



**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,

Close your eyes. Take a deep breath. Rest in God's love. Notice God noticing you wherever you happen to be as you read this letter.

That's how we begin each worship service together, remembering we are there to worship our audience of one. Reminding ourselves that God is our foundation and reason for living. It's God's love which grounds who we are, the decisions we make, the attitudes we hold. Our hearts are transformed and we become more loving in the process. Worship isn't confined to an hour on Sunday morning but colors every hour of every day. Our lives become worship.

It's hard writing this letter; it's the last one. I have come to love this congregation in a deep and abiding way. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit blesses your ministry and guides you in living as Jesus would have you live. May Solomon's reflect God's love and light so brightly that your neighbors wonder what's happening here and want to be a part of it.

I will close with one of my favorite Scripture passages. It has been a guidepost for me in my spiritual journey. May you find joy, peace, and love as you continue to explore who you are and whose you are in your journey with Jesus.

Paul writes in chapter 3 in Philippians:

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

You will be in my daily prayers. God bless you!
Pastor Barb

If you are in need of pastoral care, please notify Ron Coldsmith, council president. Pastor Jane Nicholson, pastor of First Lutheran, Chambersburg, has agreed to provide this care for Solomon's until such time as an interim or settled pastor is called to serve.



Gospel Readings for SEPTEMBER:

- Sunday, September 3 – Matthew 16:21-28
- Sunday, September 10 – Matthew 18:15-20
- Sunday, September 17 – Matthew 18:21-35
- Sunday, September 24 – Matthew 20:1-16

Serving in September

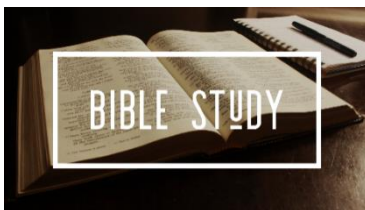
	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23
Head Usher	Phil Johnson	Phil Johnson	Phil Johnson	Phil Johnson
Lector	Richard Graven	Rich McEntire	Kathy Bowen	Wayne Dale
Acolyte	Sarah Aldrich	Janice McEntire	N/A	Wayne Dale
Communion Set-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman	Peggi & Wayne Norman	Peggi & Wayne Norman	Peggi & Wayne Norman
Communion Clean-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman	Peggi & Wayne Norman	Peggi & Wayne Norman	Peggi & Wayne Norman
Communion Assists	Janice McEntire & Peggi Norman	Janice McEntire & Becky Mull	Janice McEntire & Peggi Norman	Janice McEntire & Becky Mull
Communion Bread	Janice McEntire			
Securing Offering	Marjorie Dale & Larry Socks			
Coffee Fellowship	Richard Graven & Peggy Craven			

Special Worship Events & Bible Study



We will have an outdoor worship service in the Woods on September 17 at 10:15 a.m., weather permitting. Following the service, we will gather in the picnic shelter for a potluck lunch. Beverages, plates, napkins, and cutlery will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a camp chair. If it rains, we will worship in the church and eat in the Fellowship Center.

- Last name beginning with A-G bring a side dish
- Last name beginning with H-N bring a dessert
- Last name beginning with O-Z bring a main dish



Psalms Study will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10AM in the conference room. Peggi Norman will be the facilitator for the study. Please consider joining the group. Scripture study is an important factor in spiritual growth.



The visitation team will continue to bring Holy Communion to the homebound each month. If you know of someone who needs to be visited with Communion, please notify the office.



Families are the primary educators and nurturers of faith in young people. Sarah Aldrich will continue her studies with her mom, Barbara Aldrich. The topic this year is the Old and New Testaments. They have both attended a foundations class with Pastor Barb and are excited about this opportunity to study God's Word with each other. Sarah will be confirmed Pentecost 2024. Please keep both of them in your prayers.



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is Rally Day September 10

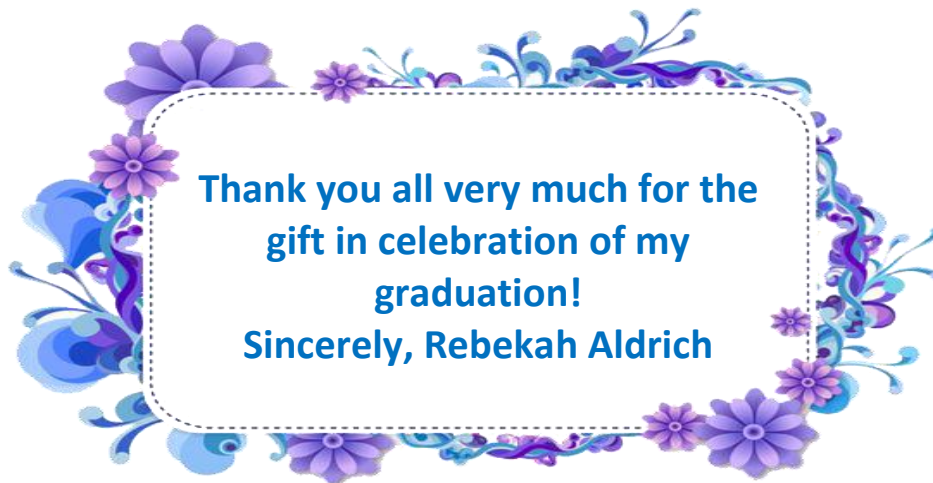
Solomon's is participating with thousands of other congregations across the country to serve our communities on *God's Work Our Hands Sunday*. Join Social Ministry in the Fellowship Center immediately following worship to assemble personal care kits for those in need.

From our Director of Music, Doug Mummert



Choir Practice Resumes - Our adult choir will resume its regular weekly practice sessions beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7 p.m.** in the Choir Room in the church building. All are welcome!

A Note of Thanks



Social Ministry News



LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR HOPE: The Social Ministry team invites you to join the Mental Health Association of Franklin/Fulton Counties in bringing awareness to suicide prevention by lighting it up purple during Suicide Prevention Week (Sept 10 – 16) or the entire month. Kits with purple light bulbs for your outdoor lights and purple glow sticks will be provided to each family on Sept 3. Change out your lights and give the glow sticks to six people you are concerned

about. Take time through September to check in with your six. Posters on the bulletin board give additional information about sharing your stories and pictures on social media. This is one way Solomon's can be of tangible service to their neighbors living into God's mission for this church.

Personal Care Kits: thank you to all who contributed to the kits so far. You still have until 9/10 to donate any of the following:

- One light weight dark colored bath-size towel (52" x 27")
- Bath-size bars of soap (any brand) in original wrapper
- One adult-size single toothbrush in original package
- One sturdy comb in original wrapper
- One metal nail clipper (attached file optional)

The kits will be assembled during Rally Day in September.

Monetary donations are accepted as well, please write "personal care kits" in the memo of your check.

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need starting in September. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups, individual packages of mac-n-cheese, Chef Boyardee, 8 oz bottles of water, juice boxes, and yahoo chocolate drink. Monetary donations are accepted as well, please write "power pack meals" in the memo of your check.

Finance Committee News

Reminder to Committees. Please have your proposed budget for 2024 completed and turned in to Kimberly no later than September 30, 2023.

Fund Raising Committee News

Apple Butter and Candy Order forms are here! Candy Making – Mark your calendars – **Thursday October 26, 2023 & Friday October 27, 2023.** We will be setting up for candy making on Thursday October 26 at 10:00 am. We will be making candy on Friday October 27 at 8:00 am.



Apple Butter & Candy Order Forms are in the newsletter and on table in the Sunday School Room. **Apple Butter & Candy orders will need to be turned in by Sunday, October 8, 2023.** Sign-up Sheets are on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Room. Candy can be picked up Saturday Oct. 28th 9:00 – 11:00 am and Sunday Oct. 29th after Church.

Christian Ed News

You are invited



Fall Picnic/Campfire

Saturday, September 30

Starts at 5:00 pm/Eat at 5:30 pm

In the Church Picnic Woods

Christian Ed would like to invite the congregation to their Fall Picnic/Campfire in the Picnic Woods. **Menu:** Roast your own hotdogs, baked beans, mac & cheese, chips, watermelon, roast your own s'mores, and drink.



Sunday September 10, 2023

Habitat For Humanity

Speaker: Mark Story

In the SFC

Breakfast: 9:00 am

Menu: Sausage Egg Casserole, Bacon Egg Casserole, Sticky Buns, Bacon, Fruit & Drink



Qigong/Tai Chi Class will be starting **Sept 6th, Wednesdays at 7:00pm** at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. If you can walk independently, you will survive the class. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

Spiritrust Lutheran Chambersburg auxiliary has discount cards available for **\$5.00**. Cards are good until Sept. 1, 2024. All proceeds go to support programs at Luther Ridge. Lots of great places to save. See Margorie Dale or Becky Pecha if you'd like to have a card.

Spiritrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary

Discount Card Fundraiser Only \$5.00

Good through August, 2024

Cards can be purchased from **Bonney Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Becky Pecha, and Frances Reichard.**

 \$5.00 • Expires 9/1/2024 <small>*These offers cannot be combined with any other discounts and exclude all alcohol purchases.</small>		 10% OFF Total Order 717.300.3232 487 E. King St, Shippensburg	 \$2 OFF \$25.00 or More 717.532.8973 8564 Old Scotland Rd, Shippensburg
 10% OFF Floral Purchase 717.762.2439 7620 Anthony Hwy, Quincy	 10% OFF Total Purchase BLACK & BILUSHI 717.594.8466 54 S. Main St, Chambersburg	 10% OFF Total Order 717.352.3071 4550 Lincoln Way E, Fayetteville	 10% OFF 4x6 Photo Processing & Photo Gifts 1019 Wayne Ave • Chambersburg
 10% OFF Total Order Wayneboro only 717.762.1477 11119 Buchanan Tr E, Waynesboro	 10% OFF Dine-In or Pick-Up Excludes Other Offers 717.263.9553 2625 Philadelphia Ave	 10% OFF Dine-In Buffet Only 717.261.8883 • 1009 Wayne Ave	 10% OFF Total Order 717.263.1112 • 1324 Lincoln Way E
 15% OFF Total Order 717.552.2372 120 S. Main St, Chambersburg	 10% OFF Total Order 717.263.9311 • 442 Gateway Ave	 10% OFF Total Order Non-special items only. 717.709.9898 1332 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg	 29c Color Copies no minimums 717.263.1839 170 Mill Rd, Chambersburg
 10% OFF Total Order 717.552.2734 • 3675 Philadelphia Ave	 10% OFF Total Order 717.264.8351 • 2342 Philadelphia Ave	 10% OFF Total Order 717.263.2008 • 615 Wayne Ave	 10% OFF 717.655.7821 7888 Anthony Hwy, Quincy



1050 Wayne Ave, Chambersburg

DINE TO DONATE

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary Fundraiser

WHEN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

**WHERE Chambersburg Applebee's
1050 WAYNE AVE, CHAMBERSBURG**

TIME 4:00 – 8:00PM

Dine at Applebee's and 20% of your total purchase amount (alcohol not included) will be donated to SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary. All proceeds will support SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge and SpiriTrust Lutheran Homecare & Hospice in Franklin County

Solomon's Relay for Life Team

Is hosting a

Hammer & Stain Fundraiser

Stained Resin Wine Glasses

Or

Metal Tumblers Workshop

\$40.00 pp

Sunday, October 22, 2023

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

[Hammer & Stain Chambersburg](#)

[31 South Main Street](#)

[Chambersburg PA 17201](#)

Register and Pay at:

hammerstainchambersburg.com

Scroll down on the home page until you see our listing. – “Click on” 10/22/23 Relay for Life Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church Fundraiser; then you pick which item you want to make; pay directly on the site.

Sign-up deadline is October 8, 2023

Questions see Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert

Come join us for an afternoon of fun! Snacks & Water will be provided.

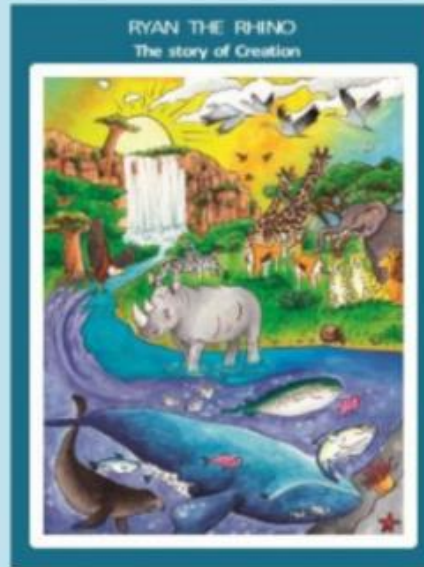




Weekends of Wonder: Children's Church

**Learn about creation with
Ryan the Rhino!**

- **Bible Lessons**
- **Songs & Music**
- **Crafts & Activities**
- **Friendship & Fun!**



Ages 3 and up

FREE!!

Centered on God's LOVE!

For more information and to register your child(ren),
visit www.mysolomonsucc.org/weekends-of-wonder

**Second Saturday of Every Month
9:30 AM - Noon**

**1594 Swamp Fox Rd.
Chambersburg, PA 17202**



Thank you!



Lutheran World Relief sent a letter of gratitude for the \$150 gift given through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania also sent a letter of gratitude for the \$100 gift given toward the ministry of summer camps, retreats, and events of all kinds. The letters are hanging on the church bulletin board for your reading convenience.

New Pew Candles

NEW PEW CANDLES are being purchased. If you would appreciate having Memorial Funds given in honor of your loved one used for this purpose, please notify the church office. The candles will be dedicated during the Christmas Eve service. (please note – picture is sideways)



Friendly Reminders

Youth Sunday School class (Children's Church) will resume on September 24th at 10:15 a.m.

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in September and October are still available: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1. Please email or call Kimberly (office@solomonslutheran.org / 717- 267-2266).

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

If you would like information included in the bulletin, please submit to the office by Thursday.

Celebrating a Birthday in September....



- 9/13 Aaron Shreiner
- 9/13 Keith Kuykendall
- 9/15 Sean Kindall
- 9/19 Karen Wolfinger
- 9/21 Hattie Mummert
- 9/22 Helen Garst
- 9/25 Bill Brindle



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in September...

- 9/6 Clif & Carole Rau
- 9/8 Mike & Abby Gayman-Hoover
- 9/11 Bernie & Edna Harris

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Join us Sunday mornings!

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (resumes 9/24)

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)