



**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 Michael Allwein

Dear Members of Solomons Faith Community,

I am writing this message just as we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday, the Confirmation of one of our young members, as we conclude the season of Easter and move into the summer months. From my perspective, there is a lot going on here, even as summer months typically bring on a slowing down of our daily lives.

Here at Solomons conversations are taking place with other congregations concerning how best we might continue our long legacy of faith-filled ministry, one of the hallmarks of this congregation. At our May Council meeting, I shared a recent conversation I had with Pastor Julia Brown, pastor at Solomons UCC Church. You will be hearing more in the near future.

A totally unexpected happening for me was the offer to serve as chaplain on a 28-day cruise to Alaska. Thank you to Council for approving my extra time off. Therefore, I will be away from this congregation for most of the month of June and the first week of July. But I will return!

There is so very much to be grateful for in this congregation! I continue to be excited with the enthusiasm and faith-filled worship services. I greatly appreciate all that Heidi and the choir does in leading music! I love to lift up the "Glimpses of Vibrancy" each week.

Amazing ministry coming out of the Fellowship Center and our many members who work long hours to keep it going. Many gifts to be realized and these same gifts to be shared. Committees working hard, and so many of you working efficiently, too often not being noticed.

So I offer you a blessing for the summer. It may seem somewhat odd at its beginning but be sure to read it through to the ending.

Summer Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep from within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of all people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

Let it be so! Blessed summer!

Blessings & love,

~pastor mike



Gospel Readings for June:

- Sunday, June 2 - Mark 2:23-3:6
- Sunday, June 9 - Mark 3:20-35
- Sunday, June 16 - Mark 4:26-34
- Sunday, June 23 - Mark 4:35-41
- Sunday, June 30 - Mark 5:21-43

| Gospel Readings for JULY: | Gospel Readings for AUGUST: |
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| Sunday, July 7 - Mark 6:1-13 | Sunday, August 4 - John 6:24-35 |
| Sunday, July 14 - Mark 6:14-29 | Sunday, August 11 - John 6:35,41-51 |
| Sunday, July 21 - Mark 6:30-34,53-56 | Sunday, August 18 - John 6:51-58 |
| Sunday, July 28 - John 6:1-21 | Sunday, August 25 - John 6:56-69 |

Solomon's Serving Schedule - June

| | 6/2/24 | 6/9/24 | 6/16/24 | 6/23/24 | 6/30/24 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Head Usher | Tana Vance | | | | |
| Lector | Wayne Dale | Patricia Yetter | Martie Veilleux | Kathy Bowen | Richard Graven |
| Acolyte | Outdoor Service | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Communion Set-Up | Outdoor Service | Ilona & Jerry Laney | Marjorie Dale | Ilona & Jerry Laney | Ilona & Jerry Laney |
| Communion Clean-Up | Outdoor Service | Ilona & Jerry Laney | Marjorie Dale | Ilona & Jerry Laney | Ilona & Jerry Laney |
| Communion Assists | Outdoor Service | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Communion Bread | Linda Berberich | | | | |
| Securing Offering | Tana Vance & Marjorie Dale | | | | |
| Coffee Fellowship | N/A | | | | |

Special Worship Event



Sunday, September 8th
details to follow
Save the date!

Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church



In the past few months, we have been trying to get something started that would stir up more interest in evangelism. I am writing articles for our newsletter. Marjorie Dale has put together welcoming kits for visitors. A new church pamphlet has been made up with the help of Pastor Allwein, Marjorie Dale, and Kimberly Wiley, our administrative assistant.

On April 28, Wayne Dale and I tried our hands at evangelism. We had addresses of families who have just moved into the New Franklin area. We had no names, just house addresses and road or street names. We stopped at 10 addresses. I was surprised at the responses we got, they were for the most part willing to talk and listen to what we had to say. If anyone knows of any new families in their neighborhood, please speak to them, and invite them to come to worship, or give their address to the evangelism committee.

As we work together, we can fulfill Christ's great commission. Matthew 28:19-20 Christ tells us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the ages."

Sarge Weaver

News from Social Ministry

Power Pack Meals: We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2024-2025 school year. **Beginning in August**, please place the items you donate in the 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.

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.

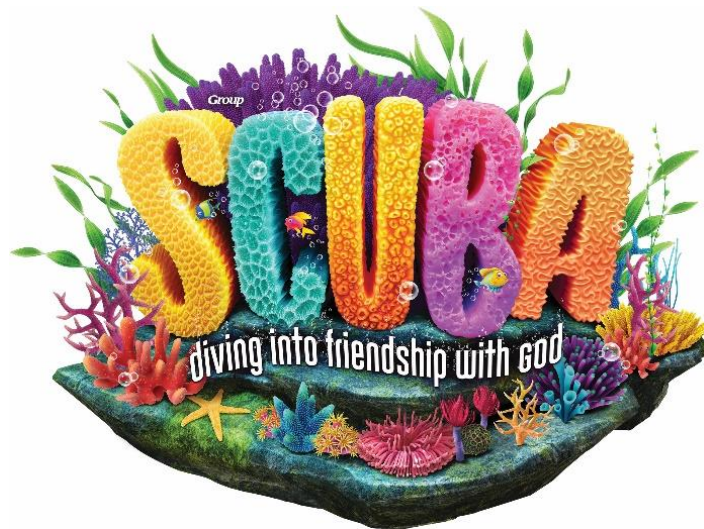
Opportunity for Fun & Fellowship



Fall Picnic/Campfire
Saturday, September 28
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.

Solomon's Lutheran Church VBS 2024



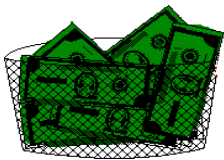
VBS – June 17 – 21, 2024

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Ages: 3 yrs. – 6th grade

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: JUNE 23 @ 10:15 am

**Please fill out the attached
Registration Form and Photo Agreement Form
Bring along the first night of VBS**



Special Collection: VBS Celebration Sunday June 23, 2024 – In addition to the regular Sunday offering plate, we will have a special container for donations at the gym entrance. Offerings received during Vacation Bible School and Celebration Sunday will be donated to NETWork Ministry. NETWork Ministry is an urban ministry for children and teens in Chambersburg. Since 1993, they have been committed to sharing the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the gospel of Jesus. They especially seek to equip children and young adults with skills necessary for these four areas of focus: Spiritual Growth, Academic Achievement, Life Management, and Christian Leadership. This is accomplished through a variety of after school and summer opportunities for youth.

Celebrating a Birthday in June....

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|------|------------------|------|-----------------|
| 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 |



***Happy
Birthday***

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....

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



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in July...



| | |
|------|---------------------------|
| 7/2 | Brandon & Erin Mummert |
| 7/8 | Lee & Carol Locke |
| 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...

Happy Birthday!

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|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| 8/1 | Emma English | 8/21 | Mark Kuykendall |
| 8/1 | Norm Kuykendall | 8/21 | Earl Weaver, Jr. |
| 8/5 | Calvin Mentzer | 8/23 | Isabelle Schultz |
| 8/16 | Dustin Mull | 8/24 | Bernie Harris |
| 8/20 | Marty Wenger | 8/25 | Marjorie McMullin |
| 8/20 | Tana Vance | 8/29 | Tarryn Taylor |

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in August...

| | |
|------|-------------------------|
| 8/12 | Blaine & Lisa Mentzer |
| 8/15 | Richard & Elizabeth Amt |
| 8/23 | Rich & Janice McEntire |



Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in June, July, and August are still available: 6/9, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 8/4, 8/11, 8/25.

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)