

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 2, 2025

**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** | Nancy Kissell, Rick Rockwell, John Ulmer, Sharon Roshon, Mike Maxwell, Charles Palmer, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Andrew Smith, John Little, Shirley Butler, Jake & Denise Knox, Ashley, Taylor family, Kevin & Kim, Zach, Miranda, Pat Gallagher, Carol Shrider, Rawn Greenman, Marion, Melissa Daniels, Abel and Kingsten Kaiser, Dave Grum, Izzy, Billy Luft, Amy Snider Meckley. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Soup Suppers** will be served each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm. Five to six big pots of soups and desserts needed each week. Some dates are still available for you to provide your favorite soup or dessert! Please sign up with your preference on the sign up sheet in the gathering space.

**Ash Wednesday** is March 5, which begins the season of Lent. That night, we will have worship at 7:00 PM. On the following Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will have evening prayer at the same time. As with last year, we will use the service of Evening Prayer from the green Lutheran Book of Worship. Each week, Pr. Tom will preach on a Bible passage/story that never appears in our lectionary on Sunday mornings. Please join us for this extra time of worship during the season of Lent!

**Community Lenten Services** will be held in addition to our Wednesday services. Each week during the season, there will be a worship service on Sunday evening at 6pm – with a different host church each week. The last service on April 13th will be a cantata at Hopewell United Methodist Church directed by Susan Ballantine. The 2025 Community Lenten Schedule is as follows: March 9 – Good Hope Lutheran; March 16 – Mt. Perry Presbyterian; March 23 – Grace Lutheran; March 30 – South Shore; April 6 – Somerset Community Methodist Church; April 13th (Palm Sunday) – Cantata at Hopewell United Methodist Church.

**Monday Night Bible Study** is switching to Wednesdays starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm (note different time) and continue through Lent, then on Maundy Thursday, too. After Lent we will switch back to Mondays. Contact: Carl Keaser 740-403-4197.

**Irish Spud Lunch** - The Grace Lutheran Church Women are hosting an "Irish Spud Lunch" on Sunday, March 16, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service. Menu: Baked Potatoes with a variety of toppings, Salad, Drinks, and Desserts. To determine how much food is needed, please RSVP to Kaye Smith 740-403-1482, Pastor Theresa Jacobson 740-242-2192, or RSVP forms are on the table in the gathering space.

**Thornville Community VBS** - Save the date June 9-13, 2025; 9am-12:00pm. Grace Lutheran Church (Grades 1-6) & Thornville United Methodist Church (Ages 4 & beginning K). Thank you for the positive response! We are especially in need of Pre-K Crew Leaders and Assistants for this year. Get a friend and team up together! Contact Beth Raab (text 740-755-6410 / [braab7478@gmail.com](mailto:braab7478@gmail.com)) or Theresa Jacobson (text 605-760-9197) with questions or to volunteer. We would love to have you!

### Our Adventures in Faith Classes and Leaders:

- Two Adult Classes - Kris Lamphere in St John's Hall, Room 203 (main level), Karen & Jim Lewis in the Library (main 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)

### Upcoming Adventures in Faith Schedule:

- Grades 1st - 12th, including Confirmation Classes - On Sunday, April 13th, we will not be holding classes except for the PreK/Kindergarten group in Noah's Club because we are planning to have our Spring Lock-in.
- ALL GRADES (including Confirmation) will not be meeting on Easter Sunday due to the Easter Breakfast. Youth and families, we will be needing your help with the Easter Breakfast again this year! Thank you in advance!
- Last Day of Adventures in Faith for Grades PreK through 12th (not including Confirmation Classes) will be Sunday, May 11th.

- Ways To Serve** - Ways to help 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.

**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. Let's see if we can beat our 2024 collection of 29.7 pounds in 2025!

**"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.

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2- 9		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Dartball Banquet
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:30am	Quilting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:30pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	8:00pm	Choir Practice
	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
<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
	6:00pm	Community Worship @ Good Hope

**Serving Today:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
Greeters:  
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)  
Acolytes: Sophia & Stella Rockey (10:30)  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Ash Wednesday:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
Lector: Theresa Jacobson  
Acolytes: Henrik and Helena Jacobson  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Grant McCallum  
Greeters:  
Lector: Ana Grum (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Feb. 23: 8:00: 25; 10:30: 69  
**Giving:** General: \$2,954.; LWR: \$50.; NALC: \$45.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$20.; World Hunger: \$50.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Vogt family: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; AIF: \$37.; Scholarship: \$10.; Flower Fund: \$50. Total: \$3,256.00