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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

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith." Romans 3: 23-25

The year 1517 is usually cited as the beginning of the Reformation, when tradition says that Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of All Saint's Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Yet another event, in 1530, was perhaps the most important building block of Lutheranism. The *Augsburg Confession*, presented at the Diet of Augsburg, called by The Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, laid out in detail the religious convictions and theological views of Martin Luther and the Protestant reformers.

Interestingly, Martin Luther did not attend the gathering because he was considered an outlaw by the earlier Diet of Worms. The document, containing twenty-eight articles of confession was completed and presented in German and Latin by Philip Melancthon, Luther's colleague and fellow professor at the University of Wittenberg.

The first four articles of the *Augsburg Confession* lay out in detail the important building blocks of our Lutheran faith. Even today, they succinctly summarize the most important tenants of what we believe.

Article I: States that Christians believe in the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In a nutshell: **"God is God."**

Article II: States that humanity is in bondage to original sin. (see: Romans 3:23) In a nutshell: **"We are not God."**

Article III: States that God came down to us in the person of Jesus, who is fully human and divine. Jesus was born, suffered, was crucified, died and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for other sins. In a nutshell: **"What we are not, Jesus is."**

Article IV: States that we receive forgiveness and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake through faith (see: Romans 3:21-26.) Also see Ephesians 3:8: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.* In a nutshell: **"What Jesus is we get as a gift."**

I encourage you to remember these four building blocks of our faith. Article IV—justification by grace through faith—in often cited as the foundational Lutheran statement of faith. Remarkably, these confessions of faith are as fresh and cutting edge today as they were when they were written nearly 500 years ago. Consider how they inform your own faith and devotional life. They are good news for you and I hope and pray that you might share this good news with others you meet.

Solomon's disciples are known for being welcoming and inviting for those who join us for worship, events and activities. This culture of hospitality begins in living out our Lutheran building blocks of faith. More than just doctrinal statements, they are a way of living and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Author Brian McLaren once said, "If you want a feel for the richness of the phrase "Word of God," ask the Lutherans; it's a secret their own tradition seems to know without knowing what it means."

Hopefully, this article will give you the grammar and the knowledge of sharing your Lutheran faith with others.

See you in church.
Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 3rd 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: Jack Bowen, Marilyns Johnson, and Gladys Mull.

That same date is also...

Commitment Sunday

November 3, 2019

As you prepare to complete your *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets for 2020, 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 3rd. They will be collected and given as an offering to the Lord during the morning worship service. The Worship & Music Committee also plans to have the server sign-up sheets available after the worship service for you to choose specific dates to volunteer.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 24th at 10:15 a.m.



We will celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks to God for all our blessings in Sunday worship on this day. ***You are encouraged to write down one thing you are thankful for on a slip of paper and place it in baskets located at either entrance to the sanctuary.*** We will bring them forward with the offering and the communion elements as a visible sign of God's abundant gifts.

News from the Church Council

Annual Fall Congregational Meeting—There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 24th**, immediately following the morning worship service. The congregation will elect members to the church council as well as vote on a 2020 operational budget recommended by the church council. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and participation in this important meeting. Look for more information by mail in early November and please bring it to the meeting.

News from Social Ministry

Lunch, Learn & Play--On Wednesday, **Nov. 6th**, join us for lunch at 12 noon followed by a game of Dominoes. Invite your friends and neighbors as everyone is welcome! The winter season is fast approaching so here is a reminder of our cancellation policy: If Chambersburg schools are delayed or closed because of weather, we will not have L, L & P.

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**. Suggested items include the following: toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins, baby wipes & diapers, and women's feminine hygiene items. Norm Kuykendall's red pick-up truck will be parked out in front of the Fellowship Center for you to place your donations inside the truck bed.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing-- Again this Christmas season we will assist the Salvation Army with their Red Kettle fundraising event. We have been assigned to **the Butcher Shoppe on Saturday, November 30** from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Please sign up for the one hour that is convenient for you. There will be two volunteers for each hour.

CROP Walk--A big THANK YOU to those that donated money and those that walked!

News from Christian Education

Youth Christmas Party--Remember to save the date of **Saturday, December 14th**. We will be enjoying a meal together starting at 6 PM. Then the youth will get to roll out cookies and decorate them. And yes, they do get to take their cookies home!

News from the Kitchen Committee

Thanksgiving Dinner Preparations-- Help is needed to prepare food for the upcoming Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 16th. Help is also being sought to serve the meal and clean up afterwards. See the sign-up sheets in the old Sunday School room for specific shifts. Thanks in advance for your support!

The *food preparation* work schedule will be as follows:

Nov. 13 at 6 PM – cut up bread to make filling (bring along electric knife to cut bread) and prepare turkeys for roasting

Nov. 14 from 7-11 AM – roast turkeys

Nov. 14 at 1 PM – cut up turkeys

Nov. 15 at 9 AM – set up tables and chairs

Nov. 16--food servers and clean-up helpers are needed!

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 continuing our study of the Psalms so please join us! Please note: NO class on November 27th or December 4th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

Lunch, Learn, & Play!

Wednesday, November 6th

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Solomon's Fellowship Center



Enjoy lunch with friends as we play Dominoes!

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



Menu Includes Roast Turkey, Filling/Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peas & Carrots, Cranberry Relish, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, Apple & Pumpkin Pie, Water, Coffee & Tea.

Save the Date!

Christmas Is Coming!!

Be sure to mark these fun and inspiring ways to celebrate on your holiday calendar!

Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins, Sunday, December 8th

Youth Christmas Party, Saturday, December 14th (6-8 p.m.)

Secret Pal Luncheon, Sunday, December 15th (12 noon)

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 22nd (10:15 a.m. Worship Service)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Tuesday, December 24th (Special Music begins at 7:10 p.m.)

Youth Christmas Musical, Sunday, December 29th (10:15 a.m. Worship Service)

An Invitation to the Antietam Memorial Illumination

On **Saturday, December 7, 2019**, Antietam National Battlefield will host the **31st Annual Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination** in honor of those soldiers who fell during the Battle of Antietam. Solomon's will join over 1,400 volunteers to place luminaries and light candles dedicated to those brave soldiers.

Please join us this year as Solomon's celebrates 25 years of volunteering at Antietam. **Solomon's is in charge of setting out 720 luminaries beginning at 10 AM.** We will also light the candles around 2:30 PM, then gather for a Memorial Service at 3:50 PM. Sign-up sheets will be on the Sunday School room bulletin board. If you have any questions, please talk to Sally Gayman or Bonney Coldsmith.

A Special "AppleFest" Thank You

From Zoe Mummert, on behalf of the Fundraising Committee....

We would like to thank everyone for another successful year! We appreciate all pre-sold items and for all "**your**" hard work. It's amazing how much we accomplished! When there is a task put before us, we as a church come together. We couldn't have done this without "**everyone's**" help, thank you.

See the chart below with the total of our sales.

Apple Dumplings	966
Apple Pies	87
Apple Crisp	100
Apple Sauce-Pint	1
Apple Sauce-Quart	8
Apple Butter 4 oz./8 oz.	19/44
Apple Butter Pint/Quart	48/14

...and 15 ½ bushels of apples!

Stay in Touch!

Please make note of the following changes in your Solomon's Member Directory...

Larry & Gloria Socks have moved!

Their new address is:

Larry & Gloria Socks

Marty Wenger has changed his contact numbers!

His new phone numbers are:

Happening In Our Larger Community...



There is no Wellness Talk scheduled for November but watch this space for upcoming Talks in the coming months!

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, November 13th, 2019**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for November is creamed lettuce, roast turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, baked corn, dinner roll with butter, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, November 8th.

Volunteers Opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge--Worship assistants are currently needed to serve at the Sunday evening worship service held at the Inn at The Village at Luther Ridge. The service begins at 6:00 PM. This is a traditional Lutheran service with communion and is led by the chaplain, Rev. Herbert Spomer. Please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org for more information.

News from the SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

Annual Fall Meeting-- The annual fall meeting of the Auxiliary will take place **Saturday, November 9th** at the Fleck Center on the campus of SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge. The morning will begin with a breakfast at **9 a.m.** Following breakfast, we will elect officers and pass a budget for 2020. All members of the Auxiliary are invited to attend. The cost for breakfast is \$5.00. Please call Margie Dale at 717-860-7544 by November 2nd if you plan to attend.

Angels of Love-- This Christmas marks the 27th anniversary of the annual Angels of Love holiday tribute! For a donation of \$10 or more (per person) you can dedicate an angel to be hung on the Christmas tree in the lobby of The Inn at The Village at Luther Ridge. This is a great way to honor and remember special family, friends, and co-workers. Moreover, your contribution lasts long after the holiday by helping the Auxiliary reach its goals to provide quality care to members of the Luther Ridge community. Flyers explaining this unique fundraiser have been placed in your church mailbox. For questions, please see our Solomon's Auxiliary rep Becky Pecha.

Remembering our Homebound Members

As we gather together to celebrate the holidays, please remember those members of our Solomon's "Family" who are now homebound. No doubt they would love to get a holiday greeting from you! (Their addresses can be found in our Solomon's directory unless otherwise noted.)

Harold "Bud" Armstrong
Connie & Ferd Bikle
Genny Grant
Becky McCleary
Marvin McKenzie

Bonnie Hudson
Helen Hess
Frances Kramer
Marjorie McMullin
Ginny Detwiler

Linda Russ
Clayton Schwartz
Bob Shreiner
Gerald & Esther Schultz
Gertie Reichard

Serving in November

	11/3/19	11/10/19	11/17/19	11/24/19	
Head Usher	Bill Wepking	Bill Wepking	Jay Hunter	Jay Hunter	
Lector	Karen Wolfinger	Jay Hunter	Rich McEntire	Patricia Yetter	
Acolyte	Rebekah Aldrich	Sarah Aldrich	Aaron Shreiner	Clark Shenberger	
Greeters/Ushers	Kristy & Sam Nienstedt	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Bill & Lilly Chiado	Shenberger Family	
Children's Church		Karen Wolfinger Becky Pecha		Kristy Nienstedt Rebekah Aldrich	
After Service Coffee	Karen Wolfinger	Tana Vance & Margie Dale	The Shenbergers	Lilly Chiado	
Communion Assistants	Kristy Nienstedt (Chalice) Ilona Laney (Trays)	Kristy Nienstedt (Chalice) Ilona Laney (Trays)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Ron Coldsmith (Trays)	Heidi Shenberger (Chalice) Ilona Laney (Trays)	
Communion Bread	Linda Berberich	Lilly Chiado	Lilly Chiado	Lilly Chiado	
Communion Set-Up	Bill & Lilly Chiado				
Communion Clean-Up	Linda Berberich				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire, Sam Mull				
Altar Guild	Annamarie Schwartz				

Looking ahead to December the following server slots listed below need volunteers.

Please let Sally, Kristy, or Heidi know if you are willing to help. Thanks!

Communion Clean-Up for 12/15, 12/24, and 12/29

Chalice for 12/24 (need 2 for Christmas Eve--already have 1)

Greeters/Ushers for 12/8, 12/22, 12/24 (need 4 total for Christmas Eve--already have 2)



Gospel Readings for November:

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 3rd--Luke 6:20-31

Sunday, Nov. 10th--Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, Nov. 17th--Luke 21:5-19

Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 24th--Luke 23:33-43

Thanksgiving, Nov. 28th—John 6:25-35



Celebrating a Birthday in November....

11/1 Paul Skelly	11/16 Garrett Gross
11/1 Carole Darr	11/17 Abby Gayman-Hoover
11/2 Jim Darr	11/17 Pastor Bill Nienstedt
11/4 Eli Mummert	11/19 David McEntire
11/9 Edna Harris	11/22 Bonnie Hudson
11/11 Adilyn Mull	11/22 Raymond Fell
11/13 Mark Gayman	11/23 Frances Reichard
11/15 Ina Shreiner	11/24 Brandon Mummert
11/16 Joe Hess	

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in November...

11/4	Ron & Bonney Coldsmith
11/13	Chris & Barbara Aldrich (15 th)
11/22	Ferd & Connie Bikle

Honoring Our Veterans

On Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11th, Americans remember those among us who have served our nation both domestically and abroad, in war time and in peace. If you see one of our Solomon's veterans, be sure to tell them thanks! May God bless all our veterans!!

Solomon's Veterans include the following members:

Harold "Bud" Armstrong
Bernie Harris
Hugh McNeill
Gerald Schultz
Bill Brindle
Bill Chiado
Richard Graven

Clayton Schwartz
Don Wildeson
Alan Johnson
Phil Johnson
Norm Kuykendall
Jerry Laney
Rich McEntire

Keith Kuykendall
Mark Kuykendall
Wayne Norman
Joe Wolfinger
Bob Shreiner
Joe Mock
Marvin McKenzie

Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Marilys Johnson who was called to her eternal home on Tuesday, October 1st. She was 82 years old.

A celebration of Marilys's life was held on Saturday, October 19th, at 11:00 a.m. at Solomon's Lutheran Church. Pastor Bill Nienstedt officiated. There was a luncheon and time for sharing after the service in the Fellowship Center.

Marilys was born October 2, 1936, in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, to the late Frederick and Virginia Greiner. She graduated from Thiel College in 1958 with a degree in Elementary Education. That same year she married Alan Johnson on December 27th. Married for 60 years, they were blessed with three sons, David, Kurt, and Brent.

Marilys earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education in 1965 from Trenton State Teacher's College. During her professional career, she taught kindergarten, special education, and gifted education at various elementary schools in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She retired from full time teaching in 1996.

Ever curious, Marilys loved to travel and meet new people. She also enjoyed reading and gardening. She was deeply involved in Christian Education and Social Ministry at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Feasterville, Pennsylvania, where she was a member for 40 years.

Marilys and Alan joined Solomon's Lutheran Church in 2004 after moving to the Chambersburg area. She was very active once again in Social Ministry as well as being a Children's Church leader, a delegate to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, a Fellowship Hour host, a lector, a greeter, and other worship server roles. In 2017 she compiled a written history booklet of the church for its 250th Anniversary Celebration. Her hard work and dedication extended to also creating a "museum" for the event featuring historic objects from throughout the church's history.

She is survived by her beloved husband Alan and their three sons, David, Kurt, and Brent. Marilys also leaves behind her three daughters-in-law, Gail, MaryBeth, and Jennifer as well as her seven granddaughters: Sarah, Emily, Rachel, Hannah, Katie, Avery, and Taylor. Her brother, Fred Grenier, and her sister-in-law, Nancy, also survive her.

We give thanks to God for our time with Marilys. May God comfort her family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Everyone at Solomon's will greatly miss her wit, creativity, kindness of heart, and sweet smile.

Birth Announcement

Our ***Congratulations*** go out to Calvin and Katie Mentzer. They welcomed a baby girl, Kennedy Rae, on October 10th. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Lisa and Blaine Mentzer. (She is their FIRST grandchild!) Joyce Skelly is Kennedy's great-grandmother. Paul Skelly is Kennedy's great-grandfather. Solomon's is also home to many of her great aunts and assorted cousins! May God bless baby Kennedy, her parents, and her extended family!

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to everyone who supported AppleFest 2019 whether by their donations, sales, and/or labor. Special shout-out to Zoe Mummert for once again organizing everything so well.

Thank you to our Stewardship Committee (Becky & Sam Mull, and Pastor Bill) for their faithful service all year but especially during the annual Stewardship Campaign.

Thank you to all those who supported SpiriTrust Lutheran's Celebration Day event with their donations and their time. There were over 14+ volunteers working the booths from Solomon's. It was a great day and a special time to remember our dear friend Gladys Mull! Extra special thanks to Margie Dale (Auxiliary President) and Becky Pecha (Solomon's Rep) for their hard work and leadership on this project.

Thank you to everyone who donated food or helped serve the meal for the Marilyns Johnson funeral luncheon.

Thank you to all who came out to support the SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary's Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner.

Thank you to our 2019 CROP Walk participants and donors. A special "trooper" award goes to Terry Fell!

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

Thank you to all the members who faithfully assist with food preparations for dinners in the Fellowship Center.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a holiday shirt to support Solomon's Relay for Life Team.

A Note of Thanks

On behalf of the Nienstedt Family, many thanks to everyone for their cards, goodies, and especially prayers after Sam's recent accident. We also appreciate those individuals who helped the Sunday of Sam's surgery by covering Kristy's Sunday School class as well as her server duties during Worship. We continue to feel blessed to be a part of the Solomon's community!

From the Editor

Have an announcement for the December newsletter? Please submit your items to Kristy Nienstedt by **November 20th**. She can be reached via email at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or you can place information in her church mailbox.

And to whomever anonymously donated flowers in my honor on Reformation Sunday...That was most kind of you!!

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

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*“We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings
and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth.”*

Harvest Prayer, ELW page 62