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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

Lent is an important season for the people of God at Solomon's. It's a time for us to reflect on Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, his loneliness in the Garden of Gethsemane, his death on the cross, and our dependence on God's grace and mercy. The promise of Easter supports us and leads us through our own wilderness in this season of confession, repentance, and for many, fasting.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God reveals to us the depth and breadth of authentic fasting: *"Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"* (Isaiah 58:6) Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbor. Lent is an excellent time to remember how much Jesus has given to you and share his grace by giving back to others. Fasting, in and of itself, is of little value without justice and mercy for God's people.

Our Lenten special offering this year is earmarked for the Gleaning Project of the South Central Community Action Program. Its threefold mission is: 1.) Make good use of agricultural excess, 2.) Reduce food insecurity and improve community health and 3.) Connect our community in order to efficiently and effectively serve the hungry.

Consider making your Lenten fast have a lasting impact on hunger in our community by giving a special offering to the Gleaning Project beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through the five midweek soup suppers and worship services up to Maundy Thursday. You can also place your Lenten offering in the plate on Sunday during worship (mark your gift "Lenten Offering.")

In addition, I invite you to explore a new way(s) to pray and center your spiritual life during Lent. Spend some quiet time in personal prayer and meditation each day. Read a text from the Bible as a daily devotion. Read the daily devotional provided by Christian Education and use the *Taking Faith Home* resource attached to the bulletin each week. Try spontaneous prayer—that is, pray for others who spring up in your thoughts or you see in your daily life. Find a partner to share prayer together. Start a spiritual journal. Come to the midweek soup suppers and Wednesday evening worship. Provide a service to someone in need as a discipline of prayer.

You will find the schedule of our Lenten services in this newsletter. I pray that you will find the disciplines of Lent a joyful opportunity to live out your faith rather than an obligation or chore.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Bill

Special Worship Opportunities



Ash Wednesday Worship Service
With Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
February 26 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 an informal worship service in the sanctuary.
Our Lenten offering is earmarked for the Gleaning Project.

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



Passion (Palm) Sunday is April 5th
Worship at 10:15 a.m. with a Procession with Palms and a reading
of the Passion according to St. Matthew

Maundy Thursday is April 9th
Worship at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion and
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday is April 10th
Worship at 12 p.m.

Save the Date!



Crusaders for Christ's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11th, Solomon's Picnic Woods, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 12th, the New Franklin Ruritan tennis courts, 6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Festival Holy Communion Service, Sunday, April 12th, Solomon's, 10:15 a.m.

Easter Cantata, Sunday, May 3rd, during Solomon's 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
The Way of the Cross



Vacation Bible School will be in session **June 22-26**.

This year we are traveling the **Rocky Railway!**
Be sure to save these dates on your summer activities calendar!

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 8th** so that Frances can take them to Hershey for the event on March 13th. Thanks for your support of this worthy cause!

News from the Social Ministry Committee

“Souper Bowl” Sunday— A HUGE thank you to the congregation for their support of the *Souper Bowl* on February 2nd. Our final score was 56 cans for the Kansas City Chiefs and 33 cans for the San Francisco 49ers. Several more donations came in after the main event so we collected around 100+ items which will be added to the Kitchen Committee’s Ronald McDonald House Canned Food Drive.

Paper Products Drive—Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for the Maranatha Food Bank on the following Sundays: **March 8, 15, and 22**. Items needed include toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, napkins, diapers, etc. Maranatha will be grateful for whatever you can donate. Look for Norm’s red pick-up truck outside the Fellowship Center to drop-off your donations. Thanks for your support!

Dinners for the Bikles--As many of you may know, Ferd and Connie Bikle are now back at home. The family has requested evening meals for them as they recuperate. A sign-up sheet for volunteers has been posted on the bulletin board. **Suppers are needed Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please note that Connie is diabetic.

Since we will be serving Lenten Soup Suppers, it was also hoped that the committees serving a meal could set aside two meals for delivery to cover one of the evenings. If your committee is not able to participate, please see Kristy Nienstedt ASAP so that other arrangements can be made.

For questions regarding the schedule, please see Kristy Nienstedt. For questions regarding their dietary needs, please speak with Kathy Bowen (Connie’s sister). Thanks in advance for your help!

Power Pack Program--Thank you for your continued support of the Power Packs for New Franklin Elementary School. We have approximately three months of school left so keep them coming! Remember we are collecting individual fruit cups and vegetable cups preferably in plastic versus cans.

News from the Relay for Life Team

Relay Event--The *Main Event* will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, May 2, 2020** at the **Chambersburg Area High School**. This year will only be a 12 hour relay--begins at 10 AM and ends at 10 PM.

Daffodil Days--Thank you to those that **ordered daffodils** and remember they will **available** at the Church **for pick up** on **Sunday, March 29, 2020**.

Big Oak Cafe Fundraiser--**March 16-21** we be holding a fundraiser at the Big Oak Café (located within The Butcher Shoppe). 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%. The flyer you need is included with this newsletter. 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. Use the following link to sign-up: <https://hammerstainchambersburg.com/collections/03-29-20-1-30-solomons-lutheran-church-acs-relay-for-life-fundraiser>. 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.

News from the Finance Committee

IRA Required Minimum Distributions and Donor Advised Fund Contributions--Thank you to Solomon's members who graciously contribute to the church via their IRA RMDs or a donor-advised fund. These are excellent ways to support your congregation in a tax-efficient manner. Please note, however, that your financial institution may not always indicate the name of the contributor on the check. Please contact Janice McEntire, Financial Secretary, if you wish to have your semi-annual or year-end statements reflect your contribution. Please contact your financial or tax-advisor for other questions about your donation.

News from the Worship & Music Committee

Lenten Special Offering--This year, our Lenten offering is designated to *The Gleaning Project* of the South Central PA Community Action Program. The mission of this program is 1) to make good use of agricultural excess, 2) to reduce food insecurity and improve community health and 3) to connect our community for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Opportunities for Fun & Fellowship

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

Use the following link to sign-up: <https://hammerstainchambersburg.com/collections/03-29-20-1-30-solomons-lutheran-church-acs-relay-for-life-fundraiser>.



Youth Mystery Dinner
Saturday, March 14th
6 PM in the Fellowship Center
(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

The Menu? That's the Mystery!

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. Last day to buy a ticket is Sunday, March 8th. 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.

Save the Date! The Annual Congregation Dinner is April 28th.

Reminders

Pastor Bill's Mid-Week Bible Study will NOT be held during Lent (March and April). It will resume AFTER Easter.

Altar Flowers--There are still some open spots on the altar flower sign-up chart. If you have not already done so, you are invited to donate flowers for Sunday worship. The cost is \$30. You may take the flowers with you or have them delivered to a sick or homebound member.

Have an item for the April newsletter?! Deadline is **Wednesday, March 18th**. Email Kristy Nienstedt at kristynienstedt@gmail.com or place it in her church mailbox.

Happening In Our Larger Community...



There will be no Wellness Talk in March. This program will resume in April.

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00 p.m.** at the Fleck Center on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for March is creamed lettuce, corn beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dinner roll with butter, assorted desserts, and a beverage. Please call **264-3212** to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, March 6th.

Discount Cards Are Back! The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary will again be selling discount cards beginning sometime in March. Each card will feature discounts from local merchants. To receive the discount shown on the card, simply present the card when making your purchase. The cost of each card is \$5.00. To purchase cards, please contact Becky Pecha, Solomon's Auxiliary Rep or Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiristrustlutheran.org.

Remembering Our Veterans

The annual **Harley Owners Group Veterans Appreciation Ride** will be **April 19th** this year. They will be providing toiletries and socks to the vets at the Martinsburg (WV) VA Hospital once again. If you would like to contribute, please place any donations in the bin in the Sunday School room. Wayne Norman, a member of the group and a military veteran himself, will collect donations until April 5th. The vets are in need of the following items:

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| White Socks (male and female) | Q-tips (travel size) |
| Toothpaste | Kleenex (small individual packs) |
| Toothbrushes | Dental floss |
| Shampoo and/or conditioner (medium size) | Mouthwash (Alcohol Free) |
| Body wash | Shaving Cream |
| Deodorant | Body Lotion |
| Foot/Body powder (travel size) | Chapstick |

Please no large size bottles/packages and no commercial logos (hotel names) on soaps, etc.



Serving in March

	3/1/20	3/8/20	3/15/20	3/22/20	3/29/20
Head Usher	Jay Hunter	Jay Hunter	Jay Hunter	Jay Hunter	Jay Hunter
Lector	Patricia Yetter	Jay Hunter	Wayne Dale	Bonney Coldsmith	Carol Locke
Acolyte	Clark Shenberger	Katy Nienstedt	Rebekah Aldrich	Aaron Shreiner	Sarah Aldrich
Ushers/Greeters	Shenbergers	Sam & Becky Mull	Gladys Mull Annamarie Schwartz	Rich & Janice McEntire	Rich & Janice McEntire
Children's Church		Emma English Zoe Mummert		Karen Wolfinger Becky Pecha	
After Service Coffee	Becky Mull Kristy Nienstedt	Karen Wolfinger	Margie Dale Tana Vance	Martie Veilleux	Bonney Coldsmith
Communion Bread	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney	Ilona Laney
Communion Servers	Heidi Shenberger (Chalice) Ron Coldsmith (Trays)	Sam Mull (Chalice) Terry Fell (Trays)	Peggi Norman (Chalice) Bernie Harris (Trays)	Ilona Laney (Chalice) Ron Coldsmith (Trays)	Heidi Shenberger (Chalice) Margie Dale (Trays)
Communion Set-Up	Ilona Laney				
Communion Clean-Up	Judy Johnson and Patricia Yetter				
Flower Delivery	Worship & Music Committee Members				
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire, Edna Harris				
Paraments & Altar Linens	Annamarie Schwartz				



Gospel Readings for March:

Sunday, March 1st—Matthew 4:1-11
 Sunday, March 8th—John 3:1-17
 Sunday, March 15th—John 4:5-42
 Sunday, March 22nd—John 9:1-41
 Sunday, March 29th--John 11:1-45



Celebrating a Birthday in March....

3/1	Larry Socks	3/20	Riley Garner
3/7	Martie Veilleux	3/23	Jay Kanagy
3/9	Lilly Chiado (80 th)	3/26	Tammy Helman
3/12	Tyler Kuykendall	3/27	Joyce Skelly
3/14	Jean Jackson	3/30	Kipten Parr
3/15	Clayton Schwartz (90 th)	3/31	Emma Schultz
3/16	Garrett Mull (10 th)		
3/19	Curtis Reichard		

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in March...

3/7	Clayton & Annamarie Schwartz
3/18	Norm & Nan Kuykendall
3/20	Joe & Karen Wolfinger
3/24	Sam & Becky Mull

Birthday Card Shower

Clayton Schwartz is turning the BIG 90 on March 15th. He would really enjoy hearing from you on his special day!

You can give or send cards to his wife Annamarie and she will deliver them to him. Thanks!!

Their Mailing Address: Clayton Schwartz
703 Wesley Dr. Unit A
Waynesboro, PA 17268

First Communion Celebration

The congregation is invited to celebrate with the families of those children who will be receiving their **First Communion on Sunday, March 1st, during the morning worship service.** There will be a special reception for the students after the service. They have recently completed the *Fed & Forgiven* course. Congratulations to Sarah Aldrich, Sam Nienstedt, Beth Schultz, Emma Schultz, and Izzy Schulz!

Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Helen Hess who was called to her eternal home on Tuesday, February 18. She was 93 years old.

A celebration of Helen's life was held on Friday, February 21, at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home, 333 Falling Spring Road, Chambersburg. Pastor Bill Nienstedt officiated. Interment followed at Parklawns Memorial Garden. A funeral luncheon was held afterwards in Solomon's Fellowship Center.

Helen was born January 20, 1927 in Akron, Ohio, to the late Perry Andrew and Laura Lillian Beaumont Garns. She married Melvin Richard Hess on April 30, 1948. They were blessed with four children: Daniel, Brenda, Linda, and Jo Ellen. Her husband preceded her in death in 2001.

Early in her life, Helen worked at W. T. Grant's Department Store in Chambersburg as well as Chris Miller's Apple and Peach Packing in New Franklin. She was then employed for 25 years by the Stanley Company of Chambersburg. Helen retired in 1989. During her retirement years she worked as a volunteer for the New Franklin Ruritan where she baked pies for Bingo.

Helen was a lifelong member of Solomon's Lutheran Church. She was very involved with the Kitchen Committee. In her later years, she participated in the Secret Pal program and was a favorite stop for the Crusaders for Christ carolers every Christmas season.

She is survived by her son Danny Hess and his wife Pam, daughter Brenda Helman and her husband Lonnie, daughter Linda Hess and her companion David Riggleman, and daughter Jo Ellen Renninger and her fiance William Martin, as well as her many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We give thanks to God for our time with Helen. May God comfort her family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Everyone at Solomon's will greatly miss her sweet smile, her care and concern for others, and her sense of humor.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to Margie and Wayne Dale. Margie's sister, Anna Karen Harry, passed away in Chambersburg on February 14, 2020. She was 81 years old. Anna Karen's life was celebrated during a funeral service at Marion United Methodist Church. She was interred at Grindstone Hill Cemetery.

May God comfort Margie, Wayne, and their extended family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven.

Stewardship Bouquets

Thank you to all those individuals that donated soup for the "Souper Bowl."

Thank you to everyone who prepared and served the meal for the Hess funeral luncheon.

Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers from Relay's Daffodil Days fundraiser.

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee members for hosting the February Lunch, Learn, & Play event. A special shout-out to Edna Harris for leading this program the past several years!! You did an awesome job!

EASTER FLOWERS - 2020



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Easter Flowers is asked to fill out the following form and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with cash or a check made payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Easter Flowers." Flowers will be in the church on Sunday, April 12, 2020 and must be taken home that day. **Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.**

The deadline to order Easter Flowers is March 22nd!

***The Easter Flowers in
Memory and Honor of Family and Friends
has been donated by:***

 (name)

Daffodils (6 ½").....\$ 14.00
Yellow _____

Mini Daffodils (4 ½").....\$ 8.00
Yellow _____

Lilies (6 ½")\$ 15.00
White _____

Tulips (6 ½").....\$ 11.00
Red _____ Yellow _____ Purple _____
Pink _____ White _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Total plants ordered _____

In memory of _____

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In honor of _____

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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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Jesus said, "It is written. One does not live by bread alone."

Luke 4:4 (NRSV)