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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 – Rev. Julia Brown

Hello members and friends of Solomon's Lutheran Church!

I hope you all have had a blessed Advent season. Amid the busyness and preparation, I hope you have found time to be still and wonder. I hope you have had time to contemplate the gift of this season and feel the tremendous love of God. I hope the candles have not just been one more tradition to carry on, but an in-breaking of God's light into your everyday. I hope the evergreen tree has not just been a decoration, but a reminder of the gift of life everlasting. I hope the songs have not been noise, but prayers. I hope the cookies have not been a chore, but a kind of communion. I hope you have known the presence of Emmanuel, God with Us, this season, and I hope you will feel that presence around you always.

May we carry the hope, peace, joy, and love of this season with us into 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you in church,
Pastor Julia





Gospel Readings for JANUARY:

Sunday, January 4 - Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 11 - Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday, January 18 - John 1:29-42
Sunday, January 25 - Matthew 4:12-23

Solomon's Serving Schedule - January

	1/4/26	1/11/26	1/18/26	1/25/26
Head Usher		Ron Coldsmith		
Lector	Wayne Dale	Bonney Coldsmith	Rich McEntire	Janice McEntire
Acolyte	Wayne Dale	Aaron Shreiner	Janice McEntire	TBD
Communion Set-Up	Becky Mull	N/A	TBD	N/A
Communion Clean-Up	Becky Mull	N/A	TBD	N/A
Communion Assist	Becky Mull	N/A	Ron Coldsmith	N/A
Communion Bread	Janice McEntire	N/A	TBD	N/A
Securing Offering		Janice McEntire		
Coffee Fellowship		Colleen Johnson		

Installation of Council Members

The installation of council members will be Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Voting Council Members: Ron Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Phil Johnson, Janice McEntire, Pastor Julia, Becky Pecha, Aaron Shreiner, Larry Socks, Martie Veilleux, Tana Vance, Earl (Sarge) Weaver.



Thank you to an anonymous donor who graciously donated \$20,000 to Solomon's. This donation is totally anonymous and we thank the source for making this contribution. May God bless this donor.



The 2026 Church Directory will be completed on January 9th. If your information has changed since the 2025 Church Directory and you have not already given your new information to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks.



Thank you to council for the Christmas gift card on behalf of the congregation. I am truly blessed to work for the wonderful folks at Solomon's! *Kimberly*

Friendly Reminders

Automatic Bank Account Transfers: Families are encouraged to set up direct deposit via automatic transfer to Solomon's bank account for regular contributions. This process is efficient, negates the need to write a check and ensures a steady stream of income annually for the congregation. Please contact Kimberly in the office to discuss options.

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays in January are still available: 1/4, 1/18, 1/25.

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

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Solomon's for the restaurant gift card I received for Christmas. It was a very thoughtful gift and will be put to good use.

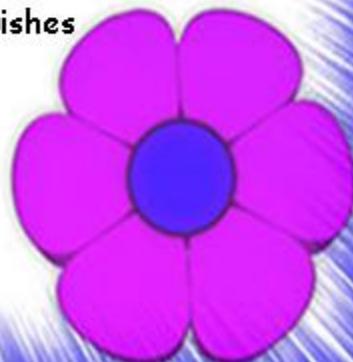
I'd also like to thank you for your kind words during Advent and Christmas regarding the music and our worship services. A lot of planning and time go into the preparation for all our services, but especially the services at this time of year. Knowing we are reaching you and adding meaning to your worship experience is rewarding to all of us involved. Christmas has always been my favorite time to plan for and lead worship, and this year was no exception.

In addition, many thanks to our "small, but mighty" choir for their leadership and special music during this season. We lost two members during 2025, but this group faithfully continues to come to rehearsals and services on Sundays, and for that I thank them.

Finally, many thanks to our readers at our Lessons and Carol service on December 28. The readers were: Rich McEntire, Martie Veilleux, Barbara Aldrich, Margie Dale, Becky Pecha, Bonney Coldsmith, and Pastor Julia. They were all very willing when I asked them and I appreciated that.

From all of us involved in the music program, our very best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year!

Mary-Jo Bedsworth





Celebrating a Birthday in January....

1/1	Hollie Taylor	1/12	Kaitlyn Dovey
1/5	Carolyn McCleaf	1/12	Marie Dovey
1/9	Sarah Aldrich	1/16	Peggy Craven
1/9	Colleen Johnson	1/17	Ed Reichard
1/11	Kristen Parr	1/17	Carol Locke
		1/19	Rebekah Aldrich



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in January...

1/31 Larry & Gloria Socks

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Join us Sunday mornings!
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.."
Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)