



**SOLOMON'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## November 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."*

## Pastoral Letter – Pastor Michael Allwein

Dear Members and Friends of Solomons Lutheran Church!

***"For all the saints who from their labors rest!" [ELW, Hymn #422]***

Growing up I had a great aunt who I spent lot's of time with. "Aunt Lucy" was her name. One day, when I was only a small boy, she asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. To this day, I clearly recall my answer: *"I want to be a man!"* Thinking back to that day, I'm not sure if I was simply trying to be impish or if I had a deeper reason for giving Aunt Lucy that answer, but I remember she was taken aback, not quite knowing how to respond to this little boy's unexpected response. At a time when all small kids wanted to be astronauts, I suspect I was trying to be a bit mischievous.

This story comes back to me at this time of the church year when we celebrate **All Saints**. This has always been a special time for me because it gives me reason to remember so many people in my life who have taught me how to live, how to love, individuals who have been models to me of how to care for the earth, each other, and opening to God—thus providing me a solid foundation for what I wanted to be "when I grew up."

We live at a time unusual for our heroes, those whom we choose to use as models for the lives we wish to emulate. Without role models, how can any of us ever know that what we seek is possible, that what we want is doable, that what we are is enough?

I like it when we talk about the *great cloud of witnesses*, better than the word *saint*. It was Dorothy Day who said, *"don't call me a saint, because I don't want to be dismissed so easily."* I don't need a figure in a stained-glass window as a model so much as I need real people who are/were worthy and brave, simple and centered, who saw truth and lived it, whatever the cost. I need to experience people who witness their faith!

The important question for me at this time of the year is, what kind of *witnesses—saints*—are we ourselves being to those who come after us—those still searching for heroes, looking for models, those still wondering what they want to be when they grow up!

I rest comfortably in the poetry and writings of Jan Richardson. She holds that part of me that longs for meaning in the contours of my heart.

Here is a prayer of Jan's for this month of **All Saints**:

*For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.*

*For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.*

*For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived, this is a thanksgiving.*

*For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams, this is a benediction.*

Blessings & love . . . . . *pastor mike*

**Pastoral Acts**

Baptism of Carrie Ann Clair Aldrich on Sunday, October 20, 2024.



**Gospel Readings for NOVEMBER:**

- Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – John 11:32-44
- Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Mark 12:38-44
- Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Mark 13:1-8
- Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – John 18:33-37

**Solomon's Serving Schedule - November**

	11/3/24	11/10/24	11/17/24	11/24/24
<i>Head Usher</i>	Kathy Bowen			
<i>Lector</i>	Rich McEntire	Wayne Dale	Bonney Coldsmith	TBD
<i>Acolyte</i>	Janice McEntire	Wayne Dale	Aaron Shreiner	Norm Kuykendall
<i>Communion Set-Up</i>	Ilona & Jerry Laney			
<i>Communion Clean-Up</i>	Ilona & Jerry Laney			
<i>Communion Assist</i>	Janice McEntire			
<i>Communion Bread</i>	Colleen Johnson			
<i>Securing Offering</i>	Frances Reichard & Becky Mull			
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	Colleen Johnson			

## Honoring Our Veterans



On Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Americans remember those among us who have served our nation both domestically and abroad, in war time and in peace. May God bless all our veterans!!

## Solomon's Veterans include the following members:

Bill Brindle  
Bill Chiado  
Daniel Crouch  
Richard Graven  
Phil Johnson

Keith Kuykendall  
Mark Kuykendall  
Norm Kuykendall  
Jerry Laney  
Rich McEntire

Joe Mock  
Larry Socks  
Sarge Weaver  
Don Wildeson

## An Invitation to the Antietam Memorial Illumination

**The 35th annual Antietam Battlefield Illumination** will take place on



Saturday, December 7. This is a very fulfilling and emotional event which honors the 23,110 casualties which occurred during the battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862. Volunteers are greatly needed to set up and light the luminaries. Solomon's is responsible for setting up and lighting approximately 720 luminaries. Volunteers should be at our field (by the lookout tower), no later than 9:15 AM. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. For further information

please contact Bonney Coldsmith.

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday November 17, 2024:** The annual congregational meeting will be held

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November 17, 2024

Following the  
Worship Service



immediately following worship on November 17. The primary purpose of the meeting is to approve a 2025 operating budget and to elect members to the congregation council. A proposed budget was sent to all member households and is available in the office. Please review the budget before the meeting. You may contact council president Ron Coldsmith with any questions.

*Since a quorum is needed all*

*Solomon's voting members are encouraged to attend the meeting either personally or by Zoom on November 17. Zoom information will be sent via email before the meeting.*

## Special Worship Opportunities

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING  
DINNER CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | 5:00 PM  
SOLOMON'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Potluck Dinner & Dessert  
All Are Welcome

## Solomon's will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 3.



At that time, we will remember the members of Solomon's who have died since last All Saints Day. At the beginning of worship, we will pray, light a candle for each person and when the name is read, ring a chime. An additional candle will also be lit for all other loved ones. Please join us for this solemn remembrance.

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## *Readings & Carols*



## *Worship Service*

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.



## News from Social Ministry

**Power Pack Meals:** The Power Pack Meal program at New Franklin Elementary School is up and running. Currently 17 students are being sent home each Friday with food to last them through the weekend. The need for donations is great. Any individual size container of vegetables, fruit, breakfast items, meals (mac & cheese, Chef Boyardee, etc.), juice pouches, Yahoo chocolate drink, 8 oz. bottle water are welcome. Please place your donation in the Social Ministry tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are welcome, make your check payable to Solomon's with Power Pack Meals in the memo line.

**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.

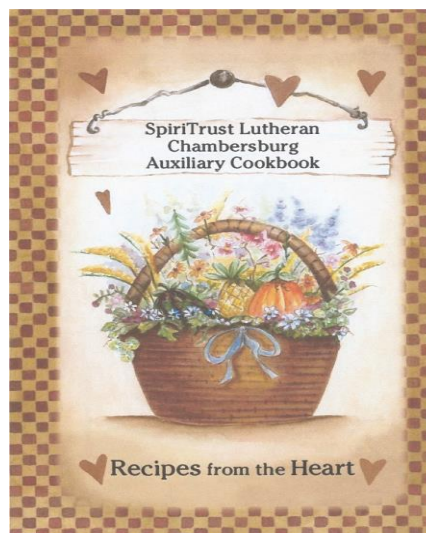
**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** - Bring joy to the less fortunate by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in front of the Butcher Shoppe on Saturday, November 30. We are asking for one hour of your time between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.



## SpiriTTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary

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has cookbooks for sale, \$15 each.



Lots of great recipes! Great for Christmas gifts!

All proceeds go to support programs at Luther Ridge.

If interested, see Becky Pecha, Frances Reichard, Margie Dale, or Bonney Coldsmith.

## Thanksgiving Dinner



# 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%



## Friendly Reminders

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



*Fall back*

set your clocks back an hour

**Sunday, November 3rd**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## *Celebrating a Birthday in November....*

11/1 Carole Darr  
11/2 Jim Darr  
11/4 Eli Mummert  
11/9 Edna Harris  
11/11 Adilyn Mull  
11/13 Mark Gayman  
11/15 Ina Shreiner

11/16 Garrett Gross  
11/17 Abby Gayman  
11/19 David McEntire  
11/22 Bonnie Hudson  
11/22 Raymond Fell  
11/22 Elizabeth Amt  
11/23 Frances Reichard  
11/24 Brandon Mummert



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

11/4 Ron & Bonney Coldsmith  
11/7 Jared & Emma Mummert  
11/13 Chris & Barbara Aldrich  
11/18 Pastor Mike & Lois Allwein

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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)