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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 in Christ,

It's hard to believe we're almost through the season of Lent. I have a spiritual sister who asks on a regular basis, "How is it with your soul?" So, I ask you. How is it with your soul? How is your experience with Lent so far? What insights did you gain through the spiritual practices you adopted during Lent? What changes did you see as a result? And most importantly, what plans do you have in place to continue nourishing and caring for your soul as we move into the Easter season?

For, you see, what we practice grows stronger. Without intention, we can slip backward into old habits of resisting the spiritual discipline that's necessary to continue growing in spiritual maturity. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17) Scripture shows us that when we encounter Jesus, transformation is the natural outcome. Transformation of our hearts and minds results in new, loving attitudes and behavior. It's a given!

Sunday, April 2, begins Holy Week, the most sacred time in the church year. That week we walk together with Jesus to the cross. The worship services are designed that we not just talk about but experience, using our senses, the events of Jesus' passion.

Palm/Passion Sunday, we begin the service waving palm branches with the crowd shouting "Hosanna to the son of David" as Jesus rides a donkey on the way to the temple. Later, in that

same service, emotions turn dark. We read the Passion shouting “Crucify Him” with those same crowds. On Maundy Thursday, we sit with the disciples at Jesus’ Last Supper, hear His final teaching on love and leave with Him to the garden to pray. Good Friday, we walk with the crowds to the cross and grieve as He dies, and the Paschal Candle is extinguished.

I strongly encourage you to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Palm Sunday, Apr 2, worship is at 10:15am. There are 2 services scheduled for Maundy Thursday, Apr 6 (11am, 7:30pm) and Good Friday, Apr 7 (noon, 7:30pm).

Soon the words “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!” will ring through our sanctuary. Those words will mean so much more when we first slog with Jesus through the pain, suffering and betrayal of His passion and crucifixion. We can only get to the victory over death of Easter through the horror of Good Friday. That’s what gives us hope in our own lives. There IS resurrection from the ashes of defeat and despair.

Come! Join us this Holy Week. I promise Easter will be that much more inspiring and meaningful this year.

Blessings on your journey,
Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for APRIL:

Sunday, April 2 - Matthew 26:14-27:66

Thursday, April 6 - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 7 - John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 8 - John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 9 - Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 16 - John 20:19-31

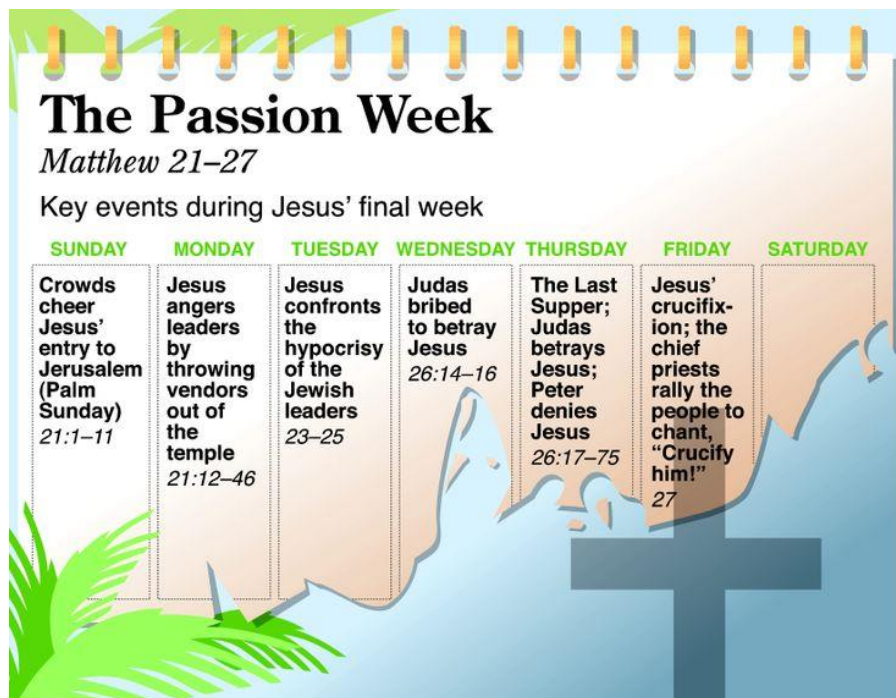
Sunday, April 23 - Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 30 - John 10:1-10



These friends are now part of our family:

Vernon Socks and Dick & Betty Amt



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, 4/02: *Sing 'Hosanna' as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey then cry "Crucify Him" as we re-enact the Passion.*

Maundy Thursday, 4/06: (11AM and 7:30PM) *Sit with Jesus as He teaches us at the Supper. Through the stripping of the altar, experience Jesus' pain as He leaves to pray before His arrest.*

Good Friday 4/07: *Walk with Jesus through His passion.*

(Noon) Traditional Good Friday Service with reading of the Passion.

(7:30PM) Tenebrae Service (Service of Light and Dark) Experience the reading of the passion with song and candlelight.

Easter Sunrise Service, 4/09: 6:30AM New Franklin Ruritan Building. 2500 New Franklin Road. *Greet the dawn and pray together with other churches in our community in praise. Jesus is risen! Solomons will be providing the special music this year.*

Easter Sunday, 4/09: *Experience once again the empty tomb and the victory of Jesus over death.*



Easter Cantata

Walk Worthy

by Joseph Martin

**Sunday, April 23rd
during 10:15 a.m. Worship Service**



Qigong/Tai Chi Class (8-week session) will be starting **May 3rd, Wednesdays at 6:00pm** at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. If you need to miss a class, just come to the next class. No special abilities needed, if you can walk independently, you will survive the class. We will be taking breaks. All exercises are mild and designed to increase flexibility, strength, balance, and energy flow. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.



Understanding the book of Genesis

Richard Graven will teach Adult Sunday School, 9AM before Worship on Sunday, beginning May 7. He will teach the class every other week through the summer due to his unavailability after October.

"The story of creation as told in the book of Genesis has caused many people to disbelieve the Bible. Did the creation of the universe plus life on earth only take 7 days? Science says otherwise. Do the Bible and science really disagree? The class will study Genesis with this question in mind." We will use the book "Navigating Genesis" by Hugh Ross as a reference.

Serving in April					
	Palm Sunday 4/2/23	Easter 4/9/23	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Head Usher	Paul Kostreski				
Lector	N/A	Patricia Yetter	Bonney Coldsmith	Peggi Norman	Rich McEntire
Acolyte	Sarah Aldrich	Sarah & Rebekah Aldrich	Sarah Aldrich	TBD	Janice McEntire
Communion Set-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman				
Communion Clean-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman				
Communion Assists	Lilly Chiado & Ilona Laney	Lilly Chiado & Peggi Norman	Lilly Chiado & Peggi Norman	Lilly Chiado & Peggi Norman	Lilly Chiado & Peggi Norman
Communion Bread	Janice McEntire				
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire & Zoe Mummert				

	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	GREETER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ASSIST W/ STRIPPING ALTAR
Maundy Thursday	Rich McEntire AM Bonney Coldsmith PM	Norm Kuykendall AM Aaron Shreiner PM	Rich McEntire AM Zoe Mummert PM	Ron Coldsmith AM Ron Coldsmith PM	Bonney Coldsmith AM Ilona Laney AM
Good Friday	Patricia Yetter AM N/A PM	Wayne Norman PM	Judy Johnson AM Zoe Mummert PM		Paul Kostreski AM/PM Zoe Mummert PM Wayne Norman PM

News Around Solomon's



Suicide Awareness
and Prevention

Tuesday, May 2, Solomon's is hosting a community training for suicide prevention at both 10am and 7pm. The classes will be facilitated by Alexandra Shatzer through the Mental Health Association of Franklin and Fulton Counties. The QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training will last one and a half hours. Light refreshments will be served. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Several people in our own faith family have been affected by suicide and the rate in our community increases. We can be of help.



CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

This is Christ's Church. There is a Place for You Here.

The 2023 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly

THANK YOU to Solomons two delegates to the Lower Susquehanna Synod 2023 Spring Assembly. Sam and Becky Mull will be attending assembly with Pastor Barb. The assembly will be held on-line on Friday evening (June 2) and in person at Trinity Lutheran Camp Hill on Saturday (June 3).

Power Pack Meals

Power Packs Meals for New Franklin School: We are currently packing meals for 25 children weekly. On Friday they receive three meals for both Saturday and Sunday. Items needed in **individual plastic cups** (individual cans are accepted) of: Vegetables (Weis has the best variety), Ramen noodles, Cup of noodles, Chef Boyardee, Juice pouches, 8oz water bottles, Yoo-hoo, or Nestle's drinks are always needed, fruits and applesauce. Snack items would be next on the list. Please place your items in the gray tote in the Sunday school room. Monetary gifts are always welcome. Please put Power Pack Meals on the memo line of your check.

News from Social Ministry

Maranatha Paper Drive: During the month of April, we will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. Paper products cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Items needed are: toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, hand wipes, diapers, etc. Please place the items in the gray tote under the coat rack, next to the mailboxes.





Solomon's

Annual Community

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 8 at 11:00AM

in the Picnic Woods

ALL CHILDREN 3-12 ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Remembering Our Homebound Members

On Easter Sunday, April 9th, Christians everywhere will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even though our church will be open for worship this Easter, some of our members will still not be able to attend. 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:

Betty Amt
William & Jane Brindle
Ginny Detwiler
Esther Gift
Genny Grant
Jean Jackson
Frances Kramer

Joe Mock
Carol Locke
Marjorie McMullin
Linda Russ
Clayton Schwartz
Ina Shreiner



Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in May are still available: 5/7, 5/21, 5/28.

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

**Congregational
Dinner**

April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Solomon's Fellowship Center

Menu:

Walking Tacos, Bar-b-que, Baked Potatoes,
Broccoli, Applesauce, Ice Cream Cake,
Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

Adults - \$7.50 Children (5-11) - \$4.00 Under 5 - Free



Solomon's Lutheran Church team will once again be participating in the Franklin/Fulton Relay which will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 4 to 11 pm at the Greencastle

Antrim High School. Please plan to stop by and enjoy the evening with friends and family. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair! There will be a survivor/caregiver ceremony, lap and reception, basket alley and the Greencastle Band Boosters will be selling food. Please feel free to bring a cooler with drinks and food. The luminary service will start at 10:00 pm and you will be able to purchase a luminary prior to the event. A form is also attached to our newsletter. You may complete this prior to event and give to Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert. Don't forget to register and be part of Solomon's Team! You will need to log onto the website: relayforlife.org OR call 1-800-227-2345. Please see Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert with any questions and Thank you for your support! We appreciate all you do for our Relay Team and in turn helps cancer patients.



Celebrating a Birthday in April....

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| 4/1 | Mike Schultz | 4/21 | Bonney Coldsmith |
| 4/2 | Peggi Norman | 4/23 | Phil Johnson |
| 4/8 | Luke Mentzer | 4/26 | Todd Schultz |
| 4/11 | Esther Gift | 4/27 | Janice McEntire |
| 4/16 | LaRue McKenzie | 4/27 | Hailey Gross |
| 4/18 | Katie Garcia | 4/29 | Taylor Garcia |
| 4/21 | Glenn Wildeson | 4/29 | Ilona Laney |



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in April...

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| 4/26 | Denny & Tammy Helman |
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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)