

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 30, 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 | Betty Shell, Gregg Thomas, David Ridenour, Fran Kelly, MaryAnn Shell, Joe, Jethro, Emily B., Cindi, family of Jared Wright, the Lutheran Church of South Sudan. Praise in the birth of Eva Jane Haggengos. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Reformation Sunday by Jackie Combs.

The Following Youth have completed their confirmation studies and will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:30 service today. Congratulations Confirmands!

***Dylan Michelle Fox
Ava Meredith Heller
Emily Elizabeth O'Hara
Josie Reilly Sigler
Lillian Marie Talbot***

Cake & Punch, in honor of the Confirmands, will be served in the Gathering Space following the 10:30 service. Please join them.

Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) Special Offering - We will be taking up a special offering today to support the LCSS. The Church Council has set a one time goal of \$5,000 to be raised to support two \$2,500 scholarships for seminarians in the LCSS. This is a mission opportunity to spread the Gospel. Please consider a special offering over and above your regular giving to support our sister church.

Masks During Communion Distribution - Beginning today, 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.

Voting Results from last Sunday's Annual Meeting: 39 members present. Those elected: Matt Sheridan, Vice President; Carl Lahman, Secretary; Casey Sigler, Upreach Coordinator; Jackie Combs, Financial Secretary. 2023 Budget was approved. Open Council positions needed: Inreach Coordinator and Outreach Coordinator.

Thankoffering Sunday is November 13. Let's fill the church with non-perishable food and soaps!! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. The food and soaps will be divided between the Glenford Food Pantry, Millersport Food Pantry, and the Thornville Food Pantry. A table for your donations has been set up in the gathering space. You can also make a monetary donation by using one of the Thankoffering envelopes on the table, or by marking "Thankoffering" on your offering envelope.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated Nov. 6th. It is a day we pay tribute to those members and loved ones who have received God's gift of eternal life during the past twelve months. If you would like to bring in one or two pictures of your loved one(s) in a stand-up frame before that Sunday, the pictures will be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.

A Ladies Luncheon is planned for next Sunday, Nov. 6th following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be served, then a "Post-Covid Reboot" meeting will be held to begin reorganizing the Women of Grace. Please sign the sheet in the gathering space or RSVP to the church office 740-246-6576 so enough food will be prepared.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service - Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 7:00pm, here, at Grace. 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.

From Pastor Tom: "I would like to thank everyone for your cards and words of appreciation for Pastor Appreciation Month! Know that I am also appreciative of all of you and the many ways you contribute to the life of this congregation! Not quite a year into my time here at Grace Lutheran, my family and I are glad to call Thornville home."

A New Confirmation Class for 8th graders and older unconfirmed youth will begin soon. A parent/student meeting will be held today, 9:15am in Classroom 1 Class will be taught by Pastor Tom during Adventures in Faith time (Sundays, 9:15am).

Jim Harrison would like to thank everyone for all of the nice birthday cards and birthday wishes!

Men's Breakfast - There is interest in starting a men's monthly breakfast meeting for fellowship, prayer, and lite Bible study, most likely on a Saturday morning at a nearby restaurant. If interested in participating, please sign up with your cell phone (or preferred contact information), and we will be in touch about a meeting time. For more information, contact Pr. Tom 605-760-9210 or Larry Arnold 740-323-6916.

Connections Magazine - If you are interested in a subscription to *Connections Magazine*, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway. 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. If we have 31 or more subscribers, the cost is only \$16.00 per subscription. We have a budget line for such a subscription, but if you are interested in covering the cost of your own subscription, you can indicate that on an offering envelope.

Manna Monday Community Supper will be served tomorrow, 6:00pm, then on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Tomorrow's menu: Chicken, baked beans & wieners, scalloped potatoes, salad with Dijon vinaigrette dressing, dessert, drink. 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.

Acolyte Training: We are going to begin scheduling acolytes again for the 10:30 service. We will hold a training session for all those that have never volunteered before, or that may need a refresher. This training is scheduled for Sunday November 13th at 9:00am in the sanctuary and should only last about a ½ hour. Acolytes are still needed to sign up in meantime! If you have any questions please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

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).

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 is now serving **56** students! We will use lots of. 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 OCT 30-NOV 6

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Parent Meeting
	10:30am	Worship - Confirmation
	11:45am	Women's Planning Meeting
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Millersport
<u>Tuesday</u>		
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<u>Thursday</u>	10:00am	Extension Homemakers
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<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
	11:45am	Ladies Luncheon

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Lector: Beth Raab, Casey Sigler/Lisa Duerson (10:30)
Greeters: Anna & Pete Oberhauser (8am)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am), Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
Greeters:
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 40; 10:30: 90

Giving: General: \$2182.50; Mission Fund: \$50.; LSS Food Pantry: \$10.; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$30.; NALC: \$20.; Local Food: \$365.; Backpack: \$185.; Good Samaritan: \$130.; Vogt family: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$900.; Scholarship: \$10.; Memorial Fund: \$150; Youth Fund: \$3250.. Total: \$7,300.00