

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 8, 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, Daryl, Brittany, Roger Metz, Norma Baker, Clarence, Jim, Kathy & Ed, Michael & Christina, Corrie, Penny Slater, Glenna Jones, Lowell Meredith Jr., Alexa, Dylan, Vicky Pairan, Ralph Phillips, Jim Palmer, family of Roger Taylor, Harry Arnold, Tim, Kevin, Monica, family of Wayne Forsythe. 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 Bonnie Goldsberry who will celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to John & Barb Ulmer who will celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary next Sunday.

**Midweek Advent Services** will be held on Wednesdays December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 PM in St. John's Hall. We will use a form of evening prayer (vespers), with the texts set to the tunes of familiar Christmas hymns. We will also sing one Advent and one Christmas hymn, with a brief homily (sermon) on a Scripture reading and the hymns.

### **Christmas Eve/Day Services:**

- Tuesday, Dec. 24: 5:00pm and 9:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25: 10:30am Christmas Day Worship Service (wearing of pjs acceptable)

**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.

**Community Christmas Variety Show** will be held at Sheridan High School Dec. 13 and 14, 7:30pm. The Show features nearly 50 local vocalists singing Christmas favorites; both sacred and secular. There will also be soloists, a children's choir, and the funny antics of two endmen. Tickets cost \$5 adult; \$3 student and can be purchased in advance from any member of the cast or at the door on both evenings. A very cheap night out! Proceeds go to scholarships for seniors in the performing arts. Feel free to call John Ulmer @ 740-281-7672 for additional information. Hope to see you there!!

**Children's Christmas Program**, "*A Prophet Foretold the Messiah*" will be held on Sunday, Dec. 22, 9:15am in the Sanctuary. The program is under the direction of Pastor Theresa Jacobson. Rehearsals will be held on the following days:

- Sunday, Dec. 8 - During Adventures in Faith from 9:15-10:15 am
  - Sunday, Dec 15 - During Adventures in Faith from 9:15-10:15 am
  - Sunday, Dec 15 - AFTER church, we will have a dress rehearsal with participants. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon. We will do a dress rehearsal from 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. (approx.)
- \* Please note the TWO rehearsals on December 15th!!!!

**Tuesday's Table** - December's Tuesday Table has been cancelled due to several scheduling conflicts. Clay Haus is now scheduled for Jan 28 at 5pm. A minimum of 24 are needed so please sign up on the new sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. A buffet is being considered. Questions, contact Jim or Sharon Roshon at 7404673198.

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

**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)

**Lancaster Community Band** will host a holiday concert, “*Triumph of the Skies*,” on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2:00pm, at Faith Memorial Church, 2610 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster, Ohio. Free admission.

**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.

**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.

**The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty** thanks all veterans who fought to protect our freedoms, especially the freedom to worship. The day after America was attacked in 1941, thousands volunteered to fight for America’s freedom. See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) for more information.

**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 8-15

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	B. Davy
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Millersport
<u>Tuesday</u>	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise
	5:30pm	Sewing
	7:00pm	Advent Worship
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	11:30am	LifeWise
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	12:00pm	D. Henderson
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Children’s Program Rehearsal

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis, Grant McCallum  
Greeters:  
Lector: Ginger O'Reilly (8am); Paul Moentman (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis, Grant McCallum  
Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (10:30)  
Lector: Jeff Stought (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)  
Acolytes:  
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Dec. 1: 8:00: 32; 10:30: 119; 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