

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 11, 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 Firl Crist, Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Ron Pairan, Scott Reynard, Russell Jordan, George, Sharon, Bonnie, Gary Triplett, Joyce Moore, Alan Robinson, Natalie, Kelly, Kyle, Brittany, Jean, Vicki Lollini, Tim, Cathy, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, Justin, Donna Mickey, Jim Mickey, Jane, Fred Nigro, Charlyee Jo Severance, Sherry, Terry, Chris Fetherolf, Larry, Vickie, Shaun, Brenda Colpitts, Karen, Denise, Lauren Queen, Alicia, Jessica Dyer, Kayle, David, Carl, Bill, Mike Shank family, David Carr, Pres. Trump & USA., Brittany, Caleb, Chet Ervin, Andrew Smith, family of Harold Mason, family of Kelly O'Keefe, family of Gary Roberts, Cory Hughes, Christina Johnson, Mike, Stella, Iris, Courtney, Gary, Travis, Kaeleigh & son Jaden, Rick Phillips, family of Ken Stovcik, the Newell family, Robbie, Dee. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Firl Junior Crist who passed away last Sunday, August 4. Honoring Junior's wishes, no calling hours observed. Graveside services were held Friday at Millersport Cemetery. May God's love and peace be with Vivian and Jeff at this time of loss.

Happy Birthday wishes to Kay Mohler who is celebrating her birthday today.

Welcome to Rally Day! Our Adventures in Faith (Sunday School) is kicking-off the new year at 9:15am in Noah's Club room. We will have **Backpack Blessing** during the worship services. All students and their backpacks should come forward at the appropriate time during the service. We will be praying for and blessing students of all ages. Start the new school year out right: worship, pray, and be blessed by the power and joy of God!

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

Choir Rehearsals resume August 29th. Still Thursdays at 7 pm. Some advantages to joining the choir: ① You never have to worry about what to wear. ② You have excellent seats. ③ The pastor is nearly always looking the other way. ④ You're in a wonderful spot to see new members. ⑤ You're a leader in the worship experience. See you Thursday, August 29! Questions? Contact Diane Christensen, dchris174@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Saturday, 8:00am, at Nana & Papa's Restaurant in Thornport. This is a men's monthly breakfast meeting for fellowship, prayer, and lite Bible study. For more information, contact Pr. Tom 605-760-9210.

Tuesday's Table - The next Tuesday's Table will be at the Canal Mexican Restaurant in Millersport on Aug 27th at 5pm. Sign up sheet is in Gathering Space. All are welcome!

Messy Games - All KFC and KFROGs youth are invited to test your skills at Messy Games! Annual Messy Games is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 8th from 12:00- 3:00pm!! Please wear old clothes, shoes and bring an old towel. Pizza to follow. This will be fun and MESSY!!! Can't wait to see you there! Any questions ask Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 or Theresa Jacobson 740-242-2192.

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. 20, Saturday Sept 21, & Sunday Sept 22, so lots of opportunity to help. Parking is free; however, there is a \$12.00 entrance fee for those over age 10. Booth workers are required to pay the fee in order to enter. Gate fees will be reimbursed from the Youth Fund for volunteers upon request. Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space. Questions, please contact Kelly O'Reilly 740-973-3158 or Jason Barrera 740-334-0675. Please volunteer! This is a major fundraiser for our Youth!!

Lutheran Church of South Sudan North America - LCSS would like to thank Grace Lutheran for supporting them, but now, they have a message of urgent need. A project has been in the works for awhile, Books for Africa (theology and medicine books). These books are waiting for shipment to Gambella, Ethiopia, where the seminary and college are located. The need now is to construct a library, to house the books that need to be in a climate-controlled environment. At this time, they still need to raise \$17,500 and are asking for donations of \$250, \$500, \$1000. No donation is too large or small. If anyone would like to donate, please send a check to LCSS-NA, c/o Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310.

You're Invited! Please plan on attending a new Sign dedication for the Thorn Township Food Pantry. Sunday, August 25th, 1:00 p.m. at the Food Pantry Parking lot (across from the Fire Department). Come and help celebrate over 30 years of service in our community. There will be a short ceremony and refreshments will be provided by the Thornville Lions Club.

Thornville Activities Committee (TAC) will hold an open house meeting here, at Grace, on Monday, September 23rd at 6:00pm. A Thornville-Thorn Twp. economic idea will be discussed, news about TAC, and the new multi-use trail grant will be shared.

Confirmation Class: As with last year, confirmation class will meet during the Sunday school/Adventures in Faith time in between the services. Any new eighth grade students or others who have not yet begun confirmation are invited to begin. New and current students will meet together for the first time on Sunday September 8. For any new students, please contact Pr. Tom prior to the first class, and he will provide you with a packet of information about the class and a confirmation agreement that the student is asked to sign.

The Monday Night Bible Study group meets here every Monday at 4:00pm. Questions: call Carl Keaser 740-659-2215.

Save The Date! The 2024 Stewardship Events for *Heartbeats* are Thursday, October 3rd (Cornerstone Church - Newark) and October 4th (North Terrace Church of Christ - Zanesville). 7:00 PM Social Hour (Hearty Appetizers and Desserts) 8:00 PM Program Begins. Please contact Kris.Lamphere@gmail.com (740-258-3314).

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.

Blessing Box 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.

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!

"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: <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.

Volunteer! - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. Please choose a date to serve!

- + **Greeters:** Welcoming people coming for worship, handing out bulletins, communion, etc.
- + **Lector:** Reading of the lessons.
- + **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles.

SCHEDULE FOR AUG 11-18		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Rally Day
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:30pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>		
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Nana & Papa's
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	10:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	Dartball Captains Meeting

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
 Greeters: Tom & Twila Rodgers (10:30)
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am), Vince Smith (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Diane Christensen

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters:
 Lector: Beth Gilgien (8am), Bob Reynolds (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Aug. 4: 8:00: 34 10:30: 92

Giving: 8/4: General: \$8,134.43; Lancaster Food: \$15.; Disaster: \$40.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$33.; Local Food: \$60.; Backpack: \$10.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$200.; Heartbeats: \$225.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Scholarship: \$20.; Choir: \$10.; South Sudan: \$100.; Memorial: \$69,842.75*. Total: \$78,820.18

*\$69,342.75 estate of Raymond & Winnie King