
THE VISION

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

Is anybody else having trouble believing that it's already June? I suppose this means that Christmas decorations will soon be out in the department stores--haha!

But the calendar notifies me that summer is now officially upon us, which means that in no time, it will be back to school season, which means in no time, it will be time to fill the Christmas at Sea bags for the Seafarer International House Ministry in New York City.

I only mention this now, so that in case these things slide past you on your own calendar, you might ponder them while you're out and about during the summer months.

Are you someone who knits or crochets? This is a great time to start knitting a scarf or a hat for your seafarer bag. Are you someone who loves to shop? Now might be a great time to scour the clearance racks for the out-of-season items like sweatshirts and thermal socks. This is a great time to be creative and think ahead. (In fact, truth be told, summer is my favorite time of year to imagine that I have more time than I actually do and take on a project that is much too big for the allotted time. So instead, I'm trying to get a leg up on some of the things that I will need to do in the fall.)

The thing about this project that I absolutely love is that it is the kind of thing that we can pray about all year long. Maybe when we see people enjoying the water in the summer months, we can pray for the seafarer that will receive the bag that we fill. Or we can pray for the seafarer that received last year's bag, because that person is still out at sea, still away from their family, still doing dangerous and thankless work.

I hope that you see summer unfold near the water, so that every pool, every creek, and every lake remind you of your baptism. And I hope that in your baptism, you remember the seafarers that you have cared for and will care for during the Christmas season.

Ahoy mateys!

God's love for you is as deep as the ocean!

--Pastor Sarah

P.S. Summer is a great time to browse the Seafarers International House website, sihnyc.org.

more you know about their ministry, the more you will take joy in filling up your Christmas bag!



The

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THE SERVICE: 10:00 A.M.
(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

<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
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



6-01 Barry Smith
 6-02 Mara Derck
 6-06 Martha Ferster
 6-06 Cindy Palmitessa
 6-09 John Stone
 6-12 Blake Davies
 6-18 Kathy Linn
 6-19 Austin Joraskie
 6-22 Brett Przekop
 6-24 Lisa Firing



6-01 Mr. & Mrs. Nick Keiser
 6-03 Rev. & Mrs. Alfred Bashore
 6-14 Mr. & Mrs. James Karnes
 6-29 Mr. & Mrs. William Hoffa
 6-30 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Palmitessa

Grace Lutheran Church	
Building Fund Report	
April 2024	
Balance March 31, 2024	\$3843.30
Income	
Green Envelopes	
Apr. 7	\$230.00
Apr. 14	\$ 5.00
Apr. 21	\$ 10.00
Apr. 28	\$ 20.00
Total Income	\$265.00
New Balance	\$4108.30
Expenses	
0.00	
Total Expense	\$0.00
Balance April 30, 2024	\$4108.30
Respectfully submitted	
Charlene Pell, Treasurer	

SERVERS FOR JUNE

DATE	<u>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</u>
6/2	Jeffrey Clutcher
6/9	Bruce Romanic
6/16	Pam & Craig Rhoades
6/23	Jon Hoover
6/30	Ron Weller

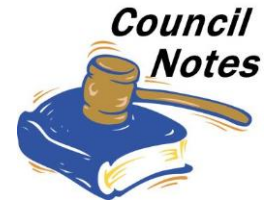
	<u>ALTAR CARE</u>
6/2	Treva Madison & Joanne Templin
6/9	Shelley Faust & Jeanne Hoffa
6/16	Pam & Craig Rhoades
6/23	Debbie Keefer & Karena Weikel
6/30	Marsha Karnes

HEAD USHER
John Strausser



Summer is the busy season in the Hershberger home, and on Sundays Chad Hershberger has to go to camp just as soon as I get home. All that means is that I have to scoot out after church a little earlier than normal, so if there is anything you need to discuss with me, I can't talk for any great length after worship. I'll still be around during the week, but a little less than normal. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pastor Sarah



Council met on Zoom May 21. Pastor thanked those who helped with the clean-up day at Camp Mount Luther. A window was broken in the Lamar Grow Classroom and will be repaired. The leak in the heating unit in the main entrance was repaired.

Council and the Property Committee will do a "walk- through" of the property in September.

Grace was notified that our property insurance premium will increase for the coming year as well as our deductible increasing from \$2,500 to \$5,000.





Council will meet after Sunday worship for the summer to take care of business. The next regular monthly meeting will be held in September.





SUMMER

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 Worship 10 am	3	4 Tulpehocken Pastors Conference 10am	5	6 Ministerium 10:am	7 AA Meeting 7 pm	8
9 Worship 10 am	10 	11	12	13	14 AA Meeting 7 pm 	15 Synod Assembly
16 Worship 10 am 	17	18 	19	20 	21 AA Meeting 7 pm	22
23 Worship 10 am <hr/> 30 Worship 10 am	24	25	26 	27	28 AA Meeting 7 pm	29 

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
APRIL 2024

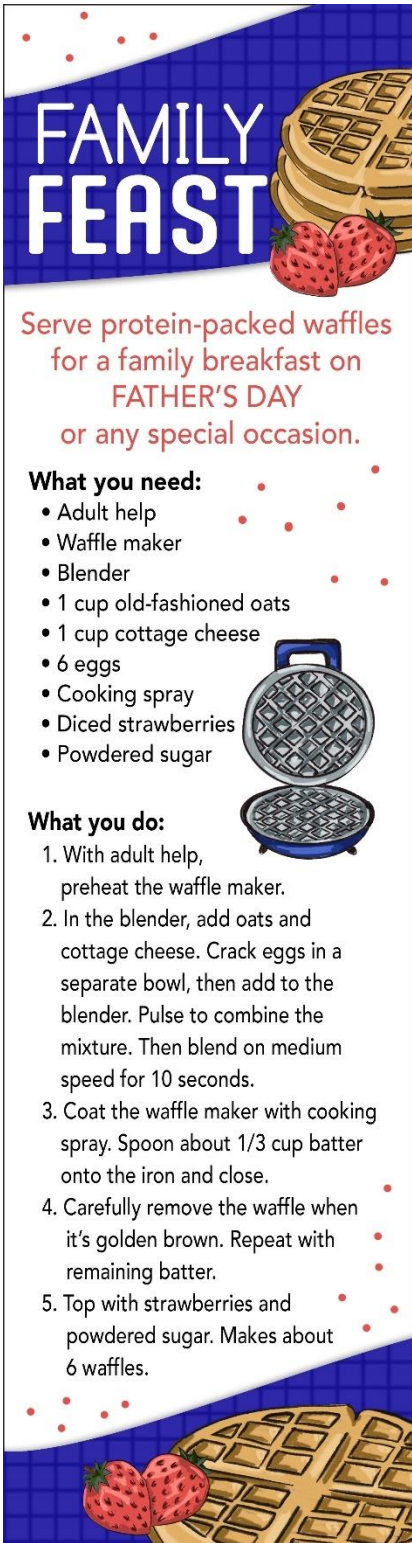
GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2024	\$ 20,936.63
Receipts	\$ 9,129.53
Expenditures	\$ 9,089.38
Ending Balance April 30, 2024	\$ 20,976.78

First National Bank

4/1/2024 through 4/30/2024

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount
16561	4/1/2024	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	\$ 458.33
16562	4/1/2024	Bloom Heating	\$ 547.00
Debit	4/3/2024	UGI	\$ 139.00
Debit	4/4/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 286.18
Debit	4/5/2024	Aqua PA	\$ 68.30
Debit	4/5/2024	Aqua PA	\$ 23.64
16563	4/10/2024	A+ Office Supply	\$ 199.99
16564	4/10/2024	Berger's Trinity Peace	\$ 48.20
16565	4/10/2024	Beverly's Flower Shop	\$ 143.00
16566	4/10/2024	Metro Pest Control Services, LLC	\$ 80.00
16567	4/10/2024	SCTJSA (Sewer Authority)	\$ 99.00
16568	4/10/2024	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	\$ 352.50
16569	4/10/2024	Casey Gonzalez	\$ 200.00
Debit	4/10/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 161.19
16570	4/23/2024	Boyer, Walter	\$ 172.22
16571	4/23/2024	Cupp, Sandee	\$ 623.60
16572	4/23/2024	Marsh, Willie	\$ 222.59
16573	4/23/2024	Orme, Robin	\$ 437.06
16574	4/23/2024	Hershberger, Sarah	\$ 2,055.84
16575	4/24/2024	Quill Corporation	\$ 56.78
16576	4/24/2024	Tulpehocken Mt. Spring Water Inc	\$ 84.48
Debit	4/25/2024	PenTeleData	\$ 121.17
Debit	4/30/2024	Portico	\$ 418.38
Debit	4/30/2024	Internal Revenue Service	\$ 1,761.88
Debit	4/30/2024	Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue	\$ 203.02
Debit	4/30/2024	Keystone Collections Group	\$ 126.03
		Total	\$ 9,089.38




FAMILY FEAST

Serve protein-packed waffles for a family breakfast on FATHER'S DAY or any special occasion.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Waffle maker
- Blender
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 6 eggs
- Cooking spray
- Diced strawberries
- Powdered sugar



What you do:

1. With adult help, preheat the waffle maker.
2. In the blender, add oats and cottage cheese. Crack eggs in a separate bowl, then add to the blender. Pulse to combine the mixture. Then blend on medium speed for 10 seconds.
3. Coat the waffle maker with cooking spray. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter onto the iron and close.
4. Carefully remove the waffle when it's golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter.
5. Top with strawberries and powdered sugar. Makes about 6 waffles.



FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40, NIV

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life

