



**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 Julia Brown

Hello Friends,

I pray that your Lenten disciplines have been fruitful and enriching. As we continue through this season of transformation and turning around, what is your invitation from God? What is the Spirit stirring in you, and how is God asking you to respond?

Let us not miss the opportunity of this season by busying ourselves with the motions. Let us dig deeper, look inward, pray fervently, and truly open ourselves to experiencing the transformative love of God that meets us in our repentance.

The dust of Ash Wednesday can be frightening, and the terror of Good Friday can be overwhelming. Take heart, beloveds. It is safe to confess to God who meets you just as you are wherever you are with arms wide open and fierce love.

May this season bless you abundantly,
Pastor Julia

PS: Here is your book recommendation. *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans.



Gospel Readings for APRIL:

Sunday, April 5 - Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 12 - John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19 - Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 26 - John 10:1-10

Solomon's Serving Schedule - April

	4/5/26	4/12/26	4/19/26	4/26/26
Head Usher	Marjorie Dale			
Lector	Wayne Dale	Martie Veilleux	TBD	Martie Veilleux
Acolyte	Wayne Dale	Aaron Shreiner	Wayne Dale	TBD
Communion Set-Up	TBD	N/A	TBD	N/A
Communion Clean-Up	TBD	N/A	TBD	N/A
Communion Assist	Martie Veilleux	N/A	Martie Veilleux	N/A
Communion Bread	TBD	N/A	TBD	N/A
Securing Offering	Larry Socks and Linda Berberich			
Coffee Fellowship	Linda Berberich			

Good Friday Service 4/3

Acolyte - Aaron Shreiner

Readers - Kathy Bowen, Rev. Julia Brown, Bonney Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Wayne Dale, Rich McEntire, and Becky Pecha

Music Notes for Holy Week

The choir has been working faithfully preparing new music for Holy Week and Easter, even adding extra time to their rehearsals on Thursday evenings. We are hopeful you will take the time and join us for worship and reflect on the meaning of their beautiful anthems, the hymns, and the scriptures during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service will be at Solomon's UCC, with communion and the stripping of the altar. Good Friday worship returns here to Solomon's Lutheran, using the Service of the Tenebrae, or the "Service of Darkness." This service includes the reading of the Passion according to St. John, extinguishing of the candles, and hymns relating to each section of the Passion story. Good Friday's anthem, *The Sparrow's Song*, shares the comfort a small sparrow finds in the arms of the cross, just as we find comfort and forgiveness at the foot of the cross. On Easter Sunday, our alleluias return to worship in our hymns, our liturgy, and in the choir and organ music. as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Join all of us during this Holy Week/Easter journey.



Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 2	7:00 PM with communion and stripping of the altar at Solomon's UCC
Good Friday, April 3	7:00 PM Tenebrae service at Solomon's Lutheran
Easter Sunday, April 5	Special music begins at 10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM



Solomon's Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th
11:00 AM

Solomon's Picnic Woods

All Children ages
12 and under
are invited!



News Around Solomon's



Qigong/Tai Chi Class will be starting **April 15th Wednesdays at 7:00pm** at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. All movement is done standing. Sitting can be an option. All exercises are mild. For more information contact Colleen Johnson.

Remembering Our Homebound Members

It's not too late to send an Easter Card!

On Easter Sunday, April 5, Christians everywhere will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even though our church will be open for worship this Easter, some of our members will still not be able to attend. We can help make them feel connected to our Solomon's community at this special time by remembering them at Easter with a greeting card or friendly note. Presently our homebound members include the following:

Betty Amt	Joe Mock
Phyllis Bream	Ina Shreiner
Nancy Deardorff	Martin Wenger
Nancy Marshall	Patsy & Glenn Wildeson
	Patricia Yetter



News from Social Ministry



Maranatha Paper Drive: During the month of April, we will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. Paper products cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Items needed are toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, hand wipes, diapers, etc. Please place the items in the totes under the coat rack, next to the mailboxes.



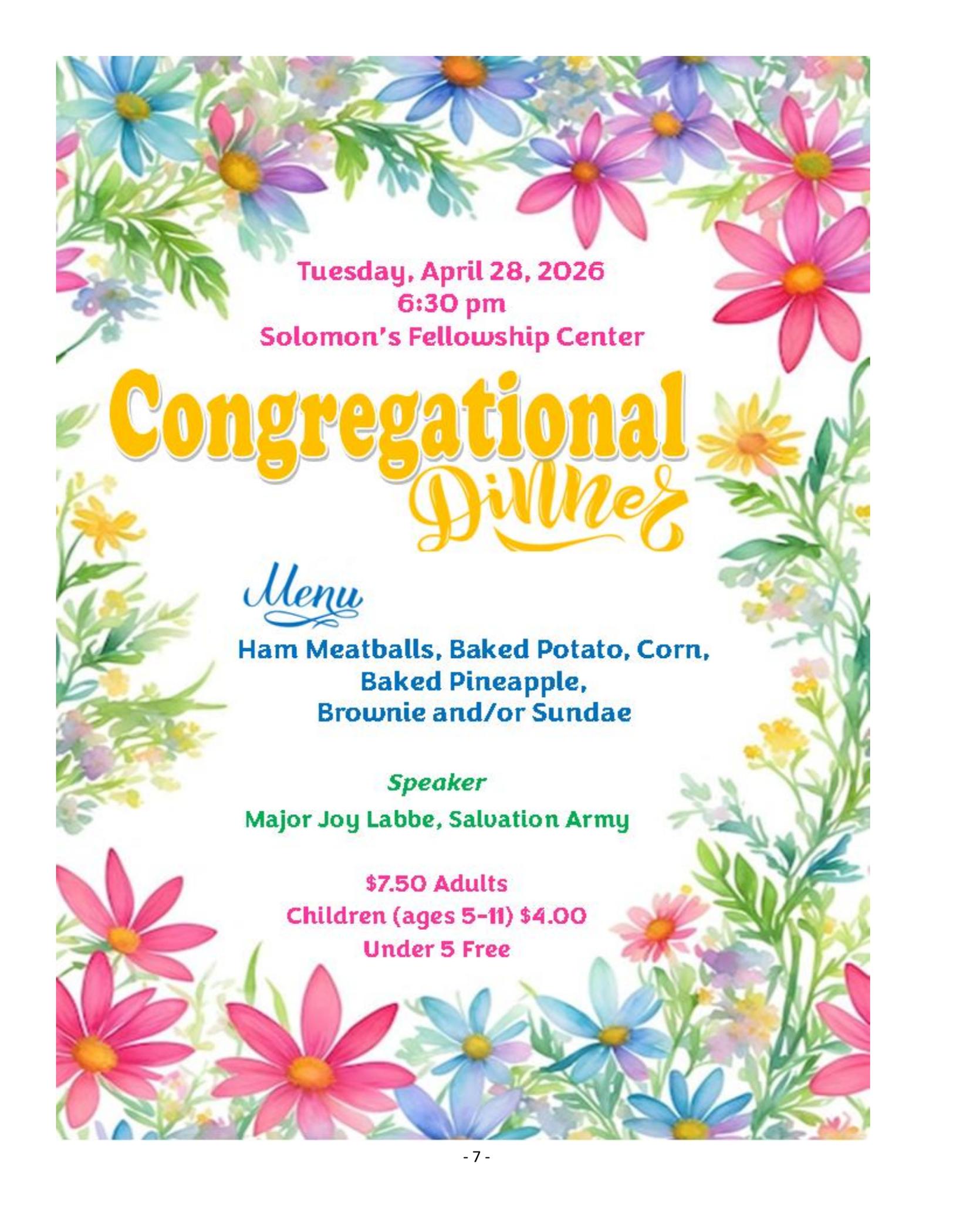
Christian Education Spring Fun Event is scheduled for April 11, 2026. We will meet at Nellie Fox Bowling at 2:30 p.m. We will bowl until 5:00 p.m. and then go to Vinnie's for pizza and drink. Please sign up (sign-up sheet is in the Sunday School room) so we know how many people there are to plan for.

All are welcome!

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers**, the following dates are available for April and May: 4/12, 4/19, 5/10.

Have an item for the May newsletter?! Deadline is April 21. Email Kimberly at office@solomonslutheran.org



Tuesday, April 28, 2026
6:30 pm
Solomon's Fellowship Center

Congregational Dinner

Menu

Ham Meatballs, Baked Potato, Corn,
Baked Pineapple,
Brownie and/or Sundae

Speaker

Major Joy Labbe, Salvation Army

\$7.50 Adults
Children (ages 5-11) \$4.00
Under 5 Free



Celebrating a Birthday in April....

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| 4/1 | Mike Schultz | 4/23 | Phil Johnson |
| 4/8 | Luke Mentzer | 4/25 | Carrie Ann Aldrich |
| 4/14 | Lois Allwein | 4/26 | Todd Schultz |
| 4/16 | LaRue McKenzie | 4/27 | Janice McEntire |
| 4/18 | Katie Garcia | 4/27 | Hailey Gross |
| 4/21 | Glenn Wildeson | 4/29 | Taylor Garcia |
| 4/21 | Bonney Coldsmith | 4/29 | Ilona Laney |



Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in April...

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| 4/26 | Denny & Tammy Helman |
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Join us Sunday mornings!
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

OR check us out on *YouTube!*
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"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.."
Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)