

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 31, 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 | Mike Maxwell, John Cooperrider, Lynn Stough, Ryan, Irene, Terry, Kim, Marilyn Sullivan, Carolyn Merryman, Jackie, Bradley, Michael, Cathy, Janet Hodge, Chad Hamilton, Denise & Jake, Helen, Jackson, Jean, Ladd Good, Dean Severance, Bob, Gary Clouse, Heather Courter, Chris B., Rick, Trent, John Davis, Christi, George, Kelli, Tom, Beth Miller, Jim Gardull, Ashley and her baby boy, Molly, Jimmy, Ashley, Brad & Katrina, Jean, Brittany, Charlie, Shawn Scott, Pastor Tom, Michelle, Family of Beau Morehouse, Debbie & family, Joyce, Matt. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in celebration of the Labor Day holiday.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Bob & Becky Reynolds who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on Friday, September 5.

Crochet Club will meet today, August 31, at 1:30pm. Open to all who want to learn! Questions, contact Daria Carr 740-684-0534.

Choir Practices will begin here this Thursday, September 4, at 7:00pm.

Jim & Karen Lewis will continue to lead their adult Sunday School class beginning on September 7, at 9:15am. They are continuing the catechism study book and meeting in the church library. All welcome to attend!

Kick-Off Party for the new season of **Kfrogs [Kids Fully Relying On God (2-6th grades)]** and **KFC [Kids Following Christ (Grades 7-12)]** will be held on Sunday, September 7th, following the 10:30 service. All kids grade 2nd -12th and their parents are invited to attend. This meeting is to get an idea of who is interested in participating in the youth groups so we can make plans and look forward to this next year! Bring your ideas of things you'd like to do! Lunch will be provided.

Grace Notes Handbell practice starts Monday, September 8, 7:00pm. More ringers needed! If you're twelve or older, can read music and count to four you qualify! Come try it out! The bell choir practices on Monday nights, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and rings for the 10:30 service on Sundays once a month and on special occasions.

Friendship Circle will meet here on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30am. Kaye Smith will lead the Bible study.

Backwoods Fest: We will be working the Backwoods Fest again this year, slingin' Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, along with Pumpkin Spice Bread. There are 3 shifts on Friday Sept. 19, Saturday Sept 20, & Sunday Sept 21, so lots of opportunity to help. Parking is free; however, there is a \$12.00 entrance fee for those over age 10. Entrance tickets are available for our volunteers for free admission, or fees will be reimbursed from the Youth Fund upon request. All workers must wear a hat or hairnet. Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space. Questions, please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405, or Kelly O'Reilly 740-973-3158. Please volunteer! This is a major fundraiser for our Youth!!

LifeWise Academy meets here on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the school year beginning September 10. 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, or you can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46624287-lifewise#/>

Nominating Committee members for this year are Richard Rockwell, Kaye Smith, and Vicki Jones. They are currently soliciting candidates for the soon to be vacant 2026 Council positions, which include President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you would like to serve, or know someone who would like to serve, please contact Rick at 740-624-2241, Kaye at 740-403-1482, or Vicki at 740-403-7311.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, November 2, 2025** between the worship services. A **Budget Forum & Constitution Forum** will be held on **Sunday, October 12, 2025** between the worship services.

Year-End Reports for our Annual Report are due in the church office by October 5.

Mission Project 2025: Health Care Kits and Bibles for the NALC Disaster Response Team! During August and September we will be collecting Health Care Kit items. A box is located in the Atrium door area and in the Gathering Space for donations. Items needed are listed; you can donate individual items or feel free to put together a full kit on your own. **Health Kit:** 1 two-gallon plastic storage bag (used to pack items), 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 shampoo (2 if travel size), 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size), 1 toothbrush (individually sealed), 1 pack dental floss (optional), 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size), 1 comb, 1 deodorant, 1 nail clippers (optional) . **Bibles:** new or used (highlighted, underlined text acceptable), child, teen, or adult; Bible story books for children; Prayer books.

"All God's creatures got a place in the choir" - If you don't know this song, do yourself a favor and look it up on YouTube. What fun! We will paraphrase and say "All God's PEOPLE got a place in the choir" The song goes: *All God's creatures got a place in the choir, Some sing low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, Some just clap their hands or paws, or anything they've got now.* While us Lutherans probably won't be doing much clapping of hands or Paws or anything, LOL, we certainly do love music and singing here at Grace. Choir is starting back up and there is a place for YOU in the choir. There is always a need for new voices. You don't need to be able to read music. You just need to want to praise the Lord in song and it helps if you can carry a tune more or less! The group is welcoming, and fun, and committed to this ministry. If you have questions please contact choir director Diane Christensen at 740-215-2396 or dchris174@gmail.com. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting on September 4th. We are holding "YOUR place in the choir!" 🎵

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 AUG 31- SEPT 7		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	AIF
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	<i>Labor Day - Office Closed</i>	
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	11:00am	V. Jones
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	AIF
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	KFC, Kfrogs Kick-Off

Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
Greeters:
Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
Greeters:
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); John Ulmer (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8/24: 8:00: 31; 10:30: 66
Giving: General: \$5,517.; LWR: \$25.; NALC: \$130.; TEAF: \$60.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack Ministry: \$135.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$155.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; AIF Mission: \$15. Total: \$6,222.00