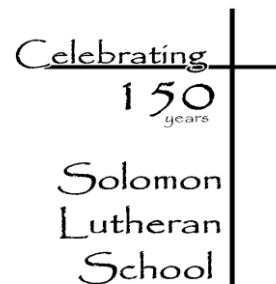


January, 2012

Dear Friends of Solomon,

Solomon Lutheran School is celebrating our **150th Anniversary** this year! The school's doors originally opened on January 20th, 1862. You are a part of Solomon's legacy and we are asking you to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion at any one of our year-long celebration events planned throughout 2012. Come celebrate Solomon with old friends and make some new ones. There will be many ways to join the fun...



1. **Attend our upcoming 150th Celebration Events:**

- **150th Anniversary Worship – Sunday, January 22nd** at 10am - Join us for a special worship service celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the school. Be sure to wear RED for Solomon. After the service a Soup & Salad Luncheon will be served along with a Birthday Cake. RSVP by Sunday January 15th.
- **150th Birthday Celebration Dinner Dance – Saturday, March 17th** at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed (1387 State Route 590, Gibsonburg, OH) at 6pm. Alumni, parents, teachers, students and friends of Solomon are invited to join together for a dinner and a program of stories and reminiscing. We will also officially kick-off our 2012 SLS Annual Fund Drive. Music and dancing will follow and a cash bar will be available. Purchase your presale dinner tickets by Friday March 9th (Adult tickets-\$15, children under 10-\$8). On **Sunday, March 18th** there will be one Worship Service at 10am. Following the service light refreshments will be provided with a special school Open House showcasing a "Walk Thru Solomon Time" – a living school history presented by our students and staff.
- **150th Celebration Solomon Family/Class Reunion Picnic – Sunday, July 1st** after the Worship Service. The school will be open for tours during the picnic. More details to come in upcoming mailings.
- **150th Celebration School Carnival – Fall 2012-** additional details to follow in upcoming mailings.

Please complete the enclosed event reservation form or call the church/school office at 419-849-3600 to RSVP for celebration events or for more details. You can also become a fan of Solomon on Facebook or email the Celebration Committee at development@solomon.pvt.k12.oh.us.

2. **Be a Celebration Sponsor** – Help support our **NEXT 150** years by donating to the Solomon Lutheran School 150th Celebration/2012 Annual Fund Drive. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 during our 150th year! What an amazing way to show your support! Of the first \$53,000 collected, \$48,000 will be directed toward school general operating expenses and \$5,000 toward the Meyer Financial Aid Fund. All additional monies collected will be directed to the Solomon Lutheran School Endowment Fund. Over the past three years the school has had to borrow from this fund to meet operating expenses. Together we can work to replace those funds and help to secure our school's financial stability. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today or at any time during the year. Donations can be made online at www.Solomon-Lutheran-School.com (click DONATE NOW) or by completing the enclosed donation form.

3. **Share your Story** - We want to celebrate and showcase the history of our school. Send us stories, photos or memorabilia via email or Facebook. You could also bring them with you to the events! Alumni - please take a moment to complete and return the enclosed alumni questionnaire.

4. **Purchase Solomon 150th Memorabilia** – Over the course of the year, the following will be available for purchase or order: a Solomon Lutheran School 150th Anniversary Celebration book, a commemorative plate, a Christmas ornament, and a music CD featuring current Solomon Students. Watch for additional details to come in upcoming mailings and at the celebration events. All proceeds from 150th Celebration events and memorabilia sales will benefit Solomon Lutheran School 150th Celebration/2012 Annual Fund Drive.

We hope you will join us in celebrating Solomon's 150 years of devotion to education!
Thank you for being part of Solomon's family.

Sincerely,
The Solomon Lutheran School 150th Celebration Committee

**Did you know that Solomon is the oldest Evangelical Lutheran Church in America school?
What a privilege it is to be a part of such a long tradition of Christian based education!**