

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 5, 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 Donna Winegardner, 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, family of Eric Forgrave, George, Sherry, The Henry Family, Karen & Madonna, John Moriarty, family of Alan Mowery, Bonnie and Joe Asta, the Family of Rodger West. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Robert Forsythe by Susan Forsythe.

First Communion Class - Saturday, May 11th 10:00 a.m. Anyone from the First Communion class that would like to help make communion bread for the Sunday services is invited to join Pastor Theresa at Grace Lutheran in the kitchen. Sunday, May 12th First Communion Sunday.

Adventures in Faith - Last day of AIF before summer break will be May 12. Sunday, Aug 11th is Rally Day and Backpack Blessing.

Spaghetti Dinner - Sunday May 5th, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 service. Cost is donation and all proceeds will go towards purchasing a new outdoor nativity set for the church. Hosted by our Youth. Spaghetti, salad, breads and desserts will be served. If you would like to help please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 or Pastor Theresa 740-242-2192.

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 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!

Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is scheduled for **May 11**, 9:00am. Volunteers appreciated! This is a servant event for our Youth and families. Time commitment is approximately 2 hours that morning. Contact Pastor Tom for more info: pastor@gracethornville.org

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 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 30th 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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

"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 5-MAY 12		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	First Communion Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Spaghetti Dinner
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	5:30pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00am	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up
	10:00am	First Communion Bread Baking
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	9:15am	First Communion Class
	10:30am	Worship - First Communion
		<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Jim Lewis (10:30)
 Greeters:
 Lector: Kaye Smith(8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
 Acolytes: Luke Washburn and Karsen Large (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters:
 Lector: Karen Pairan (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
 Acolytes: Henrik and Helena Jacobson (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00: 25; 10:30: 94

Giving: April 21st General: \$4,368.; Mission Fund: \$25.; Disaster Response: \$50.; NALC: \$35.; TEAF: \$20.; Local Food: \$75.; Carlos & David: \$15.; Backpack: \$135.; World Hunger: \$60.; WMPL (Pastor Didi): \$200.; LifeWise: \$300; Heartbeats: \$200.; Varner Scholarship: \$40.; South Sudan (LCSS): \$100. Total: \$5,623.00

April 28th Not received