



**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

A Message from Pastor Mike and Lois Allwein

Dear members of Solomons faith community,

"Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following Jesus Christ. It is clear to us that God not only loves you very much but has put his hand on you." [1Thessalonians 1:2-3, **The Message**]

This text summarizes how we feel about you and how grateful we are for ministering with you for the past 16 months; and surely for the celebration and luncheon as you celebrated 45 years of ordained ministry for Mike. We both say "thank you" with open hearts, trusting that God will lead you with trusting faith on this process of sharing pastoral leadership into the future.

The day after my final Sunday at Solomons, I had lunch with a UCC pastor from Hanover who is serving two Lutheran churches, similar in size to Solomons—one UCC pastor serving two Lutheran congregations! We had a long conversation, and I was listening closely to learn if there are things I could learn as we continue to explore our process with Solomons UCC congregation for ongoing pastoral leadership. I share this now simply to remind you that what we are exploring is becoming the norm in smaller congregations today. It is time to think outside the box if we are to continue to be a viable presence in the New Franklin area. The church of today is not the church of the past, and I pray for a true opening to God's Spirit working through each one of you, trusting that we can also be a church of the future.

My love (our love) for you has deepened these past months. We do not take lightly what Lois said at the luncheon on April 6—that we think of this congregation as “home.” May the love of God continue to protect you, stir you, and comfort you during these upcoming months of discernment and decision-making. Be sensitive to the movements of the Spirit. Be aware and open to the call of God for the future of this congregation.

Blessings & love,

~pastor mike & lois



Gospel Readings for May:

Sunday, May 4 - John 21:1-19
 Sunday, May 11 - John 10:22-30
 Sunday, May 18 - John 13:31-35
 Sunday, May 25 - John 14:23-29

Solomon's Serving Schedule - May

	5/4/25	5/11/25	5/18/25	5/25/25
Head Usher	Janice McEntire			
Lector	Wayne Dale	Rich McEntire	Patricia Yetter	Janice McEntire
Acolyte/Bell Ringer	Wayne Dale	Janice McEntire	Aaron Shreiner	Janice McEntire
Communion Set-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Clean-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Assist	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire
Communion Bread	Colleen Johnson			
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire & Wayne Dale			
Coffee Fellowship	Colleen Johnson & Linda Berberich			



Please note that you will no longer
receive a 6 month contribution letter.
If you would like to have one, please
contact Janice McEntire.



FROM THE MEMBERS OF SOLOMON'S

THANK YOU, MARY JO

Thank you for all you have done for Solomon's music program. Your leadership, talent, and professionalism are on display every Sunday. Solomon's choir has continued to be a shining light in our worship service. The "Music Notes-Hymn Notes" in the bulletin and explanations of our hymns prior to our singing, have expanded our music education. But most notably, your performance of the Easter Prelude was a wonderful opening to Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord.

Thank you, Mary Jo, again for all that you do and are doing to make Solomon's shine!

News from Social Ministry



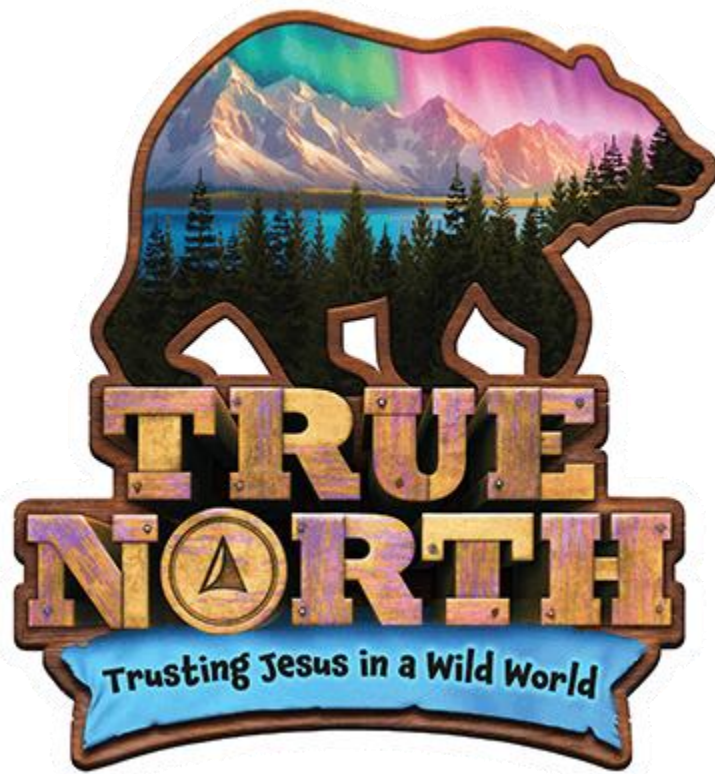
POWER PACK MEALS: Power Pack Meals and donations will be collected until the end of May for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. THANK YOU to everyone who participated this past school year. Solomon's members have been very generous.

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in June and July are still available: 6/8, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20.

Have an item for the summer newsletter?! Deadline is May **16th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.

Solomon's Lutheran Church VBS 2025



VBS – June 23 – 27, 2025

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Ages: 3 yrs. – 6th grade

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: JUNE 29 @ 10:15 am

**Please fill out the attached
Registration Form and Photo Agreement Form
Bring along the first night of VBS**



Celebrating a Birthday in May....

5/1	Robin Mull	5/15	Daniel Crouch
5/7	Judy Johnson	5/18	Carole Rau
5/11	Ron Coldsmith	5/18	Nancy Marshall
5/12	Kathy Bowen	5/23	Marjorie Dale
5/13	Nancy Kuykendall	5/23	Jerry Laney
5/13	Carolyn Clouser	5/25	Sam Mull



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in May...

5/3	Mark & Sally Gayman
5/14	Jerry & Ilona Laney
5/21	Sean & Chelsea Kindall
5/26	Dan & Roxy Bothe

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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)