

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 20, 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 | 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 | 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 Ruth Garrison, Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Rick Rockwell, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Bradley, Joyce Moore, Jodi Stickdorn, Ashley, Mike Frye, Bobbie Roshon, Holly Culver, The Cook Family, Robin, Family of Harry Goldsberry, Family of Linda Shaeffer, Terri, Brittany, Danny Proch. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Important Upcoming Date:

- Sunday, November 3, 2024, 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.

2024 Annual Report is available in the gathering space. Please read it over and bring it to the Annual Meeting with any questions.

Happy Birthday wishes to John Lutz whose birthday is today, and to Kathy Aberegg who will celebrate her birthday next Sunday.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Pastor Theresa Jacobson and family on the recent death of her step-mother, Ruth Garrison.

Steve Carr would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and well-wishes on his recent tendon surgery. He is healing well.

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. A cake and punch reception will be held following the 10:30 service.

Candy Needed: We are requesting donations of candy to be given away at the annual Party-In-The-Parking-Lot on Thursday, October 31 from 6pm -8pm . Please place bags of individually wrapped candies in the Donation Tubs at the Atrium entrance or gathering space. Adult helpers also needed. Contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

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

NALC Disaster Response has scheduled a *Stuff the Truck* event at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grove City on November 3. We will accept your donations here through Oct. 28, in the atrium entrance, then transport them to Grove City for the event. Suggested donations include shovels, rakes, and mops, gift cards for Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot, flood buckets, healthcare kits. For monetary donations, just write *Disaster* on your offering envelope. An updated Disaster Response Kit Packing List is included in the bulletin.

Tuesday's Table - The next Tuesday's Table will be at Hometown Hotdog in Millersport on Oct 22 at 5pm. Sign up sheet is in Gathering Space. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Jim or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

LifeWise Academy meets here on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A Security Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the Gathering Space to assist kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back as part of the LifeWise Program. We need at least two people each day: **Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:45 pm; Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:30 pm.** Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program. Please add your name to the list as you are able.

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.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 3rd. 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 (include their name), before that Sunday, the pictures will be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.

Thankoffering Sunday will be celebrated on November 10. Please start bringing in non-perishable food items for our local food pantries - Thornville, Glenford, Millersport. Giving in this way shows gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude.

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." The purpose of this ministry is: "to partner with Christian Lutheran churches both locally and in the USA to provide holistic care (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to people struggling in remote villages, and orphaned children so that they can be integrated well into society, but also be sufficiently equipped to lead effective change in their communities." We do that through directing "all to Jesus, so that they can find life in Him, experience His love and grace, and then start to share that with the community around them." 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)

Youth Mission/Service Trip for 2025. There are weeks available from mid June to close to the end of July. Please think and talk about first 1. if you plan on going on the trip this summer, second 2. which site you would want to go for, and third 3. what weeks absolutely won't work. From that information, I can make some more concrete plans. We will need to get enough spots reserved. There are locations in both Loveland, Colorado and Kenosha, Wisconsin. The website of the organization is groupmissiontrips.com if you want to look at it more yourself. For the "Week of Hope" trips, the cost is \$348 per person, but we have quite a bit of money in the youth account that could cover a good amount of that if not the entire amount, depending on how many people we have going. Please let Pastor Tom know your thoughts about the above. You can email pastor@gracethornville.org.

Blessing Box - Our new 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!

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.

"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>

"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 and/or texts 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 or text, please let the church office know.

SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 20-27		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Variety Show Practice
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Lancaster
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	6:00pm	Monticello Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	10:30am	Worship - Confirmation
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice
	2:00pm	Hupp

Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Greeters: Dennis DeRolph (10:30)
Lector: Karen Pairan (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

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Attendance: Oct 13: 8:00: 27; 10:30: 95
Giving: General: \$4,114.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$240.; NALC: \$25.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$10.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$150.; Capital Campaign: \$40. Total: \$4,784.00