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## October 2024

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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."*

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## Pastoral Letter – Pastor Michael Allwein

Dear members and friends of Solomons faith community,

The most famous journey in the Jewish Bible is when the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness for 40 years. Their confident strength was knowing how God traveled with them every step along the way. It is hard for me to believe that it has almost been a year since I arrived here as your interim at the beginning of November last year. I have viewed this past year here at Solomons as a journey that you/we have traveled together. I know there continues to be zigs and zags as we steer our way through various challenges, but we never travel alone. We continue to find our way.

At our Congregation meeting on November 17, I will come prepared to share a full report of how I have been working with the Council and Call Committee to explore various and different possibilities of shared ministry as related to other congregations—all exciting and energizing options for how Solomons can continue to be a missional congregation, open to partnerships with other congregations and pastoral leadership models. I want this time together on November 17 to be a time of conversation. Your concerns, questions are most important as we are all viable members and partners in our faith community.

I think of these words by Carrie Newcomer, in her song *"Holy as a Day is Spent."* As I watch the leaves already beginning to dance to the ground from the large maple tree in our back yard, I think of these words from her song: *"I'm letting go of all my fear/Like autumn leaves made of earth and air/For Summer came and the summer went/As holy as a day is spent.* How we spend our days, of course, is how we spend our lives. For God's People wandering through the

wilderness, the Promise Land was the dream, but the journey was what was most critical and life-giving, even when it became strident and rough.

Thank you for daring to walk this journey together with our faith community of Solomons Lutheran! Also, I'm thinking of a recent prayer, attributed to Pope Francis.

*“Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth. Teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions. Teach us to go where others hesitate to go, to take time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearance from truth. Grant us grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen. Amen.”*

Blessings, & love,

*~pastor mike*

### Gospel Readings for OCTOBER:

- Sunday, October 6 – Mark 10:2-16
- Sunday, October 13 – Mark 10:17-31
- Sunday, October 20 – Mark 10:35-45
- Sunday, October 27 – John 8:31-36



### Solomon's Serving Schedule - October

	10/6/24	10/13/24	10/20/24	10/27/24
<i>Head Usher</i>	Earl Weaver, Jr.			
<i>Lector</i>	Richard Graven	Outdoor Service	TBD	TBD
<i>Acolyte</i>	Norm Kuykendall	Outdoor Service	Wayne Dale	TBD
<i>Communion Set-Up</i>	Ilona & Jerry Laney			
<i>Communion Clean-Up</i>	Ilona & Jerry Laney			
<i>Communion Assist</i>	TBD			
<i>Communion Bread</i>	Linda Berberich			
<i>Securing Offering</i>	Kathy Bowen & Linda Berberich			
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	Bonney Coldsmith			

## News from the Worship & Music Committee



This year, Solomon's church has encountered new challenges and is asking you to support the church through volunteering.

This month you will be receiving Time and Talent Sheets. Did you know that it takes several 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.

In addition to the time and talent sheets, the Worship and Music Committee will once again be placing sign-up sheets on the tables in the Sunday School Room in November. You can volunteer on specific Sundays for the first six months of 2025. This approach offers you the opportunity to choose which dates accommodate your schedule.

*"<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 Christian Education Committee

**Sunday School is in Session** - Children's Church will be held during morning worship and will meet downstairs at 10:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:00 a.m.

## News from the Fund-Raising Committee



**Apple Butter Orders!** Your Apple Butter can be picked up on Saturday morning, October 5<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-11:00 am) & Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> after church.

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## News from Social Ministry

**During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry.** You may place items in the totes under the coat rack at the back door of the church.

**Power Pack Meals:** The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. 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. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** for supporting our Personal Care Kit mission. Thanks to your help, we were able to complete 52 kits. Also, thanks to those of you who helped assemble the kits on Rally Day.



## Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following dates are still available: 10/6, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1. Please email or call Kimberly ([office@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:office@solomonslutheran.org) / 717 267-2266).

**Have an item for the November newsletter?!** Deadline is **October 18th**. Email Kimberly at [office@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:office@solomonslutheran.org).



## Stewardship Sunday

October 20, 2024

As you prepare to complete your *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets for next year, prayerfully consider what gifts God has given you. Please bring your completed *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets with you to church on October 20 or send them to the office. They will be given as an offering to God during the worship service.

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We will have an outdoor worship service in the Woods on October 13 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-H bring a main dish (meatballs, ham, chicken, etc.)
- Last name beginning with J-R bring a salad type dish
- Last name beginning with S-Y bring a dessert type dish





# Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:00PM – 7:00PM

*Solomon's Lutheran Church, 4856 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg PA*

**Price:** Adults \$15.00, Children (5-11) \$7.00, Under 5 – Free.

**Menu:** *roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or corn, cranberry relish, applesauce, apple or pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, & water.*

**Take outs will be available**

**Proceeds to benefit Salvation Army 50% / Chambersburg Homeless Shelter 25% /  
Major Maintenance Fund 25%**





*Celebrating a Birthday in October....*

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|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 10/2  | Sally Gayman     | 10/18 | Joe Mock          |
| 10/3  | Roxy Bothe       | 10/20 | Elizabeth Schultz |
| 10/4  | Richard Graven   | 10/22 | John Wolfinger    |
| 10/9  | Stephanie Crouch | 10/24 | Ginny Detwiler    |
| 10/17 | Ty Gross         | 10/29 | Linda Hess        |
|       |                  | 10/31 | Randy Hess        |



*Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October...*

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| 10/29 | Keith & Cathy Kuykendall |
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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)