

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 5, 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** | 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, Ralph Phillips, Joe Little, Jim Williams, James Gardull, Pat Gardull, Colleen Craft, Pam Ricketts, Baby Magdelyn, Mike Maxwell, Jackie Hoover, Amber, Daryl. 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.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Sharon Haffner who will celebrate her birthday on Tuesday, and to Keith Stought who will celebrate his birthday on Saturday.

**Volunteers Needed** to help remove and pack away Christmas decorations. Meet here on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 8:00am.

**Jim and Karen Lewis** will begin an Adult Sunday School class on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. in the library. We will begin 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 our original, we will provide a copy for you. Questions? You may reach Jim and Karen at [jkewis323@gmail.com](mailto:jkewis323@gmail.com) or Jim's cell: 740.503.0476 or Karen's cell: 740.503.7295. Join us!

**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](mailto: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.

**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!

**Kroger - Did you know** that you can support missions of Grace Church just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards! Register your Plus Card at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Select Grace Lutheran Church #91890 as the organization that you wish to support for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you do not have internet access ask a family member or friend to help!

**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 with the worship service 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. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

**"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns"** - Pr. Tom has provided a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year. You can access all the weekly reflections at the following link: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

**"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. 5-12**

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Drums
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:30am	Quilting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	5:30pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Christmas Decorations pack-up
		Council Meeting @ Springfield
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	Dartball Captains Meeting

**Giving:** General: \$2,510.50; LWR: \$62.50; NALC: \$155.; TEAF: \$130.; Local Food: \$375; Backpack: \$110.; World Hunger: \$90.; Vogt family: \$10.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; Christmas: \$1,231.; Scholarship: \$20.; Flower Fund: \$200.; Memorial Fund: \$150.; In/Out: \$100. Total: \$5,154.00

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
Greeters:  
Lector: Tom Rodgers (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Cheryl Haggenjos

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
Greeters:  
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Dec. 29: 8:00: 32; 10:30: 65