

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 6, 2024

Parking | spots are available in the parking lot and on the Park Drive side of the church. Additional Parking spaces are available across the street, at the school.

Large Print Bulletins | If you would like to use a large print bulletin, please help yourself to one on the back pew or ask an usher for assistance.

OFFERING | Stationary plates are placed at the rear of the pews for your offerings. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged. <https://www.gracethornville.org/giving>

PRAYER | Kathy Aberegg, Marian DeRolph, Carol Cormican, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Rick, Robbie, Dee, Bunny Peak, Christine, Misty, Mike, Brittany, Nadia, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Glen Teems, Brittany, Charlie, Jean, Bradley, Sheri, Mike, Aunt Vicki, Joyce Moore, Jodi Stickdorn, Ashley, Abby Norris, Reggie, Katie Chavez, Mike Frye, Bobbie Roshon. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim & Karen Lewis in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary on October 10.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sunday, October 13, 2024, 9:15am - **Budget Forum**
- Sunday, November 3, 2024, 9:15am - **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Annual Meeting Reminder: To be an eligible voter you must be a confirmed member who communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

From Sharon Roshon: *To my Grace Lutheran family. Thank you for your prayers, words of concern, messages of encouragement, food and love since my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Tom. Love you all.*

LifeWise Academy meets here on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A Security Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the Gathering Space to assist kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back as part of the LifeWise Program. We need at least two people each day: **Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:45 pm; Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:30 pm.** Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program. Please add your name to the list as you are able.

Pies Wanted! The Youth will have a food booth this year at the Thornville Country Fair (Oct. 20) and will be selling slices of pie. We are looking for our great bakers of the congregation to donate pies for this fundraising event: Apple, Cherry, Pecan, Pumpkin are preferred. **All proceeds will be going to the family of Alicia Finck to assist with medical expenses.** Alicia is a high school student at Sheridan High. She was in a car accident back in June. After an extended hospital stay, several surgeries, and numerous trips to the ER, Alicia has been diagnosed with Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome Type 2, resulting in debilitating pain. She is currently undergoing a 14-week stay at an intensive treatment facility in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The family will be renting an apartment while in Arkansas. This fundraiser will help provide the family with funds to offset some of the expenses they will accrue, and it will remind them that they are loved and prayed for. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space of pies requested. If you have any questions, ask Theresa Jacobson or Jessica Rockey. Thank you!

Candy Needed: We are requesting donations of candy to be given away at the annual Party-In-The-Parking-Lot on Thursday, October 31. Please place bags of individually wrapped candies in the Donation Tubs at the Atrium entrance or gathering space. Adult helpers also needed. Contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

Grace Notes Handbell Choir - The practices are held on, **Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the sanctuary.** We welcome new Grace members, Jr. High and High school students, past ringers, and anyone interested in fellowship, laughter and making music for the Lord. Any questions? please call Becky, 740-243-0394.

The Ladies and Cancer Support Group will meet this coming Tuesday, Oct 8. We will gather at Christy's Pizza on Tiki Lane in Lancaster Ohio at 6 pm. Please join us for friendship, sharing and caring. Whether you are recently diagnosed or long time survivor you are welcome. We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Roshon at 740-467-3198.

NALC Disaster Response has scheduled a *Stuff the Truck* event at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grove City on November 3. We will accept your donations here through Oct. 28, in the atrium entrance, then transport them to Grove City for the event. Suggested donations include shovels, rakes, and mops, gift cards for Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot, flood buckets, healthcare kits. For monetary donations, just write *Disaster* on your offering envelope. An updated Disaster Response Kit Packing List is included in the bulletin.

Lutheran World Relief is working around the clock, preparing to respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. They know the need will be immense and they are counting on Lutherans to step up as they always do, so no one goes without the care and support they need. Your monetary gift will meet families affected by Hurricane Helene and other disasters with food, water, shelter and essential supplies. They are also preparing LWR quilts and kits to comfort families affected by the hurricane. Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write Helene in the memo.

Blessing Box - Our new Blessing Box is located off the parking lot, in the yard near our church sign. It is a "Little Free Pantry", which provides items to local residents when they need them. These are the items most commonly donated and used to stock the Blessing Box: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Atrium entrance and will be used to fill the Blessing Box as needed. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Adventures in Faith Mission Project: We will be taking a weekly offering during each of our various Adventures in Faith classes. This includes both adult classes as well as confirmation. Our mission focus this year is *One Plus God: Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry*. This ministry is "A Partnership between the Lutheran churches of Tanzania and the States" and "An initiative of Grace Lutheran Church of Jackson Center, Ohio." The purpose of this ministry is: "to partner with Christian Lutheran churches both locally and in the USA to provide holistic care (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to people struggling in remote villages, and orphaned children so that they can be integrated well into society, but also be sufficiently equipped to lead effective change in their communities." We do that through directing "all to Jesus, so that they can find life in Him, experience His love and grace, and then start to share that with the community around them." Please pray for this ministry throughout the school year, and we will plan to send a financial offering in May, at the end of AIF fall/spring classes.

Our Adventures in Faith Classes and Leaders:

- Two Adult Classes
 - Kris Lamphere in St John's Hall, Room 203 (main level)
 - Karen and Jim Lewis in The Franks Fellowship Hall (lower level)
- 6th - 12th grades
 - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, AIF/SS Coordinator and Amber Feyh (top floor)
- 1st -5th grades
 - Jessica Rockey (top floor)
- PreK-K
 - Linda Keaser in Noah's Club (lower level)
- Confirmation Class
 - Pastor Tom Jacobson Classroom 1, Room 206 (off Gathering space, main level)

Pop Tabs - We will continue this ministry throughout the year. A collection jar for your tabs is in the gathering space. Thank you for your support of Ronald McDonald House with your donation of pop tabs.

"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns" - Pr. Tom provides a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the weekly reflections at the following link: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

"Phishing" Scams - In our sinful world, there is unfortunately no shortage of people who seek to deceive and take advantage of others. Churches and their leaders are often targets of such scams. Often, such scammers will send emails and/or texts to church members pretending to be the pastor and then asking for money or gift cards. If you receive one of these emails or other communications, ignore them. Pastor Tom or other NALC church leaders will never contact you in such a manner. If you do receive such an email or text, please let the church office know.

SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 6-13

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
<u>Monday</u>	10:30am	Worship
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	5:30pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	BUDGET FORUM
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	Variety Show Practice

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
Greeters:
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Greeters: Tom & Twila Rodgers (10:30)
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)
Acolytes: Abby Duerson, Mack Reedy (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Sept 29: 8:00: 42; 10:30: 94
Giving: General: \$3,824.50; Lancaster Food: \$15.; LWR: \$62.50; NALC: \$35.; TEAF: \$130.; Local Food: \$35.; Backpack: \$40.; World Hunger: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$155.; Gideons: \$20.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; AIF: \$33.; Youth: \$10. Total: \$4,570.00