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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,

As I write this letter, we are right in the middle of the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means “to reveal.” We are spending the Sundays before Lent exploring who this Jesus is that was revealed to the nations by the wisemen and who we are as Jesus’ followers.

Lent arrives February 22 with Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an important physical sign on Ash Wednesday. Ancient Jews used ashes as both a sign of grief and repentance. We grieve our sin - moving away from God. We repent – desiring to change direction, change our minds, and live more aligned with the flow of God’s love. We mark our foreheads in the shape of the cross as we look forward to the cross as a sign of God’s reconciliation with all creation.

Ashes also connect us with our own mortality. We’re reminded that we are creatures and rely on God. The words we use to form the cross come from the first book of the Hebrew Bible, Genesis. *By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* Genesis 3: 19

Lent is the season we set aside for reflection. We’ve spent Epiphany in light, learning about Jesus and our call to follow Him. Now, the light dims as we reflect on what distracts us from God, what gets in the way of who we are meant to be as beloved children of God.

Daily intentional spiritual practice puts space in our lives for the Holy Spirit to come and dwell and transform. Some of the traditional are Bible reading, fasting, generous giving of money, time or talents, prayer and meditation, spiritual friendship, and accountability. There are countless other ways God calls us to a deeper richer relationship. The important thing is to be intentional and take the time seriously.

How is God inviting you to relationship this Lent? May your hearts ignite in love of Jesus and in turn allow that love to flow out to each other and our neighborhood.

Let us pray for one another as we embark on our Lenten journey together.

God bless you,
Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for FEBRUARY:

- Sunday, February 5 - Matthew 5:13-20
- Sunday, February 12 - Matthew 5:21-37
- Sunday, February 19 - Matthew 17:1-9
- Wednesday, February 22 - Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
- Sunday, February 26 - Matthew 4:1-11

Serving in February

	2/5/23	2/12/23	2/19/23	2/26/23
Head Usher	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire
Lector	Peggi Norman	Patricia Yetter	Wayne Dale	Sam Mull
Acolyte	Sam Mull	Sarah Aldrich	Sarah Aldrich	Sam Mull
Communion Set-Up	Becky Mull	Becky Mull	Becky Mull	Becky Mull
Communion Clean-Up	Becky Mull	Becky Mull	Becky Mull	Becky Mull
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire	Margie Dale	Margie Dale	Margie Dale
Communion Bread	Linda Berberich			
Securing Offering	Becky Mull & Wayne Norman			

Lenten Worship Opportunity

An Ecumenical Group called LARC (including Lutheran, Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches) invited Solomon's to be part of a community midweek service this Lent. Each congregation will host a soup supper at 5:30 followed by worship at 7. There is a time of fellowship after worship with beverages. **Please come and join our neighbors for prayer and conversation.**

Date / Time: 7:00	Weekly Theme	Location	Preacher
March 1	Abraham's Call to Journey	Solomon's Lutheran 4856 Wayne Rd Chambersburg, PA 17202 717-267-2266	Father Alan Wolfe or Father Matthew Smith
March 8	Moses' Call to Liberate	Trinity Lutheran 431 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 263-8156	Mother Pat Dickson
March 15	Jonah's Call to Repentance	Trinity Episcopal 58 S 2nd St Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-6351	Pastor Jane Nicholson
March 22	Mary's Call to Bear God's Son	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic 320 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-6317	Pastor Barb Barry
March 29	Disciples' Call to Share the Gospel	First Lutheran 43 W Washington St Chambersburg PA 17201 717-264-2015	Father Alan Wolfe or Father Matthew Smith



There will be two Ash Wednesday services on February 22: 11AM and 7:30PM. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday begins Lent. The ashes are made from the palms we wave on Palm Sunday. Wearing the ashes reminds us of our mortality and focuses our hearts on our need for repentance.

News from Social Ministry



Souperbowl time is here - The Super Bowl is February 12. We don't know who will be playing yet. As soon as we know who is playing, we will have two boxes in the Sunday school room identified with the teams. Place a can of soup or a Power Pack item in the box of your choice. Based on the number of items in each box, we will determine Solomon's Souperbowl winner.



Empower • Educate • Feed

Power Pack Meals - the Power Pack Ministry is now packing meals for 25 students at New Franklin School. The program covers three meals a day for the weekend, that's 150 meals that are being packed each week. The need is GREAT. Please consider doing what you can to help. Food can be placed in the gray tote in the Sunday school room. Monetary donations can be put in the offering, clearly mark your check "Power Pack". Your response in the past has been great. THANK YOU!!!

News from Worship & Music Committee

The Worship and Music Committee will be holding two training / refresher sessions for Communion assistants and Communion set-up and clean-up volunteers in February. This will be for existing AND new volunteers. If this is a ministry that you've wanted to volunteer for, but were afraid that you didn't know enough about, now's your chance! The first session will be for Communion assistants, on Sunday, February 5, after worship. The second will be on Sunday, February 12, after worship, for Communion set-up and clean-up volunteers. Both sessions should be about a half hour long. If you have any questions, contact Peggi Norman.

News from Christian Ed

Youth Church/Sunday School - We would like to invite all youth to join us. The youth will meet downstairs before worship starts and participate in a youth lesson during worship. We have just a few youth who attend and we want them to join together in fellowship as a church family. They will join the Church Service before communion.

News from the Church Council

2023 Officers Elected - At the January council meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve for the coming year: Ronald Coldsmith, President; Wayne Norman, Vice-President; Frances Reichard, Secretary; Janice McEntire, financial secretary and Marjorie Dale, treasurer. We give thanks for their willingness to serve.

Congregational Meeting - The agenda for the congregational meeting tentatively scheduled for February 26th includes the presentation of the 2023 annual report, approval of November 13, 2022 congregation minutes, and approval of constitution amendments. The meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service.

Update from Call Committee

The Call Committee filed Solomon's Mission Profile in October for interested candidates. Early January synod was contacted for an update on candidates. At this time there were no inquiries on Solomon's Profile. We continue to pray and trust in the Holy Spirit.

A Note of Thanks

To Pastor Barb and members & friends of Solomon's,

I would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent lengthy hospital admission and home recovery. The food from individuals and kitchen committee were very much appreciated. **Tana Vance.**



Solomon's Relay for Life Team

Fund Raiser Luncheon

Sunday February 26, 2023

Please Join Us

Menu: Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Peas & Carrots, Cranberry Salad, and Dessert

Donations accepted

We appreciate your support of our Solomon's Relay for Life Team

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in February and March are still available: 2/12, 2/19, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26.

Have an item for the March newsletter?! Deadline is **February 17th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.

*Please
Note!*

We continue to work on update the directory with current information. If you have not sent in your information, please do so. We will try to have a first draft for proofing by Sunday, February 19. The final copy will be available on February 26, 2023.

Our Homebound Members

Valentine's Day is Tuesday, February 14th

For those of you who enjoy sending out **Valentine cards**, consider adding our homebound members to your list. Receiving a card would undoubtedly brighten their day! Their addresses may be found in our church directory.

Betty Amt
Jere Brehm
Bill & Jane Brindle
Esther Gift
Genevieve Grant
Jean Jackson
Joe Mock

Frances Kramer
Carol Locke
Marjorie McMullin
Linda Russ
Clayton Schwartz
Ina Shreiner



HAPPY 
Valentine's
DAY 

Power Pack Annual Report

2022 Annual Report for New Franklin Power Pack Program

Our program follows the Chambersburg Area School District calendar. For the school year 2021-22 we began packing for 6 students on September 21, 2021 and ended on May 24, 2022 packing for 9 students weekly. We then resumed packing on September 13, 2022 for the school year of 2022-23. We began with 16 students and have increased to 25 students effective December 13, 2022.

Food donations have been received steadily and we continue to purchase specific items with our monetary donations. We continue to receive donations from the New Franklin Ruritan Club, New Franklin Assembly of God Church, Solomon's Lutheran Church and our own Solomon's United Church of Christ. We joined the Central PA Food Bank in November and received our first delivery in December to help supplement our supplies due to the increase in our students.

On November 22, we packed and provided a Thanksgiving meal for 8 families which included 17 of our regular Power Pack students, and totaled 40 people. A total of 14 insulated reusable bags were packed with rotisserie chicken, boxed stuffing & mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, corn, green beans & cranberry sauce, gravy, applesauce and prepackaged pumpkin dessert for a total cost of \$404.75.

At Christmas we provided 11 families Christmas dinner which included 20 of our ongoing students & totaled 59 people. We provided 8-9 pound fully cooked spiral sliced hams, boxed stuffing & Au Gratin potatoes, cans of corn, green beans & cranberry sauce, applesauce, and Christmas tree cakes again packed in 18 insulated reusable bags. They were sent home on December 20 at a total cost was \$363.31

We received an anonymous donation of 50 pounds of frozen hamburger which we packed for our 25 students in the insulated bags, 2-1 pound packs of hamburger, 2 boxes of hamburger helper, a bag of fresh carrots and a bag of mandarin oranges for a cost of \$309.29. These bags were sent home also on December 20, to be used during the Christmas break.

As of January 10, 2023, we are continuing to pack weekly for 25 students. Our pantry is currently stocked but we go through items quickly providing 3 meals a day for 25 children for 2 days per week. We can always use individual size vegetables preferably in cups but cans are used, meal items such as Chef Boyardee meals, macaroni and cheese cups or Ramen noodles and 8 oz water bottles.

We pack weekly on Tuesdays at 12:30pm in Solomon's UCC church basement. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Currently our bank account has a balance of \$2205.84. Our Power Pack Program is continuing strong due to your support. Thank you for your generous monetary and food item donations.

Blessings in 2023,

Cindy Holmquist



Celebrating a Birthday in February....

2/2	Terry Fell	2/16	Becky Mull
2/3	John Martin	2/20	Lois Kanagy
2/9	Melinda Gross	2/22	Linda Wepking
2/11	Tonya Reichard	2/23	Charlie Taylor
2/12	Phyllis Brehm	2/25	Leah Wolfinger
2/14	Susie Henicle	2/26	Wayne Dale
2/15	Becky Pecha	2/26	Beth Floyd
2/16	Patsy Wildeson	2/28	Brenda Helman



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in February...

2/15	Ray & Terry Fell
2/15	Glenn & Susan Henicle
2/20	Mark & Trudy Kuykendall
2/23	Bill & Bonnie Hudson

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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)