

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 19, 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** | The family of Larry Arnold, Vicki Lollini, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Robin Nelson, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Susan Ballantine, Kevin Runyon, James Runyon, Mike Z., Robert, Shaun, Tim, Cathy, Charlie, Brittany, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, family of Pat Dennis, Justin, Scott Reynard, family of David Eugene Kochensparger, Jo, Carlos, David, George, Sherry, The Henry Family, John Moriarty, Bonnie and Joe Asta, Noah Frost, Kenny, Rachel, Family of Paul Cline, Family of Stephanie Cremeans, Char McCasland, Donna Mickey, Jim Mickey, Jane, Fred Nigro. 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 Jim and Sharon Roshon in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to Valinda Arnold and family on the death of her husband, Larry, on May 11. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, 12:00pm, at the Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the funeral home, 985 N. 21st St. Newark.

**Beth Gilgien** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards on her recent surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Tom and Pastor Theresa!

**Adventures in Faith** - We are now on break for the summer. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to spend time with God! Sunday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day and Backpack Blessing.

**Choir and Handbells** - The final choir practice of the season will be this Thursday at 7:00pm. Then, no more practices through the summer. See you in the fall!

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

**Northern Local Evening of Impact | LifeWise Academy** thanks Grace for the time, effort, sacrifice and love poured into this ministry and for serving the public-school students at NLSD. As a result, Grace members (as well as friends, coworkers, neighbors, family members, business owners and life groups) have been invited on May 20<sup>th</sup> to attend a celebration with desserts at Somerset Community Church 137-141 Main Street from 6:30-8:30 pm. The goal is to celebrate the past year and to look for ways to fund the program in the future. If interested in attending, please go to the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/240776323375157>

**Vacation Bible School | SCUBA VBS**, June 10-14, 9am-noon, at Grace Lutheran Church, Pre-K at Thornville United Methodist Church. Registration opens April 26. Pick up a Registration form in the gathering space or register online: [www.vbspro.events/p/thornville.vbs2024](http://www.vbspro.events/p/thornville.vbs2024) See Beth Raab, Pr Theresa Jacobson, or Lillie Rockwell to help or for more information.

**Vacation Bible School** | The VBS team is in need of helpers (adult or youth, 7th grade and up) willing to serve during VBS week, June 10-14, 9am-noon, here at Grace. Helpers would assist crew leaders to usher small groups of children to each station, or assist teachers in their area; for example, the daily Bible story or in the Pre-K program. Helpers are not in charge, but are vital to our VBS program. See Beth Raab, Pr Theresa Jacobson, or Lillie Rockwell with questions or to volunteer, and we'll be happy to give more details. Grab and friend and volunteer together; it's fun and rewarding! We cannot do it without you!

**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) Graduation Sunday will be June 9. For more information contact Linda Keaser (740-403-4197).

**Paul Varner Scholarship Fund** applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Fire Inspection Notice** - Please note that "hold open devices" are prohibited on all fire doors. This means that we can no longer have hold open devices attached to the main entrance doors to the Gathering Space, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall. We are currently looking into installing magnetic hold-open devices with automatic door closers in case of a fire, which will take time. In the meantime, there are rubber door stoppers available for short-time use. However, keep in mind that these doors must stay closed when not in use. For example, after church services and other church functions.

**Save Energy!** With the increase in heating and electricity bills, it is now more important than ever to do everything we can to reduce energy usage. Last year we replaced all lights with LED lights. This year we would like everyone to close doors and turn off lights when not in use, especially class rooms, sanctuary, gathering space, fellowship hall and Noah's club. Thank you for saving energy!

**Offering Counting Team** - Ever wonder what happens to the offering at the end of the service? Want to get involved in the church, but don't have a lot of time? This is the ministry for you!!! Come be a part of the Offering Counting Team. These teams will consist of 2-3 people responsible for counting the offering then delivering it to the bank in Thornport. Training will be provided. Interested? Contact Jim Lewis 740-503-0476 or security@gracethornville.org, Jackie Combs - giving@gracethornville.org or contact the church office.

**The Quilting Group** is in need of backing for their quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are asking for donations of queen size flat sheets. Those sheets could be new or used as long as there are no stains. Any color is also fine. If anyone has fabric they would like to donate, or has questions, please contact Jeni Lahman at jenilahman@gmail.com or 614.371.4851 (cell). A donation bin has been placed in the atrium entrance.

**Church Key Holders** - If you are a key holder of the church, please be aware that changes are coming! Until then, if you are the last one in the church, please ensure that all doors (office and exterior) are locked. If you arrive during office hours, please let Beth or Pastor know you are in the building and check out with them when you leave. If there are multiple groups meeting or working in the church, please communicate with each other about locking up. If there are problems or no key holders are available, please contact Jim Lewis at 740-503-0476.

**Security Volunteers** - I am looking for a few individuals that would be willing to "keep an eye on things" during services and would be willing to ensure that all doors are locked at the end of service. I may need some assistance with other tasks, like when I am on vacation, but I promise nothing major. If you are interested, please contact Jim Lewis at 740-503-0476 or security@gracethornville.org

**Blessing Box** - Our 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. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

**Helping Hand** - A local fund has been established to help a senior uncle and nephew (Carlos and David) in our area transition into senior housing. The move is necessary for their immediate well-being, and funds will be used for moving expenses, furniture, kitchen/bath supplies, and personal items. To contribute to this fund, simply note "Carlos/David Fund" in your benevolence. For more information about the situation, contact Susan Cheney (220) 228-2867 at Grace or Terry Horn (740) 503-2200 at Life Vineyard Church in Pleasantville.

**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. You can access these weekly reflections at the following link, which will also be provided in the weekly email reminder about worship for the coming Sunday: <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 MAY 19-MAY 26		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Monticello Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	12:00pm	M. Hanson
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship

**Attendance:** May 12<sup>th</sup>: 8:00: 51 ; 10:30: 105

**Giving:** May 5: General: \$7,677.46; LWR: \$25; NALC: \$60.; TEAF: \$13.; Local Food: \$150.; Carlos & David: \$15.; Backpack: \$401.; Pastor Didi: \$300.; Vogt Family: \$15; LifeWise: \$325.; Heartbeats: \$25.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Scholarship: \$20. Total: \$9,031.46

**Giving (cont):** May 12: General: \$4,503.; Improvement: \$5; NALC: \$150; Lancaster Food: \$10; Local Food: \$45; Carlos & David: \$610; Backpack: \$160; Lifewise: \$200; Heartbeats: \$200; Homeless Shelter: \$5; Varner Scholarship: \$20.; LCSS:\$100. Total: \$6,008.00

**Serving Today:**  
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Jim Roshon (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Mack Reedy and Abby Duerson (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**  
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Karen Pairan (8am); Paul Moentmann (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Krislyn Straits (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons