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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 Solomon's Lutheran faith community!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God!" [Psalm 51:10]

I began writing this message in the midst of a freezer-like cold that is griping our area for several days. Although Ash Wednesday is still a few weeks away, by the time you will be reading this "Pastor's Message," we will be at the very beginning of our season of Lent. More than any other season of the Church Year, Lent feels to me to be a time of living into a deeper understanding of what it means to be a community of faith. Lent continues to be a vibrant invitation to Christians to live into the Resurrection, the celebration that Jesus Christ is alive in the lives of all people.

Today it is through the memory of the Cross and the empty tomb that the Christian community grows more and more deeply into Jesus and all that Jesus stood for in his life. Each succeeding Lent calls us to renew our ongoing commitment to the implications of the Resurrection in our lives today. That demands of us the healing of the soul, penance and faith, a purging of what is superfluous in our lives, and the heightening and intensifying of what is meaningful.

Lent is a call for renewed commitment to move from a life marked by routine to a life marked by reflection. Lent requires each of us to stop for a while, to move beyond a life of mundane regularity or unconsidered adherence to the trappings of faith, to reflect, yet again, on what is going on within each one of us. Lent is about internal change, realigning our wills and God's will by taking on the heart and

mind of Jesus. Lent is about allowing any obstacle of grace to be removed, leading to a deeper love of God!

Maybe it is best said that Lent is a time given over to think seriously about who Jesus is for me/us, to renew our faith from the inside out, refreshed and reoriented. The voice of Lent need not be a sour one. It is a call to remember who we are and where we have come from and why. The voice of Lent cries to us to live on in a new way no matter what our lives have been like until now.

Lent is even more than that. It is the promise of mercy, the guarantee of new life. It is the resilience that keeps our souls melded to the Spirit despite the pull of chaos and waste and superficialities, tugging on our spiritual anchors. Lent is our salvation from the depths of nothingness. It is our guide to the “genuine” life—such an important, essential time in our society today, necessary to have this anchor of Lent at close hand.

Let's journey together as Solomon's faith community this 40-day journey

Blessings, & love,

~pastor mike



Gospel Readings for MARCH:

Sunday, March 2 - Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)

Sunday, March 9 - Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 16 - Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 23 - Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 30 - Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



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.

Solomon's Serving Schedule - March

	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25
<i>Head Usher</i>	Becky Pecha				
<i>Lector</i>	Martie Veilleux	Patricia Yetter	Bonney Coldsmith	Wayne Dale	Rich McEntire
<i>Acolyte</i>	Norm Kuykendall	Norm Kuykendall	Aaron Shreiner	Wayne Dale	Janice McEntire
<i>Communion Set-Up</i>	Marjorie Dale	Marjorie Dale	Becky & Sam Mull	Becky & Sam Mull	Becky & Sam Mull
<i>Communion Clean-Up</i>	Marjorie Dale	Marjorie Dale	Becky & Sam Mull	Becky & Sam Mull	Becky & Sam Mull
<i>Communion Assists</i>	Martie Veilleux	Carolyn Clouser & Martie Veilleux	Becky Pecha & Martie Veilleux	Margie Dale & Martie Veilleux	Ron Coldsmith & Martie Veilleux
<i>Communion Bread</i>	Marjorie Dale				
<i>Securing Offering</i>	Wayne Dale & Rich McEntire				
<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	Bonney Coldsmith				

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Acolyte – Janice Noon / Wayne Dale 7pm

Lector 7pm – Marti Veilleux

Communion (Bread, Set-up, Clean-up) – Marjorie Dale

Communion Assist – Ron Coldsmith & Martie Veilleux



A **GREAT BIG thank you** to everyone who supported the Souper Bowl. We collected 65 cans of soup for Maranatha Food Pantry. Maranatha will be very appreciative to receive our contributions.

Philadelphia WON THE SOUPER BOWL!!!!

Philadelphia *43 cans of soup* - **Kansas City** *22 cans of soup*



Maranatha Paper Drive: During the month of April, we will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. Paper products cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Items needed are toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, hand wipes, diapers, etc. Please place the items in the totes under the coat rack, next to the mailboxes.

Spring Fun Event

Bowling & Pizza!

Christian Education Spring Fun Event is scheduled for April 12, 2025. We will meet at Nellie Fox Bowling at 2:30 p.m. We will bowl until 5:00 p.m. and then go to Vinnie's for pizza and drink. Please sign up (sign-up sheet is in the Sunday School room) so we know how many people to plan for. All are welcome!

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers**, there are a lot of dates available for the summer months.

Have an item for the April newsletter?! Deadline is **March 20**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.



Celebrating a Birthday in March....



3/1 Larry Socks
3/7 Martie Veilleux
3/9 Lilly Chiado
3/12 Tyler Kuykendall
3/16 Garrett Mull

3/19 Curtis Reichard
3/20 Riley Garner
3/26 Tammy Helman
3/27 Joyce Skelly
3/30 Kipten Parr
3/31 Emma Schultz



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in March...

3/18 Norm & Nan Kuykendall
3/20 Joe & Karen Wolfinger
3/24 Sam & Becky Mull

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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!*
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"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.."

Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)