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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**

Paul writes, *"For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power."* 1 Corinthians 1:17

Proclaiming the gospel is the core of what we do as Christians. The people of Solomon's Lutheran Church have been doing that for over two and a half centuries here on Grindstone Hill, in the community and beyond.

Importantly, the Apostle Paul admonishes that we need to do this not merely with our words and wisdom, but in action. We often think of the words of Paul, but perhaps his greatest proclamation of the gospel happened not when he was speaking at all, but in the ways he treated people when they gathered for the Lord's Supper or in his care for his co-workers. Paul spells out the specific action of proclaiming the gospel in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.*)

St. Francis of Assisi supposedly once said, "Proclaim the gospel. If necessary, use words."

As we journey through Epiphany towards Lent, I encourage you to consider ways you can show the light and love of Jesus Christ in your actions and deeds. There are many ways you can do that through the outreach ministries of our congregation and I encourage you to participate as you are able. But, above and beyond that, look for opportunities in your neighborhood, workplace and social activities to share the light of Christ with others—help a neighbor in need, visit a homebound person, volunteer at a school, food pantry or hospital, write letters or call individuals challenged with chronic health concerns, prepare or buy a meal for a hungry family...the possibilities are endless!

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." As I wrote in last month's newsletter, Epiphany marks the light of Christ coming into the world. Today, more than ever, the world hungers for good news and light; there is much darkness and suffering in the world. You can make a difference. Each one of us has the ability and the talent to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words, deeds and actions.

Let us pray: O God, Jesus suffered all the temptation and trials of human life so that we might be freed from all the forces of evil. May we be instruments of his love for all people. Help us to act in ways which bring the light of Christ to all in need wherever we go. Amen.

See you in church.

Peace and joy in Christ,  
Pastor Bill

## Special Worship Opportunities



Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes  
**February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**



Mid-Week Worship Service  
**March 4, 11, 18, & 25 and April 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a simple worship service in the sanctuary.

Preceded by a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Center at 6:00 p.m.  
The various Solomon's Committees will be providing the meals.

## News from the Church Council

**2020 Officers Elected**—At the January meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve for the coming year: Bill Wepking, President; Margie Dale, Vice-President; Bonney Coldsmith, Secretary; and Ilona Laney, Treasurer. We give thanks for their willingness to serve.

**Congregational Meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup>**-- The agenda for the congregational meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> includes the presentation of the 2019 annual report. The meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service.

## News from Social Ministry

**Lunch, Learn & Play**— Come join us on **Wednesday, February 5 at 12 noon** for our *final* LL&P. We will have a light lunch followed by a game of Bunco. It's a really fun game.

The Social Ministry Committee has decided to stop providing the program after our February meeting. In the last three years we have played a lot of different games, (physical, mental and just plain fun) and had a number of speakers on various topics. Change happens.

REMINDER: If the Chambersburg schools are closed or have a late start due to inclement weather, we will not have LL&P.

**Power Packs for New Franklin**— Thank you for your continued donations of individual vegetables and fruit cups for the New Franklin Elementary School Power Packs program. Please keep them coming!

**"Souper Bowl" Sunday**—The Super Bowl will be played on **February 2** between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. As in the past, you can vote for your favorite team by placing a can of soup (or Power Pack fruit or Power Pack vegetables and/or Ronald McDonald House items if you prefer) into the box of the team you are rooting for to win the Super Bowl. The boxes will be located in the Sunday School room.

## News from the Crusaders for Christ

**New Officers Chosen**—At their annual Christmas dinner, the following individuals were chosen as officers for 2020: Bonney Coldsmith-President and Sally Gayman-Treasurer. We thank them for their willingness to lead this group which sponsors great outreach programs like the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Caroling to the Homebound, and the Secret Pal program.

## News from the Christian Education Committee

**Youth "Mystery Dinner"**--Save the date of **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Our Youth will be hosting a "Mystery Dinner" fundraiser that evening. What's the menu? That's part of the mystery. Tickets go on sale February 9<sup>th</sup>. (Look for the confirmation students before and after church to buy tickets.) Adults are \$10 and kids ages 5-10 are \$5. Children under age 4 are free. For more details, see page III of this newsletter.



## News from the Kitchen Committee

**Ronald McDonald House**--The Kitchen Committee is asking for your support of the Franklin County Farm Bureau's "Farmer's Care Day" for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. They are seeking donations of Pop Tarts, single serving cereal cups, single serve Chef Boyardee microwaveable meals, single serve cookie packages, Kraft Easy Mac single serve meals, ten pound bags of sugar, laundry detergent, Clorox Wipes, and Walmart & Sam's Club gift cards. ***Please bring all donations to the church by March 8<sup>th</sup>*** so that Frances can take them to Hershey for the event on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your support of this worthy cause!

## News from the Relay for Life Team

**Daffodil Days Fundraiser**--Want to brighten someone's day AND help a good cause?! Order some daffodils and help raise money for cancer research! Solomon's Relay for Life Team is taking orders for the following: \$10 for a daffodil bunch (10 flowers), \$15 for mini-potted daffodils, and \$25 for a Gift of Hope (daffodils will be donated to a local hospital). ***All orders with payment are due Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>***. See Becky Mull for more information or to place an order.

**Big Oak Cafe Fundraiser**--**March 16-21** we be holding a fundraiser at the Big Oak Café (located within The Butcher Shoppe). We will have flyers to hand out the beginning of March and April. We will also have them in the newsletter for you to print. Meet your friends for lunch or a cup of coffee. We have the whole week. You can stop every day if you like! You will need a flyer for each day you go. Unfortunately, you cannot show the flyers on your phone. You must have a paper flyer for us to get the 15%. Any questions please ask Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert.

**Hammer & Stain Fundraiser**--**March 29 at 1:30 PM** at the Hammer & Stain workshop located at 829 Wayne Ave. A link will be provided in the next 2 weeks for this event. You will sign-up and pay on their website under Solomon's Lutheran Church – ACS Relay for Life- fund raising event. If you have questions, please see Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert.

## Reminders

**Weather-Related Cancellation Notification**--In the event of inclement weather, Solomon's will announce worship services are cancelled on the following platforms: Solomon's Facebook page, Solomon's Website, via REMIND text/email message, and on the church voicemail **BY 7:30 AM**. Cancellation notice of other activities will be sent via REMIND text/email message and MAY be posted to other platforms depending on the activity. Remember for events like *Lunch, Learn, & Play* or Mid-Week Bible Study, if the schools are closed for weather, then the event is cancelled. And of course, always use your own judgment about whether you feel safe driving given the road conditions in your neighborhood. One part of the county may be cleared while another is not!

**REMIND Text Messaging App**--If you have not yet signed up to be a part of the Remind text/email notification group and would like to have your contact information added, please contact Kristy Nienstedt. There are presently several groups operating: Solomon's (all congregation members), Solomon's Choir, Solomon's Church Council, and Solomon's Confirmation families. It is a useful tool for getting announcements out quickly.

**Pastor Bill's Mid-Week Bible Study** will be held February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO class on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This group meets at 10 a.m. in the conference room. We are presently studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**Have an item for the March newsletter?!** Deadline is **February 19th**. Email Kristy Nienstedt at [kristynienstedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristynienstedt@gmail.com) or place it in her church mailbox.

## Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

### ***Lunch, Learn, & Play!***

***ALL Ages Welcome!***  
***Eat, Socialize, & Have Fun!***

***THIS IS OUR LAST LLP!***  
***Enjoy a light lunch followed by Bunco!***

**Wednesday, February 6th**  
**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**Solomon's Fellowship Center**

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

## Save the Date!

**Youth "Mystery" Dinner**  
**The Menu? That's the Mystery!**  
**March 14th**  
**6 p.m.**  
**(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)**

Here is how it works: You will receive a menu. There are 12 coded food items on your menu numbered 1 – 12. There will be 3 courses. Each course has 4 lines where you will put your number request for each item you choose. You will use all 12 items. These coded items include your spoon, fork & knife. Depending on the order you choose, you might receive your dessert first without any utensils to eat it with. What you receive first, you will keep throughout the night. Nothing is taken away from you.

This is a night full of fun and laughter! Bring your family and friends. Tickets are being pre-sold. Tickets go on sale beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>. Last day to buy a ticket is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Adults are \$ 10.00 each, Children ages 5-10 years are \$ 5.00 each, and kids ages 4 years and under are free. Come out and support the Youth of our Church! Look for the students in the Sunday School room before and after the worship service selling tickets.

# SOLOMON'S RELAY FOR LIFE – FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2020

AT 1:30 PM



829 Wayne Avenue  
Chambersburg PA 17201

Each project has many designs to choose from and everyone can pick a different design



\$ 35.00



\$ 45.00

A link will be provided in the next 2 weeks for this event. You will sign-up and pay on their website under Solomon's Lutheran Church – ACS Relay for Life- fund raising event. If you have questions please see Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert.

## Stewardship Bouquets

**Thank you** to our Church Council for their preparations in advance of our annual Congregational meeting.

**Thank you** to the various committee chairs and church leaders who so thoughtfully put together their annual reports. Special thanks to Sally Gayman for compiling it all and distributing it!

**Thank you** to the Finance Committee and specifically Janice McEntire for preparing each member's end of year financial statements.

**Thank you** to all the kitchen volunteers who prepared and served the meal for the January Chambersburg Conference Pastors' Luncheon. As always, you did an outstanding job!!

And finally, a **Belated Thank You** to the Coldsmith family. Every Christmas Eve they perform a labor of love by lining the church walkways with luminaries. It looks beautiful every Christmas Eve to see those lights shining in the darkness!

## Happening In Our Larger Community...

The **Wellness Talk** for February is scheduled for **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** Join Dr. Wayne Myers as he explains the history of CBD oil, how it works, and what you need to know when buying and using it. You may want to attend this seminar if you or a loved one struggles with chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia, migraines, fibromyalgia, or depression. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please R.S.V.P. to 267-1665 if you plan to attend.

**Dinner at the Ridge** will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for February is creamed lettuce, sliced beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable medley, dinner roll, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Ronald McDonald House

Franklin County Farm Bureau's "Farmer Care Day" for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey is March 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Kitchen Committee, in conjunction with Franklin County Farm Women, are collecting items to support this event. You can help by donating the following items:

- Pop Tarts\*
- Chef Boyardee Individual Microwavable Meals\*
- Single Serve Cereal Cups\*
- Kraft Easy Mac Individual Microwavable Meals\*
- Single Serve Cookie Packages\*
- Laundry Detergent
- Clorox Wipes
- Ten Pound Bags of Sugar
- Sam's Club or Walmart Gift Cards

\*These items can be used to "vote" in the "Souper Bowl" on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All donations need to be turned in by March 8<sup>th</sup> so that Frances and Sally may deliver them to the main event.



## Serving in February

	2/2/20	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20	2/26/20*
Head Usher	Barbara Aldrich	Barbara Aldrich	Barbara Aldrich	Barbara Aldrich	
Lector	Sam Mull	Terry Fell	Wayne Dale	Bonney Coldsmith	Audrey Shenberger
Acolyte	Kate Nienstedt	Sarah Aldrich	Audrey Shenberger	Kate Nienstedt	Clark Shenberger
Ushers/Greeters	Wayne & Margie Dale	Jay Hunter Phil Johnson	Ron Coldsmith Joe Wolfinger	Becky Pecha Zoe Mummert	Shenbergers
Children's Church		Heidi Shenberger Rebekah Aldrich		Kristy Nienstedt Rebekah Aldrich	
After Service Coffee	Kristy Nienstedt	Bonney Coldsmith	Emma English Jared Mummert	Zoe Mummert	N/A
Communion Asst. (Chalice)	Sam Mull	Sam Mull	Jared Mummert	Peggi Norman	Ilona Laney
Communion Asst. (Trays)	Bernie Harris	Becky Mull	Ron Coldsmith	Ron Coldsmith	Heidi Shenberger
Communion Bread	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt	Kristy Nienstedt
Communion Set-Up	Peggi Norman	Peggi Norman	Peggi Norman	Peggi Norman	TBD
Communion Clean-Up	Clif and Carole Rau				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Don Wildeson, Jay Hunter				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Ilona Laney				

\*Ash Wednesday Evening Service at 7 PM



### Gospel Readings for February:

Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>--Luke 2:22-40  
 Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>--Matthew 5:13-20  
 Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>—Matthew 5:21-37  
 Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>--Matthew 17:1-9





### **Celebrating a Birthday in February....**

2/2	Terry Fell	2/20	Lois Kanagy
2/3	John Martin	2/22	Linda Wepking
2/8	Karin Huber	2/23	Charlie Taylor
2/9	Melinda Gross	2/25	Leah Wolfinger
2/11	Tonya Reichard	2/26	Wayne Dale
2/12	Phyllis Brehm	2/26	Beth Floyd
2/14	Susie Henicle	2/27	Willy Huber
2/15	Becky Pecha	2/28	Brenda Helman
2/16	Patsy Wildeson		
2/16	Becky Mull		

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

2/15	Ray & Terry Fell (45 <sup>th</sup> )
2/15	Glenn & Susan Henicle (45 <sup>th</sup> )
2/20	Mark & Trudy Kuykendall
2/23	Bill & Bonnie Hudson

### ***Remembering our Homebound Members....***

This year **Valentine's Day** is **Friday, 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!

Homebound members presently include Bud Armstrong, Ferd & Connie Bickle, Jere Brehm, Genny Grant, Esther Gift, Helen Hess, Bonnie Hudson, Frances Kramer, Marvin McKenzie, Marjorie McMullin, Gertie Reichard, Linda Russ, Bob Shreiner, Clayton Schwartz, and Esther & Gerald Schultz.

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Join us Sunday mornings!

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

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

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*"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)