

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 23, 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 | Betty Shell, Gregg Thomas, David Ridenour, Fran Kelly, Cindi, Tyler, Barb, Amanda, Linda, Baby Addie, Linda & Duane Kight, Marshall, MaryAnn Shell, the Lutheran Church of South Sudan. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Important upcoming dates:

- Today, 9:15am - **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Annual Meeting Reminder: To be an eligible voter you must be a confirmed member who communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

2022 Annual Report is complete. Please pick up a copy of it and the 2023 Budget in the gathering space, read through them, and bring them and any questions you may have to the Annual Meeting.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Ron & Kay Mohler who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow.

Happy Birthday wishes to Kathy Aberegg who will celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

Newsletter Articles for the November "Gracevine" are due in the church office tomorrow.

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. Red is the liturgical color of Reformation Sunday because it represents the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear red in celebration of the day! Also, we will celebrate with five youth who will be confirmed during the 10:30 service.

Masks During Communion Distribution - Beginning on October 30th, those persons involved in communion distribution will no longer be required to wear a mask (they may choose to do so on their own). As a result we will continue to provide disposable masks in the Gathering Space. If you prefer to mask during communion please feel free to bring your own or pick one up in the Gathering Space.

Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) Special Offering - On Reformation Sunday (October 30th) we will be taking up a special offering to support the LCSS. The Church Council has set a one time goal of \$5,000 to be raised to support two \$2,500 scholarships for seminarians in the LCSS. This is a mission opportunity to spread the Gospel. Please consider a special offering over and above your regular giving to support our sister church.

Connections Magazine - If you are interested in a subscription to *Connections Magazine*, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway. Connections is a bi-monthly magazine produced by Sola Publishing and is similar, though not identical, to *The Lutheran Magazine*. Connections contains mostly theological devotional articles written for Lutheran laity and is a quality resource. If we have 31 or more subscribers, the cost is only \$16.00 per subscription. We have a budget line for such a subscription, but if you are interested in covering the cost of your own subscription, you can indicate that on an offering envelope.

Party in the Parking Lot!

When- October 27th from 6pm -8pm Trick Or Treat Night

What- Candy, Popcorn, Hot Chocolate!! Music!! Prizes for the best 3 costumes!!!

Who- Everyone! community invited!

Thankoffering Sunday is November 13. Let's fill the church with non-perishable food and soaps!! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. The food and soaps will be divided between the Glenford Food Pantry, Millersport Food Pantry, and the Thornville Food Pantry. A table for your donations has been set up in the gathering space. You can also make a monetary donation by using one of the Thankoffering envelopes on the table, or by marking "Thankoffering" on your offering envelope.

A Ladies Luncheon is planned for Sunday, Nov. 6th following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be served, then a "Post-Covid Reboot" meeting will be held to begin reorganizing the Women of Grace. Women of all ages welcome. Please sign the sheet in the gathering space or RSVP to the church office 740-246-6576 so enough food will be prepared.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated Nov. 6th. It is a day we pay tribute to those members and loved ones who have received God's gift of eternal life during the past twelve months. If you would like to bring in one or two pictures of your loved one(s) in a stand-up frame before that Sunday, the pictures will be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.

A New Confirmation Class for 8th graders and older unconfirmed youth will begin soon. A parent/student meeting will be held on Sunday, October 30, 9:15am. The current students will be confirmed that day during the 10:30 service. Class will be taught by Pastor Tom during Adventures in Faith time (Sundays, 9:15am) in Classroom 1.

Men's Breakfast - There is interest in starting a men's monthly breakfast meeting for fellowship, prayer, and lite Bible study, most likely on a Saturday morning at a nearby restaurant. If interested in participating, please sign up with your cell phone (or preferred contact information), and we will be in touch about a meeting time. For more information, contact Pr. Tom 605-760-9210 or Larry Arnold 740-323-6916.

Acolyte Training: We are going to begin scheduling acolytes again for the 10:30 service. We will hold a training session for all those that have never volunteered before, or that may need a refresher. This training is scheduled for Sunday November 13th at 9:00am in the sanctuary and should only last about a ½ hour. Acolytes are still needed to sign up in meantime! If you have any questions please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

An Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration - Mark your calendars for Sunday evening December 4, 2022 for *An old fashioned Christmas celebration in Thornville!* The Theme is *It's a Wonderful Life in Thornville!* Parade dressing for Christmas time and It's a Wonderful Life Theme! Parade to start at 4:30 from the Thornville Park and ending at the Masonic Lodge where sandwiches 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! Please come support this family event and celebrate our season!

Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate on December 4 "*It's a Wonderful Life in Thornville*" event. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed. Anyone interested can call or text Lynda Chalfant at 740.398.4981. Or home phone 740.246.5370. Cookies and hot chocolate can be dropped off in the church kitchen on 12/4 (Sunday).

Greeters - We encourage you to sign up to be a greeter for whichever service you attend. A clipboard sign up sheet is located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Backpack Ministry truly appreciates all donations of food and extra funds to this Ministry. We are now serving **76** students! We will use lots of grocery bags and the larger clicklist grocery bags. Donation bins are located in the atrium. Monetary gifts may be given through your offering envelope, just write "Backpack Ministry" on the envelope. If you would like to volunteer to help bag the food contact Barb Ulmer 740-281-7673 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

Reminder: Election Day is November 8th.

SCHEDULE FOR OCT 23-30		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	ANNUAL MEETING
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Millersport
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00am	Quilting
<u>Thursday</u>	6:00pm	Party in the Parking Lot
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Meeting
	10:30am	Worship - Confirmation
	11:45am	Women Meet

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am), John Ulmer (10:30)
 Greeters: Scott & Tara Schultz (8am)
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Lector: Casey Sigler/Lisa Duerson (10:30)
 Greeters: Anna & Pete Oberhauser (8am)
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 31; 10:30: 92

Giving: General: \$5271.; Mission Fund: \$25.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$115.; Local Food: \$80.; Backpack: \$790.; Vogt family: \$5.; Homeless Shelter: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$25.; Scholarship: \$10.; Memorial Fund: \$70. Total: \$5,271.00