



**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."

From the Editor, Kristy Nienstedt

As we are still operating under the COVID-19 pandemic, this newsletter is an abridged version yet again.

Pastor Bill's is continuing to send out weekly updates via email and/or snail mail for those members who are homebound or more comfortable remaining at home.

Likewise, our Worship Services continue to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. However, they are now being recorded on Sunday mornings. Accordingly, you should be able to find them uploaded to our church website (along with the worship bulletin and *Taking Faith Home*) on Sunday afternoons. You can also search YouTube directly.

Now that worship has resumed on Sunday morning, the flowers are now being delivered on their usual schedule. If you will not be attending worship on a Sunday you have donated the flowers, please contact Sally to arrange pick-up or request they be donated.

The Church Council met on July 6th to determine how to proceed with worship. It was decided to resume indoor worship services on July 19th with recommended safety measures in place. On July 16th, PA issued new guidelines for gatherings based on a resurgence in COVID-19 cases. We are now limited to 25 people. The Church Council will re-evaluate the situation at their next council meeting to see if any changes are needed. You can review the safety guidelines being implemented during worship on the next page.

Finally, if you have an item for the September newsletter, please email it to me (kristynienstedt@gmail.com) by August 19th. Thanks!

Worship Service Guidelines

The decision to attend worship in person is up to each family. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or a fever over 100.4, please stay home. If you have underlying health concerns or are at high-risk for infection, we encourage you to wait before returning to worship. Since we are limited to 25 attendees, you are encouraged you to consider watching the video service on *YouTube*. Below is an overview of the guidelines we are following:

- Use the front entrance to the sanctuary for entrance and exit unless you need the ramp.
- Ushers will direct you to seats where bulletins will be placed. Families can sit together but there will be social-distance seating. The balcony and the Sunday school room will be available for seating. Please maintain 6-foot distancing when entering or exiting and while seated.
- Please place your offering in the collection plate located at the church entrance.
- **Face masks are required throughout the service** (except for children under 2 years old and those in medical need).
- You may socialize outside after worship. Do not linger in the sanctuary.
- Do not touch the hymnals or Bibles in the pew racks—everything is in the bulletin
- We ask that you take your bulletin home (use the *Taking Faith Home* devotional all week).
- *Please*: no touching or shaking hands during the passing of the peace.
- Singing poses a danger of viral transmission so sing softly or hum to the music. A vocalist will sing the hymns and liturgy through the speakers.
- We will have a Service of the Word until the council determines we can safely introduce Holy Communion.

The Fellowship Center restrooms will be open for your use on Sunday mornings.

News from the Social Ministry Committee

Do you knit or crochet? **Social Ministry is in need of Prayer Shawls.** Our supply is exhausted. No specific pattern is required, but available if needed. Social Ministry is willing to reimburse you for the cost of the yarn. Please call or email Edna if you are able to help at 717-352-4392 or bernedna@centurylink.net

The next Social Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, August 18 at 7 PM in the Sunday School room.

News from the Kitchen Committee

Food, soda, and help is needed for the food stands at a sale on Monday, August 11 in Marion and on Saturday, August 15 close to Greencastle. The profit from the sales will go towards fulfilling our commitment to Luther Ridge Skilled Nursing Care Facility – *Completing Our Family of Services Campaign*. Please call Frances Reichard for more information and to sign up to donate food, soda, or help. Her home number is: 717-263-1705 or cell number: 717-360-5243.

News from the Fundraising Committee

Due to the evolving nature of this pandemic, the Fundraising Committee has decided to cancel AppleFest production this year. However, we are looking at other ways to fundraise so stay tuned!

News from the Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education has decided to cancel all Rally Day events and the Youth Fall Fun Night given the current situation with COVID-19. Sunday School will not resume until we return to full worship attendance.

Relay for Life Update

The Hammer and Stain fundraising event is still scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Spiritrust Lutheran Auxiliary Fundraiser

Discount Card Fundraiser
Only \$5.00
Please Contact
Marjorie Dale or Becky Pecha



\$5.00 • Expires 12/31/2021

*These offers cannot be combined with any other discounts and excludes all alcohol purchases.

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Celebrating a *Birth*day in August

8/1 Emma English
8/1 Norm Kuykendall
8/2 Nelle Mummert
8/5 Annamarie Schwartz
8/5 Calvin Mentzer
8/9 Bill Wepking
8/11 Jere Brehm
8/14 Matthew Reichard
8/16 Dustin Mull
8/16 Lena Graven
8/17 Reed Weiss
8/20 Marty Wenger
8/20 Tana Vance
8/21 Mark Kuykendall
8/23 Rose Wishard
8/23 Isabelle Schultz
8/24 Bernie Harris
8/25 Marjorie McMullin
8/29 Tarryn Taylor

Celebrating an *Ann*iversary in August...

8/1 Bill & Linda Wepking (45th)
8/12 Blaine & Lisa Mentzer
8/20 Paul & Mary Jo Skelly
8/23 Rich & Janice McEntire
8/24 Jay & Dot Hunter
8/31 Doug & Zoe Mummert

Notes of Thanks

Dear Solomon's members,
Thank you for the birthday cards and calls on the occasion of my 90th birthday. I appreciate your kindness in remembering me on my special day.

In Christian Love, Frances Kramer

To My Solomon's "Family,"

Thank you all so much for your outpouring of support through prayers, cards, calls, texts, emails, and flowers as I recover from my surgery. A special shout-out goes to Edna Harris for coordinating meals for us and all the great cooks who prepared them. Also, another special shout-out to Barbara Aldrich and Tonya Reichard for entertaining our children while I was in the hospital. Your acts of kindness uplifted my spirits and made a challenging time less so! May God bless and keep you all!

With much love and appreciation, Kristy Nienstedt

Passages

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Ferdinand "Ferd" Bikle III who was called to his eternal home on Saturday, June 27th. He was 71 years old.

A celebration of Ferd's life was held on Friday, July 3rd at Sellers Funeral Home in Chambersburg. Pastor Bill Nienstedt officiated. Interment was at Salem Cemetery immediately following the service.

Ferd was born January 19, 1949, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, to the late Ferdinand Bikle Jr. and Doris (Forrester) Bikle. He graduated from Chambersburg Area High School. He was an orchardist and worked with his parents at White Church Orchards. He was also a custodian with the Chambersburg Area School District until his retirement.

Ferd married Constance "Connie" Douglas on November 22, 1971. Married for 48 years, they were blessed with two children, Ferdinand IV and Marie.

Ferd enjoyed collecting Lionel trains. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. At Solomon's Lutheran Church, Ferd served on the Church Council and the Property Committee. In addition, he liked helping out with the annual AppleFest fundraiser.

He is survived by his wife Connie. He is also survived by his son Ferdinand IV and daughter-in-law Patricia; his daughter Marie, son-in-law Todd Dovey, and granddaughter Kaitlyn Dovey. His sister, Barbara Bikle, preceded him in death.

We give thanks to God for our time with Ferd. May God comfort Connie, Marie, Ferdinand IV and the rest of the family with the hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Everyone at Solomon's will miss him.

Inspired by the Pandemic

During this time of lockdown, no doubt many of you have rediscovered old hobbies or taken up a few new ones. Solomon's member Glenn Wildeson has done some writing including this poem which he wrote back in April.

We thought you might identify with some of the sentiments he has been feeling. Thanks for sharing Glenn! ☺
(And apologies for not sharing it sooner. I had to wait until I had the appropriate space to publish it!)

For the past few weeks, if you felt you were alone
Why not call someone on your telephone?
Tell them you were wondering how they are.
Let them know they're not to use their car.
You both will be sitting in the comfort of your home
But in a very short time you won't be feeling all alone.
So take some time on your phone each day
And visit with someone who lives near or far away.
It maybe someone who you see each Sunday,
Why not call them now or at least before Monday?
It won't be long till we'll be back on the run.
I can't wait because I know it will be fun
To go to church and meet my friends.
I sure will be glad when this stay at home ends.
God bless you all.
Glenn Wildeson

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"

Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV)