
THE VISION

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2025

Dear friends in Christ,

HOORAY HOORAY HOORAY! Easter is almost here! It is possible that you have already purchased your glazed ham and your eggs, your Easter bonnet or a fancy bow-tie. The festivities are always fun when Spring is in the air. Here is what I know about our Holy Week Schedule:

- We will be making **Palm Crosses on April 12th**. There will probably be cinnamon rolls, or some other treats. Even if you're not sure how to make a palm cross, come anyway. You might offer moral support for those who are folding and shaping and pinning. Also there will be good things to eat. Come for the food. Stay for the conversation. Make a palm cross or two if you can. It's always fun.
- **Palm Sunday is April 13th**. We'll be blessing all those palm crosses that were made just 24 hours earlier and sharing the Passion Story. Old favorite hymns will be sung. Do you need any more reasons to be there? It will be glorious.
- Our **Maundy Thursday service will be online via Zoom at 7pm**. It will be a communion service, so please have a little bread or cracker, and a little bit of wine to have home communion.
- **Good Friday service will be** hosted by the Shamokin Area Ministerium. Our service will be at **Noon on Friday the 18th, at Salem UCC**. Salem's Address is 1300 West Pine St. in Coal Township. While this service used to be three hours, we are trying to keep the service to around 60-80 minutes.
- And finally....Easter Sunday!! Our Easter Sunday service is at 10am on April 20th. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring a stranger off the street. Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the foundation of our faith.

Whether your favorite part of Easter is chocolate eggs or singing hymns, I hope that you are able to take a little time for worship as we approach Holy Week and Easter. Our God is a God of endless hope, boundless grace, and unbreakable love. And we get to be a part of it all!

Love and Easter pastels,
–Pastor Sarah

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THE SERVICE: 10:00 A.M.

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Sarah Hershberger
Secretary	Sandee Cupp
Organist	Walter Boyer
Choir Director	Charlene Pell
Inside Sexton	Robin Orme
Sexton	Willie Marsh

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Bruce Romanic	Jeffrey Clutcher Bill Hoffa
<u>2027</u>	Craig Rhoades
Jill Heitzman	

CONGREGATION OFFICERS

President	Bruce Romanic
Vice President	Jeffrey Clutcher
Secretary	Sandee Cupp
Financial Secretary	Debra Keefer
Treasurer	Nancy Joraskie

STANDING COMMITTEES

Altar Guild	
Christian Education	Pamala Rhoades
Fellowship Team	Jill Heitzman
Finance	Nancy Joraskie
	Gladys Shingara
	Ron Weller
Mutual Ministry	Bruce Romanic
Property	Bill Joraskie
	Jeffrey Clutcher
	Jill Heitzman
	Craig Rhoades
	Bill Hoffa
Social Ministry	Bruce Romanic
Worship & Music	Charlene Pell
	Sandee Cupp
	Shelley Faust
	Richard Kovach
Youth	Rebecca Romanic



4-06 Mary Ann Hardin
 4-07 Nancy Kompare
 4-13 Charles Souders, II
 4-21 Sean Weikel
 4-22 Emily Keefer
 4-26 William Joraskie
 4-28 Blake Palmitessa
 4-29 Joey Hardin
 4-30 Harry Deitz
 4-30 Tom Fiorey



4-05 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cupp
 4-17 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hardin

Grace Lutheran Church**Building Fund Report****FEBRUARY 2025**

Balance January 31, 2025	\$4835.61
Income	
Green Envelopes	
Feb. 2	\$155.00
Feb. 9	\$0.00
Feb. 16	\$20.00
Feb. 23	\$35.00
Total Income	\$210.00
New Balance	\$5045.61
Expenses	
Bloom Heating	\$254.90
Total Expense	\$254.90
Balance February 28, 2025	\$4790.71
Respectfully submitted	
Charlene Pell, Treasurer	

SERVERS FOR APRIL

DATE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

4/6 Bruce Romanic
 4/13 Rich Kovach & Bruce Romanic
 4/20 Jeff Clutcher
 4/27 Shelley Faust

ALTAR CARE

4/6 Treva Madison & Joanne Templin
 4/13 Shelley Faust & Jeanne Hoffa
 4/20 Pam & Craig Rhoades
 4/27 Debra Keefer & Karen Weikel

HEAD USHER

John Strausser



Lilies to decorate the church are being offered in memory/honor of loved ones. The cost is \$13.00. We will do the ordering for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the church or you can call the church office. The deadline to order is April 13 (Palm Sunday). Money may be put in a marked envelope and dropped in the offering box or given to Sandee.



Holy Week



(April 17)

The Maundy Thursday Service of Word and Sacrament will be held on Zoom at 7 :00 PM.

Zoom Numbers are:

ID: 6215575058

Password: 628437



(April 18)

The Good Friday Service will be held at Salem Reformed Church at Noon Friday. It will be a Community Service lasting one hour








(April 20)

The Service of Word and Sacrament will be held at 10: 00) AM.

Palm crosses will be made Saturday April 12 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 am. **HELP IS NEEDED!** There is a job for everyone, even if you do not know how to make the crosses. The crosses and branches will be distributed during the Palm Sunday Service and to our shut-in members.



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
		1 Tulpehocken Pastors Conference 10 am	2 Bible Study 10:30 am	3 	4 AA Meeting 7 pm	5
6 Worship 10 am	7 Table Tennis 6 pm	8	9 Bible Study 10:30 am	10 Ministerium 10 am	11 AA Meeting 7 pm	12  Palm Crosses 10 am
13 S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am  Palm Sunday	14 Table Tennis 6 pm	15 	16	17  Maundy Thursday Zoom Service 7pm	18 AA 7pm  Good Friday Services Noon at Salem Church	19
20 Worship 10am  EASTER PRAYER	21 Table Tennis 6 pm	22 Deans Meeting 11 am	23 	24	25 AA Meeting 7 pm	26
27 Worship 10am	28	29	30			

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
FEBRUARY 2025

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance February 1, 2025	\$ 27,067.43
Receipts	\$ 9,829.45
Expenditures	\$ 7,456.71-
Ending Balance February 28, 2025	\$ 29,440.17

First National Bank**2/1/2025 through 2/28/2025**

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount
Debit	2/1/2025	Keystone Collections Group	\$ 50.00
16708	2/3/2025	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	\$ 458.33
16709	2/3/2025	Bloom Heating	\$ 1,662.00
Debit	2/3/2025	UGI	\$ 123.00
Debit	2/3/2025	McAfee	\$ 158.99
Debit	2/5/2025	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 224.99
Debit	2/7/2025	Aqua PA	\$ 30.23
Debit	2/7/2025	Aqua PA	\$ 96.74
Debit	2/11/2025	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 180.30
16710	2/15/2025	Backflow Prevention Services	\$ 125.00
16711	2/15/2025	SCTJSA (Sewer Authority)	\$ 100.00
16712	2/15/2025	Tulpehocken Mt. Spring Water Inc	\$ 7.00
16713	2/25/2025	Cupp, Sandee	\$ 623.60
16714	2/25/2025	Marsh, Willie	\$ 225.19
16715	2/25/2025	Orme, Robin	\$ 387.06
16716	2/25/2025	Hershberger, Sarah	\$ 2,061.43
16717	2/25/2025	Casey Gonzalez	\$ 300.00
Debit	2/25/2025	PenTeleData	\$ 121.44
Debit	2/25/2025	Portico	\$ 471.41
Debit	2/25/2025	Keystone Collections Group	\$ 50.00
		Total	\$ 7,456.71

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

Easter phrase:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	9	10	11	12	13	14	

Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beautiful, 14. rain, Christ is Savior!

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. $C \rightarrow \downarrow \downarrow$ _____
2. $H \rightarrow \uparrow \rightarrow$ _____
3. $V \uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow$ _____
4. $I \leftarrow \leftarrow \uparrow$ _____
5. $T \uparrow \leftarrow \uparrow$ _____
6. $P \uparrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \downarrow$ _____
7. $D \downarrow \rightarrow \downarrow \downarrow$ _____
8. $T \uparrow \leftarrow \uparrow \leftarrow$ _____



Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth

