



**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 Bill Nienstedt

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone." Martin Luther

As we begin another program year at Solomon's, I invite you to nourish your faith and devotional life by attending worship and participating in learning opportunities—such as Sunday school, Lunch, Learn and Play and midweek Bible study—that are being offered at Solomon's or at other places in our community. Fall is an excellent time to start a small group study in your home, workplace or coffee shop with friends and fellow disciples. (Contact me for ideas on how to start a small group).

As you will read in this newsletter, we are beginning a new confirmation class for our middle and high school youth. One of the strengths of our Lutheran heritage is the grounding of our faith in learning—studying the Bible and the chief parts of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. Many of us remember the days of memorizing the parts of the catechism and Luther's explanations. I still have my childhood *Small Catechism*, complete with star stickers next to all the parts I memorized.

Unfortunately, there is a tendency to set aside the study of the catechism and the Bible after confirmation. But the reality is that youth and adults continue to learn every day of our lives. Lifelong study is so important to strengthening and supporting our spiritual lives. Many of you have said that worship is so important because it is "food for the soul." When we gather in worship each Sunday and hear God's word and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, our faith is nourished and we are reinvigorated. In the same way, reading the Bible and studying the catechism also nourishes and strengthens your faith. In addition, individual and community study protects us from the temptations of sin and gives us tools to help share our faith with others.

This month, I am inviting and challenging all of the disciples of Solomon's to dedicate this program year to a renewed study of the *Small Catechism* and reading and engaging in the Bible. I will be writing newsletter articles in the coming months on the chief parts of Luther's *Small Catechism*. I encourage you to make the catechism part of your weekly devotions and consider how they relate to your spiritual and your vocational life. Importantly, you will rediscover how the catechism can improve your relationships and your own sense of balance and purpose in your life.

I have pocket editions of Luther's *Small Catechism* available for anyone who asks me. They are free while supplies last. In addition, you can download a free version of the ELCA Luther's Small Catechism on the Apple App Store (iOS only) for your Apple iPhone.

This month start by reading the *Ten Commandments* and Luther's explanations. Consider how the commandments relate to your own daily life. How might the commandments inform how you can improve your inter-personal relationships and your interactions with those in the community and the world?

For Bible study, an excellent resource is *Taking Home Faith*, which is included on the last page of the bulletin each week. It contains daily Bible readings, prayers and blessings, conversation starters based on the scripture readings, devotions, a service suggestion and a section of rituals and traditions. It can be used by individuals, families and small groups. I also suggest you read the appointed psalm each day as an additional prayer.

My prayer and hope for you is that you will be richly blessed in your life this year. Thank you for the opportunity to walk on our journey of faith together. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Peace and joy in Christ!
Pastor Bill

Bible Study & Faith Formation Classes

Midweek Bible Class Resumes: Pastor Bill will lead a study on The Psalms beginning Wednesday, September 4, at 10:00 a.m., in the conference room. All are welcome; no experience necessary. We will study the 150 psalms in all their variety. The psalms make public much of the inner life of the Old Testament community of Israel. They can be songs, prayers, poems, praise, lament or petition to God. They offer intimate detail of the pain, fear, delights and hopes of individuals.

Adult Sunday School: All adults are welcome for Sunday school beginning September 22 at 9:00 a.m., in the conference room. Richard Graven will lead a class on the appointed readings for the day using *Daily Discipleship* and *Taking Faith Home*. Of course, the Bible will be our primary resource.

Confirmation Class: Pastor Bill will begin a new confirmation program for students in 6th through 9th grades. The program will be grounded in the chief parts of the Small Catechism, Bible stories, youth events with other churches, participation in worship and volunteer projects. Classroom study starts Sunday, September 22 during Sunday school hour at 9:00 a.m. Middle School youth will attend the Lower Susquehanna Synod's ALIVE Retreat at Camp Nawakwa on the last weekend in September. Contact Pastor Bill for more information.

First Communion Class: Pastor Bill and Kristy will lead a four-part first communion class for youth in the 3rd grade and above who do not commune. We are planning on offering this in the October-November timeframe. Each session will take place at the church after lunch on Sunday afternoons. Students completing the class will receive First Communion with their families at the completion of the class. Contact Pastor Bill or Kristy Nienstedt for more information.



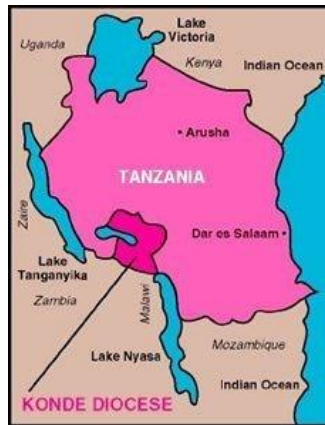
Rally Day Sunday

Sunday, September 8th

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Fellowship Center

Hosted by the Christian Education Committee

Breakfast Menu: Egg Casserole, Bacon, Sticky Buns, Fresh Fruit, Beverages



The Featured Guest Speaker Will Be Discussing the *Tanzania Konde Diocese*

We will also be collecting a special Sunday School offering to benefit the Tanzania Konde Diocese.

Breakfast Menu: Egg Casserole, Bacon, Sticky Buns, Fresh Fruit, Beverages

The Youth will meet in the Conference Room for a Fun Sunday School Year Kick-Off Activity

10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

After the worship service, you are invited to join the Social Ministry Committee members to assemble Personal Care Kits in the Fellowship Center.



Outdoor Service & Picnic Potluck

Sunday, September 15th in the Picnic Woods
10:15 a.m. with lunch to immediately follow

Bring a camp chair and dress casually as we worship God in the beautiful outdoors. Then stay for lunch and enjoy a potluck picnic lunch with your Solomon's "family."

This time our hosts are the members of the Worship & Music Committee. You are requested to bring the following items based upon your last name:

Last names beginning with **A-H**: Please bring a **side dish**

Last names beginning with **I-M**: Please bring a **dessert**

Last names beginning with **N-Z**: Please bring a **main dish**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Sunday School Classes on Sept. 15th.

Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

Lunch, Learn, & Play!

Wednesday, September 4th

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Solomon's Fellowship Center



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

Date Change!! Please Take Notice!!
Youth Fall Fun Night has been changed from Oct. 5th to Sept. 14th

Youth Fall Fun Night *Campfire* Picnic



Saturday, September 14th
6:00 - 8:00
Church Picnic Woods

Bring your Lawn Chairs!
Bring your Parents & Siblings!!

Menu:
**Fire-Roasted Hotdogs,
Mac & Cheese, Chips, Watermelon
& S'mores for Dessert**



From our Director of Music, Doug Mummert

Choir Practice Resumes—Our adult choir will resume its regular weekly practice sessions beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 5th at 7 p.m.** in the Choir Room in the church building. We are always seeking new choir members (youth in middle and high school are invited to participate as well as adults).

News from the Christian Education Committee

Sunday School “Year” Begins Again—Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 8th, will kick off the new Sunday School year with a breakfast in the Fellowship Center at 9 a.m. and a featured speaker presenting about the Tanzania Konde Diocese. The youth will do a special activity in the conference room during the presentation.

The first day of separate adult and youth Sunday School classes will be **Sunday, Sept. 22nd** at 9:00 a.m. The adults will meet in the Fellowship Center’s conference room with lessons led by Richard Graven. The youth will meet in the downstairs classrooms in the church building. Children will be divided by age as follows: Preschool/Lower Elementary (Kindergarten--2nd) and Upper Elementary (3rd grade thru 5th grade). Middle School & High School will be led by Pastor Bill.

Please note that there is **NO Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 15th** due to the Outdoor Service.

Fall Family Fun Night—Please note the **change of date**: we will now gather on **Saturday, September 14th** for an outdoor Campfire Picnic from 6-8 p.m. We will roast hot dogs and make S’mores! Parents please join us!!

News from the Worship & Music Committee

“Regular” Worship Schedule Resumes—. We will be changing over to our “regular” Worship Schedule **beginning on Rally Day Sunday, September 8th** with worship returning to its usual 10:15 a.m. start time. The last “early” summer worship service (9:30 a.m.) will be Sunday, Sept. 1st (Labor Day Weekend).

News from the Social Ministry Committee

Lunch, Learn & Play—Come and join us on **Wednesday, September 4th**, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center for lunch and games. All are invited so ask your friends and neighbors to join us!

Please “save the date” of **October 2nd** when we will host **Dr. Bob Skelly**. He will talk about mental health issues affecting seniors.

Rally Day Sunday: God’s Work, Our Hands—We are collecting items for **Personal Care Kits** to be assembled on Rally Day, September 8th. The last day to donate items will be Sunday, September 1st. Check out the display in the old Sunday School room for items needed. Our goal is to collect enough items to make 25 kits. Many thanks to everyone who has already donated to the project!

Project Big Love-- A BIG thank you to the members who gave of their time to assist with Project Big Love. The children and parents were very appreciative of all the school supplies, shoes, food, etc. they were given that day.

Apple Fest 2019

5 GREAT DAYS OF FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, **OCT. 11TH** at 6:00 PM: SET-UP TABLES, CLEAN APPLES, AND SET-UP KITCHEN

SATURDAY, **OCT. 12TH** at 8:00 AM: MAKE *APPLESAUCE*

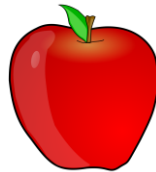
MONDAY, **OCT 14TH**: MAKE *APPLE BUTTER*

WEDNESDAY, **OCT. 16TH**: MAKE *PIES AND CRISP*

THURSDAY, **OCT. 17TH**: MAKE *APPLE DUMPLINGS*

SIGN UP TODAY!

SHEETS ON SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD. WE HAVE A JOB FOR EVERYONE!



New Apple Fest Order Forms

There are *two different order forms* included at the end of this newsletter. The main Apple Fest Order Form is for items to be picked up on Thursday Oct. 16th or Friday Oct. 17th. You will notice we are not selling Whoopee Pies or Breads this year.

The second order form is for our Homemade Apple Sauce. The Apple Sauce order will need to be picked up on Sunday Oct. 13th since this item needs to be refrigerated or frozen. We understand this will limit who you will be able to sell to.

ALL orders are due Sunday Oct. 6th.

From the Editor

Have an announcement for the October newsletter? Please submit your items to Kristy Nienstedt by **September 18th**. She can be reached via email at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or you can place information in her church mailbox.

Happening In Our Larger Community...

Wellness Talk: There is NO Wellness Talk scheduled for September. The “Talks” will resume in October.

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019.** The cost is \$7.50. The menu for September is meatloaf, creamed lettuce, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable medley, dinner roll, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, September 6th.

News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

30th Annual Celebration Day at The Village at Luther Ridge—Donations are needed for the Celebration Day flea market tables. This year Celebration Day will be **Saturday, September 28th.** Items may be dropped off at the Fleck Community Center parking lot at The Village at Luther Ridge from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the following dates only:** Tues, 9/3; Fri, 9/6; Wed, 9/11; Thurs, 9/12. Items can also be delivered to Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro. Contact Anna Nelson at 717-762-6621 to make “drop-off” arrangements.

Every year Solomon’s supports this event with food and flea market items so check for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board or contact Becky Pecha or Margie Dale for more information.

Auxiliary Discount Cards--Now only \$2.00! The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary has reduced the price on their remaining discount cards which feature discounts from local merchants. To receive the discount shown on the card, simply present the card when making your purchase. Card expires 1/31/2020. To purchase cards, please see Becky Pecha or Margie Dale or contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org.

Stay in Touch!

Please make note in your church directory of the following changes of address!

Esther Gift

Alan & Marilys Johnson

Marjorie McMullin

Serving in September

	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19*	9/22/19	9/29/19
Lector	Patricia Yetter	Jay Hunter	Audrey Shenberger	Sam Mull	Rich McEntire
Acolyte	Clark Shenberger	Audrey Shenberger	Kate Nienstedt	Rebekah Aldrich	Aaron Shreiner
Head Usher	Sam Mull				
Greeters/Ushers	Shenberger Family	Shenberger Family	Zoe Mummert Becky Pecha	Glenn & Patsy Wildeson	Rich & Janice McEntire
Children's Church		Heidi Shenberger Zoe Mummert		Karen Wolfinger TBD	
Communion Assistants	Becky Mull (Chalice) Heidi Shenberger (Trays)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Heidi Shenberger (Trays)	Becky Mull (Chalice) Kristy Nienstedt (Intinction Chalice)	Becky Mull (Chalice) Kristy Nienstedt (Trays)	Becky Mull (Chalice) Kristy Nienstedt (Trays)
After Service Coffee	Richard Graven Peggy Craven	Karen Wolfinger	Potluck Picnic	Patsy Wildeson	Phyllis & Jere Brehm
Communion Bread	Kristy Nienstedt (Wafers on 9/15)				
Communion Set-Up	Lilly Chiado (9/1 & 9/8); Ilona Laney all others (Outdoor Service on 9/15)				
Communion Clean-Up	Sam & Becky Mull				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Ilona Laney & Edna Harris				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Annamarie Schwartz				

*Outdoor Service in the Picnic Woods

****TBD**--We are in need of an **assistant** for Children's Church on October 22nd. Please see Heidi Shenberger or Kristy Nienstedt if you can help out.



Gospel Readings for September:

Sunday, Sept. 1st--Luke 14:1,7-14
 Sunday, Sept. 8th—Luke 14:25-33
 Sunday, Sept. 15th—Luke 15:1-10
 Sunday, Sept. 22nd--Luke 16:1-13
 Sunday, Sept. 29th--Luke 10:17-20



Celebrating a Birthday in September...

9/3 Hugh McNeill (90th)
9/13 Aaron Shreiner
9/13 Keith Kuykendall
9/15 Sean Kindall
9/19 Karen Wolfinger
9/21 Hattie Mummert
9/25 Bill Brindle (90th)

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in September...

9/1 Gerald & Esther Schultz (68th)
9/6 Clif & Carole Rau
9/8 Mike & Abby Gayman-Hoover
9/11 Bernie & Edna Harris

Welcome New Members

During the June 30th Sunday Worship Service, Solomon's welcomed new members Darrell and Martha (Martie) Veilleux to the congregation. They are from the Franklin County area and are the proud parents of adult age children: one son and twin daughters, one of whom is currently expecting triplets!

Please add their address to your church directory:

Darrell & Martie Veilleux

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Social Ministry Committee's Personal Care Kit Service Project.

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for hosting the June and August "Lunch, Learn, & Play" events.

Thank you to our many wonderful Vacation Bible School volunteers: Barbara Aldrich, Rebekah Aldrich, Kathy Bowen, Lilly Chiado, Carolyn Clouser, Margie Dale, Wayne Dale, Joy Gayman, Sally Gayman, Melinda Gross, Ilona Laney, Janice McEntire, Becky Mull, Sam Mull, Doug Mummert, Zoe Mummert, Pastor Bill Nienstedt, Kristy Nienstedt, Peggi Norman, Wayne Norman, Becky Pecha, Frances Reichard, Shaylin Reichard, Tonya Reichard, Heidi Shenberger, Tana Vance, and Karen Wolfinger. *Roar!* was a great success due to your contributions of time and talent!!

Thank you to everyone who made financial contributions to support our *Roar!* VBS program. Your generosity helped defray food and craft costs.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in Project Big Love to help get our area kids ready for school: Lilly Chiado, Peggy Craven, Margie Dale, Wayne Dale, Edna Harris, Jean Jackson, Judy Johnson, Nancy Kuykendall, Norm Kuykendall, Janice McEntire, Sam Mull, Leah Wolfinger, and Patricia Yetter. 750 back packs were given out!

Thank you to anyone and everyone who supported the Relay for Life event in June. We are especially grateful to Solomon's team leaders Becky and Sam Mull for their hard work all year. **Thank you** also to all of their dedicated Relay Team members for their fundraising efforts over the past many months: Carole Darr, Bernie Harris, Edna Harris, Alan Johnson, Judy Johnson, Nancy Kuykendall, Norm Kuykendall, Robert Macus (Friend of Bernie & Edna), Zoe Mummert, Peggi Norman, Wayne Norman, Becky Pecha, Joyce Skelly, and Patricia Yetter.

Thank you to Duane Shenberger and Mercersburg Printing for their donation of 20 new "Reserved" pew signs. At the Gladys Mull memorial service, it became apparent that more signs would be useful in the future. The Mull family especially thanks Duane for his kindness and generosity in making them. They are now housed in a container in the acolyte closet ready for use!

Thank you to the Kitchen Committee for organizing the Ham Loaf, Potato Salad, and Macaroni Salad Sale to benefit the Skilled Nursing Center at Luther Ridge. And of course, thank you to everyone who bought the food!

Thank you to Linda Berberich for continuing to maintain our outdoor flower pots.

Thank you to Christian Education Committee chair Janice McEntire for once again planning our youth Sunday School schedule and preparing all the materials. Many thanks to all of our returning volunteer teachers: Barbara Aldrich, Ilona Laney, Kristy Nienstedt, Janice McEntire, and Heidi Shenberger.

A Heartfelt Note of Thanks

Pastor Bill and Kristy would again like to thank all of the members of the Solomon's community for their outpouring of support after the passing of his mother Geraldine Nienstedt on June 10th. We truly felt uplifted by your lovely cards, kind words, prayers, and other expressions of your sympathy. The family celebrated her life at Bethel Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA, on July 6th and she was laid to rest on August 2nd at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, NY. We do indeed take comfort in the promise of Christ's Resurrection!

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

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