

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 9, 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 Mary Winegardner, Betty Shell, Gregg Thomas, Doug Hedges, Emily B., Fran Kelly, David Ridenour, Tyler, family of Joe Jeter, family of Nick Bisesi, those devastated by Hurricane Ian. Prayer of thanksgiving for return to health. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim & Karen Lewis.

We Welcome Pastor Jordan Long, President of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan (LCSS) to our pulpit today. 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:

- Today, 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

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mary Winegardner who passed away on Sunday, October 2. Funeral services were held here on Wednesday.

Congratulations to Deziree Gilgien & Preston Emmert on the October 4th birth of their son, Jax Raphial, weighing 7lb., 6oz. Proud great-grandma is Beth Gilgien.

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.

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!

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.

Margaret Winegardner would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and messages she received.

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.

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.

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.

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.

A Special Meeting of the Perry County Community Improvement Corporation is called for Monday, October 17, beginning at 2pm in the lower level of the Perry Campus building at the County Home Farm (5454 OH-37 E; across from the County Fairgrounds). Purpose of the meeting is to elect board members, officers and members of the executive committee; to review strategies for economic and community development in Perry County; and to discuss and consider proposals for using state and federal funds for economic and community development purposes.

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 9-16

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Budget
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sewing
<u>Monday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00am	Women's Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>		
<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

Serving this Sunday:

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

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am), Kelly O'Reilly (10:30)
Lector: Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
Greeters: Shane Rockey family (10:30)
Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00am - 38; 10:30: 80

Giving: General: \$1935.94; Improvement Fund: \$5.; NALC: \$123.; TEAF: \$37.; Local Food: \$55.; Backpack: \$110.; World Hunger: \$25.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Manna Monday: \$40.; Vogt family: \$5. Total: \$2,340.99