

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 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, Shirley Butler, families of the DC plane/helicopter crash victims. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Irene Forsythe's 90th birthday and Ava Ridenour's 2nd birthday, by Susan Forsythe.

Happy Birthday wishes to Sue Cottrill who will celebrate her birthday on Monday, and to Irene Forsythe whose birthday is on Thursday.

A Surprise Birthday Celebration for Irene Forsythe will be held at the Amvets Post 51, 9293 Township Rd 79, Thornville, on Sunday, Feb. 9th, 1-3pm. This is open house, everyone invited. No gifts, please.

Kathy Aberegg would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits she received while in the hospital and nursing home. May God bless you all! Unfortunately, she has been admitted to Altercare Thornville.

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.

2024 Giving Statements are available from Jackie Combs, the financial secretary. Please see her in the gathering space after today's service to get your donation report.

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.

AIF Families - Our youth, at Grace, are hosting the fundraising bake sale on Feb. 9 after both services (SUPER BOWL SUNDAY). We are gathering on Feb. 8th starting at 1pm to bake/prep at the church, and ALL help is appreciated...but if you are unavailable then, ANY contribution of home-baked snacks would be welcomed! They could be dropped off that afternoon or dropped before either service on Sunday!

Superbowl Bake Sale will once again be held this year on Superbowl Sunday, Feb 9th, following both services in the gathering space. This is a great fundraiser for the youth to raise money for 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!!

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 and give her your email address so she can sign you up. Or 2) You can visit 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.

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!

TAC (Thornville Activities Committee) Meeting, Feb. 4th at 5:15 in the fellowship hall. We will be starting to work on the 4th of July events. Come be a part of your community!

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.

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 supper.

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!

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, and our Wednesday evening services. It is on March 5th this year. 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the fellowship hall; 7:00p.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary. The women will be needing help with donations of soups and desserts. Thank you to everyone who helps with this special time of fellowship. A soup/dessert sign-up sheet is at the Congregation Corner 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. All adults and teens are welcome to participate! The first practice will be at Hopewell UMC on February 3rd at 7pm. The practices will be every Monday night after that. 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 – Mt. Perry Presbyterian; March 16 – Good Hope Lutheran; March 23 -- Grace Lutheran; March 30 – South Shore; April 6 – Somerset Community Methodist Church; April 13th (Palm Sunday) – Cantata at Hopewell United Methodist Church.

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.

"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 FEB 2-9		
Today	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
Monday	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball Tournament
Tuesday	9:30am	Quilting
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
Wednesday	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
Thursday	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	1:00pm	Youth Baking for the sale
Next Sunday	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

Giving: General: \$9,177.50; LWR: \$62.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$60.; TEAF: \$130.; Local Food: \$50; Backpack: \$165.; World Hunger: \$50.; Good Samaritan: \$60.; Vogt family: \$10.; Capital Campaign: \$20.; AIF: \$287.; Scholarship: \$10.; Choir: \$200. Total: \$10,332.00

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

Serving Next Sunday:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (10:30)
Lector: Ana Grum (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Jan. 26: 8:00: 23; 10:30: 100