
THE VISION

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

Mark your calendars! We are going to do something fun, just for the sake of doing something fun.

*** → **October 27th is the big day!** ← ***

That is Reformation Day, and it is going to be fun. Does it seem far off, when this newsletter is coming out in early September? Yes, it sure does. But planning ahead is almost always a good thing, and I'd like to get this on your calendar so that you don't miss it. Because of all the fun.

On October 27th, we're going to partner up with the Elysburg Lutheran Parish to have a joint worship service.

(Um, Pastor? That sounds like change, and I'm mostly uncomfortable with anything that is outside of my normal routine.)

I know. It's a little bit different than what we're used to, but the important thing is not to panic.

Here are the important particulars:

Who: Members of Grace, Shamokin; St. Mark's, Elysburg; and St. John's, Danville. And any friends you want to pick up along the way.

What: A joint service where we all come together as a big fun group to celebrate our shared Lutheran heritage, and anything else we discover that we have in common.

Where: St. Mark's Lutheran, Elysburg. 255 N. Market St., Elysburg, PA 17824. *That means, Grace will be closed that day.** St. Mark's has a great little parking lot though, so it will be fairly easy for all of us to gather.

When: Sunday, October 27th, 10am.

Why: Because when we sing together as a large group, it's a little bit more fun. Also we might be able to get to know each other just a little better. But that's just a fringe benefit.

How: Typically people around here get to church by car, but if you feel like going by horse and buggy, it is absolutely your prerogative. That said, if you need a ride, phone a friend so you will be sure to get there!

Please mark your calendars for October 27th at St. Mark's in Elysburg! It will be a celebration, and...you might even have fun. But only if that's something you enjoy.

Peace and Reformation Red,
Pastor Sarah

*It's possible that this makes you think that you're not planning to attend, because it's out of the norm for you. Please don't get your feathers ruffled because of the change in location. As it turns out, God is willing to listen to you no matter where you are located, and He's been following your location for years. And God's feathers have not yet been ruffled about your change in location. So please don't use the change in location as an excuse not to come.

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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

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



- 9-6 Sharon Stone
- 9-14 David Kopitsky, Jr.
- 9-14 Arthur Martin
- 9-15 Paula Hardin
- 9-16 Harry Przekop, Jr.
- 9-18 Glenn Shingara
- 9-22 R. Craig Rhoades
- 9-22 Bruce Romanic
- 9-27 Joanne Templin
- 9-29 Rebecca Romanic



9-29 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Hershberger



September 14 is a really special day in the life of Arthur Martin. He will turn 100 years old.

It would be nice if we could remember him with a card to help him celebrate being one century old.

His address is:

Arthur Martin
 723 E. Sunbury St.
 Shamokin, PA 17872

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER



DATE	<u>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</u>
9/1	Bruce Romanic
9/8	Jon Hoover
9/15	Jeff Clutcher
9/22	Pam & Craig Rhoades
9/29	Harry Deitz

	<u>ALTAR CARE</u>
9/1	Debbie Keefer & Karena Weikel
9/8	Marsha Karnes
9/15	Treva Madison & Joanne Templin
9/22	Shelley Faust & Jeanne Hoffa
9/29	Pam & Craig Rhoades

HEAD USHER
John Strausser

Everyone is invited to attend the first session of Sunday School on **Sunday September 29 at 9:00 am in the Lamar Grow Classroom.** Bruce Romanic will lead the **group** and promises great discussions and good times. A schedule for meeting will be decided at the first session.



Pastor Sarah will hold the annual “Blessing of the Pets” on **Sunday October 6** at 2 pm in the park at Market and Chestnut Streets. You are invited to bring your dog, cat, bird, or whatever pet you may have to the brief service and individual blessing. The Service is held each year on the Sunday closest to St. Francis Day (October 4). St. Francis of Assisi valued all of God’s creation, especially the farm animals and those in homes as pets. Our pets are important and part of our families, and are invited to church on this special day. Invite your friends and family to bring their pets to receive this special blessing and a treat.











Bloodmobile

Grace Church will cohost the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on **Tuesday October 8.** The Bloodmobile will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Independence Street. (It is easier for unloading and loading the equipment.) **HELP IS NEEDED!** We will have more information in October’s newsletter and the Sunday bulletins. **DONORS** are needed to make the visit a success. If you are at least 17 years of age and in reasonably good health, please consider giving the gift of life. One pint of blood can help several people when it is broken down.



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10 am	2  LABOR DAY	3	4	5 Ministerium 10 am	6 AA Meeting 7 pm	7 
8 Worship 10 am Healing Service After Worship	9	10 Tulpehocken Pastors Conference 10 am	11  PATRIOT DAY	12	13 AA Meeting 7 pm	14
15 Worship 10 am	16 	17	18	19 	20 AA Meeting 7 pm	21 
22 Worship 10am	23	24 	25	26	27 AA Meeting 7 pm	28
29 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am	30 Grace Council On Zoom 6:30 pm					



SEAFARER INTERNATIONAL HOUSE CHRISTMAS AT SEA BAG MINISTRY

It's that time of year again! Even though Christmas is a long way off, it's time to gather things for the Christmas at Sea Bags for the Seafarers' International House in New York City.

Bags will be available in the back of the sanctuary starting this month. Inside the bag, there is a list of items to be purchased.

Do you love to knit or crochet? The Seafarers International House has scarf patterns on their website to use to include in the bags.

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
JUNE 2024

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance June 1, 2024	\$ 15,611.09
Receipts	\$ 6,872.43
Expenditures	\$ 8,958.87
Ending Balance June 30, 2024	\$ 13,524.65

First National Bank

6/1/2024 through 6/30/2024

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount
16593	6/1/2024	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	\$ 458.33
16594	6/1/2024	Casey Gonzalez	\$ 100.00
16595	6/1/2024	Weller, Ron	\$ 150.00
Debit	6/3/2024	UGI	\$ 139.00
Debit	6/4/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 179.40
16596	6/6/2024	Brotherhood Mutual Insurance	\$ 2,281.00
16597	6/6/2024	Geiswite, Mike	\$ 1,000.00
16598	6/6/2024	1517 Media	\$ 42.25
16599	6/6/2024	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	\$ 15.00
16600	6/6/2024	Berger's Trinity Peace	\$ 22.00
16601	6/6/2024	SCTJSA (Sewer Authority)	\$ 99.00
Debit	6/7/2024	Aqua PA	\$ 71.88
Debit	6/7/2024	Aqua PA	\$ 23.88
Debit	6/10/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 161.56
Debit	6/12/2024	PenTeleData	\$ 121.17
Debit	6/17/2024	Best Buy	\$ 52.99
16602	6/27/2024	Boyer, Walter	\$ 83.94
16603	6/27/2024	Cupp, Sandee	\$ 623.60
16604	6/27/2024	Marsh, Willie	\$ 222.59
16605	6/27/2024	Orme, Robin	\$ 437.06
16606	6/27/2024	Hershberger, Sarah	\$ 2,055.84
16607	6/27/2024	Casey Gonzalez	\$ 200.00
Debit	6/29/2024	Portico	\$ 418.38
		Total	\$ 8,958.87

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with **superfoods** that promote a healthy body and mind.



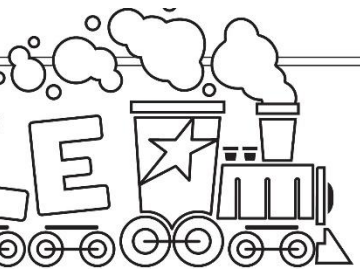
What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

PUZZLE



AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. *James 1:5, NIV*

Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom

