

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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 Jonn Simmons, Jim Roshon, Donna Winegardner, Shirley Smith, Barb Holbrook, Gregg Thomas, Mike Moore, Barbara Heinlein, Steve Deason, Erin, Katie, Taylor, Liz, Elizabeth, Jean, Eric, Ron, Cindy, Brittany, Janet Levering, Sharon, Mike, Rose, Tyler, Zoey, Ethan, Karen Lewis' dad, Avon Ault. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Ana Grum's daughters' birthdays.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Terry Kochensparger, from her husband, Bud, and family.

ASH WEDNESDAY begins the season of Lent, and it is this Wednesday! This begins our weekly Wednesday evening Soup Suppers at 6:00pm and Worship at 7:00pm. The Lenten services will be a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Lord's Prayer. Each week will also feature one of the hymns of Lina Sandell (author of "Children of the Heavenly Father") connected to the various petitions/parts of the Lord's Prayer.

Soup Suppers: . Six pots of soup are needed each Wednesday during Lent; and on Maundy Thursday. A sign-up sheet to provide a soup, and/or dessert for one or more of these dinners, is on the table in the gathering space. Coordinator: Wanda Hupp 740-246-5317.

The Monday Night Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm during Lent. Questions: call Carl Keaser 740-659-2215.

Thank You to all who helped with the youth's fundraiser bake sale last Sunday. A wide variety of goodies were available for donation. \$609. was raised! Special thanks to Casey Sigler for organizing the event.

Tuesday's Table: 33 people enjoyed talking, laughing, and laughing at Champs on January 24. The next date is February 28 at Clay Haus at 5PM. 25 people are needed for the buffet (menu coming); \$24.50 per person which includes tax and tip. If fewer than 25 sign up, we will order from the menu. 19 are currently signed up. If you wish to attend, the sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space. There is parking in the rear with an entrance for those not wanting to use steps. Questions, contact Jim or Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198

Military Gift Box: A box of snacks and requested thermal socks and magazines has been sent to the following: Ethan Boyd, Marine; Kole Moore, Marine; William Wilke, Navy; Lucas Butler, Air Force; Dakota Scheuvront, Navy. If you wish to support this ministry, mark your offering envelope "Military". Thank you for your support in Grace's recognition of our local military. Jim & Sharon Roshon.

Lectors, Greeters, Acolytes - We encourage you to **sign up** on the applicable clip board in the gathering space to be a lector, greeter, or acolyte for whichever service you attend. Clip boards are in the media organizer. A brief description for each task is printed on the sign up sheet.

2023 Altar Flower Chart is on the table in the gathering space. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$30 per arrangement - billed from 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.

Manna Monday Community Suppers are suspended until after Easter. Please come to the Wednesday evening Soup Suppers, every Wednesday, 6:00pm, through Lent!!

DISASTER RESPONSE WORKSHOP – There's still time to register and attend! Grace will be hosting an area-wide NALC Disaster Response Training workshop March 10 & 11 in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda and registration forms are located in the Gathering Space. All persons are welcome to participate. Let's be prepared if a disaster hits our area, our church, or our house. If you wish to attend, please let Bob Reynolds know so enough food can be provided at the Saturday lunch. His contact information is bobr22600@twc.com or 630-698-0457.

Earthquake Relief for Turkey - Lutheran congregations are always among the first to respond and the last to leave in times of emergency. Right now, you can rush aid to our neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is already coordinating a response, and it is your compassion and generosity that will rush emergency care. Your gift to the emergency response fund will deliver critically needed care for families, like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies. Please give online at lwr.org/quake or mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write QUAKE in memo.

"Our Daily Bread," daily devotionals for March - May are available from the table in the gathering space.

Free Fluorescent Bulbs - All fluorescent bulbs throughout the church will soon be replaced with LED bulbs. If anyone would like to have some used fluorescent bulbs, they are located (and marked) on a table in the Noah's Club room. There is no guaranteed of their quality. Any bulbs remaining after the end of February will be taken to Lowes to be disposed of.

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.

Adventures in Faith Small Group for Adults

- As we approach Easter, consider preparing your heart by "checking out" a small group that meets from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Saint John's Hall (large room on the left as you approach the sanctuary).
- We use Ray Vander Laan's *That the World May Know* videos to follow Jesus's "Path to the Cross" (filmed in Israel and informed by Jewish tradition).
- Feel free to "dip-in" and "out" for a few minutes, any time during the hour. We view the video, followed by discussion. No one is called on or asked to contribute. Some of us talk more than others and some folks, not at all.
- This makes it easy to meet others and take your children to their Sunday School classes and pick them up before the church service.

SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 19-26		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00am	Quilting
	4:30pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	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

Attendance: 8am: 39; 10:30: 117

Giving: General: \$4,685.; Lancaster Food: \$15.; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$160.; TEAF: \$24.; Local Food: \$35.; Backpack: \$316.; Manna Monday: \$212.50; Vogt family: \$5.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Scholarship: \$10. Total: \$5,580.00

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am)
Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)
Acolytes: Brayden and Karsen Large (10:30)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Ash Wednesday

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
Lector: Theresa Jacobson
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Lector: Valinda Arnold (10:30)
Greeters:
Acolytes:
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons