



**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,

By now, most of you have been made aware that I have accepted a call to another congregation in the Hershey area. My family and I are moving to the sweetest place on earth! As excited as we are for this new chapter, there is also a tremendous amount of grief. Those are two sides of the same coin, and we are leaning into both emotions as they come.

My last day with you all will be August 31. I have learned a lot in my time at Solomon's Lutheran Church, and I will always be grateful for that. Thank you for extending to me this opportunity!

As still another possible change looms on your horizon, it is clear that God has ordained this timing. You will remain in my prayers as you discern your next steps both as a congregation and as individual people of faith. Remember your calling as the Body of Christ: to love one another as you have been loved. In all things, seek the will and counsel of God.

Grace and peace to you all,
Pastor Julia



Gospel Readings for SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 6 - Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13 - Matthew 18:1-12

Sunday, September 20 - Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27 - Matthew 21:23-32

Solomon's Serving Schedule - September

	9/6/26	9/13/26	9/20/26	9/27/26
Head Usher	Janice McEntire	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lector	Kathy Bowen	Rich McEntire	TBD	TBD
Acolyte/Bell Ringer	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Set-Up	N/A	N/A		N/A
Communion Clean-Up	N/A	N/A		N/A
Communion Assist	N/A	N/A	Martie Veilleux	N/A
Communion Bread	N/A	N/A	Frances Reichard	N/A
Securing Offering	Janice McEntire & Linda Berberich			



Beginning October 7, we will begin Bible Study on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Sarge will be leading the study. At our first meeting we plan to have a short lesson and then discuss what our study lessons will be. If you have any ideas, please contact Sarge.



Reminder to all Solomon's members

Please plan to attend our first meeting on September 13 after worship to vote on leaving the ELCA.

On Sunday, October 11, Worship and Music will be sponsoring a luncheon following worship to celebrate Solomon's 260th Anniversary. Pastor Michael Allwein will serve as pastor on this special day. We hope to have a display of memorabilia of years gone by at Solomon's, from the log church to our present facility. Please look through photos and other materials regarding Solomon's that you would like to have displayed. Photos would include wedding, baptism, catechism, members, and church activities. Please contact Bonney Coldsmith or any member of Worship and Music if you are willing to share items. The luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Center. Chicken will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring either a side dish or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School room. All members of Solomon's and previous members and their families are invited. Let's make this a special day of remembrance and fellowship.



From our Director of Music, Mary-Jo



Summer has quickly flown by, and it will soon be time for our choir here at Solomon's to resume rehearsing and leading worship each week. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled to resume on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We have a very dedicated group of nine singers who would warmly welcome some additional voices to our "family." Rehearsals last about an hour, giving us time to work on our weekly anthems, prepare additional music for upcoming special services, and review hymns and liturgy as needed. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us and lending your voice with ours as we praise God for all his blessings on Solomon's and each of us. Come and give us a try! See Mary-Jo Bedsworth or any choir member with questions.



Social Ministry is collecting items for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Kits will be assembled on Sunday, September 20th following service. Display of items needed will be in the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to give a monetary donation can make a check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and mark "care kits" on memo line. Cash can be placed in an envelope and marked "care kits"

Personal Care Kits: thank you to all who contributed to the kits so far.



You still have until 9/13 to donate any of the following:

- One light weight dark colored bath-size towel (52" x 27")
- Bath-size bars of soap (any brand) in original wrapper
- One adult-size single toothbrush in original package
- One sturdy comb in original wrapper

The kits will be assembled on Sunday, September 20th following service. Monetary donations are accepted as well, please write "care kits" in the memo of your check.

YOU'RE
Invited

Fall Picnic/Campfire

Saturday, September 26
Starts at 5:00 pm/Eat at 5:30 pm
In the Church Picnic Woods



Christian Ed would like to invite the congregation to their Fall Picnic/Campfire in the Picnic Woods.

Menu: Roast your own hotdogs, baked beans, mac & cheese, chips, watermelon, roast your own s'mores, and drink.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 13, 2026



Speaker: *David Rudy 9:30 am – 10:00 am*

Location: *Solomon's Fellowship Center*

Breakfast: *9:00 am*

Menu: *Sausage Egg Casserole, , Sticky Buns,
Almond Bars, Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea & Water*

Finance Committee News



Reminder to Committees. Please have your proposed budget for 2027 completed and given to Kimberly no later than September 30, 2026.

Friendly Reminders

If you would like to sign up for **altar flowers** the following Sundays are still available: 10/25, 11/1, 11/22, 12/6. Please email or call Kimberly (office@solomonslutheran.org / 717-267-2266).

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

If you would like information included in the bulletin, please submit to the office by Thursday.



Beginning in September, Social Ministry is once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2026-2027 school year. Please place the items in the container in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put *power pack meals* in the memo line, or place cash in an envelope and mark *power pack meals*.

SpiriTrust Lutheran

New Franklin Power Pack Program Beginning of Year 2026-27

Hello Power Pack Supporters!

We are starting to prepare for our 8th year providing weekend food for our local NF Elementary School students who face food insecurity. The Chambersburg Area School District begins on August 19, 2026. Non-Perishable, not expired, individual packaged food items and monetary donations are now being accepted and welcomed to stock our shelves.

We will have a new guidance counselor this school year so it may be a few weeks before we know how many students we will be helping. As of now, our packing days will remain on Tuesdays and our packers will be coming from a Chambersburg HS Autistic Support classroom. We will continue to purchase food from the Central PA Food Bank, vegetables from the Chambersburg Weis and contact has been established with Chambersburg BJ's manager to provide any appropriate food donations.

Following is a list of suggested healthy and kid appropriate items that are needed:

Breakfast: Individual cereal boxes, bags, cups or bars, Oatmeal packs, Pop tarts, Granola or Fruit bars

Lunch or Dinner: Individual Mac & Cheese cups, Meal cups or trays, Ramen noodles, Cup of Soup

Fruits & Vegetables: Individual fruit cups, Jello cups, vegetables

Snacks: Pretzels, Crackers, Peanut Butter snacks, Goldfish snacks, Fruit snack packs

Drinks: Individual Yoo-Hoo, Non-refrigerated milk, Fruit drinks boxes or pouches

Thank you for your continued support of this meaningful program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As always, any questions or concerns, please contact me at the number below.

Please share this information with your members.

Blessing to all,

Cindy Holmquist

717-860-192

Celebrating a Birthday in September....



9/13 Aaron Shreiner
9/13 Keith Kuykendall
9/15 Sean Kindall
9/19 Karen Wolfinger
9/21 Hattie Mummert

Let us
WORSHIP
Together

Worship Service will begin at 10:15 a.m.
beginning Sunday, September 6, 2026.

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Join us Sunday mornings!
10:15 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)