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# THE VISION

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER 2024

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Dear friends in Christ,

Meet Burton! Burton is a new counselor at Camp Mount Luther this summer, and his awesomeness cannot be overstated.

Camp Mount Luther has an adopt-a-counselor program, and wouldn't you know it...Grace Lutheran Church has the delightful privilege of being Burton's sponsoring congregation.

In the words of Luther's Small Catechism, "what does this mean for us?"

It is very simple. Our first and most important responsibility is to pray for Burton. If you are looking for specifics, ask God to strengthen him, and guide him in faith. Ask God that God could give him patience and understanding for his summer campers (because sometimes campers require a whole lot of patience and understanding.)

The second thing you might consider is sending Burton a card or a friendly note. I can deliver them on Sundays if you don't want to pay for postage. Or if you get the urge to head down to the post office, you could send a card to:

Burton Peese, % Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mount Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Anything you decide to lovingly send would make him smile.

But then if you get totally crazy and want to send a care package, here are a few things that Burton really likes: Rice Krispy treats, Little Debbie Zebra Cakes, Pringles, regular and sour cream-and-onion, Walmart Brand Dr. Thunder and Mountain Lightning (soft drinks)  
(I can deliver any and all care packages as well.)

Burton is from Aaronsburg, PA and has an absolutely delightful sense of humor. Also, fun fact: There is a type of snowboard with a brand name of Burton. (Sadly, our Burton has never been snowboarding, he just knows this because there's a company out there that shares his name.)

While Grace Lutheran Church also sponsors Maple 7 at Camp Mount Luther, I would love to be able to tell you that Burton is making his home in Maple 7's glorious counselor quarters. Wouldn't that be a great little two-for-one kind of deal? But alas, not this summer.

You might not ever actually meet Burton in person, but isn't it cool that we are part of the body of Christ with him, and we are connected to him through our life in the church? Call me crazy, but I think it's one of the great miracles of faith that prayer is part of how we connect with other people and love them as fellow children of God.

Peace and summer sunshine,  
Pastor Sarah

P.S. CarolAnn Miller, our adopt-a-counselor from last summer, works at camp again this summer. I got a hot tip that she hasn't gotten much from her adopted congregation, in case you get two cards for the price of one, and feel like sending her a quick note. But no pressure.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**10 S. SEVENTH STREET**  
**SHAMOKIN, PA 17872**  
**THE REV. SARAH HERSHBERGER**  
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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



7-03 Autumn Firing  
 7-11 Karena Weikel  
 7-14 Jacob Romanic  
 7-20 Nancy Joraskie  
 7-25 Matthew Weller  
 7-30 Lester Snyder, Jr.



7-04 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Snyder, Jr.



8-02 Scott Weikel  
 8-03 James Karnes  
 8-05 Betty Souders  
 8-09 Debra Keefer  
 8-18 Willie Marsh  
 8-18 Brenda Reeder  
 8-20 Nick Keiser  
 8-25 Melissa Karnes  
 8-29 James Shingara, Sr.  
 8-29 Adam Swift, III  
 8-31 Sarah Ethridge



8-03 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Weikel  
 8-08 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Weller  
 8-19 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Keefer  
 8-28 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hardin

**SERVERS FOR JULY**

DATE      **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

7/7      Jeffrey Clutcher  
 7/14     Bruce Romanic  
 7/21     Pamala & Craig Rhoades  
 7/28     David Kopitsky

**ALTAR CARE**

7/7      Treva Madison & Joanne Templin  
 7/14     Shelley Faust & Jeanne Hoffa  
 7/21     Pamala & Craig Rhoades  
 7/28     Debbie Keefer & Karena Weikel

**HEAD USHER**

John Strausser

**UPPER SUSQEHANNA  
 SYNOD COUNCIL**

Grace Church will continue to be represented on the synod council as Bruce Romanic was elected to the council at the recent Synod Assembly.

Craig Rhoades will be retiring from synod council in July. He has served two terms and cannot seek reelection this year.

Our congratulations to Bruce on his election and a sincere thank you to Craig for devoting his time and energy for the last several years to serve our church and synod.

Pastor Sarah continues to serve the synod as Dean of the Tulpehocken Conference.

**SERVERS FOR AUGUST**

DATE      **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

8/4      Jeanne & Bill Hoffa  
 8/11     Bruce Romanic  
 8/18     Ron Weller  
 8/25     Shelley Faust

**ALTAR CARE**

8/4      Marsha Karnes  
 8/11     Treva Madison & Joanne Templin  
 8/18     Shelley Faust & Jeanne Hoffa  
 8/25     Pamala & Craig Rhoades

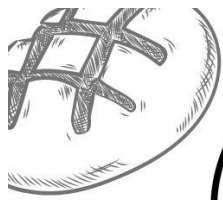
**HEAD USHER**

John Strausser



Congratulations and best wishes to Pat Hixson and Bruce Romanic who were united in marriage by Pastor Sarah on June 22 in Grace Church.

<b>Grace Lutheran Church</b>	
<b>Building Fund Report</b>	
<b>JUNE 2024</b>	
<b>Balance May 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$4160,32</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Green Envelopes	
June 2	\$130.00
June 9	\$205.00
June 16	\$25.00
June 23	\$20.00
June 30	\$45.00
Total Income	\$425.00
<b>New Balance</b>	<b>\$4585.32</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Robert Sides	\$247.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$247.00</b>
<b>Balance June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$4338.32</b>
Respectfully submitted	
Charlene Pell, Treasurer	



# Communion Bread Recipe



## From Luther Seminary to your table

Sift dry ingredients together three times: (important!)

2 c whole wheat flour  
 1 c white flour  
 1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder  
 1 & 1/4 tsp salt

Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)  
 3 Tbsp honey  
 3 Tbsp molasses

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk.

With a knife, score the top of each loaf into eight pie-shaped sections, so that the sections can be more easily broken off while serving. Alternatively, you could score a cross onto the loaf.

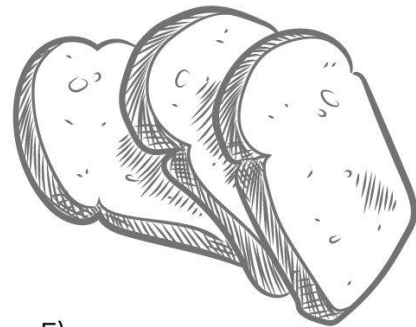
Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.

Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. Each loaf serves 60-70 people, depending upon the size of the piece given. The loaves freeze well.

### ***A well-used, well-loved recipe***

*Luther Seminary's communion bread recipe has been used here for more than 25 years. It is baked by Luther Seminary dining services staff and served as part of our weekly Holy Communion service in chapel each Wednesday.*









*This recipe is known throughout the country as one of the best tasting and easiest to make. It's become quite popular! In July 2012 Luther Seminary dining services staff baked an estimated 1,900 loaves and Fed-Ex-ed them to the ELCA's youth gathering in New Orleans for their Sunday Eucharist!*



# God Bless America



## JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4 	5 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	6 
7 Worship 10:00 am	8	9 	10	11	12 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	13
14 Worship 10 am Healing Service After Worship	15	16	17 	18	19 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	20 
21 Worship 10:00 am	22 	23	24	25	26 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	27
28 Worship 10:00 am	29	30	31			



# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	3
4 Worship 10:00 am	5	6 	7	8	9 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	10 
11 Worship 10:00am  Healing Service After Worship	12	13	14 	15	16 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	17
18 Worship 10:00 am	19 	20	21	22 	23 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	24
25 Worship 10:00 am	26	27 	28	29	30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	31 

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**May 2024**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 20,976.78</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 4,948.35</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 10,314.04</b>
<b>Ending Balance May 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 15,611.09</b>

## First National Bank

5/01/2024 through 5/31/2024

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount
16577	5/1/2024	Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	\$ 458.33
16578	5/1/2024	1517 Media	\$ 183.64
Debit	5/3/2024	UGI	\$ 139.00
Debit	5/6/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 215.75
Debit	5/7/2024	Aqua PA	\$ 22.53
Debit	5/7/2024	Aqua PA	\$ 73.33
16579	5/8/2024	Bloom Heating	\$ 117.98
16580	5/10/2024	A+ Office Supply	\$ 60.00
16581	5/12/2024	Bloom Heating	\$ 4,071.83
16582	5/12/2024	Empire Disposal	\$ 55.00
16583	5/12/2024	SCTJSA - (Sewer Authority)	\$ 99.00
16584	5/12/2024	TOPP Business Solutions	\$ 93.93
16585	5/12/2024	Tulpehocken Mt. Spring Water Inc	\$ 7.00
Debit	5/13/2024	PPL Electric Utilities	\$ 151.75
Debit	5/13/2024	PenTeleData	\$ 121.17
16586	5/20/2024	Weller, Ron	\$ 300.00
16587	5/27/2024	1517 Media	\$ 37.55
16588	5/27/2024	Boyer, Walter	\$ 348.78
16589	5/27/2024	Cupp, Sandee	\$ 623.60
16590	5/27/2024	Marsh, Willie	\$ 222.59
16591	5/27/2024	Orme, Robin	\$ 437.06
16592	5/27/2024	Hershberger, Sarah	\$ 2,055.84
Debit	5/30/2024	Portico	\$ 418.38
		Total	\$ 10,314.04

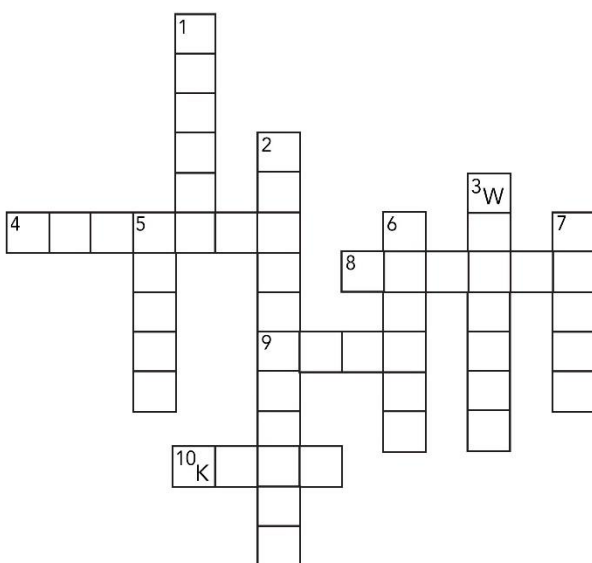




# THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.  
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



**DOWN**

1. The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
2. God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
3. Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
5. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
10. K

**ACROSS**

4. The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
6. The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)
8. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
9. God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
3. W

Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine, 8. fourth, 9. name, 10. king



Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

**What you need:**

- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



**What you do:**

1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.

