

	11/6/22	11/13/22	11/20/22	11/27/22	
Head Usher	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	Kathy Bowen	
Lector	Rich McEntire	Peggi Norman	Sam Mull	Bonney Coldsmith	
Acolyte	Janice McEntire	Norm Kuykendall	Sam Mull	Wayne Dale	
Communion Set-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	
Communion Clean-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	
Communion Assistant	Ron Coldsmith & Ilona Laney				
Communion Bread	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Securing Offering	Bernie Harris & Sam Mull				

An Invitation to the Antietam Memorial Illumination

The 33rd annual Antietam Battlefield Illumination will take place on Saturday,



December 3. This is a very fulfilling and emotional event which honors the 23,110 casualties which occurred during the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. Volunteers are greatly needed, to set up and light the luminaries. Solomon's is responsible for setting up and lighting approximately 720 luminaries. Volunteers should be at our field (by the lookout tower), no later 10 AM. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. For further information

please contact Bonney Coldsmith or Wayne Norman.

You Are Invited!



Icons in Transformation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro is inviting you to view contemporary works by an international artist with Ukrainian-roots, Ludmila Pawlowska. This traveling exhibit has been seen by over 3 million people since it began in 1998. The exhibit will be on display starting Saturday November 19, 2022, through Saturday January 28, 2023.

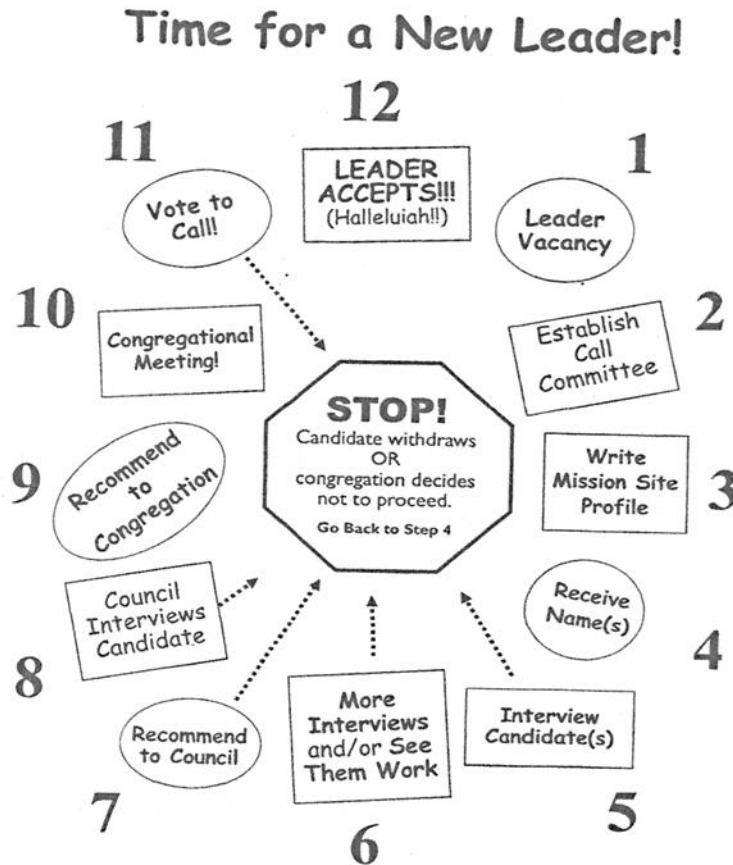


You are invited!

**Sunday, November 20 at 4PM
To be held at Solomons Lutheran**

- ❖ Service led by Solomons Lutheran, Solomons UCC and Assembly of God New Franklin
- ❖ Those attending are invited to bring canned food for the Food Pantry (Maranatha).
- ❖ A collection will be taken to benefit the Food Pantry as well.
- ❖ There will be a dessert fellowship after the service. Those attending are invited to bring a dessert to share. Solomons will provide drinks.

Solomon's Call Committee Update



www.lss-elca.org/leaders/call-manual-for-congregations/

Update from Solomon's Call Committee:

The above "Time for a New Leader" is completed as follows:

- 1) December, 2021 – Retirement date for Pastor Bill Nienstedt
- 2) January, 2022 – Call Committee established by Solomon's Council
- 3) September 28, 2022 - Mission Site Profile completed by Call Committee, and approved by Church Council and Pastor Dana Blouch-Hanson, Synod representative.
- 4) Synod received our completed Profile

We are now ready and waiting to move to **#5 Interview Candidate(s)**, for Synod to give us a list of possible candidates. Then Call Committee will then review the candidate's profile, and consider to follow with an interview.

Thanks to all of Solomon's members for your input and support throughout the lengthy numerous meetings and time preparing a beautiful profile for any candidate to view of our church family accomplished and goals for the future. We ask for your continued prayers and support.

News from Social Ministry

Power Pack Meals: The Power Pack Meal program at New Franklin Elementary School is up and running. Currently 24 students are being sent home each Friday with food to last them through the weekend. The need for donations is great. Any individual size container of vegetables, fruit, breakfast items, meals (mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, etc.), juice pouches, Yahoo chocolate drink, 8 oz. bottle water are welcome. Please place your donation in the gray Social Ministry tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are welcome, make your check payable to Solomon's with Power Pack Meals in the memo line.

During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. You may place items in the gray totes under the coat rack at the back door.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Bring joy to the less fortunate by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in front of the Butcher Shoppe on Saturday, November 26. We are asking for one hour of your time between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sunday school room. Any question, see Edna Harris.



Special Worship Opportunity



Solomon's will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6. At that time, we will remember the members of Solomon's who have died since last All Saints Day. At the beginning of worship, we will pray, light a candle for each person and when the name is read, ring a chime. One candle will also be lit for all the friends and family we have each lost. Please join us for this solemn remembrance.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday

November 19

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Thanksgiving DINNER

Menu: *roast turkey, mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, corn, or peas & carrots, cranberry relish, applesauce, roll & butter.*

Dessert: *pumpkin or apple pie.*

Drink options: *coffee, hot tea and water.*

At Solomon's Lutheran Church
4856 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg, PA

Adults - \$15.00

Children 5-11 - \$7.00

Children under 5 - Free

Take outs will be available

*A portion of the
proceeds to benefit
Salvation Army*

Friendly Reminders

Have an item for the December newsletter?! Deadline is **November 16th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following dates are still available: 11/6, 11/27, 12/4. Please email or call Kimberly (office@solomonslutheran.org / 717 267-2266).



Remember to change your clocks on November 6th.

2022 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate (beside the Baptismal Font), along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Deadline for **red, or marble (pink & white)** poinsettias is November 20, 2022. Cost is \$8.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot (4-7 blooms)

*The Christmas Poinsettias in
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends
have been donated by:*

(name)

Red _____ Marble _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total Poinsettias ordered _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

Poinsettias must be taken home on Dec. 24th *after the evening service*.
Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.



Celebrating a Birthday in November....

11/1 Paul Skelly
11/1 Carole Darr
11/2 Jim Darr
11/4 Eli Mummert
11/9 Edna Harris
11/11 Adilyn Mull
11/13 Mark Gayman
11/15 Ina Shreiner

11/16 Garrett Gross
11/17 Abby Gayman-Hoover
11/19 David McEntire
11/22 Bonnie Hudson
11/22 Raymond Fell
11/23 Frances Reichard
11/24 Brandon Mummert



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in November...

11/4 Ron & Bonney Coldsmith
11/7 Jared & Emma Mummert
11/13 Chris & Barbara Aldrich

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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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Pastor Bill Nienstedt

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.."

Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)