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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, "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38*

It's that time again, when the program year begins to pick up; Sunday School, Bible Study, a new Confirmation program, Lunch, Learn & Play, Celebration Day at Luther Ridge, Crop Walk, new faces in worship, the smell of apple dumplings and apple butter wafting out of the kitchen—all these activities remind us that there is a lot going on around here at Solomon's Lutheran Church.

For 253 years, the people of Solomon's have been worshipping and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in this place. Over the years, countless disciples have laid the groundwork and taught future generations about the love of Jesus. We have so much to be thankful for as we remember this great cloud of witnesses who came before us. At the same time, we sow the gospel and build the ministries of this church for today and for the generations to come.

I am heartened by the many children and their families who are coming to Solomon's and participating in our ministries. As we sadly say goodbye and give thanks for some disciples as they pass on to their eternal home, we welcome new disciples who are moving into our growing community and making Solomon's their new church. It is essential that we continue to support our ministries and strengthen our foundation for those who we welcome in our midst and for those who will come here after we are gone.

Together, we can make a difference!

The people of Solomon's are a welcoming community who give generously of their time, talent and financial resources. Thank you for your generous support. In the coming weeks, you will receive time and talent sheets and a commitment card for 2020. Please return them to the collection box in the Sunday school room, or send them to the office by Sunday, November 3, which is Commitment Sunday and All Saints Sunday. How fitting it will be to give thanks for God's abundant grace and the enduring legacy of those saints who came before us as we lift up our non-binding pledges of time, talent and money. Your pledges will be lifted up with the offering in worship on that day.

The stewardship team is once again challenging each family to prayerfully consider increasing their financial support by at least \$10 per month in 2020. This modest amount, added together, will increase financial support over \$9,000 per year, helping us to meet and grow our ministry goals. The church's health and well-being relies on each and every one of our disciples. Also consider ways you can personally support specific ministries of the congregation attuned to your unique gifts or calling. It is the people of the congregation who do God's work with their hands.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of your congregation. See you in church!

Peace and joy in Christ,

Pastor Bill

## Special Worship Opportunities



### Commitment Sunday

November 3, 2019

As you prepare to complete your *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets for next year, prayerfully consider what gifts God has given you and how they can be best used to serve Him and others. Then please remember to bring your completed *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets with you to church on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be collected and given as an offering to the Lord during the morning worship service. Finally, be sure to read the update on page 3 from the Worship & Music Committee regarding the sign-up system to request specific dates.

Please note that same Sunday is also...

### *All Saints Sunday*

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 a.m.**

We remember all the saints at Solomon's who entered the church triumphant in the past year. We will begin worship with thanksgiving for baptism, recalling that we are joined to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A chime will ring as the names of those who have died are read aloud. This year we especially remember Jack Bowen and Gladys Mull.

## News from the Worship & Music Committee

This month you will be receiving Time and Talent Sheets. Did you know that it takes about 15 volunteers on a given Sunday to make the morning worship service happen?! These sheets are designed to give you an overview of what needs exist so you can see which ones best match your talents and interests.

The Worship and Music Committee will also once again be placing sign-up sheets on the tables adjacent to the coffee hour area for you to volunteer on specific Sundays for the first six months of 2020. This approach offers you the opportunity to choose which dates work for your schedule and hopefully avoid “overbooking” yourself!

A few reminders:

- Ushers will also act as greeters. We understand there are those who would like to greet and may not be able to perform the other usher duties as well. Those members are still welcome to be greeters, just please note that on the sign-up sheet.
- Only two Communion Assistants are needed per regular Sunday for the Chalice and Cups. Acolytes only handle “tray duty” and get new ones when needed. Empty glasses will still be collected in baskets.
- After-church flower delivery will continue to be handled by the members of the Worship & Music Committee. However, if you would like to help with that task, please let one of the committee members know.

We hope the changes implemented last year gave everyone a chance to come to church and focus on worship. Please direct questions to any member of the Worship and Music Committee (Pastor Bill, Kathy Bowen, Carole Darr, Alan Johnson, Becky Pecha, Heidi Shenberger, and Karen Wolfinger).

Once the sign-up sheets have been completed, the Worship and Music Committee will compile them and type up a master list. Lists will then be placed in your church mailbox as in past years.

*“<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10*

## News from the Church Council

**Church Council Nominations Being Sought**—The Church Council has at least one member that will be completing her term at the end of this calendar year. Accordingly, a new member is needed to fill the vacancy. Please prayerfully consider members (possibly even you!) that may make a good addition to our church leadership team and submit their names by early November to either Bill Wepking, Council President, or Margie Dale, Council Vice President. The congregation will then vote by ballot at the November annual meeting.

## News from the Christian Education Committee

**Sunday School Is in Session**--Sunday morning classes are now underway! Youth and Adults alike are invited to join us for classes. PreK, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> meet in one classroom, Elementary grades 2-5 meet in another, and the Confirmation students are being led by Pastor Bill. Richard Graven will continue to lead our adult group in the conference room.

**Youth Christmas Party**--Save the date! Our annual Christmas gathering is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## News from the Social Ministry Committee

**Lunch, Learn & Play— Wednesday, October 2, from noon to 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have lunch followed by a program by Dr. Bob Skelly PHD, Program Director of SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services, entitled “Navigating Life Changes in Retirement”. Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends and neighbors. *So that we know how much food to prepare, please indicate if you plan to attend by signing the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Room. Thank you!*

**Personal Care Kits**— Thank you to everyone who donated to our Personal Care Kits. Our goal was to create 25 kits and we surpassed this by putting together 30 kits. GREAT JOB!!!

**CROP Walk**--Solomon’s will participate in the annual area CROP Hunger Walk in downtown Chambersburg on **Sunday, October 20th**. It is sponsored by Church World Service. The program began shortly after World War II with the letters standing for "Christian Rural Overseas Program" with the food going to hungry and hurting people in Europe and Asia.

Today CROP stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty". Its goal is to promote food self-sufficiency through training and appropriate technology. Over the years the Chambersburg Area Crop Walk has raised thousands of dollars in support to the Salvation Army, Chambersburg Food Pantry, Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry and world-wide hunger relief programs.

The walk will commence from **Zion Reformed Church**, 259 S. Main Street, Chambersburg. Registration begins at 1:00 pm and **the walk starts at 1:30 pm**. Along with proceeds collected, walkers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Chambersburg Area Food Pantry.

If you would like to sponsor our walkers with a donation, mark your donation “Crop Walk”. Checks can be made payable to Solomon’s Lutheran Church. *“Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for in the days ahead you yourself may need much help.”* Ecclesiastes 11:1 (TLB)

See Edna Harris or Pastor Bill for registration materials.

**Paper Products Drive**--Social Ministry will once again sponsor a Paper Products Drive for the Maranatha Food Pantry in downtown Chambersburg. We will be collecting items **the first three Sundays in November: 3rd, 10th, and 17th**. Items being sought include toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins, women’s feminine hygiene items, baby diapers and baby wipes.

## From Solomon’s Relay for Life Team

**Winter Shirt Fundraiser**--We are very excited to kick off our 2020 fundraising campaign with a winter shirt order! The color is Forest Heather, has long sleeves and will be perfect for the chilly evenings coming our way. Order form is included in this newsletter and another one will be posted in the old Sunday School room. **Orders and money are due on Sunday, October 27, 2019**. Checks can be made payable to American Cancer Society. Please give your payment to Becky Mull. Thank you for your support.

Shirt Logo:



***LUNCH, LEARN, & PLAY!***

**Wednesday, October 2nd**

**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Solomon's Fellowship Center**



**“Navigating Life Changes in Retirement”**

**Dr. Bob Skelly, Program Director  
SpiriTTrust Lutheran Counseling Services**

Bob is the program director of SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services and oversees the day-to-day operations for the Chambersburg and State College offices. He is a Licensed Psychologist in Pennsylvania and has nearly 35 years of experience providing behavioral health services.

*Sign up in the old Sunday School room.*

*Need transportation? Contact Edna Harris!*



## CROP WALK

Sunday, October 20th

Downtown Chambersburg

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens at Zion Reformed Church (UCC)

259 South Main Street

1:30 p.m. Walk Begins

What to Bring?

Bottle of Water

Non-Perishable Food Items for Donation to the Local Food Pantry

Your Good Heart and Feet!

**Save the Date!**



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Solomon's Fellowship Center

**Secret Pal Christmas Luncheon**

**Sunday, December 15th**

Solomon's Fellowship Center

## AppleFest 2019

**Friday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>--6:00 p.m.**

Set-Up Tables, Clean Apples, and Set-Up Kitchen

**Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>--8:00 a.m.**

Make Applesauce

**Monday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Make Apple Butter

**Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Make and Bake Apple Pies and Crisps

**Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Make Apple Dumplings

Please sign up to help on the sheets in the old Sunday School Room!



**ORDERS ARE DUE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> TO ZOE MUMMERT**

**Apple Sauce Orders MUST BE picked up on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## Happening In Our Larger Community...

**Wellness Talk at Luther Ridge:** The Wellness Talk for October is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** A representative from the Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interests of the Elderly will review tips on how to protect yourself from health care fraud. Come hear the facts so you do not become a victim. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please RSVP to 267-1665 if you plan to attend this informative session.

**Dinner at the Ridge** will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** The cost is \$7.50. The menu for October is roasted pork & sauerkraut, creamed lettuce, 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, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Chicken BBQ Benefit:** The New Franklin Fire Department is sponsoring a benefit to help with medical expenses for Susie Faust. It will be held on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **New Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.** Donation is \$10 per meal which includes a ½ chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll, and a drink. Ticket holders will be served at 10 AM-2 PM. Walk-Ins served at 10:00 AM until we are sold out! You may eat in or take out. See a fire department member for tickets or call 717-263-3333. There will also be a bake sale that same day.

## News from SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

**Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**—The SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary will host a Pork & Sauerkraut Supper on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.** The dinner will be held **at Solomon's Lutheran Church** in the Fellowship Center. The menu includes old-fashioned pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, rolls, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-10. All tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the programs of SpiriTrust Lutheran in Franklin and Fulton counties including SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care and Hospice, SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services, SpiriTrust Lutheran Stephen Ministry, and The Village at Luther Ridge.

## From the Editor

**Have an announcement for the November newsletter?** Please submit your items to Kristy Nienstedt by **October 16<sup>th</sup>.** She can be reached via email at [kristynienstedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristynienstedt@gmail.com) or you can place information in her church mailbox.

## From Pastor Bill

**Fall Bible Study**—Join Pastor Bill on **Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** in the conference room for an informal Bible Study. We are doing a study of the Psalms. All are welcome. Please note: **NO class on October 16<sup>th</sup>** due to Apple Fest preparations.



## Serving in October

|                          | 10/6/19  | 10/13/19   | 10/20/19  | 10/27/19  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Head Usher               | Kathy Bowen  | Kathy Bowen                                      | Kathy Bowen                                       | Kathy Bowen   |  |
| Lector                   | Margie Dale  | Bonney Coldsmith                                 | Wayne Dale  | Kristy Nienstedt                                      |  |
| Acolyte                  | Clark Shenberger   | Audrey Shenberger                                | Katy Nienstedt                                    | Aaron Shreiner  |  |
| Greeters/Ushers          | Ron & Brian Coldsmith  | Lilly & Bill Chiado                              | Kristy Nienstedt<br>Sam Nienstedt                 | Zoe Mummert<br>Becky Pecha                            |  |
| Children's Church        |  | Heidi Shenberger<br>Zoe Mummert                  |   | Lilly Chiado<br><b>Helper Needed!</b>                 |  |
| After Service Coffee     | Bonney Coldsmith   | Richard Graven<br>Peggy Craven                   | Patsy Wildeson                                    | Zoe Mummert   |  |
| Communion Assistants     | Ilona Laney (Chalice)<br>Karen Wolfinger (Trays)                 | Ilona Laney (Chalice)<br>Karen Wolfinger (Trays) | Peggi Norman (Chalice)<br>Karen Wolfinger (Trays) | Heidi Shenberger (Chalice)<br>Karen Wolfinger (Trays) |  |
| Communion Bread          | Karen Wolfinger  |  |   |   |  |
| Communion Set-Up         | Karen Wolfinger  |  |   |   |  |
| Communion Clean-Up       | Karen Wolfinger  |  |   |   |  |
| Flower Delivery          | Worship & Music Committee Members                                |  |   |   |  |
| Securing Offering        | Clif Rau and Phil Johnson  |  |   |   |  |
| Paraments & Altar Linens | Karen Wolfinger (10/6, 10/13, 10/20); Annamarie Schwartz (10/27) |  |   |   |  |



### Gospel Readings for October:

Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>--Luke 17:5-10  
 Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>--Luke 17:11-19  
 Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>--Luke 18:1-8  
 Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>--John 8:31-36



### **Celebrating a Birthday in October...**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 10/2 Sally Gayman                          | 10/18 Joe Mock                              |
| 10/2 Marilys Johnson                       | 10/18 Jay Hunter                            |
| 10/3 Roxy Bothe                            | 10/20 Elizabeth Schultz (10 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| 10/4 Richard Graven                        | 10/22 John Wolfinger                        |
| 10/9 Wayne Norman                          | 10/24 Ginny Detwiler                        |
| 10/11 Bob Shreiner (90 <sup>th</sup> )     | 10/25 Bob Scott                             |
| 10/12 Courtney Shreiner                    | 10/29 Linda Hess                            |
| 10/15 Kristy Nienstedt (50 <sup>th</sup> ) | 10/31 Randy Hess                            |
| 10/17 Ty Gross                             |   |

### **Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October...**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 10/20 | Jere & Phyllis Brehm (40 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| 10/29 | Keith & Cathy Kuykendall                 |

### **Birthday Card Shower**

Bob Shreiner is turning the BIG 90 on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The family would love it if you could send him a birthday card and make this day extra special for him. Many thanks from his wife Ina!!

## Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Aldrich Family. Randy Aldrich, father of Chris and grandfather of Rebekah and Sarah, passed away on July 13<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He was 67 years old. The family celebrated his life with a special gathering on September 20<sup>th</sup> in New Franklin.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Doug Mummert Family. Doug's aunt, Christine Mummert, passed away after a bicycle accident in Lititz, PA, on September 8<sup>th</sup>. She was 73 years old. Christine's life was celebrated during a memorial service on September 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lancaster.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Ron Coldsmith Family. Ron's sister, Sally Coldsmith, died in Bel Air, Maryland on September 20<sup>th</sup>. She was 72 years old. Sally's life was remembered with a graveside service on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Solomon's Grindstone Hill Cemetery.

May God comfort these families with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.

## Birth Announcement

Congratulations go out to Martie and Darrell Veilleux on the birth of their new grandchildren. Their daughter, who happens to be a twin, gave birth to **triplets** Aaron, Abraham, and Amelia in Winchester, Virginia, last month. The babies arrived a bit earlier than expected so they will remain in the Winchester Medical Center NICU until they get a little bigger and stronger. Please pray for the babies to continue to thrive so that they may come home to their two older siblings and parents!

## Stewardship Bouquets

**Thank you** to everyone who donated items for the Social Ministry Committee's Personal Care Kit Service Project and/or helped put them together. We prepared 30 kits!

**Thank you** to the Social Ministry Committee for hosting the September "Lunch, Learn, & Play" event.

**Thank you** to the Christian Education Committee for hosting the Youth Weenie Roast in the Picnic Woods. A good time was enjoyed by all!

**Thank you** to our Director of Music, Doug Mummert and our wonderful choir for the beautiful anthems they share each week. After the long summer hiatus, it is nice to have them back up front!

**Thank you** to all the volunteers and donors who participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration Day at Luther Ridge.

**Thank you** to the Worship & Music Committee members and Property Committee members (as well as all the additional volunteers) for their various roles in presenting the Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Lunch in the Picnic Woods.

**Thank you** to the Christian Education Committee for preparing a delicious Rally Day breakfast and to those that led the presentations for the youth and adults.

**Thank you** to Richard Graven for leading the Adult Sunday School class so that Pastor Bill may teach Confirmation.

**Thank you** to Linda Berberich for continuing to maintain our outside planters with seasonal flowers AND to Ilona Laney for keeping them hydrated during these past hot months.

**Thank you** to those that donated books to the Habitat for Humanity book sale held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Thank you** to our Home Communion Ministers who continue to faithfully go out and minister to our Homebound members.

**Thank you** to our Kitchen Committee Members who so wonderfully maintain our kitchen facility for use during all our special events.

**Did you know that October's *Ministry of the Month* is the new skilled care center at the Village at Luther Ridge?**

This state-of-the art skilled care center provides nursing care and rehabilitation services to those in need in our community. Please mark your donation "Luther Ridge Skilled Care". Checks can be made payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generosity in making this much-needed service a reality at Luther Ridge.

2019 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate, along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Deadline for **red, white, burgundy, marble (pink & white) and pink** poinsettias is October 27, 2019. Cost is \$7.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot and the flower will have 3-5 blooms. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Johnson.

***The Christmas Poinsettias in  
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends  
have been donated by:***

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Burgundy \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Total Poinsettias ordered \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias will be used for the Christmas Cantata 10:15 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, December 22nd and the 7:00 p.m. Worship Service on Christmas Eve, December 24th. They must be taken home on Dec. 24th **after the evening service.** Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.

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Martin Luther