

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2024

**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** | Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, Vivian, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Bradley, Holly Culver, Robin, Terri, Brittany, Danny Proch, Erin, Ally, Charlie, Brittany, Sharon, Sherry, John, George, Ethan, Matt Pierce, CJ Severance, Sue Robison, Jeff Craft, Connie Trinkle, Wayne Forsythe, Daryl, Brittany, Roger Metz, Norma Baker, Clarence, Jim, Kathy & Ed, Michael & Christina, Corrie, Penny Slater, Glenna Jones, Lowell Meredith Jr., Alexa, Dylan, Family of Mark Alkire, Vicky Pairan, Ralph Phillips, Jim Palmer. 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 by Susan Forsythe and Jase Ridenour.

**Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate** for the annual Thornville Christmas tree lighting event today. Parade will start at 5:00 ending at the Masonic Lodge where hot dogs will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting.

**Monticello Circle** will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 6:00pm at Max & Erma's Restaurant in Lancaster. Questions contact Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198.

**WNALC Board Meeting** 10 am Monday, December 2nd!

**The Women's Board** will host a "Christmas Circle Up" here on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am. All women are invited! During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, fun, fellowship, lunch, and service (Christmas gifts for our homebound members). RSVP on the sign-up in the gathering space.

**Poinsettias** for Christmas altar decoration can be ordered now through Dec. 15. The flowers will be used to adorn the altar area, and may be taken home following either the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service. Cost is \$20.00 each and can be ordered by placing a Poinsettia Order Envelope in the offering plate, or contacting the office 740-246-6576 or [office@gracethornville.org](mailto:office@gracethornville.org). Envelopes can be found on the table in the gathering space.

**The Mitten Tree** is in the gathering space awaiting your donations of socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats to be given to needy children in our area. Collection deadline: December 8. Sponsored by Thornville Community Aid. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, or Beth 614-214-1944.

**The Monday Bible Study** will not meet in December. The next Monday study is scheduled for January 13, 2025, 4 pm at Grace.

**Pastor's Holiday Gift** - For the next few Sundays we will be collecting money as our Christmas gift for Pastor Tom. If you wish to contribute, please write the word "gift" on your check or envelope and drop it in the offering plate. The gift will be presented to him during the Christmas Eve service.

**AMVETS** would be honored if you could join them at the Thornville, OH Lutheran Reform Cemetery for their *Wreaths Across America* ceremony! Please come pay your respects as they lay wreaths to honor our nation's veterans. Date: December 14<sup>th</sup>; Time: Noon; Location: Thornville, OH - Lutheran Reform Cemetery. AMVET Color Guard will have opening ceremony and prayers. A simultaneous nationwide ceremony held at noon, will mirror Arlington National Cemetery's ceremony. Laying of wreaths to pay respects to our veterans. We hope you can attend and be a part of this meaningful event! Please RSVP to [blanck62@gmail.com](mailto:blanck62@gmail.com)

**Thornville United Methodist Church** and Concert pianist Paul Veyon will host "The Gift of Christmas" concert on Dec. 14, 6:00p,. Featuring: Sounds of Faith Community Choir, Vocalists Kip Koehler & Misty Smith, Flautists Jennifer Potts & Pyper Potts, Expressive Sign Language by Jennifer Potts. Free-will offering will be available to benefit LifeWise Academy. More info: Jennifer Potts 740-891-8836. Church location: 30 E. Columbus St.

**December 1** is celebrated as "**Eat a Red Apple Day.**" Students have often placed a polished apple on the teacher's desk in hopes of influencing report card grades. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty does not condone bribery, but does advocate for Educational Freedom! See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) for more information.

**Tuesday’s Table** will have their next outing on Tuesday, December 10, 5:00pm, at the Clay Haus in Somerset. Sign-up sheet is in the Congregation Corner in the gathering space.

**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 and Jim Lewis in The Franks Fellowship Hall (lower 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)

**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.

**Blessing Box** - Our Blessing Box is located off the parking lot, in the yard near our church sign. It is a "Little Free Pantry", which provides items to local residents when they need them. These are the items most commonly donated and used to stock the Blessing Box: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Atrium entrance and will be used to fill the Blessing Box as needed. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns"** - Pr. Tom provides a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the weekly reflections at the following link: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

SCHEDULE FOR DEC 1-8		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	T. Hupp
	3:00pm	Cookies & Hot Cocoa
<u>Monday</u>	10:00am	Women’s Board Meeting
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball vs Maple St.
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:30am	Quilting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise
	6:00pm	Monticello Circle
	7:00pm	Advent Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00am	Women’s Circle-Up
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	B. Davy

**Serving Today:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
Greeters:  
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Barry Moore (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis, Grant McCallum  
Greeters:  
Lector: Paul Moentman (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Nov. 24:8:00: 46; 10:30: 85; Weds. Worship : 27

**Giving:** General: \$5,355.50; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$1000.; NALC: \$525.; TEAF: \$52.; Local Food: \$600.; Backpack: \$20.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$300.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Thanksgiving: \$35.; AIF: \$64.; Flower Fund: \$20.; In/Out: \$30.  
Total: \$8,024.00