

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2, 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 | Family of Sarah Stought, Betty Shell, Gregg Thomas, family of Stuart Pierce, family of Carolyn Zollinger, Mark, Nicki, family of Rick Riley, Anthony, Cathy, Deb, all those battling cancer, John Hunka, Katie, Robert Edwards, families of those who lost loved ones on 9/11, Sharon, Irene Forsythe, Anne Pairan, Dan Ulmer, Frank Forsythe, David Ridenour, Tyler, Scotty Crossman, Barb, Brandon, Rick Stephens, Michael Forsythe, Weaver family. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Next Sunday Pastor Jordan Long, President of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) will preach the sermon. He will be sharing the story of the war-torn church consisting of over 300 congregations, located in several countries. Among other things, this story includes how genocide and ethnic cleansing have taken its toll on the people, especially the men, and even more so pastors. More importantly, Pr. Long will also share how our good God is at work in the LCSS healing the refugees.

Important upcoming dates:

- Next Sunday, 9:15am - **Budget Handout only, as Pr. Jordan Long will lead Sunday School**
- Sunday, Oct. 16, 9:15am - **Budget Forum to discuss 2023 Budget**
- Sunday, Oct 23rd, 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.

The Nominating Committee is working to secure nominations for the following council positions, to be filled at the Annual Meeting, each with a 2 year term beginning January 2023: Vice President, Council Secretary, Upreach Leader, Inreach Leader, Outreach Leader. If you feel led to be nominated for one of these positions please contact Kelly O'Reilly 740-973-3158 or keoreilly1@gmail.com

The Quilters of Grace are pleased to display the quilts that were made for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be dedicated as part of the worship service, then they will be ready to ship to LWR. Thank you, Quilters, for your dedication to this project.

Card Shower requested for Margaret Winegardner who will celebrate her 95th birthday on October 3. Cards may be mailed to her home address: 112 Foster Dr., Thornville OH 43076.

Surprise Card Shower requested for Betty Shell who will celebrate her 98th birthday on October 4. Betty has recently moved to Altercare Thornville, Room 204A, 14100 Zion Rd, Thornville, OH 43076. She is a long time member of Grace, but has been homebound for several years.

Another Surprise Card Shower is requested for Jim Harrison who will celebrate his 80th birthday on October 25. Cards can be given or sent to his daughter, Ginger O'Reilly, 151 Canyon Villa Dr., Hebron OH 43025.

The Forsythe Family - Irene, Michael, Frank, and Gregg - would like to thank everyone for the cards received, calls, and prayers on their recent health issues and hospitalizations.

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.

Manna Monday Community Supper will be served tomorrow, then on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Tomorrow's menu: Sausage & wild rice casserole, glazed carrots, waldorf salad, bread, dessert, beverage. Volunteers are needed!! Contact Sue Cottrill 740-258-8060 to volunteer.

Candy Needed!! The youth groups are asking for donations of candy for our "Party in the Parking Lot" on Thursday, Oct 27 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Adult helpers also needed. Candy collection tubs are near the exit. Contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 or Kathy Skillman 740-605-9681.

Party in the Parking Lot!

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

What- Candy, Popcorn, Hot Chocolate!! Music by local DJ Kurtus!! Prizes for the best 3 costumes!!!

Who- Everyone! community invited!

Attention Women of Grace: We want to restart the women's group! It's been too long without you! An informal organizational meeting will be held here on Tuesday, October 11, 10:30am. Please plan to attend! If unable to attend, but interested, please contact Pastor Tom. pastor@gracethornville.org

October Is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's all show our appreciation to Pastor Tom by sending him a card, an email, or simply saying thanks.

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.

The Men of Grace choir will be starting up again soon! We will plan on singing in church on October 23, and we will be practicing on the two or three Thursday nights at 8pm before this date. Contact John Ulmer 740-281-7672.

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.

Perry County Housing Coalition will be holding a Chinese Auction on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 to raise money to build a homeless shelter in Perry County. Any contributions to the auction would be greatly appreciated and they will proudly list your name with your item(s) as well in the program. To donate items for the event, contact Judge Luann Cooperrider 740-281-9900; David Weber 740-974-0680; or Brenda Carney 740-974-5536. Mark your calendar for this event as they will have a 50/50, baskets, gift cards, special raffles, and food. Doors will open at 4pm, drawing begins at 7pm at the St. Rose Community Center, New Lexington.

SCHEDULE FOR OCT 2-9

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Manna Monday
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Lancaster
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00am	Extension Homemakers
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>NextSunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Budget Forum
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am), Lisa Duerson (10:30)
Greeters: Susan Cheney (10:30)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am), Bob Reynolds (10:30)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 23; 10:30: 101

Giving: General: \$3283.88; NALC: \$50.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$75.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Vogt family: \$5.; Flower Fund: \$50. Total: \$3,493.88