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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

. *"Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?"* Romans 2:4

Lent is a different season than Christmas. I'm pretty sure you haven't heard someone say, "Have a Merry Lent." Lent is a penitential season which is serious and sacrificial. These forty days are a time of contemplation, self-reflection, prayer, fasting, almsgiving and repentance. Repentance can have a negative connotation.

But Paul assures Christians in Rome, and all of us today, that God's call to repentance is a joyful liberating act. Paul stressed that this call results from God's kindness.

Love is what leads us to repentance.

When I was in India during seminary, our group visited an orphanage for children with profound disabilities. In that poor country with over one billion people, children with disabilities have the most difficult lives and are often abandoned by families who cannot take care of their needs. This orphanage was run by an order of nuns who cared for those children with overwhelming love and care. It was a transformative experience to witness the delight and joy of the children as they were cared for by the nurturing love of those nuns.

Love led those nuns, and love leads all of us, to repentance. Repentance involves, among other things, a complete change, a turning around. Repenting is central to Lent, a most serious season.

However, we often fail to experience all the good that comes from turning from our old ways and to forgiveness and new paths. It is easy to think of repentance as a gloomy, dreary act. But when we open our hearts to Jesus' presence, repentance is a joyful act which offers newness and gives us hope and peace.

My prayer is that God's kindness will lead you to a new life which follows repentance.

As we journey through Lent to the great Three Days—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, I encourage you to reflect on how God’s love and kindness has transformed you and led you to new directions. What new thing might you do this year to share the love of Christ with others around you? Pray daily, read a Lenten devotional, worship weekly, serve those in need, encourage a child, visit a homebound individual, volunteer with a cause that has a special meaning to you—opportunities abound for those of all ages and abilities.

Finally, invite someone to join us at Solomon’s for worship. Our Easter worship service is at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 21st.

See you in church!

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities



Mid-Week Worship Service
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.

**The Good Samaritan Fund provides support for emergency needs for members of our congregation and the community--such as groceries, medicine, utilities, travel to medical appointments, etc. Baskets are located at the sanctuary entrances. You can also mark your donation "Lent Offering" and place it in the collection plate or send it to the office. Thank you for your support.*



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.



Easter Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise Service at the New Franklin Ruritan, 6:30 a.m.

Festival Holy Communion Service at Solomon's, 10:15 a.m.

Easter Cantata, May 5th

During the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Upon This Rock

Created & Arranged by Pepper Choplin

Peter begins with the compelling question, "What is your passion?" As we read the Gospels, it is evident that Peter was a passionate person. This cantata leads us through Peter's experience with Christ: his call, his confession, his denial, his restoration, and his sending out. As we experience the story through Peter's eyes, we are led to ask, "What is *OUR* passion? What is *OUR* call? Who do *WE* live for?"

Encore Performance on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Providence Place Retirement Community.

News from the Social Ministry Committee

Lunch, Learn & Play—Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on **Wednesday, April 3 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm**. We will have lunch followed by a game of Bunco. Everyone is welcome, including your friends and neighbors.

Birthday Party at Luther Ridge—On **Monday, April 8 at 6:00 pm** we will journey to Luther Ridge to celebrate with residents who have April birthdays and a game of Bingo. We could use some help by attending, providing food and small gifts for the Bingo winners. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for suggestions of what is needed.

Habitat for Humanity--Habitat for Humanity needs your help!!! Habitat brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Their vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Since 1994, Habitat has built more than 40 homes in Franklin County. See the flyer on the bulletin board for ways you can help. The contact person is Tom Reardon, Executive Director, 717-860-3465 or tom@habitatfranklinpa.org.

News from the Christian Education Committee

Vacation Bible School--This year's VBS theme is "Roar!" and will be held **June 17-21** in the evenings. As always, we are seeking volunteers to help throughout the week. If you are interested and want more information, please see Kristy Nienstedt, Barbara Aldrich, or Heidi Shenberger and/or contact a member of the Christian Education Committee.

News from the Fellowship Committee

Congregational Dinner--The annual Congregational Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd** in the Fellowship Center. This year we will be hosting a Talent Show featuring the members of Solomon's. If you have a talent that can be performed in front of an audience such as playing an instrument, singing, dancing, telling jokes, doing magic tricks, or storytelling, please consider sharing it at the dinner. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

News from the Relay for Life Team

The Main Event--Remember we will gather at Norlo Park on **Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th**. The weekend will feature a variety of activities and you are invited to join us! 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. Please see Becky or Sam Mull for more information.

Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

Lunch, Learn, & Play!

**Wednesday, April 3rd
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Solomon's Fellowship Center**

ALL AGES WELCOME!!!

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



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



Congregational Dinner
"Solomon's Got Talent!"

Tuesday, April 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.
Solomon's Fellowship Center

Menu includes "walking" tacos, BBQ sandwiches, baked potato bar, and ice cream cake for dessert!

Tickets go on sale April 7th!!

\$5 for Adults, \$2 for Children ages 5-11, Free for Children under age 5
For more information, contact Jay Hunter or Margie Dale.

Save the Date!

Outdoor Service & Picnic Potluck
Sunday, May 26th
Solomon's Picnic Woods

Vacation Bible School



JUNE 17-21

Enrollment is open to children age 3 years to those that have just completed the 6th Grade.
Who can you invite? Grandchildren? Neighbor kids? Your child's classmates?

Celebration Sunday is June 23rd in the Fellowship Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reminders

Pastor Bill's Mid-Week Bible Study will NOT be held during Lent. It will resume AFTER Easter on Weds., May 1st.

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 May newsletter?! Deadline is **Wednesday, March 15th**. Email Kristy Nienstedt at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or place it in her church mailbox.

Happening In Our Larger Community...



The *Wellness Talk* for April will be held **Thursday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m.** The topic for this month's talk is **10 Warning Signs of Dementia** and will be presented by Jennifer Holcomb who currently oversees the Memory Care program at Cross Keys Village. 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 267-1665 if you plan to attend this informative session.

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, on **Wednesday, April 10th**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for April is creamed lettuce, glazed baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, assorted desserts and beverages. Please call 717-264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on **Friday, April 5th**.

Touch-a-Life: Please keep in mind that the SpiriTrust Lutheran Touch-a-Life program has a volunteer who is interested in helping with outside chores. If you or someone you know has a need for some extra help with outdoor spring cleanup please call Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737.

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

Flapjack Fundraiser— The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary will be hosting a Flapjack Fundraiser on **Saturday, April 27th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at Applebee's, located at 1050 Wayne Avenue in Chambersburg. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out and enjoy a short stack for a tall cause. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be obtained by contacting Margie Dale and/or Linda Beaver at 264-0737 (lbeaver@spiristrustlutheran.org).

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)

Toothpaste

Tooth brushes

Shampoo and/or conditioner (medium size)

Body wash

Deodorant

Foot/Body powder (travel size)

Q-tips (travel size)

Kleenex (small individual packs)

Dental floss

Mouthwash (Alcohol Free)

Shaving Cream

Body Lotion

Chapstick

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

Serving in April

	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/18/19*	4/21/19**	4/28/19
Head Usher	Bill Wepking	Bill Wepking	Bill Wepking	Bill Wepking	Bill Wepking
Lector	Alan Johnson	Bonney Coldsmith	Sam Mull	Rich McEntire	Patricia Yetter
Acolyte	Aaron Shreiner	Katy Nienstedt	Audrey Shenberger	Aaron Shreiner Rebekah Aldrich	Clark Shenberger
Greeters/Ushers	Linda Berberich Joe Wolfinger	Shenberger Family	Margie Dale NEED ONE MORE!	NEED FOUR PEOPLE!	Margie Dale Phil Johnson
Children's Church		Kristy Nienstedt Becky Pecha			Lilly Chiado Zoe Mummert
After Service Coffee	Margie Dale Tana Vance	Bonney Coldsmith	N/A	Cancelled??!! No one signed up	Phyllis Brehm
Communion Bread	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt	Karen Wolfinger
Communion Assistants	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Kristy Nienstedt (Trays)	NEED SOMEONE (Chalice) Ron Coldsmith (Trays)	Heidi Shenberger (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)	Heidi Shenberger Margie Dale (Chalice) Bill & Lilly Chiado (Trays) Kristy Nienstedt (2 nd Bread)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Karen Wolfinger (Trays)
Communion Set-Up	Jerry & Ilona Laney	Jerry & Ilona Laney	Jerry & Ilona Laney	Jerry & Ilona Laney	Karen Wolfinger
Communion Clean-Up	Clif & Carole Rau	Linda Berberich	NEED SOMEONE	NEED SOMEONE	Linda Berberich
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee				
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire, Becky Mull				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Peggi Norman				

*Maundy Thursday Evening Service at 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Festival Worship Service

Please note the server positions that are still open and prayerfully consider if you can fill that role!
Also, looking ahead there is still a need for a Coffee Hour Host on May 12th.

Gospel Readings for April:

Sunday, April 7th--John 12:1-8
 Palm Sunday, April 14th--Luke 22:14--23:56
 Maundy Thursday, April 18th--John 13:1-7, 31b-35
 Good Friday, April 19th--John 18:1--19:42
 Easter Sunday, April 21st--Luke 24:1-12
 Sunday, April 28th--John 20:19-31



Celebrating a Birthday in April....

4/1	Mike Schultz	4/21	Glenn Wildeson (80 th)
4/2	Peggi Norman	4/21	Bonney Coldsmith
4/8	Luke Mentzer	4/23	Phil Johnson
4/11	Esther Gift (90 th)	4/25	Audrey Shenberger
4/13	Curt Shreiner	4/26	Todd Schultz
4/13	Katy Nienstedt	4/27	Janice McEntire
4/15	Alan Johnson (85 th)	4/27	Hailey Gross
4/16	Heidi Shenberger	4/29	Taylor Garcia
4/16	LaRue McKenzie	4/29	Ilona Laney
4/18	Katie Garcia		

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in April...

4/9	Duane & Heidi Shenberger
4/26	Denny & Tammy Helman
4/28	Bob & Ina Shreiner

Remembering Our Homebound Members

On Easter Sunday, April 21st, Christians everywhere will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, many of our homebound members will not be able to attend that morning's festival worship. However, we can help make them feel connected to our Solomon's community at this special time by remembering them at Easter with a greeting card or friendly note. Presently our homebound members include the following:

Harold "Bud" Armstrong**
Ferd & Connie Bikle
Helen Hess
Bonnie Hudson
Marilys Johnson
Frances Kramer

Becky McCleary
Marjorie McMullin
Linda Russ
Bob Shreiner
Esther & Gerald Schultz
Clayton Schwartz

**Note: Bud has a new address on file with the church office.

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to the members of the Worship & Music Committee, the Christian Education Committee, and the Kitchen Committee for providing the meals for our weekly **March** Lenten Soup Suppers.

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for hosting the March “Lunch, Learn, & Play” event.

Thank you to everyone who donated paper products for the Social Ministry Committee’s paper drive for the Maranatha Food Pantry.

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for hosting another fun Kids’ Night.

Thank you to those members who have volunteered to help with worship assistant duties that were not yet filled.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Relay for Life Team’s Daffodil Days fundraiser.



Have you visited our revamped website yet?

If not, check it out!

The URL is www.solomonslutheran.org.

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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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*“But the angel (at the tomb) said to them, “ Do not be alarmed;
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.”*

Mark 16:6 (NRSV)