

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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 | 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.

OFFERING | No offering plates will be passed. 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 | Donna Winegardner, David Grum, Ron Mai, Keith & Sarah Stought, Linda Dittoe, Ralph Phillips, Bunny, Mark, Bob Jones Sr., Rick Scarborough, family of Dan Tener, Bucky Mowrey, David Preston, Phyllis Miller, family of Matthew Powell, Zack, Denny Miller family, Aiden, Cody Neece family, family of Polly Walker. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Billy Luft's 21st birthday.

Happy Birthday wishes to Irene Forsythe whose birthday is today.

Congratulations to Allison & Jordan Rhodes on the January 27th birth of their son, Knox Douglas Rhodes. Welcoming Knox to the family are his siblings Emma, Owen, and Henry; along with grandparents Vince & Cindi Smith and great-grandparents Gene & Bonnie Goldsberry.

Starting on February 22 (a Tuesday) at 6:00 PM, Pr. Tom will begin holding a series of "cottage gatherings" throughout the year, roughly once a month. These are simply informal times of fellowship to get acquainted with the new pastor and for him to get to know members of the congregation. These are intended to be small groups of around 10-15 people. Someone can volunteer to host the meeting at their home, perhaps with coffee and some dessert. There will be many more of these meetings held as the year goes on and on different days of the week, so if this time does not work, feel free to wait and sign up for a later meeting. A sign up sheet is on the table in the elevator hallway by the mailboxes.

Confirmation Classes for 9th graders and older unconfirmed youth will begin today. Class will be taught by Pastor Tom during Adventures in Faith time (Sundays, 9:15am) in Classroom 1. Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday.

First Communion Classes will start on March 27, 2022 for 3rd and 4th graders, or older youth that missed the class. Their First Communion will be Sunday, May 8. Please contact Kate Simmons 740-605-3230 if you plan to attend, so class materials can be ordered.

Jr. & Sr High Youth are invited to watch the **Super Bowl** on Feb. 13th with **Pr. Tom and Pr. Theresa Jacobson** at the parsonage (20 Park Dr., across the street from the church). Plan on arriving around 6:00 PM. No need to bring anything and food, snacks, and drinks will be provided. We will watch the game, but more importantly the commercials! Though not a "heavy" Bible study, we will reflect a bit on the Bible and the kinds of values promoted by the advertisements we see. Contact Pr. Theresa Jacobson and let her know if you plan on attending so we have enough food for everyone: tjacobson002@luthersem.edu.

Adventures in Faith for Kids has been meeting for the past few months. It's great to be back together again! We are currently meeting as one group, although we are hoping for enough kids and teachers to eventually return to classes grouped by age. We plan to start confirmation and first communion classes in early 2022. Adults - We need teachers! This is NOT a weekly time commitment. You can teach as little as 6 Sundays a year. The lesson plans are already created for you, too. All you need to do is show up and spend some time with the amazing kids at Grace. Contact Amber Feyh 740-475-9155 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

A Mutual Ministry Committee has been established to serve as support to Pastor Tom during this transition period at Grace. The members of this committee are: Diane Christensen, Dennis DeRolph and Carl Lahman. This committee will begin meeting in February.

A Facilities Team has been established to oversee the care and maintenance of both the church and parsonage, including general maintenance, upkeep of the church and parsonage grounds, maintenance of the heating and cooling systems, landscaping, mowing and snow removal. The focus will be more of a comprehensive approach of our entire facility. Periodic walkthroughs will be scheduled and a log will be kept of items to be fixed or replaced. Members of this team are: Carl Lahman (coordinator), Beth Gilgien, Paul Moentmann, Pete Oberhauser, Kelly O'Reilly and Bob Reynolds. If anyone else has an interest in joining this team, please contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or (614) 329-8639.

2021 Giving Statements are available from Jackie Combs. Please see her after today's service to get your donation report.

2022 Altar Flower Chart is hanging on the wall near the elevator. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$30 per arrangement - billed from 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.

Thornville / Thorn Township Development Committee will meet here on February 15th at 4:00pm. They will be continuing talks about a walking/biking trail on Township Road 358, and other development ideas for the area. Then, at 6:00pm, the Thornville Activities Committee (TAC) will meet to begin planning the 4th of July event for the village and other events. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SCHEDULE FOR FEB 6-13

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Dartball
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>NextSunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	6:00pm	KFC Youth Meet at Parsonage (7-12 grades)

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Lector: Karen Pairan, Becky Winegardner
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

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Attendance | 8:00: 28; 10:30: 84

Giving | General: \$2911.97; Mission: \$30.; NALC: \$175.; TEAF: \$24.; Local Food: \$75; Backpack: \$165.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Scholarship: \$10. Total: \$3,490.97