



**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."

Gospel Readings for OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 4 – Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday, October 11 – John 10:22-30
Sunday, October 18 – Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday, October 25 – John 8:31-36



Solomon's Serving Schedule - October

	10/4/26	10/11/26	10/18/26	10/25/26
Head Usher	Tana Vance			
Lector	Bonney Coldsmith	Wayne Dale	Kathy Bowen	TBD
Acolyte/Bell Ringer	Wayne Dale	Janice McEntire	Janice McEntire	Aaron Shreiner
Communion Set-Up	Becky Pecha	Marjorie Dale	TBD	TBD
Communion Clean-Up	Becky Pecha	Marjorie Dale	TBD	TBD
Communion Assist	Marjorie Dale	Martie Veilleux	TBD	Martie Veilleux
Communion Bread	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Securing Offering	Becky Mull & Sarge Weaver			
Coffee Fellowship	Kathy Bowen & Linda Barkdoll			

STEWARDSHIP



Time & Talent

Solomon's church is continuing to encounter new challenges and is asking you to support the church through volunteering.

This month you will be receiving **Time and Talent Sheets**. Did you know that it takes several volunteers on a given Sunday to make the morning worship service happen?! These sheets are designed to give you an overview of what needs to exist so you can see which ones best match your talents and interests.

In addition to the time and talent sheets, the Worship and Music Committee will once again be placing sign-up sheets on the tables in the Sunday School Room in November. You can volunteer on specific Sundays for the first six months of 2027. This approach offers you the opportunity to choose which dates accommodate your schedule.

"¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

As you prepare to complete your *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets for next year, prayerfully consider what gifts God has given you. Please bring your completed *Time and Talent* and *Commitment* sheets with you to church on Stewardship Sunday, October 18 or send them to the office. They will be given as an offering to God during the worship service.



During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. You may place items in the totes under the coat rack at the back door of the church.

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups, individual packages of mac-n-cheese, Chef Boyardee, 8 oz bottles of water, juice boxes, and yahoo chocolate drink. 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 of your check.



A GREAT BIG “THANK YOU” for supporting our Personal Care Kit mission. Thanks to your help, we were able to complete 27 kits. Also, thanks to those of you who helped assemble the kits.

This resolution was sent to the Bishop on September 18, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

WHEREAS, **Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church** is a member congregation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and

WHEREAS, the Congregation Council has engaged in prayerful discernment and initial consultations with the Synod Bishop regarding the future theological alignment and ministry of this congregation; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 6 and Chapter 9 of the ELCA Constitution provide a legal and orderly process for a congregation to terminate its relationship with the ELCA; and

WHEREAS, this congregation desires to maintain its Lutheran heritage, local congregational autonomy, and adherence to orthodox biblical authority by affiliating with the **Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)**; and

WHEREAS, this congregation holds clear title to all its real and personal property and carries zero outstanding debt, commercial mortgages, or financial obligations to the ELCA Mission Investment Fund or synodical entities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that **Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church**, at a legally called special meeting of the congregation on September 13, 2026, following 10:15 a.m. worship, hereby declares its intent to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its covenant with the other congregations of the ELCA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this congregation intends to transfer its affiliation to, and become a member congregation of, the **Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)**; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the congregation Council and officers are authorized and directed to submit this certified resolution to the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod within **10 days**, to engage in the mandatory **90-day consultation period**, and to take all necessary ecclesiastical and legal steps to finalize this disaffiliation while retaining all local property and assets.

After careful and prayerful consideration, to leave the **ELCA** and become a member congregation of the **Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)**, my decision is hereby expressed in this ballot....

YES ☒ _____

or

NO _____

This resolution was voted on September 13, 2026, at our legally called meeting. The result was 25 voting YES and 3 voting NO.

H.R. Coldsmith

Council President

Solomon's 260th Anniversary Celebration



Friendly Reminders

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

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



Don't forget to set your clock BACK one hour on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.



Saturday, November 14

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Dinner

*Solomon's Lutheran Church
4856 Wayne, Chambersburg, PA 17202*

Price: *Adults \$17, Children (5-11) \$7, Under 4 - Free*

Menu: *roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or corn, cranberry relish, applesauce, apple or pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, & water.*

Take outs will be available



Celebrating a Birthday in October....



10/2 Sally Gayman
10/3 Roxy Bothe
10/4 Richard Graven
10/9 Stephanie Crouch
10/17 Ty Gross

10/18 Joe Mock
10/22 John Wolfinger
10/24 Ginny Detwiler
10/29 Linda Hess
10/31 Randy Hess

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October...



10/29 Keith & Cathy Kuykendall

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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)