

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 9, 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 | Family of Nancy Kissell, Rick Rockwell, John Ulmer, Mike Maxwell, Charles Palmer, Vicky Thomas, 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, Pastor Don Bachman, Susan Birie, Mary Lou Zollinger, For the Eveland family, Comfort the family of Amie, Lincoln, Weston Whitmer, Brian Whitmer, and Lynsey. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Happy Birthday wishes to Gene Goldsberry who will celebrate his birthday next Sunday.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Alan Kissell and family on the March 4th death of his wife, Nancy. Nancy was a life long member of Grace, being baptized here on June, 3, 1954. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow at 2:00pm, with visitation from noon to 2pm.

Lent Services - Please join us for our Wednesday evening worship services! At 6:00p.m., we will have a Soup Supper downstairs, then beginning at 7:00p.m., we will worship in the sanctuary. Each week, Pr. Tom will preach on a Bible passage/story that never appears in our lectionary on Sunday mornings. These Wednesday evening suppers will continue until the week of Maundy Thursday, which we will serve soup and worship on Thursday. A sign-up sheet to provide a soup, or dessert for one or more of these dinners, is on the table in the gathering space.

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: Tonight – 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.

Bible Study - Carl Keaser is leading a weekly Bible Study in Noah's Classroom on Wednesdays beginning at 4:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Come, feed your soul, then stay for the Soup Supper to nourish your body!

Easter Lilies can be ordered now through April 13. Cost is \$20.00 each. The lilies will be used to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then you may take them home following the 10:30 service. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space to place your order, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

Tulips for Easter. If you would like to order a Tulip with your Easter Lily (or instead of the lily), tulips cost \$19. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space and write "Tulip" on the envelope to place your order, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

Irish Spud Lunch - Next Sunday, the Grace Lutheran Church Women are hosting an "Irish Spud Lunch" 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.

Friendship Circle will meet here on Tuesday at 11:30am. We are using a new book, *Leading a Life of Balance*. Kaye Smith will lead the Bible study.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday, 8:00am, at Nana & Papa's Restaurant in Thornport. This is a men's monthly breakfast meeting for fellowship, prayer, and lite Bible study. Contact: Pr. Tom 605-760-9210.

Upcoming Worship Event - On Sunday, April 6, Debbie Wright and Conda Barlow will be singing during the worship services. Besides doing several gospel songs, Debbie will be sharing her testimony of how God has been with her through the deadly poison botulism in 2015, which paralyzed her from the neck up, and cancer in 2020, which she fought fearlessly for over 2 years having both covid and pneumonia twice. There will be a special slide presentation with a song of her journey. Both Conda and Debbie have a passion for the Lord's work through music. They both hope that through the music you will see and hear that you are never alone and that God will not only bring you into the storms, but also through them.

Crochet Club - Do you crochet? Do you want to learn? Come and join us for time of fellowship, crochet, and learning! We will meet on Sunday, March 30, 1:30pm in the fellowship hall and on Sunday, April 27, 1:30pm, in the gathering space. Questions, contact Daria Carr 740-684-0534.

Italian Dinner will be held here on Sunday, April 27, 4-6pm. Sponsored by Thornville Activities Committee. Cost is donation.

Thornville Community VBS Update - June 9-13, 2025; 9am-12:00pm. Grace Lutheran Church (Grades 1-6) & Thornville United Methodist Church (Ages 4 & beginning Kindergarten). Thank you to all who have volunteered! We are now in need of Assistant Crew Leaders for Pre-K and Elementary teams, and a few more adults to serve on the Security Team. Youth 7th Grade and up are also welcome to serve as assistants. Contact Beth Raab (text 740-755-6410 or braab7478@gmail.com) or Theresa Jacobson (text 605-760-9197) with questions or to volunteer. We would love to have you! Online general information: vbspro.events/p/thornville2025

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 AIF for Grades PreK - 12th (not including Confirmation Class) will be Sunday, May 11th.

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 9-16		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	6:00pm	Community Worship @ Good Hope
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:30pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Worship
	8:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Nana & Papas
	9:00am	Women's Committee
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Irish Spud Lunch

Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Grant McCallum
Greeters:
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Greeters:
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)
Acolytes: Abby Duerson (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Mar. 2: 8:00: 29; 10:30: 99; Ash Wed.: 91
Giving: General: \$5,718.; Improvement Fund: \$30.60; NALC: \$70.; TEAF: \$60.; Local Food: \$60.; Backpack: \$190.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; LifeWise: \$135.; Heartbeats: \$25.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; AIF: \$33.; Lancaster Food: \$15. Total: \$6,496.60