



**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 Family and Friends of Solomons Lutheran Faith Community!

I sat to write this newsletter reflection on the day after we experienced a six-inch snowfall accompanied by frigid temperatures. I'm in awe of the silky glossy snow in our backyard! I filled the bird feeder just a day before the snow arrived, so the birds are feasting on food which most often is difficult to find on these snowy winter days. This all speaks of Hope!

The dazzling sunlight echoing off the snow reminds me that we are in Epiphany, the season in the Christian year of widening light. The winter solstice is past. The light rises and spreads! The light reveals and surprises! The light beckons and guides! The full moon is speculator in its nighttime beauty! *God-with-us* was born and escaped Herod's wrath. The Child of Light has come into the world. The Magi are heading home by another road. The route is unfamiliar, and yet, the Light grows as they journey. This is the time of stars, the millions of suns that dot the obsidian skies.

On the Sunday of Epiphany Two, we sang in the Gathering Song, *Christ, whose glory fills the skies, the true and only light. Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar in my heart appear.*

The conjunction of Epiphany—the season of light—in this year, 2025, which already has presented its challenges—is a profound, disorienting spiritual tension. My own soul is straining between the revelatory brilliance of God's epiphany with many of the events surrounding our

world today. Dazzled by grace, as is the snow in my yard, I'm seeking deeper lightness and hope in the headlines wanting to overpower us.

Epiphany is the Church season that challenges us to see the stars, even when the sky looks dark. Epiphany challenges us to keep looking to the stars, beyond the clouds. Not in denial, but to remember that even when the inky shroud is there, the light still is. That is the hope and beauty and power of Epiphany! This season of the alternative year, the Christian year, our spiritual year, holds treasures and wisdom for this moment.

Daily life now requires prayer and discernment more than knee-jerk responses toward either end of the political and cultural spectrum. Even when the full moon wanes and snow begins to melt, the light—Light—remains. That Epiphany Hymn still stirs me that, “...*the Sun of righteousness arises and will triumph o'er the shades of night.*”

My Epiphany Prayer: “*Dayspring from on high, be near!*”

Blessings & love,

~pastor mike



### **Gospel Readings for FEBRUARY:**

Sunday, February 2 - Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, February 9 - Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 16 - Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 23 - Luke 6:27-38



**There will be two Ash Wednesday services on March 5: Noon and 7:00PM.** Both services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday begins Lent. The ashes are made from the palms we wave on Palm Sunday. Wearing the ashes reminds us of our mortality and focuses our hearts on our need for repentance.

## Mid-Week Lenten Services

### **THEME: *Flourishing as Disciples***

Wednesdays of Lent. Time: Supper 5:30pm / Worship 7:00pm

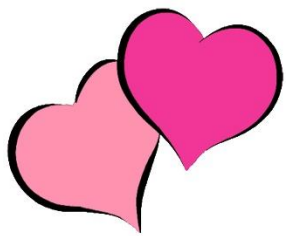
DATE	WEEKLY THEME	SCRIPTURE	LOCATION	PREACHER
March 12	<i>Beatitudes</i>	Matthew 5:1-12	Trinity Lutheran	Mother Patricia Dickson
March 19	<i>Salt and Light</i>	Matthew 5:13-16	First Lutheran	The Rev. Barbara Barry
March 26	<i>Lord's Prayer</i>	Matthew 6:5-13	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic	The Rev. Jane Nicholson
April 2	<i>Do Not Worry</i>	Matthew 6:25-34	Trinity Episcopal	The Rev. Michael Allwein
April 9	<i>Build Your House on The Rock</i>	Matthew 7:24-29	Solomon's Lutheran	Father Benjamin

#### **Other information:**

Offering – The lay members of LARC have chosen Mercy House – a Hospice Home on Norland Ave

Soup Suppers – Each week the hosting church for worship will also host a 5:30 supper at their congregation.

## News from Crusaders for Christ



### VALENTINE LUNCHEON

**Sunday, February 16 following worship  
in the Fellowship Center  
*Sponsored by Crusaders for Christ***



Chicken will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring either a salad, a side dish or a dessert. The luncheon is open to Solomon's members, family members, and any guests. Sign-up sheet is in the Sunday School Room. Come join the fun and fellowship!!!

## News from Social Ministry



**Souper Bowl time is here** - The Super Bowl is February 9. We will have two boxes in the Sunday school room, one for the **Chiefs** and one for the **Eagles**. Place a can of soup in the box of your choice. Based on the number of items in each box, we will determine Solomon's Souper Bowl winner.



**Empower • Educate • Feed**

**Power Pack Meals** - the Power Pack Ministry is now packing meals for 25 students at New Franklin School. The program covers three meals a day for the weekend. The need is GREAT. Please consider doing what you can to help. Food can be placed in the tote in the Sunday school room. Monetary donations can be put in the offering, clearly mark your check "Power Pack". Your response in the past has been great. THANK YOU!!!

## News from the Church Council

**There will be a Congregation Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the worship service to approve the 2024 annual report.



**2025 Officers Elected** - At the January council meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve for the coming year: **Ron Coldsmith, President; Larry Socks, Vice-President; Janice McEntire, Financial & Council Secretary** and **Marjorie Dale, Treasurer**. We give thanks for their willingness to serve.



**Cancellation Notification.** In the event of inclement weather, Solomon's will announce that our worship services are cancelled by sending an email to the entire membership who have email addresses. Also, the phone message on the office phone at the church (717-267-2266), will announce when services are cancelled. **On a weekend, this will be done by 4:00pm Saturday.** If you receive an email notifying you of a cancellation and if you know a friend who does not have email,

please contact them. **If the church office does not have your current email address, please let Kimberly in the church office know this as soon as possible, so it can be updated!** Above all, safety is our most important concern, so please do not take any unnecessary chances.

## Spiritrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary still has discount cards available for \$5.00!

Cards are good until Sept. 1, 2025. All proceeds go to support programs at Luther Ridge. Lots of great places to save. See Becky Pecha if you would like to have a card.

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## Solomon's Serving Schedule - February

	2/2/25	2/9/25	2/16/25	2/23/25
<b>Head Usher</b>	Larry Socks			
<b>Lector</b>	Rich McEntire	Patricia Yetter	Janice McEntire	Bonney Coldsmith
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aaron Shreiner	Janice McEntire	Norm Kuykendall	TBD
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney
<b>Communion Clean-Up</b>	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney
<b>Communion Assists</b>	Marjorie Dale	Ron Coldsmith	Ron Coldsmith	TBD
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Linda Berberich			
<b>Securing Offering</b>	Ron Coldsmith & Rich McEntire			
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Kathy Bowen & Linda Berberich			

## Friendly Reminders



**Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the 2025 calendar year.**

There are a lot of available Sundays. The following Sundays in March are still available: 3/2, 3/9, 3/23.



**Have an item for the March newsletter?! Deadline is February 19th.** Email Kimberly at [office@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:office@solomonslutheran.org).

## Our Homebound Members

### Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

For those of you who enjoy sending out **Valentine cards**, consider adding our homebound members to your list. Receiving a card would undoubtedly brighten their day! Their addresses may be found in our church directory.

Betty Amt  
Bill Brindle  
Genevieve Grant  
Joe Mock  
Frances Kramer

Carol Locke  
Marjorie McMullin  
Ina Shreiner  
Marty Wenger



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



*Celebrating a Birthday in February....*

2/2	Terry Fell	2/15	Becky Pecha
2/3	John Martin	2/16	Patsy Wildeson
2/9	Melinda Willsie	2/16	Becky Mull
2/11	Tonya Reichard	2/23	Charlie Taylor
2/11	Pastor Mike Allwein	2/25	Leah Wolfinger
2/12	Phyllis Brehm	2/26	Wayne Dale
2/14	Susie Henicle	2/26	Beth Floyd
		2/28	Brenda Helman



*Happy anniversary!*

*Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in February...*

2/15	Ray & Terry Fell
2/15	Glenn & Susan Henicle
2/20	Mark & Trudy Kuykendall
2/23	Bill & Bonnie Hudson



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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)