
THE VISION

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

It's MAY!! Hooray! There are **Important Things To Know** about summer being just around the corner. Are you ready for the rundown?

1. If you're new here, you might not know that I'm married to a guy who runs an outdoor ministry. Camp Mount Luther has its peak season during the summer, and that means that Sundays are especially busy. New campers show up for camp to get settled into their cabin for the week, and that means that our afternoons are spent welcoming them and getting them to the right place. It's a whole Hershberger family experience. That is to say, my ability to sit and kibitz on Sundays is less than the rest of the year.
2. Sundays aren't the only days that take up my life as the wife of a camp director. I also help out with crafts one or two days per week. So while lots of you are taking some fun vacations during the summer months, our family is on the extra-busy-camp-schedule which is hectic for nine weeks and then it stops abruptly. All this to say, if you're wondering why you don't see me around the office during the week as much during the summer, that's why. I'm still around, I'm still preaching sermons on Sundays. My office-time is simply a bit more limited.
3. *If you have an emergency, I'm still completely available. You've got my number. You've got the office number. Call and let me know. Call and let Sandee know.*
4. **Hey, did you read number three?** Because it's important for you to LET US KNOW if you need pastoral care. Neither Sandee nor I have yet to receive the gift of mind-reading. If you need something, we need you to tell us.
5. Church is pretty casual during the summer. We shift into a different liturgy setting, we don't have Sunday school, and attendance is different from week-to-week because of vacations and responsibilities. So, PLEASE don't stop coming. If you have a vacation, we will miss you! Come back again after your vacation, so we can tell you how much we missed you, and you can show us your travel slide-show. I know that life gets busy, so I want to encourage you in all of the most positive ways to take a little time to be still with God and be reminded of God's amazing love for you.

Those are the highlights. I hope you are getting your sandals and sunscreen prepped and ready for a fun-filled summer. Also, **don't skip over number three in the above list.** Seriously. Go back and read it again. Oh, and did I mention that God's love for you is so big that you can't get outside of it? Really. In every season.

Love and sunscreen,

Pastor Sarah

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(In Person)
STAFF

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

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2025

2024

Bruce Romanic	Jeffrey Clutcher	Bill Hoffa
	Craig Rhoades	Jim Shingara

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	James Shingara
Finance	Nancy Joraskie
	Gladys Shingara
	Ron Weller
Mutual Ministry	Bruce Romanic
Property	Bill Hoffa
	Bill Joraskie
	Jeffrey Clutcher
	Craig Rhoades
Social Ministry	Bruce Romanic
Worship & Music	Charlene Pell
	Sandee Cupp
Youth	Rebecca Romanic



5-05 Lucas Weikel
 5-06 Guy Pell
 5-10 Becky Weller
 5-13 Jeffrey Clutcher
 5-13 Chad Hershberger
 5-14 Gary Hixson, Jr.
 5-15 Marsha Ann Karnes
 5-17 Tona Faust
 5-17 Diana Reeder
 5-27 Leon Madara



5-04 Mr. & Mrs. William Joraskie

Grace Lutheran Church Building Fund Report

March 2024

Balance February 29, 2024 **\$3585.30**

Income

Green Envelopes

Mar. 3 \$165.00

Mar. 10 \$ 45.00

Mar. 17 \$ 15.00

Mar. 31 \$ 33.00

Total Income **\$258.00**

New Balance **\$3843.30**

Expenses

0.00

Total Expense **\$0.00**

Balance March 31, 2024 **\$3843.30**

Respectfully submitted
 Charlene Pell, Treasurer

SERVERS FOR MAY

DATE	<u>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</u>
5/5	Bruce Romanic
5/12	Shelley Faust
5/19	Bruce Romanic
5/26	Bill and Jeanne Hoffa

ALTAR CARE

5/5	Shelley Faust & Jeanne Hoffa
5/12	Pam & Craig Rhoades
5/19	Debbie Keefer & Karena Weikel
5/26	Marsha Karnes

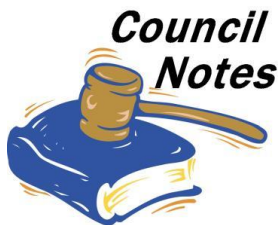
HEAD USHER

John Strausser

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER CLEAN-UP**

The annual clean-up to prepare Camp Mount Luther for the summer camping season will be held Saturday May 18 beginning at 9:00 am.

Grace Church has sponsored a cabin in Maple Village for many years. In the past we have purchased mattresses, curtains, and helped with the clean-up. Please bring cleaning supplies with you. Lunch will be provided. You are asked to call the camp office (570-922-1587) if you plan to stay for lunch.



Council met on Zoom April 22. Pastor reported that Conference Assembly was held in preparation for Synod Assembly in June. Grace Church will be represented by Pastor Sarah, Craig Rhoades (synod council member) and Pam Rhoades and Jeff Clutcher as Grace Church delegates.

The overflow valve on the furnace was replaced and the leak in the heating unit at the main entrance was repaired. Craig Rhoades reported that a lift was leased and the flashing at the top of the parsonage was repaired. Grace Church will begin using Setting 10 for the summer months beginning May 5. It is popular with members but hasn't been used since COVID.

**WE LOVE OUR MOMS!**



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Ministerium 10:am	3 AA Meeting 7 pm	4
5 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am	6 SAHS Alumni 6 pm	7 Tulpehocken Pastors Conference 10am	8 	9	10 AA Meeting 7 pm	11
12 Worship 10am 	13	14 	15	16 	17 AA Meeting 7 pm	18 Camp Mt. Luther Clean-up 9 am-1 pm
19 Worship 10am	20 Grace Council 6:30 pm on Zoom	21	22 	23	24 AA Meeting 7 pm	25
26 Worship 10am	27 MEMORIAL DAY 	28	29 SAHS Baccalaureate	30	31 AA Meeting 7 pm	

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Treasurer’s Report

MARCH 2024

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance March 1, 2024	\$ 24,644.21
Receipts	\$ 5,881.41
Expenditures	\$ 9,588.99
Ending Balance March 31, 2024	\$ 20,936.63

First National Bank**3/1/2024 through 3/31/2024**

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount
16544	3/1/2024	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	458.33
16545	3/1/2024	Bloom Heating	547.00
16546	3/1/2024	A+ Office Supply	57.96
16547	3/1/2024	Brotherhood Mutual Insurance	1881.00
Debit	3/4/2024	UGI	175.00
Debit	3/6/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	214.13
16548	3/8/2024	Cole's Hardware	37.98
16549	3/8/2024	Susquehanna Fire Equipment Co.	269.95
16550	3/8/2024	SCTJSA (Sewer Authority)	99.00
16551	3/8/2024	1517 Media	42.25
16552	3/8/2024	C.S.P. Office Equipment Co.	312.42
Debit	3/8/2024	Aqua PA	40.99
Debit	3/8/2024	Aqua PA	69.74
Debit	3/12/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	136.23
Debit	3/14/2024	PenTeleData	121.27
16553	3/15/2024	Manna for the Many	55.00
16554	3/25/2024	Boyer, Walter	503.27
16555	3/25/2024	Cupp, Sandee	623.60
16556	3/25/2024	Marsh, Willie	222.59
16557	3/25/2024	Orme, Robin	437.06
16558	3/25/2024	Hershberger, Sarah	2055.84
16559	3/25/2024	Empire Disposal	23.00
16560	3/25/2024	Penn National Insurance	677.00
Debit	3/27/2024	Stein's Flower Shop	110.00
Debit	3/31/2024	Portico	418.38
		Total	9,588.99

a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes



What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about ½-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.



PUZZLE

UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

pink, red, yellow, blue

mother, sister, brother, aunt

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

my, our, she, your

faith, family, love, hope

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

silver, white, gold, bronze

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _____
and qu _____ p _____, which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, heart, potato, she, family, temperature, sandwich, quiet, spirit

