



**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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The calendar season of summer is marked by growth and harvest. Gardening is my go-to stress reliever. I love getting my hands dirty in the dirt with planting and weeding. Caring for the plants and watching them grow to maturity fills my heart.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the church season for growing, growing in our trust of the Lord. Pentecost is the day we remember the Holy Spirit coming in gale force winds and tongues of fire resting on the heads of each of the apostles and others gathered in the house. The Holy Spirit that fills our hearts with a spark of the Divine and sets us on fire for Jesus and God's mission for Solomon's.

The growing season of the church is creatively called "The time after Pentecost." It extends for a long time from Pentecost to Advent. It's a "green" time when we place green paraments on the altar and focus on exploring what it means to live as a follower of Jesus. This summer we're going to risk doing something a little different.

Many people have come to me asking questions about worship. They are curious about why we do certain things the way we do. Everything in worship has a purpose and meaning. Many people don't realize the colors, candles, and other things on and around the altar aren't there for decoration. Everything is designed to help us encounter Christ more deeply.

This summer at Solomon's we're going to take some time to explore the Worship Service. We'll take time to talk about the order of worship and delve deeply into the meaning of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. We'll review together the items used during worship and what they mean. Hopefully, this will give all of us a richer experience of worship.

To make sure we are answering questions you have about worship, there will be baskets at both doors. Write your questions and place them in the baskets. We will make sure to answer them in one of the sermons.

It's hard to hear but worship isn't about you. Worship is an encounter with the risen Christ. Worship is for an audience of one. That one is God. The intent of worship is to adore, honor and glorify God because the One Who Loves us is WORTHY of honor and respect. What we receive from worship is a gracious gift from a loving God. The question isn't "what will I get from worship today" but "what do I bring." It's the difference between fussing about hymn selection or a sermon that falls flat or noticing God noticing you as you pray, sing, listen and receive Communion.

Worship is a vital part of our mission at Solomon's. We proclaim the Good News of God's love loudly and boldly. Knowing what's beneath our worship practices will make that proclamation all the more powerful.

Blessings on your journey,

Pastor Barb



Gospel Readings for June:

- Sunday, June 4 - Matthew 28:16-20
- Sunday, June 11 - Matthew 9:9-13,18-26
- Sunday, June 18 - Matthew 9:35-10:8
- Sunday, June 25 - Matthew 10:24-39

Gospel Readings for JULY:	Gospel Readings for AUGUST:
Sunday, July 2 - Matthew 10:40-42	Sunday, August 6 - Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday, July 9 - Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Sunday, August 13 - Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday, July 16 - Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Sunday, August 20 - Matthew 15:10-20
Sunday, July 23 - Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Sunday, August 27 - Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, July 30 - Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	

Serving in June

	6/4/23	6/11/23	6/18/23	6/25/23
Head Usher	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire
Lector	Peggi Norman	Patricia Yetter	Kathy Bowen	VBS Service
Acolyte	Outdoor Service	Norm Kuykendall	Sam Mull	VBS Service
Communion Set-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman			
Communion Clean-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman			
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire & Peggi Norman			
Communion Bread	Becky Mull			
Securing Offering	Becky Mull & Doug Mummert			
Coffee Fellowship	Linda Berberich			

News Around Solomon's



Summer gets busy with family activities and vacations. When routine is ruptured, we can lose our bearings and perspective forgetting who we are and whose we are. **If you can't get to Solomon's, don't forget worship is now live on Facebook and YouTube.** You can also worship later with the recording. Churches abound! If you gather with a different community for worship, bring back your bulletin. Our faith family can benefit from the worship ideas of other congregations. Don't forget your daily time with God this summer. Relationships flounder without proper care. Your relationship with God is no different.



The Chambersburg Lutheran Conference of churches maintains 2 storage sheds filled with all sorts of furniture for people in need. Solomon's sends a yearly donation to help support the sheds. **If you know of anyone in need of furniture, please let them know about this ministry.** Contact Don Grier, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, for details.



Is there anything we do in worship that has you wondering why, or you want to know more about? Write your questions and place them in the baskets provided by the doors. We will address your questions in the sermons on Sunday.



Funeral Details for Clayton Schwartz: You are invited to a celebration of life for Clayton Schwartz on Saturday, June 10, in the sanctuary at Solomon's. Family visitation will begin at 10AM with the service at 11AM. The burial will be private, family only. A Celebration of Life lunch will be held immediately following the service from noon - 2 in the Bryson Room in Colestock Nursing Home in Quincy Village.



Richard Graven is teaching Adult Bible School every other Sunday. Study material is taken from the book, "Navigating Genesis" by Hugh Ross. The dates for the class are: June 18 (June 4 is outdoor worship and there will be no class.) July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27.



Women of the ELCA News

The Women of the ELCA annual Fall Retreat is October 27-29 at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. It is a wonderful respite from the busyness of our everyday lives. There are several options you can choose from: the whole weekend (Friday evening through Sunday), Friday evening and Saturday, or Saturday only. There are scholarships available. Our theme is Fearfully and Wonderfully Made by God and will be presented by Pastor Beth Hawk. There is a description, registration form and scholarship form attached to this newsletter. Contact Peggi Norman at peggi2@yahoo.com for more information. Hope to see you there.



Rally Day Sunday September 10th at 9:00. Breakfast and speaker Mark Story from Habitat for Humanity.

News from Social Ministry

Beginning in June and continuing through August, Social Ministry will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits as we have done in past years.



Items needed are:

- One light-weight dark color bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27")
- Two - three bath size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., individually wrapped, any brand in original wrapping
- One adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers attached file optional.

We are not asking that you donate an entire kit, just the items you feel you can give. Place donated items in the marked bins under the coat rack. The kits will be assembled during God's Work Our Hands on Rally Day Sunday in September.

Power Pack Meals: We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2023-2024 school year. **Beginning in August**, please place the items you donate in the gray tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's, and put Power Pack in the memo line.

Solomon's Relay for Life



Solomon's Lutheran Relay for Life 2023 Team

Thank you for generously supporting the 2023 Relay for Life. Our mission calls us to serve in faith. Your contributions provide support and research for the many people around us diagnosed with cancer. Perhaps next year you might be able to come out and join us on the track or cheer us on.

There is a thank you note on the bulletin board from Lutheran Camping Corp. They are grateful for the recent gift from Solomon's for the monies received to support their ministry.



News from SpiriTrust Lutheran

Volunteer Opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge - Pianists are currently needed to play for Sunday afternoon worship services at The Inn. The service begins at 2pm and lasts approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Please contact Linda Beaver at lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge. Volunteers play an integral role in providing compassionate care and support to those we serve. Come and be part of our amazing volunteer team!

Music @ the Ridge

Wednesday, May 31

Tina Marie

Patriotic, Gospel & Country

Wednesday, June 21

Silver 63 Band

Country, Variety

Wednesday, July 19

The Flying Matlocks

Variety

The Auxiliary to SpiriTrust Lutheran® Chambersburg Chapter will sell food at each concert starting at **5:00 p.m.** The menu will vary and will be posted at The Fleck Center. All proceeds benefit the auxiliary.

Each one-hour concert begins at **6:00 p.m.**

The Fleck Center

SpiriTrust Lutheran®, The Village at Luther Ridge

2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg

Bring your lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held inside The Fleck Center.

For more information, call Ali or Patty at [717.267.1665](tel:717.267.1665).

Come for supper, stay for the music!

 **SpiriTrust Lutheran®**
The Village at Luther Ridge

Solomon's Lutheran Church VBS 2023



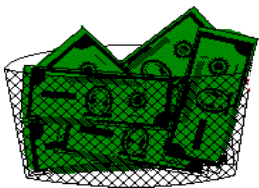
VBS – JUNE 19 – 23, 2023

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



Special Collection: VBS Celebration Sunday June 25, 2023 – In addition to the regular Sunday offering plate, we will have a special container for donations at the gym entrance. All donations will go to the New Franklin School Power Pack Meal Program.

Celebrating a Birthday in June....

6/1	Jared Mummert	6/15	Nancy Deardorff
6/2	Rosalie Hoffman	6/24	Dot Hunter
6/4	Annabelle Hoover	6/24	Lisa Mentzer
6/7	Genny Grant	6/25	Richard Amt
6/11	Don Wildeson	6/27	Erin Mummert
6/13	Darrell Veilleux	6/28	William Hoover



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in June...



6/2	Randy & Mary Jane Hess
6/3	Daniel & Stephanie Crouch
6/5	Glenn & Patsy Wildeson
6/6	Jesse & Tonya Reichard
6/11	Tytus & Hollie Taylor
6/14	Phil & Colleen Johnson
6/25	Wayne & Margie Dale
6/28	Todd & Marie Dovey

Celebrating a Birthday in July....

7/11	Rob Floyd	7/22	Paizley Parr
7/16	Joe Wolfinger	7/23	Mary Jane Hess
7/18	Frances Kramer	7/27	John David Schultz
7/20	Zoe Mummert	7/28	Rich McEntire
		7/29	Brian Coldsmith



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in July...



7/2	Brandon & Erin Mummert
7/8	Lee & Carol Locke
7/22	Paul Kostreski & Helen Garst
7/29	Darrell & Martie Veilleux
7/29	Ed & Frances Reichard
7/31	Curtis & Autumn Reichard
7/31	Todd & Abby Schultz

Celebrating a Birthday in August...



8/1	Emma English	8/21	Mark Kuykendall
8/1	Norm Kuykendall	8/21	Earl Weaver, Jr.
8/3	Paul Kostreski	8/23	Rose Wishard
8/5	Calvin Mentzer	8/23	Isabelle Schultz
8/9	Bill Wepking	8/24	Bernie Harris
8/16	Dustin Mull	8/25	Marjorie McMullin
8/20	Marty Wenger	8/29	Tarryn Taylor
8/20	Tana Vance		

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in August...

8/1	Bill & Linda Wepking
8/12	Blaine & Lisa Mentzer
8/15	Richard & Elizabeth Amt
8/23	Rich & Janice McEntire
8/31	Doug & Zoe Mummert



Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in June, July, and August are still available: 6/25, 7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20.

Have an item for the September newsletter?! Deadline is August **18th**. Please Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.

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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)