

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 20, 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 | Family of Bunny Koski, Barb Holbrook, Irene Forsythe, Mike Forsythe, David Ridenour, Tish Hansberger Hallam, Jeni Lahman, Mary Fannin, Michael Cole. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jackie Combs.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bernice "Bunny" Koski. Funeral services will be held at Saron Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Michigan, where she attended for the last several years. Burial will be in Millersport, with a graveside service officiated by Pastor Tom, at the Millersport Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 21, 1:00pm.

Masks During Communion Distribution - Those persons involved in communion distribution will no longer be required to wear a mask (they may choose to do so on their own). As a result we will continue to provide disposable masks in the Gathering Space. If you prefer to mask during communion please feel free to bring your own or pick one up in the Gathering Space.

Join Us On Wednesday, 7:00pm, for our **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**. The pastors of the community will share in the leadership of this service. Come as we reflect on the importance of thanksgiving in our lives as Christians. Pie and beverages will be served following the service. We are asking for donations of pies. A sign up sheet has been placed in the gathering space.

Newsletter Articles for the December *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Tuesday.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week for Thanksgiving.

Advent / Christmas Decorating - Meet here on Saturday, Nov. 26, 8:30a.m., to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Many volunteers needed! No experience necessary!

Advent Worship - For the season of Advent, we will hold evening prayer services on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. For the first three weeks, we will use Holden Evening Prayer (as was done with Lent this year). We will also use selected Advent and Christmas hymns with a meditation on different Chrismons (Christian symbols often used as ornaments on Christmas trees).

- November 30: Crown of Thorns
- December 7: Alpha and Omega
- December 14: Candle
- December 21: Service of Advent and Christmas Carols

Christmas Eve Worship will be held on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 5:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day Worship: 10:30am.

Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) Special Offering - The Church Council set a one time goal of \$5,000 to be raised to support two \$2,500 scholarships for seminarians in the LCSS. To date, \$10,920 has been raised. We encourage those who haven't had a chance to give today. Just mark LCSS on your envelope or check. We'll plan on sending our collective contribution the week of Thanksgiving.

Pancake Dinner - All you Can Eat - will be held Sunday, Nov. 27, 4:30-6:30pm at the Thornville Masonic Lodge. Raffles, 50/50 and more! Proceeds go to Thornville Activity Committee (TAC).

An Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration - Mark your calendars for Sunday evening December 4, 2022 for *An old fashioned Christmas celebration in Thornville!* The Theme is *It's a Wonderful Life in Thornville!* Parade dressing for Christmas time and It's a Wonderful Life Theme! Parade to start at 4:30 from the Thornville Park and ending at the Masonic Lodge where sandwiches will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting. Please come support this family event and celebrate our season!

Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate on the December 4 "*It's a Wonderful Life in Thornville*" event. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed. Anyone interested can call or text Lynda Chalfant at 740.398.4981. Or home phone 740.246.5370. Cookies and hot chocolate can be dropped off in the church kitchen on 12/4 (Sunday).

Community Christmas Variety Show will be held at Sheridan High School Dec. 9 and 10, 7:30pm. The Show features nearly 50 local vocalists singing Christmas favorites; both sacred and secular. There will also be soloists, a children's choir, and the funny antics of two endmen. Tickets cost \$5 adult; \$3 student and can be purchased in advance from any member of the cast or at the door on both evenings. Proceeds go to scholarships for seniors in the performing arts. Feel free to call John Ulmer @ 740-281-7672 for additional information.

Thornville's Community Aid is collecting gloves and socks for all ages. Look for the Mitten Tree in the gathering space after Thanksgiving. This is Grace's collection spot for donations to this ministry. They have placed a "Christmas Giving Tree" in the People's State Bank with names of needy children. Take an ornament off the tree to shop for an individual child. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, Beth 614-214-1944, or Virginia 740-877-2962.

Thanks To All of you for your generosity to our annual **Thankoffering**. The donated non-perishable food items, soaps, and monetary donations were divided among Thornville, Glenford, and Millersport food pantries.

Connections Magazine - Subscriptions have been ordered for all who signed up to receive this magazine. Your first issue will be the January/February issue. If you did not sign up, your name can be added. Just let the church office know. Connections is a bi-monthly magazine produced by Sola Publishing and is similar, though not identical, to *The Lutheran Magazine*. Connections contains mostly theological devotional articles written for Lutheran laity and is a quality resource.

Manna Monday Community Supper will be served Nov. 21, 6:00pm, then on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Menu for Nov 21: Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry fruit salad, rolls, dessert, drink. Volunteers are needed!! Contact Sue Cottrill 740-258-8060 to volunteer.

Greeters - We encourage you to sign up to be a greeter for whichever service you attend. A clipboard sign up sheet is located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Backpack Ministry - A donation bin for food donations, grocery bags and the larger clicklist grocery bags is 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.

SCHEDULE FOR NOV 20-27		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	4:00pm	KFC Meet @ Church
<u>Monday</u>	4:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Manna Monday Meal
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Drumms
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Worship
<u>Thursday</u>		<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30am	Church Decorating
	4:00pm	B. Davy
<u>NextSunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	K. Hupp

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am), Bob Reynolds (10:30)
 Greeters: Pete & Anna Oberhauser (8am), Rockey Family (10:30)
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Lector: Kaye Smith (8am), Tom Rodgers (10:30)
 Greeters:
 Organist: Jim Roshon (8am). Becky Winegardner (10:30)

Attendance: 8:00am - 31; 10:30: 93

Giving: General: \$3644.32; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$80.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$16.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$90.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Manna Monday: \$37.50; Vogt family: \$5.; Heartbeats: \$25.; Scholarship: \$30.; Memorial: \$275.; LCSS: \$100.; Thankoffering: \$270. Total: \$4,632.82