

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 8, 2022

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 | No offering plates will be passed. 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 | Ada Gutridge, Barb Holbrook, Dean Boyer, Linda Dittoe, the McNeal family, Amber, Mark, Joe Jeter, Mike, family of Marty England, Dan Ulmer, Dave Schrider, Kathy, Dan, Amanda, Terry White, Joe Rodgers, Darrell. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill & Lisa Duerson in honor of the kids receiving their first communion. Their daughter Abby is one of the first communicants and they'd also like to remember her twin brother, Michael, who they lost at birth. As they celebrate her milestones, they also lovingly remember him.

First Communion (10:30 only) – Children who will be receiving Holy Communion today for the first time are as follows. In honor of these students, a reception will be held in the gathering space.

Kolie Lynn Barrera
Abigail Nicole Duerson
Henrik Randolf Jacobson
Karsen Allen Large
Sophia Ann Rockey

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been postponed until **Sunday, May 22, 2022, 9:15am** The WRTF/Project Team meeting postponed due to illness. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the Construction Documents Phase of our worship space transformation.

"What Lutherans Believe" - Pr. Tom is leading a six-week class for new members and anyone who is interested in a confirmation refresher course on Wednesdays, 6:30 PM. We will meet for an hour at a time each Wednesday evening, concluding on June 8. Anyone is welcome to attend. At the conclusion, people coming from non-Lutheran backgrounds who desire to become members of Grace can be received as members. We will meet for this time of informal instruction in St. John's Hall. Contact Pr. Tom Jacobson for more information and to let him know if you will be in attendance. pastor@gracethornville.org

Manna Monday Community Suppers will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Volunteers will be needed!! Contact Sue Cottrill 740-258-8060 or Jeff Stought 740-407-0617 to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your help!

Carl Keaser is leading a weekly Bible Study in Noah's Classroom on Mondays beginning at 4:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Pastor Tom is looking for someone to host the next cottage gathering in May, an informal time of conversation for the pastor and his family to get to know members of the congregation in a different setting. Right now, it looks like Monday evenings of either May 16 or May 23 would work the best. Please contact Pr. Tom if you would be willing to host.

Communion Bread Bakers Wanted - If you enjoy baking, you are invited to join the Communion Bread Baker's team. Given a recipe, you bake and deliver the bread for the 8am service. The task requires about 1.5 hours of your time. If interested, contact Jim Roshon for details, choose your date and recipe. 740-467-3198

Thornville Community Vacation Bible School will be June 13-17, 9am-12:30pm, here. Registration is for children ages 4 through our young people entering grade 6. Registration forms are available in the atrium entrance. They will be taking up a daily offering, and asking for donations from students and anyone who would like to donate to two mission projects: Thornville Food Pantry and Backpack Ministry for local children. For more information regarding Vacation Bible School, contact Mel Crader, director, at 740-246-5855 or 740-504-1310.

Crew Leaders and Assistants needed for VBS! Contact Beth Raab 740-755-6410 or graab@columbus.rr.com to volunteer.

VBS Mission Projects: 1)Thornville Food Pantry; 2) Backpack Ministry for local children. They will be taking up a daily offering, and asking for donations from students and anyone who would like to donate. Needed items for the food pantry: Cans of baked beans, beets, lima beans, potatoes Instant boxed Potatoes, Spaghetti sauce, 1 pound Coffee, tea bags, sugar, Dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels. Needed items for the Backpack Ministry: Cans of vegetables, fruit cups, mac & cheese cups, small boxes of Cereal, Ramen noodles, Pudding cups, juice boxes, Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, chapstick, tampons, sanitary napkins, basic school supplies. All of these items can be dropped off at church, or taken the week of VBS.

Fairfield County Meals On Wheels has urgent volunteer opportunities/needs: Meal Delivery Drivers, Kitchen/Dining Room Helpers, Tele-Friend, and Commodity Box Delivery. Volunteer times are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am-3:00pm and can be once a month, once or twice a week, or whatever fits your schedule. Please contact Meals On Wheels at 740-681-5050 or visit www.mowfc.org for more information or to sign up.

Free Lawn Crosses are again available in the Gathering Space. Feel free to take one for your lawn and for your neighbor's if they wish. These are made of PVC and should never rot out.

Adventures in Faith for Kids is currently meeting as one group, although we are hoping for enough kids and teachers to eventually return to classes grouped by age. Classes are held on Sundays at 9:15am in the fellowship hall. Adults - We need teachers! This is NOT a weekly time commitment. You can teach as little as 6 Sundays a year. The lesson plans are already created for you, too. All you need to do is show up and spend some time with the amazing kids at Grace. Contact Amber Feyh 740-475-9155 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

Backpack Ministry truly appreciates all donations of food and extra funds to this Ministry. **Also needed:** The larger clicklist grocery bags. Donation bins are located in the atrium. Monetary gifts may be given through your offering envelope, just write "Backpack Ministry" on the envelope. If you would like to volunteer to help bag the food contact Barb Ulmer 740-281-7673 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

Capital Campaign pledge update: \$239, 200 has been pledged towards the \$300,000 needed for the loan down payment.

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 8-15		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	10:30am	Worship - First Communion
<u>Monday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	4:30pm	Bible Study in Noah's Club
	7:00pm	Handbells
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30pm	New Member Class
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>NextSunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought, Jackie Combs
 Lector: Karen Lewis, Lisa Duerson
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
 Lector: Becky Winegardner (10:30)
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 29 10:30am - 99

Giving: General: \$3545.56; Mission: \$12.50; Disaster: \$30.; NALC: \$55.; TEAF: \$21.; Local Food: \$50.; Backpack: \$80.; World Hunger: \$60.; Vogt family: \$10.; Capital Campaign: \$10. Total: \$3,874.06