



**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 – Rev. Julia Brown

Hello friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year is off to a gentle and promising start. Thank you for the restaurant gift card! My family enjoyed a nice meal out together – we are grateful for your generosity.

I am excited to begin our study on John's Revelation! This complicated, symbolic book is rich with meaning, and all too often misinterpreted. Greg Carey's *Faithful & True: A Study Guide to the Book of Revelation* is a good, accessible, digestible resource. I look forward to learning and discussing with you!

In addition to our study, I am reading *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller. Meredith is a fellow Fuller Seminary Alumna, and I am already so intrigued by her perspective. My hope is that her book will help me reexamine my own faith (always good to do!), gain knowledge and insight as a pastor, and guide me as a parent. If you are curious about what I'm learning, please ask! I love a book discussion.

Remember that Ash Wednesday is February 18! Lent is coming up quickly.

Take care of yourselves. See you in church!
Pastor Julia



Gospel Readings for FEBRUARY:

- Sunday, February 1 - Matthew 5:1-12
- Sunday, February 8 - Matthew 5:13-20
- Sunday, February 15 - Matthew 17:1-9
- Sunday, February 22 - Matthew 4:1-11



Solomon's Lutheran's service will be February 18 at 7:00 PM with a 6:00 soup and bread meal. Service 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.

Solomon's UCC's Ash Wednesday service will be at 5:30 PM.

You are invited to attend worship on Ash Wednesday, February 18 with First Lutheran at 43 W Washington St in Chambersburg. At 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. we will have a 10-15 minute prayer service with the imposition of ashes. This will be held in our chapel on the first floor. At 7:00 p.m. we will have Holy Communion, music, and sermon along with the imposition of ashes. The 7:00 service is held in the sanctuary on the second floor. An elevator is available. May your Ash Wednesday worship experience draw you closer to Christ as we begin the Lenten season. Pastor Jane Nicholson

LARC LENT 2026 *Living Water in a Dry Land*

Date	Weekly Theme	Location	Preacher
February 25	Thirsting for God Isaiah 55	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic 320 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-6317	The Rev. Tommy Wimsae Trinity Lutheran
March 4	Water from the Rock Exodus 17	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic 320 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-6317	The Rev. Jane Nicholson First Lutheran
March 11	Living Water Offered John 4	First Lutheran 43 W Washington St Chambersburg PA 17201 717-264-2015	Deacon Ford Brooks Trinity Episcopal
March 18	Washed in the Water Romans 6	Trinity Lutheran 431 Philadelphia Ave Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 263-8156	Father Benjamin Kwaghgb Corpus Christi Catholic
March 25	A River of Life Ezekiel 47	Trinity Episcopal 58 S 2nd St Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-6351	Deacon Richard Ramsey Corpus Christi Catholic

Offering – The lay members of LARC have chosen Hearken House, a transitional care center for transitional housing for those convicted of sexual offences and have served their prison time. Checks to support Hearken House may be made **payable to LARC**.

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



VALENTINE LUNCHEON



**Sunday, February 8 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 8. We will have two boxes in the Sunday school room, one for the **Seahawks** and one for the **Patriots**. 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.

The cans of soup will be delivered to Maranatha.



Empower • Educate • Feed

Power Pack Meals - the Power Pack Ministry is now packing meals for over 30 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!!!



There will be a **Congregation Meeting** on February 15th after the worship service to approve the 2025 annual report.

2025 Officers Elected - At the January council meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve for the coming year:



Ron Coldsmith, President
Earl (Sarge) Weaver, Vice-President
Janice McEntire, Financial & Council Secretary
Marjorie Dale, Treasurer

We give thanks for their willingness to serve.

News around Solomon's



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 state when services are cancelled. **This will be done by 7:30AM Sunday morning.** 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.

Solomon's Serving Schedule - February

	2/1/26	2/8/26	2/15/26	2/22/26
Head Usher	Larry Socks			
Lector	Judy Johnson	Bonney Coldsmith	TBD	Kathy Bowen
Acolyte	Janice McEntire	Wayne Dale	TBD	TBD
Communion Set-Up	Becky Pecha	N/A	Marjorie Dale	TBD
Communion Clean-Up	Becky Pecha	N/A	Marjorie Dale	TBD
Communion Assist	Ron Coldsmith	N/A	Marjorie Dale	TBD
Communion Bread	Janice McEntire	N/A	Marjorie Dale	TBD
Securing Offering	Marjorie Dale			
Coffee Fellowship	Bonney Coldsmith			

Friendly Reminders



Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the 2026 calendar year.

There are a lot of available Sundays. The 8th is still available for the month of February.



Have an item for the March newsletter?! Deadline is **February 18th**. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org.

Our Homebound Members

Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14th

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 can be found in our church directory.

Betty Amt
Bill Brindle
Nancy Deardorff
Genevieve Grant
Carol Locke
Norm & Nancy Kuykendall

Nancy Marshall
Joe Mock
Clif & Carole Rau
Ina Shreiner
Marty Wenger
Patricia Yetter



Welcome

Welcome new member, **Jaren Nitterhouse**! Jaren joined our congregation on January 18, 2026. When you see him, please extend a warm welcome."



Celebrating a Birthday in February....

2/2	Terry Fell	2/15	Becky Pecha
2/3	John Martin	2/16	Patsy Wildeson
2/9	Melinda Reichard	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



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in February...

2/15	Ray & Terry Fell
2/15	Glenn & Susan Henicle
2/20	Mark & Trudy Kuykendall

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

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)