

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 26, 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** | Charles Palmer, Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, Irene Forsythe, John Ulmer, Sharon Roshon, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Holly Culver, Joe Little, Jim Williams, James Gardull, Pat Gardull, Colleen Craft, Pam Ricketts, Baby Magdelyn, Mike Maxwell, Jackie Hoover, Amber, Daryl, Vicky Pairan, Family of Skip Rockey, Lexi Good, Gina Morbitzer, John Cox, John Little, Pastor Paul Hansen, Family of Mark Gregory, Staci, Shawn, Sharon, those devastated by the California wild fires. 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 in honor of my family, by Beth Gilgien.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Martha Sandagata who will celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

**Ring the Bell** during the Lord's Prayer on Sundays is a way to invite the community to prayer wherever they are. It has been happening for a few weeks now.

**LWR Quilt Group** will meet here on Tuesday, February 4, at 9:30am. Please consider being part of this ministry. LWR has published a special report outlining how our generous donations of quilts and kits have helped the people of Ukraine and nearby regions. ALL welcome! For more information, contact Susan, [susancheney74@gmail.com](mailto:susancheney74@gmail.com).

**Jim and Karen Lewis** are leading an Adult Sunday School class on Sundays, at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. It begins with the Lutheran Confessions: Luther's Catechisms which is an in-depth, 13 session study which includes a review of both the small and large catechisms. Please bring your Luther's Small Catechism book or booklet with you for discussion and introduction of class. If you don't have your original, we will provide a copy for you. Questions? You may reach Jim and Karen at [jklewis323@gmail.com](mailto:jklewis323@gmail.com) or Jim's cell: 740.503.0476 or Karen's cell: 740.503.7295. Join us!

**Constitution Geeks Needed!** The constitution for Grace Lutheran was written and approved in 2011 when we moved our affiliation from the ELCA to that of the NALC which had recently been formed. The time has come for us to take a fresh look at our constitution to see if there is any need for tweaking or updating. If you are interested in helping and have a knack for detail, please let Bob Reynolds know at 630-698-0457 or [bobr22600@twc.com](mailto:bobr22600@twc.com).

**Connections Magazine** is no longer being printed by Sola Publishing, due to the cost to do so. However, Sola Publishing is now producing an online/print hybrid mini-magazine called Connections Online. It's more of a newsletter style, but it still will include a mini Bible study, an article from one of our ministry partners, and feature some of Sola's resources that are available in the Sola store. So how can you sign up to receive this excellent publication? There are a couple of ways. 1) You can email Pastor Theresa at [tjacobson@solapublishing.com](mailto:tjacobson@solapublishing.com) and give her your email address so she can sign you up. Or 2) You can visit [www.solapublishing.com](http://www.solapublishing.com) yourself. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the home page. You will see a box for you to submit your email address and sign up. It's that easy! If you do not have access to email and would like a printed copy, let Beth Gilgien know, and she can print one out for you. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Theresa.

**Superbowl Bake Sale** will once again be held this year on Superbowl Sunday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, following both services in the gathering space. This is a great fundraiser for the youth to raise money to Easter Baskets for the kids of the Thornville Food Pantry and Easter Treat Bags for the kids of the Backpack Ministry. So please save the date to grab goodies for the big game!!

**Thornville Community VBS** - Save the date June 9-13, 2025; 9am-Noon. Grace Lutheran Church (Grades 1-6) & Thornville United Methodist Church (Ages 4 & beginning K). What a great opportunity for outreach! Just a few hours each day can make an eternity of difference! Now gathering volunteers! Beth Raab (text 740-755-6410 or [braab7478@gmail.com](mailto:braab7478@gmail.com)); Theresa Jacobson (text 605-760-9197). Thank you to those who have already said 'yes'!

**Tuesday's Table** has reserved dinner seating at Clay Haus in Somerset on Tuesday, January 28, at 5:00pm. At least twenty people are needed to attend. Please RSVP at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space.

**Ash Wednesday** begins the season of Lent, and our Wednesday evening services. It is on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The women will be needing help with donations of soups and desserts. Thank you to everyone who helps with this special time of fellowship. 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the fellowship hall; 7:00p.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary.

**Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House in 2024** -Thank you to all of you who have given pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House this past year. On Saturday, December 21st, Henrik, Helena, Antonia, and Pastor Theresa delivered all the pop tabs collected throughout the year to the Ronald McDonald House, located in Columbus, across the street from Children's Hospital. We were able to donate 29.7 pounds of pop tabs!!! The ladies at the reception desk were ecstatic to receive them, and they were so impressed that our Adventures in Faith kids, along with congregation members, would bring a large donation all the way from Thornville. Thank you for blessing this ministry in this way! Let's see if we can beat 29.7 pounds in 2025!

**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 & 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)

**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.

**Inclement Weather** - Whenever Perry County is under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, church will be canceled. Notification will be posted on our Facebook page, also made to WCLT Radio Station (100.3FM and 1430AM) and WBNS-10TV as quickly as we can.

**"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 JAN. 19-26		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship - Installation of Council
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship - Installation of Council
	2:00pm	Dartball Captains Meeting
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	6:00pm	Monticello Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	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: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
Greeters:  
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)  
Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson, Helena Jacobson  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
Greeters: Bob & Becky Reynolds (10:30)  
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am)  
Acolytes: Abby Duerson, Sophia Rockey (10:30)  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Jan. 19: 8:00: 21; 10:30: 123  
**Giving:** General: \$3,899.063; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$25.; NALC: \$10.; TEAF: \$31.; Local Food: \$40; Backpack: \$40.; Good Samaritan: \$60.; Capital Campaign: \$25.; AIF: \$56.50; Scholarship: \$10.; Memorial: \$20. Total: \$4,226.56