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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 Bill Nienstedt**

*Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." John 14:27*

On Memorial Day we remembered those who gave their lives in service to our country as we honored the over 600,000 U.S. men and women who have died while on active duty since World War I. World War I was called "the war to end all wars" but sadly we know that this was not the case. Wars, violence, terrorism, ethnic and racial injustices and insurrections seem to be an ever-present reality in our world. In addition, nuclear and other advanced weapons have made the stakes of war even greater.

The powers of the world today have the capability of destroying all life on our planet. Now, more than ever, we yearn for peace in the world. The words of Jesus to his Disciples on the night he was arrested bring us certain hope that through God, lasting peace is possible. The peace that Jesus gives is unlike anything the world can provide. The peace of Christ surpasses all human understanding. His peace comes through the total and sacrificial love of God for all people. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.* (John 3:16)

Martin Luther King, Jr. once wrote, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." In his sermon on the mountain, Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* (Matthew 5:9) Peace and love are integral to Jesus' entire ministry. Peace and love are central to the very identity of Jesus. Peace is possible only when we love one another as we love ourselves.

Unfortunately, we live in a world which is corrupted by sin. Until Jesus returns at the end of time, lasting peace will continue to elude us. Jesus said, *"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet."* (Matthew 24:6)

As followers of Jesus, we don't just sit around and wait for the final fulfillment of Jesus' promises. We are called to go out into our world and advocate and work for peace and justice. Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was executed by the Nazis during World War II, wrote, "The followers of Christ have been called to peace...they must not only have peace but make it." Bonhoeffer lost his life attempting to bring peace during some of the darkest days of human history.

Jesus never said being his follower comes without risk—the world is a dangerous place. But the Good Shepherd promises to accompany us *through* our darkest valleys and bring us true peace.

I encourage you to be an advocate for justice and peace in your small corner of the world. Through your prayers, words and actions, you can make a difference. Each one of us has unique gifts and abilities to enact peace and share the love of Christ with others. And always remember, Jesus has already given his peace to you and he promises to always be with you.

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Bill

### Gospel Readings for June:

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>—John 17:20-26  
Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>—John 14:8-17  
Holy Trinity Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>—John 16:12-15  
Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>—Luke 8:26-39  
Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>--Luke 9:51-62

**NOTE:** Readings for July and August may be found on page 10 of the newsletter.

## Special Worship Event

*Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Vacation Bible School Celebration Service*  
*9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Center*

**“ROAR”** Vacation Bible School students will share what they learned the previous week through songs and skits during the morning worship service.

*Remember:* **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS ON JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Morning Worship will be at **9:30 a.m.** June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Sept. 1st.

Save the Date!

# Rally Day Sunday

## Sunday School Breakfast

### September 8th

Join us at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Center to observe Rally Day Sunday.

The Christian Education Committee will be serving a delicious breakfast featuring egg casserole, sticky buns, and fresh fruit. There will be a special guest speaker for the adults and a fun lesson to kick-off the new school year for the children.



### News from the Church Council

**Council Vacancies Filled**—The Church Council welcomes its two newest members. Barbara Aldrich is taking over the slot previously held by Tammy Helman/Lisa Mentzer. She will serve through December 2019. Leah Wolfinger is assuming the slot formerly occupied by Duane Shenberger. She will serve through December 2019. Many thanks to Tammy, Lisa, and Duane for their service to the council as well as to Barbara and Leah for volunteering to fill the vacancies.

### News from Social Ministry

**Lunch, Learn, and Play**—On **June 5th** all are invited to attend *Lunch, Learn & Play* in the Fellowship Center from **12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** After lunch we will play a game of “Common Knowledge” based on the new TV game show.

July is a holiday for us so **there will be NO Lunch Learn & Play in July.**

**August 7th** we will resume our monthly session with a picnic lunch and relay type games in the Fellowship Center from **12-2 p.m.**

Everyone is invited, so ask your friends and neighbors to join you on the first Wednesday of every month except July.

**Project Big Love**--For the last three years we have participated in Project Big Love. This event provides backpacks, school supplies, shoes, haircuts, etc. to over 1500 area school-age children. This year’s event is being held **July 27** at the **Mont Alto Carnival Grounds** from **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Sunday School room. Please indicate the hours you are willing to give to this very worthwhile project.

**Personal Care Kits**--Once again in August we will be putting together Personal Care Kits that will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to people worldwide (this includes the United States) where disasters have occurred.

LWR is very specific about the items that go into the kits: *one light weight dark color bath towel* (minimum size 20" x 40" to 52" x 27"); *2 - 3 bath size bars of soap* equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand in its original wrapping; *one adult size toothbrush* in its original package; *one sturdy comb*; *one metal nail clipper* (attached file optional). We are **NOT** asking you to provide all the items needed for a complete kit, just whatever you feel you are able to provide. There will be a display in the Sunday School room during August so you can see exactly what is needed. **The kits will be assembled during Rally Day on September 8.** Our goal is a least 25 kits.

## News from Christian Education

**Vacation Bible School Cash Donations Needed**--We are trying something new this year--rather than ask members to find specific items, we are asking for cash donations which will then be used by the VBS team to purchase items needed. The money will mainly support the crafts being made and the snacks being served. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important youth ministry--no amount is too small! Thanks in advance for your support!

## Update from Solomon's Relay for Life Team

Thank you to everyone who attended our luncheon on May 5. We raised \$ 477.00 for our team! We hope you come out and support us on **June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** and enjoy all the activities. Friday's opening will start with honoring our survivors, Miss Relay contest (By the way, our team is looking for a male that is willing to dress up in their finest dress and solicit money, which is totally legal), luminaries and various special themed laps. Saturday morning starts with sunrise yoga, 5K run/walk, kids camp and many other activities. Listed below are various ways you will be able to support the American Cancer Society and our team:

- Luminaries – light a candle in honor or in memory of those afflicted with cancer.
- Team donations--make a monetary donation to our Solomon's team.
- Basket Alley – donate scratch-off lottery tickets. We plan to put together a raffle basket filled with instant lottery tickets. We are also looking for other donations for basket alley.

If you would like to join our team and be eligible for a Relay shirt, please see Becky Mull or join our team by logging onto the website at [www@acsevents.org](http://www@acsevents.org) and search for our team – Solomon's Lutheran Church. We look forward to seeing you at the Relay Event – June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!



## Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

### ***Lunch, Learn, & Play!***

**Wednesdays, June 5<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Solomon's Fellowship Center**

*Lunch will be served with fun and games to follow!*

*Sign up in the old Sunday School room. Need transportation? Contact Edna Harris.*

## Kitchen Committee Fundraiser

The Kitchen Committee is selling **Ham Loaves, Potato Salad and Macaroni Salad** to benefit the Skilled Nursing Center at The Village at Luther Ridge. The money will be used toward Solomon's commitment to the "Completing Our Family of Services" Campaign. Order forms were placed in all members' mailboxes in May. They are also available in both pamphlet racks, at Coffee Hour and from Frances Reichard. You will be able to **pick up your orders on Saturday, June 29th from 12:00-2:30 p.m. or on Sunday, June 30th immediately after our worship service.** **Deadline to order is June 23.** Return your order forms to Frances Reichard.

## Vacation Bible School



**June 17th - 21st**  
**6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Each night features music, games, crafts, snacks, and lessons of God's love for us!**

**This adventure is for children age 3 years old to those who have just completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Invite your friends, neighbors, or grandchildren to join us for this special week!**

**Registration forms can be obtained in the pamphlet racks.**

**Completed forms may be given to Barbara Aldrich, Kristy Nienstedt, or Heidi Shenberger, VBS Co-Directors.**

As in years past, our daily VBS offering will be given to a local ministry. Loose coins and bills collected during the Sunday Celebration Worship Service will also be added to the week's total. This year's designated beneficiary is the Camp Joy El Ministries.

## Happening In Our Larger Community...

There is **NO Wellness Talk** scheduled for June. Be watching the Sunday Worship Bulletin for information on Wellness Talks for July and August.

**Dinner at the Ridge** will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, June 12**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for June is creamed lettuce, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Watch the weekly Sunday bulletin to learn the dates and menus for July and August.

**Music @ The Ridge**-- The summer concert series at The Village at Luther Ridge continues. The Dave Wilson/Ben Mauger Quartet will be on hand on **Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** and will feature Swing, Big Band, & Dixieland music. On **Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** the concert will showcase music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's with Kent Martin. A food stand will be available from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. and will sell grilled hot dogs and hamburgers along with chips, soda and water. **Music will begin at 6:00 p.m.** A free will offering will be taken to support the SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary. In the case of bad weather, the event will move inside the Fleck Center.

## SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary News

**Solomon's Congregational Representative**--With the passing of our beloved Gladys Mull, Solomon's has had to designate a new Congregational Representative. We are very pleased to announce that Becky Pecha has agreed to take on this important responsibility. Thank you Becky!

**Hoss's Steakhouse Fundraiser**-- The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money to support SpiriTrust Lutheran programs in Franklin and Fulton counties.

### FUNDRAISING COUPON:

Please present this coupon **Friday, 7/19/19** or **Saturday, 7/20/19** at Hoss's in **Chambersburg**. Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check paid to **SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary Group #117629 & #117630**

Please print and present this when ordering. Voucher distribution is prohibited on Hoss's property.



## Serving in June

	6/2/19	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19
Head Usher	Sam Mull	Sam Mull	Sam Mull	Sam Mull	Sam Mull
Lector	Margie Dale	Wayne Dale	Patricia Yetter	VBS Youth	Jay Hunter
Acolyte	Katy Nienstedt	Aaron Shreiner	Clark Shenberger	Audrey Shenberger	Rebekah Aldrich
Greeters/Ushers	Wayne & Margie Dale	Glenn & Patsy Wildeson	Larry Socks <b>NEED SOMEONE!</b>	VBS YOUTH	Linda Berberich Joe Wolfinger
Children's Church		On hiatus		On hiatus	
After Service Coffee	Jere & Phyllis Brehm	Patsy Wildeson	Jere & Phyllis Brehm	VBS: Christian Education Members	Lilly Chiado
Communion Assistants	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Karen Wolfinger (Trays)	Margie Dale (Chalice) Karen Wolfinger (Trays)	Lilly Chiado (Chalice) Karen Wolfinger (Trays)	Lilly Chiado (Chalice) Karen Wolfinger (Trays)	Lilly Chiado (Chalice) Karen Wolfinger (Trays)
Communion Bread	Zoe Mummert (Wafers 6/23: VBS Service)				
Communion Set-Up	Wayne & Peggi Norman (6/23: VBS Service in Fellowship Center)				
Communion Clean-Up	Rose Wishard and Jean Jackson (6/23: VBS Service in Fellowship Center)				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Bill Chiado, Janice McEntire				
Altar Guild	AnnaMarie Schwartz				

### Celebrating a *Birth*day in June ....

6/1 Jared Mummert  
 6/4 Annabelle Hoover  
 6/7 Genny Grant  
 6/11 Don Wildeson  
 6/12 Ruth McNeill  
 6/15 Nancy Deardorff  
 6/15 Connie Bikle  
 6/24 Lisa Mentzer  
 6/24 Dot Hunter  
 6/26 Megan Mull  
 6/27 Erin Mummert

### Celebrating an *Ann*iversary in June...

6/1 Jay & Lois Kanagy  
 6/2 Randy & Mary Jane Hess (40<sup>th</sup>)  
 6/5 Pastor Bill & Kristy Nienstedt (15<sup>th</sup>)  
 6/5 Glenn & Patsy Wildeson  
 6/6 Jesse & Tonya Reichard  
 6/11 Tytus & Hollie Taylor (10<sup>th</sup>)  
 6/13 Hugh & Ruth McNeill  
 6/14 Phil & Colleen Johnson  
 6/25 Wayne & Margie Dale  
 6/28 Todd & Marie Dovey  
 6/30 Zach & Kristen Parr

## Serving in July

	7/7/19	7/14/19	7/21/19	7/28/19	
Lector	Margie Dale	Rich McEntire	Audrey Shenberger	Wayne Dale	
Acolyte	Rebekah Aldrich	Audrey Shenberger	Katy Nienstedt	Aaron Shreiner	.
Head Usher	Carole Darr				
Greeters/Ushers	Linda Berberich Janice McEntire	Linda Berberich Janice McEntire	Shenbergers	Zoe Mummert Becky Pecha	
Children's Church		On hiatus		On hiatus	
After Service Coffee	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Phyllis & Jere Brehm	Shenbergers	Zoe Mummert	
Communion Assistants	Karen Wolfinger (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)	Heidi Shenberger (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)	Kristy Nienstedt (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)	
Communion Bread	Karen Wolfinger	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	
Altar Guild	<b><i>Need Someone!</i></b>	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	
Communion Set-Up	Karen Wolfinger	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	
Communion Clean-Up	Judy Johnson, Patricia Yetter				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Duane Shenberger, Don Wildeson				

### Celebrating a *Birth*day in July ....

7/8 Linda Russ  
 7/11 Rob Floyd  
 7/16 Joe Wolfinger  
 7/18 Frances Kramer  
 7/20 Zoe Mummert  
 7/22 Paizley Parr  
 7/23 Mary Jane Hess  
 7/27 John David Schultz  
 7/28 Rich McEntire  
 7/29 Brian Coldsmith

### Celebrating an *Ann*iversary in July...

7/2 Brandon & Erin Mummert  
 7/6 Dustin & Megan Mull  
 7/29 Ed & Frances Reichard  
 7/31 Curtis & Autumn Reichard (20<sup>th</sup>)  
 7/31 Todd & Abby Schultz (15<sup>th</sup>)



## Serving in August

	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	8/25/19	
Lector	Margie Dale	Patricia Yetter	Wayne Dale	Kristy Nienstedt	
Acolyte	Clark Shenberger	Rebekah Aldrich	Katy Nienstedt	Aaron Shreiner	
Head Usher	To Be Determined				
Greeters/Ushers	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Peggy Craven Richard Graven	Tana Vance <b><i>Need Someone!</i></b>	
Children's Church		On hiatus		On hiatus	
After Service Coffee	Tana Vance Margie Dale	Becky Mull	Patsy Wildeson	Jere & Phyllis Brehm	
Communion Assistants	Heidi Shenberger (Chalice) Lilly Chiado (Trays)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Lilly Chiado (Trays)	Margie Dale (Chalice) Kristy Nienstedt (Trays)	Kristy Nienstedt (Chalice) <b><i>Need Someone!</i></b> <b><i>(Trays)</i></b>	
Communion Bread	Margie Dale				
Communion Set-Up	Peggi & Wayne Norman				
Communion Clean-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Joe Wolfinger, Bernie Harris				
Altar Guild	<b><i>Need People to Fill All Four Sunday Slots! Sign-up for 1 week or a combination.</i></b>				

### Celebrating a *Birthday* in August ....

8/1 Norm Kuykendall  
 8/2 Nelle Mummert (80<sup>th</sup>)  
 8/5 Annamarie Schwartz  
 8/5 Calvin Mentzer  
 8/9 Bill Wepking  
 8/11 Jere Brehm (80<sup>th</sup>)  
 8/14 Matthew Reichard  
 8/16 Dustin Mull  
 8/16 Lena Graven  
 8/17 Reed Weiss  
 8/20 Marty Wenger  
 8/20 Tana Vance  
 8/21 Mark Kuykendall  
 8/23 Rose Wishard  
 8/23 Isabelle Schultz  
 8/24 Bernie Harris (85<sup>th</sup>)  
 8/25 Marjorie McMullin  
 8/29 Tarryn Taylor

### Celebrating an *Anniversary* in August...

8/1 Bill & Linda Wepking  
 8/8 Marvin & LaRue McKenzie  
 8/12 Blaine & Lisa Mentzer  
 8/20 Paul & Mary Jo Skelly  
 8/23 Rich & Janice McEntire (50<sup>th</sup>)  
 8/24 Jay & Dot Hunter  
 8/31 Doug & Zoe Mummert (35<sup>th</sup>)

## Milestones

John Wolfinger, son of Joe and Karen Wolfinger, and brother of Leah Wolfinger, graduated May 31st from Chambersburg Area Senior High School. He has been working as an apprentice at JLG in Shippensburg in the morning and attending classes in the afternoon. His work recently earned him special recognition--the Achievement Award for Vocational Agriculture presented by the Society of Farm Women of Franklin County.

John is interested in pursuing a career in welding. John will work at JLG during the summer months and then will be switching to a plant in McConnellsburg for training in welding. Congratulations John!!

## Summer Gospel Readings

### July

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>—Luke 10:1-11,16-20  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>—Luke 10:25-37  
Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>—Luke 10: 38-42  
Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>—Luke 11: 1-13

### August

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>—Luke 12:13-21  
Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>—Luke 12: 32-40  
Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>—Luke 12:49-56  
Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>—Luke 13:10-17

## A Note of Thanks

Dear Solomon's Members,

Thank you for the donations for the Harley Owners Veterans Appreciation Ride. With the donations received this year, we were able to give bags filled with toiletries and 2 pairs of socks to 135 patients at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. We also left several boxes of extra toiletries that were put into supply closets to be used when needed. All the vets were thrilled with the packages, and more importantly, to have some visitors. Unfortunately for some, there are very few visitors and these small tokens give them a chance to talk to someone other than a staff member.

Wayne Norman

## From the Editor

Have an item for the *September* newsletter?! **Deadline is August 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
Email Kristy Nienstedt at [kristynienstedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristynienstedt@gmail.com) or place it in her church mailbox.

## Stewardship Bouquets

**Thank you** to our Director of Music, Doug Mummert, and our wonderful Adult Choir Members for SY 2018-2019: Connie Bikle, Kathy Bowen, Wayne Dale, Carole Darr, Sally Gayman, Alan Johnson, Judy Johnson, Norm Kuykendall, Jerry Laney, LaRue McKenzie, Gladys Mull, Sam Mull, Jared Mummert, Peggi Norman, Frances Reichard, Marty Wenger, and Patricia Yetter. They gave us beautiful anthems, two amazing cantatas, and served as cantors some Sundays. They will take a well-deserved break for the summer and resume singing in September. And of course, they are always seeking new members to join them come Fall!

**Thank you** to our SY2018-2019 Adult and Youth Sunday School Teachers and our Christian Education Committee Members: Barbara Aldrich, Bonney Coldsmith, Ilona & Jerry Laney, Janice McEntire, Zoe Mummert, Kristy Nienstedt, Pastor Bill Nienstedt, Frances Reichard, and Heidi Shenberger.

**Thank you** to the all the members who donated food or served the meal for the Mull funeral luncheon.

**Thank you** to the Worship & Music committee members and Property committee members who assisted with the Memorial Day outdoor worship service and to the Social Ministry committee members who hosted the potluck picnic.

**Thank you** to everyone who took part in the SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary membership drive. And **thank you** to Becky Pecha for taking on the representative role!

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the Relay for Life's fundraising dinner, Luminaria campaign, bought a scratch off lottery ticket for their basket, or donated money to the team.

**Thank you** to the Social Ministry team for hosting the May "Lunch, Learn, and Play!" Program.

**Thank you** to Karen and Leah Wolfinger for agreeing to be this year's delegates to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly.

**Thank you** to outgoing Church Council members Tammy Helman, Lisa Mentzer, and Duane Shenberger for their service. And **thank you** to Barbara Aldrich and Leah Wolfinger for volunteering to fill the vacant slots.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped the Property Committee wash windows and complete other Spring cleaning tasks on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## A Note of Thanks

To our fellow disciples of Christ,

Our families would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers, cards, kind words and hours of dedication it took to serve the luncheon you had in honor of our mother, Gladys. We appreciated all the stories about how she touched people in such a positive way and the energy and desire she had to serve others.

God's Peace,  
Sam, Kim, and our families

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*Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 2:38 (NRSV)