

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 18, 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. Parents, please make sure all bags and items are returned to the Greeters following each service. Thank You.

**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** | Irene Forsythe, Carl Keaser, Rick Rockwell, John Ulmer, Mike Maxwell, Family of Charles Palmer, John Cooperrider, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Andrew Smith, Jake & Denise Knox, Pat Gallagher, Carol Shrider, Marion, Melissa Daniels, Lynn Stough, Richard Gothard, Jason Snider, Charlotte Kincaid, Mike Carson, Michael Cole, Kelly Pairan, Kyger Hardy, Mark Frye, Jim Williams, John Davis, Jess & family, Ryan, Irene, Terry, Kim, Melissa, Al, Diane, Jim, Brittany, Jean Family of Donita McFarland, Bob Lamp, Family of Thelma Crader. 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 by Janet Boyer, in loving memory of her husband, Dean, who passed on May 21, 2023.

**Hospitalized** this past week: Irene Forsythe in Fairfield Medical Center.

**Attention Graduates:** We want to honor you! We would like your photo along with the name of your school, graduation date, and plans for the future in the church office. Info and photo can be emailed to [office@gracethornville.org](mailto:office@gracethornville.org) Photos and info needed by May 25. Graduation Sunday will be June 1. For more info contact Linda Keaser (740-403-4197).

**Paul Varner Scholarship Fund** applications are available at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space. Application deadline is June 30th of current year. Applicants need to submit a completed application, an essay of 500 words or more (750 maximum) describing their recent involvement at Grace Church and how your involvement has created an awareness of the need to help others, a high school final grade card or transcript, and formal proof of acceptance to secondary education institution. Please contact Beth Raab 740-755-6410 or any council member for more information.

**Tuesday's Table** will meet on May 27, 5pm, at Clay's Café in Hebron. Please RSVP at the Congregation Corner in the gathering space.

**Newsletter Articles** for the June *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Wednesday.

**The Perry Housing Coalition** would like to **thank the Grace Lutheran Youth Group** for their generous donation from their Easter breakfast. It is estimated that approximately 35 people are homeless each day in Perry County. Currently Perry County does not provide any funds to help the unhoused in Perry County. The Perry Housing Coalition operates on donations and an auction that is held each year. The Coalition is grateful for the generous donation from the youth of Grace Lutheran Church. The Perry Housing Coalition also is instrumental in building the Blessing Boxes all over the county and are thankful that Grace Lutheran shares in the vision of helping folks with food insecurity. We believe God loves everyone.

**Crochet Club** - "Threads of Grace" will meet for the summer on June 29, July 27, and August 24, 1:30pm in St. John's Hall. They will also meet weekly on Thursdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall June 19-July 31, for a fun summer break activity for the kids. Questions, contact Daria Carr 740-684-0534.

**Thornville Community VBS:** This summer's VBS pre-registration is open, and closes Monday, May 26. To register online: [vbspro.events/p/thornville2025](https://vbspro.events/p/thornville2025) or pick up a paper form in the gathering space. There is also QR code information in the gathering space. YOUTH, grades 7 through HS, we would love your help to serve as assistant crew or station leaders. Even if you do not have each day free, we would love to have you any morning. DATES: June 9-13, 2025; 9am-noon daily. To volunteer or for questions, contact Pr Theresa Jacobson (text: 605-760-9197) or Beth Raab (text: 740-755-6410 or [braab7478@gmail.com](mailto:braab7478@gmail.com)).

**Thornville VBS Mission Projects:** This year's *True North* VBS will focus on local need and we are asking for your help in this endeavor. Items welcomed for this summer are listed below, and may be dropped off in the atrium entrance. For the Food Pantry: Peanut butter, Tuna in cans, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Paper towels, Toilet paper, Shower soap in bar form. For Backpack Ministry: Canned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli, etc), Canned soups (including hearty stews and soups), Canned veggies (including green or brown beans, corn, peas, carrots or mixed vegetables). Thank You for your generosity!

**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. Let's see if we can beat our 2024 collection of 29.7 pounds!

**"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 MAY 18-25		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult AIF & Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	1:00pm	K. Simmons
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult AIF
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Greeters: Bob & Becky Reynolds (10:30)  
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Grant McCallum  
 Greeters: Liz & Lisa Duerson (10:30)  
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Abby Duerson, Sophia Rockey (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 5/11: 8:00: 20; 10:30: 102

**Giving:** General: \$4,154.50; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$10.; Backpack: \$105.; Good Samaritan: \$10.; Pastor Didi: \$300.; LifeWise: \$400.; Heartbeats: \$225.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; AIF: \$70.; Memorial Fund: \$810. Total: \$6,157.00