

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 29, 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 including large print hymns are available. 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.

Children's Worship Bags are located in the back of the sanctuary for children to use during worship services. They have been updated with supplies and toys to help kids successfully be a part of the big worship service. Make sure you check them out.

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, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, Irene Forsythe, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Holly Culver, Danny Proch, Erin, Ally, Charlie, Brittany, Sharon, Sherry, John, George, Ethan, Matt Pierce, CJ Severance, Jeff Craft, Connie Trinkle, Daryl, Brittany, Roger Metz, Norma Baker, Clarence, Jim, Kathy & Ed, Michael & Christina, Corrie, Penny Slater, Glenna Jones, Lowell Meredith Jr., Alexa, Dylan, Vicky Pairan, Ralph Phillips, Jim Palmer, Brittany, Charlie, Jean, Regina, Shelly, Tom, Ritt, Kayla, Kevin, Monica, Joe Little, Janet, Jim Williams, Kevin & Joe, James Gardull, Pat Gardull, family of Sgt David Radcliff, Colleen Craft, Pam Ricketts, Baby Magdelyn. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Luft Family.

Pastor Tom and family will be on vacation this week. Please call the church office with pastoral emergencies. Father Shannon Ramey will also be on call.

Happy Birthday wishes to Becky Reynolds who will celebrate her birthday on Wednesday, Pastor Tom whose birthday is on Thursday, and to Janice Barrett who will celebrate her birthday on Friday.

2025 Offering Envelopes have been assigned and are ready to be picked up from the gathering space. If you cannot find your box of personalized envelopes, or if you would like to be assigned a box, please contact the church office 740-246-6576 and a box will be made available for you.

2025 Altar Flower sign-up sheet is located at the Congregation Corner in the Gathering Space. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$40 per arrangement - billed from The Little Flower Shop (Kelley's Flowers). Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or office@gracethornville.org) for any special wording that you want printed in the bulletin. Your flowers may be taken home following the worship service on your Sunday.

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." We will send a financial offering in May.

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)

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty - It is not too early to think about a New Year's Resolution. How about becoming a member of the Champions for Religious Liberty Network? Join other Champions in learning how to speak up in the public square. See www.LCRLFreedom.org/champions for more information.

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.

Blessing Box - Our 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!

"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 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, please let the church office know.

Ways To Serve - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space.

+ **Greeters**: Welcoming people coming for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more.

+ **Lector**: Reading of the lessons.

+ **Acolytes**: Lighting the candles.

+ **LifeWise Safety**: This takes approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays assisting kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

SCHEDULE FOR DEC 29-JAN. 5

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith (Adults)
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Glenford
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Kelly O'Reilly

Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers

Greeters:

Lector:

Acolytes: Mack Reedy (10:30)

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought

Greeters:

Lector:

Acolytes:

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Dec. 22: 8:00: 38; 10:30: 111.

Dec. 24: 5pm: 97; 9pm: 124. Dec, 25: 43

Giving: Dec. 22: General: \$11,360.; Mission: \$141.55; Local Food: \$185; Backpack: \$95.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; LifeWise: \$350.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Christmas: \$220.; Handbells: \$300.; Flower Fund: \$40.; South Sudan: \$100.; Memorial Fund: \$265.; In/Out: \$280. Total: \$13,686.55