

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 23, 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, Carl Keaser, Nancy Kissell, Kathy Aberegg, Irene Forsythe, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, John Ulmer, Sharon Roshon, Mike Maxwell, Charles Palmer, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Andrew Smith, John Little, Pastor Paul Hansen, Shirley Butler, Jake & Denise Knox, Ashley, Taylor family, Family of Lorraine Gee, Kevin & Kim, Zach, Miranda, Family of Robin Nelson, Pat Gallagher, Carol Shrider, Family of Marilyn Courson, Rawn Greenman, Family of Susan Slotter Marion, Melissa Daniels, Abel and Kingsten Kaiser, Family of Pastor Jack Jackson, Dave Grum. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Pr. Jack Jackson, who has recently passed away. Pastor Jack served as our interim pastor 2011/12. Most recently, Pr. Jackson was active in retirement at New Life Lutheran Church in Gallipolis. There will be a memorial service for Pr. Jackson on March 1 at New Life Lutheran Church, 900 Jackson Pike, Gallipolis, followed by visitation and a luncheon.

Monday Night Bible Study will meet February 24th, 4 pm. Beginning in March we are switching to Wednesdays starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 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.

Tuesday's Table has scheduled their next outing for Tuesday, February 25, 5:00pm, at Michael's Pizzeria, 6759 National Rd SE, Jacksontown. Please RSVP at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space. March's Table will be held here on Wednesdays for our lenten soup suppers.

Thank You from the youth for everyone's generous support of their Superbowl Bake Sale. They raised over \$700.00 to go towards purchasing Easter Baskets for the kids of the Thornville Food Pantry and Easter Treat Bags for Backpack Ministry.

Soup Suppers will be served each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm. Five to six big pots of soups and desserts needed each week. Please sign up to provide your preference on the sign up sheet in the gathering space. Four more soups and desserts are needed for March 5.

The Season of Lent is soon approaching, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5. 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. All adults and teens are welcome to participate! The practices will be at Hopewell UMC on Mondays, 7pm. Please call Susan at 740-403-0664 or email at humcsusan@gmail.com to let her know that you will be participating in the cantata. 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.

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) 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)

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.

Choir Anthem - The words to today's choir anthem, *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*:
*"Forgive our sins as we forgive" you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;
how trifling other's debts to us; how great our debt to you!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.*

SCHEDULE FOR FEB 23 - MARCH 2		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	6:00pm	Monticello Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	5:30pm	4H Barnstormers
	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: Grant McCallum
Greeters: Bob & Becky Reynolds (10:30)
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am)
Acolytes: Stella and Sophia Rockey (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
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

Attendance: Feb. 16: 8:00: 25; 10:30: 69
Giving: General: \$6,462.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$580.; Lutheran Core: \$20.; TEAF: \$8.; Local Food: \$515.; Backpack: \$20.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Pastor Didi: \$300.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$800.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; AIF: \$25.94; Scholarship: \$510.; Youth: \$579. Total: \$9,894.94