



**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 Barb Barry

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter Sunday our words rang out loud and clear.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Out of the ashes of defeat and death, God is doing a new thing. If we look back over our lives with the eyes of our hearts wide open, we can see God working resurrection out of ashes many times. God has a track record. We can trust God to keep promises. We celebrate Jesus raised from the dead and we know that promise is for us too. Not just after we die, although it is that, but right here right now in the middle of our lives today.

How do you see God doing a new thing in your life? Are your attitudes or behavior becoming more compassionate, more intentional, more loving? That's God! Have you made a deeper surrender to God's guidance in your life? That's God! Are you experiencing a nudge to take care of your body or creation in a new way? That's God! Is there a sense of letting go or forgiveness that wasn't there before? That's God! God's love changes us from the inside out. We are constantly nudged in the direction of becoming our best selves.

God is doing a new thing in our lives personally and also in our family life here at Solomon's.

I have a picture of the crucified Jesus hanging in my home office. When I sit at my desk, I clearly see Jesus' face; a crown of thorns encircles His head. The picture changes, though, when I stand up and walk toward the picture. Jesus' face slowly dissolves into dozens of faces of famous and not so famous people. The painting is an object lesson using paint brush and canvas.

Here at Solomon's, we're not just a disconnected bunch of individuals who happen to come together on Sunday, worship together, and then go our separate ways. We are family together. We are called to be in relationship with one another to reflect the love and light of Jesus to each other and our neighbors. **WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

On Easter, God responded to the violence, oppression, and betrayal of humanity not with power and punishment but with love and forgiveness. God did a new thing raising Jesus from the dead. God is doing a new thing here at Solomon's. Our story is one of hope, optimism, and possibility. We continue to trust God will guide us as we seek direction in how to move forward.

May we open our hearts to the transformation that is surely happening as we grow in hope. May we come together as the Body of Christ, notice what God is doing at Solomon's and in our community of New Franklin and join in the party!

Easter blessings to you!

Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for May:

Sunday, May 7 - John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14 - John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 21 - John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28 - John 7:37-39

Serving in May

	5/7/23	5/14/23	5/21/23	5/28/23
Head Usher	Frances Reichard			
Lector	Kathy Bowen	Patricia Yetter	Wayne Dale	Peggi Norman
Acolyte	Sam Mull	Wayne Dale	Barbara Aldrich	Wayne Dale
Communion Assist	Ilona Laney & Marjorie Dale	Ilona Laney & Marjorie Dale	Ilona Laney & Peggi Norman	Ilona Laney & Peggi Norman
Communion Set-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney			
Communion Clean-Up	Kathy Bowen & Janice McEntire			
Communion Bread	Zoe Mummert			
Securing Offering	Marjorie Dale & Phil Johnson			
Coffee Fellowship	Marjorie Dale & Tana Vance			

News Around Solomon's



The Lord's Prayer

In Confirmation, Sarah Aldrich has been studying the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Her final project was to write the prayer in her own words. Her prayer is so meaningful and inspiring, I asked her if I could share it with you. May her words and interpretation help deepen your understanding of this beloved prayer.

Dad, I love you. You are always there for me. May you be at the center of my life, and may I do what you want. Please, give me what I need to thrive; and give us the gift of grace, as we give understanding and compassion to others. Don't let us act on our unhealthy or wrong urges but protect us from danger. All is in your hands, Father, forever. Truly.



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.



**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.



THANK YOU to the many disciples at Solomon's who worked so hard to create worship services during Holy Week and Easter that helped all of us to encounter Christ in such a heartfelt way. There were many moving parts. The services wouldn't have been as meaningful without so much help.



Council has decided that Holiday and Altar flowers going forward will not be recorded on annual financial statements to members. It is the responsibility of the members to track their flower giving.



Thank you to council who gave such a nice gift for Administrative Professional Day on behalf of the congregation. I am truly blessed to work for the congregation at Solomon's! *Kimberly*

Passages



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the families and friends of **Jere Brehm** and **Clayton Schwartz**. May God comfort them with the hopes of a blessed reunion in heaven.

News from Social Ministry



POWER PACK MEALS: Power Pack Meals and donations will be collected until the end of May for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. THANK YOU to everyone who participated this past school year. Solomon's members have been very generous.

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The annual SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your support allows the auxiliary to continue to make generous contributions to SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, including donations to the Inn Endowment Fund and Homecare & Hospice Endowment Fund. These funds are essential to providing continued benevolent care. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Becky Pecha, your congregational representative.



RELAY FOR LIFE OF FRANKLIN & FULTON COUNTIES

NEWS, NOTES & ALL THE IMPORTANT STUFF!

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

4:00PM
Survivor Tent Opens

4:00PM
Basket Alley Opens!

4:30PM
Opening Ceremonies

5:00PM
Theme Lap & Song
Take Me Out to the Relay

5:30PM
Team Recognition

6:00PM
Survivor/Caregiver Ceremony

6:30PM
Survivor Reception

8:00PM
Patriot Lap
In Memory of
Russ and Dody Clever

8:30PM
Fight Back Lap

9:30PM
Teddy Bear Lap

10:00PM
Luminary Ceremony

10:45PM
GLOW FOR HOPE



RELAY FOR LIFE OF FRANKLIN & FULTON COUNTIES



TAKE ME OUT TO THE RELAY!
GREENCASTLE ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY - MAY 19, 2023

4-11PM

SIGN UP FOR 2023

HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR 2023 YET? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/PAFRANKLINFULTON
OR 800-227-2345

The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. We are the only organization improving the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.



\$10

can help people find hope and support online through our Cancer Survivors Network™.



\$10

could help put free cancer education in the hands of those who need guidance.



\$25

can help people facing breast cancer connect with trained survivors through our Reach To Recovery® program.



\$30

could help 1 person find free answers and much-needed support through our 24-hour helpline.



\$50

can help provide 1 free ride to treatment through our Road To Recovery® program.



\$65

can help provide 1 free night's stay at a Hope Lodge® community for people with cancer and

Event Leads:

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Solomon's Lutheran Church VBS 2023



VBS – JUNE 19 – 23, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

AGES: 3yrs. – 6th grade

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: JUNE 25 at 10:15 am

Please fill out the attached
Registration Form and Photo Agreement Form
Bring the first night of VBS

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in May and June are still available: 5/21, 5/28, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25.

Have an item for the summer newsletter?! Deadline is May **19th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.



Celebrating a Birthday in May...

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| 5/1 | Robin Mull | 5/15 | Daniel Crouch |
| 5/7 | Judy Johnson | 5/18 | Carole Rau |
| 5/11 | Ron Coldsmith | 5/18 | Nancy Marshall |
| 5/12 | Kathy Bowen | 5/23 | Marjorie Dale |
| 5/13 | Nancy Kuykendall | 5/23 | Jerry Laney |
| 5/13 | Carolyn Clouser | 5/25 | Sam Mull |



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in May...

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| 5/3 | Mark & Sally Gayman |
| 5/14 | Jerry & Ilona Laney |
| 5/21 | Sean & Chelsea Kindall |
| 5/26 | Dan & Roxy Bothe |

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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)