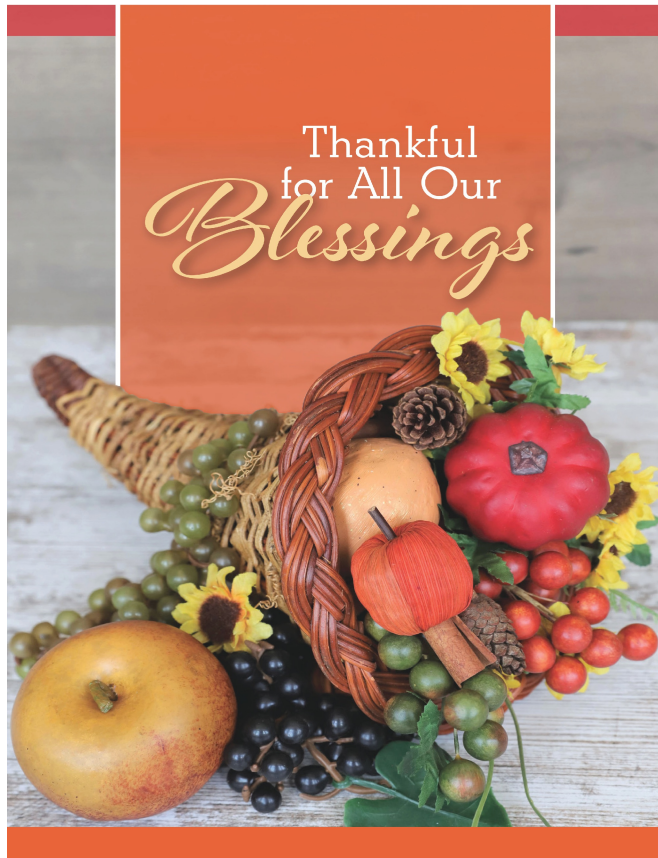


# The Grapevine

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, NALC

Our Mission: "Sharing God's Love Through Grace"

 NOVEMBER 2023



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me bear much fruit..."

## Grace Lutheran Church



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Worship: Sundays 8:00 and 10:30a.m.

### Our Staff

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pastor:                   | Tom Jacobson 740-242-2192      |
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| Bd of Women President:    | Cherl Haggenjos 740-342-2276   |
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| Facilities:               | Carl Lahman 614-329-8639       |

*Please call the church office with regard to any of the following:  
Hospitalizations; Baptisms; Confirmation; Weddings;  
First Communion; Spiritual Counseling; Prayer Concerns*

Happy Thanksgiving - November 23, 2023

## Thank You!

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy...*  
Philippians 1:3-4 ESV



As I thought about November and the national Thanksgiving holiday, a memory of an old television sitcom came to mind. Throughout the 1980s, a series called "Newhart" aired on the CBS network. Starring comedian Bob Newhart as the main character, the series recounted the misadventures of this character, who, though he was an author, somehow ended up as an innkeeper at a small hotel in Vermont. As a child, the show's humor didn't speak to me, but I mostly remember how the main character was frequently bothered by three men who were brothers. Two of them never spoke, but the one brother always introduced himself in the following way: "I'm Larry. This is my brother Darryl. This is my other brother Darryl." Now that I am grown, I can see why many found the show funny.

One episode of this show came to mind as November, the month of Thanksgiving, approached. The details are sketchy in my mind, but I remember that Bob Newhart's character received some kind of community award. Because he was afraid of leaving someone out, he decided simply to say a general "thank you" to everyone at the podium rather than listing off the people who had helped him along the way.

But as time went on, the character felt an overwhelming sense of guilt that he didn't take the time to thank specifically everyone who deserved it. The episode ended with Bob Newhart's character standing at the same podium in the late hours of the

night, struggling to remember everyone who helped him, even in some trivial way.

Our human sinful tendency is to focus on the negative, and that is part of the reason that Thanksgiving as a holiday is important. There is no end to things in this world that could be and should be different. But sometimes that reality keeps us from living in thanksgiving for the abundance we have right now, all of which stems from God's grace. God has indeed given us much at different times of life: health, family, friends, shelter, clothing, food, and life itself, just to name a few key things. Martin Luther referred to these things as "daily bread" in his Small Catechism. And God has also given us faith and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One thing I am thankful for this month and throughout the year is this church. We have a great congregation here at Grace Lutheran that consists of many great people. So, like Bob Newhart's character, I want to take the opportunity to say "thank you." The following might be more amusing for you if you imagine me like Bob Newhart, standing at a podium in the wee hours of the morning:

I want to thank Beth G. for her work in the office and organizational ability that keeps things running smoothly. I also want to thank her for the usually thankless work of cleaning, which also takes place behind the scenes.

I want to thank Sue Ellen for sharing her gift of music through organ and piano. I want to thank Cheryl and Valinda for also sharing their musical gifts in the form of organ and piano and their willingness to step in when needed. I want to thank Diane for her gift of conducting an excellent choir. I want to thank all choir members for sharing their voices and contributing to the worship life of the church. I want to thank Becky W. for her work with the Grace Notes handbell choir and all who devote their

time to enhancing our worship life through that group. I want to thank Kate, Sue Ellen, and Becky W. for helping choose hymns and songs for worship. I want to thank John for his work in organizing the Men of Grace choir and Tom W. for his willingness to direct it, even while not being a member. I want to thank Kim Lutz for sharing her gift of flute music with the choir and anyone else who helps accompany the choir.

I want to thank Paul for his steady leadership as the president of the church council and Matt for his role as vice-president. I want to thank Carl L. for his attention to detail as secretary, and I also want to thank Linda K., Vicki, and Casey for their service on the church council, making sure that the "inreach," "outreach," and "upreach" of this congregation's life receive adequate attention. I want to thank Jeff S., Amber, and Jeni for having served on the church council earlier. I want to thank Rick and Jackie for handling the congregation's finances in a good and responsible manner, always important for any organization.

I want to thank Bob for his never-failing concern for safety and security as well as efficiency. Thanks also go to Larry and Scott for assisting with him. I want to thank the following people for their willingness to serve on the medical response team: Jim, Sarah, Vince, Bill, Cindi, Cherl, Jeff H., Bonnie, Vicki, Casey, and Bob. We are so fortunate to have so many people with medical training in our congregation. I want to thank Carl L. for his work with the facilities of the congregation and everyone who has worked with him to accomplish so much, some of whom are not even officially members of Grace: Dave, Scott, Will, Pete, Jonathan, Terry, and John. Your work in the areas of electrical, HVAC, plumbing, landscaping, and general maintenance is so appreciated.

I want to thank Meg for her work as sacristan as well as Kelly and Beth R. for their continued work in preparations for worship. I want to thank Jeff S., Kelly, Jim, Tom R., Jackie, and Cabot for

serving or having served as assisting ministers and in so doing demonstrating that our liturgy is truly the work of all God's people.

I want to thank John for coordinating the lectors for Sunday morning and other worship services. I want to thank Ada, Valinda, Ana, Twila, Barry, Tom R., Becky, Rick, Beth R., Paul, Bill, Theresa, Bob, Meg, Cabot, LuAnn, Casey, Lisa, Cherl, Lillie, Chris, Kelly, Connor, Kaye, Dylan, Karen P., Jackie, Karen L., Jeff, Jim, and Jessica for serving as lectors in worship. I want to thank Rick, Meg, Kelly, and Christian for running the sound system and streaming for worship.

I want to thank everyone who has served as a greeter for worship on Sundays: Anna; Travis, Kelli, and Piper; Anna and Pete; Susan and Krislyn; Brenda, Leslie, and Emily; Shane and Jessica and family; Casey; Scott and Tara; Dennis and Marian; Rick and Vicki; Ginger; Meg; Jeff and Heather; Linda M.; Jeff and Julie; Larry and Valinda; Josie; Kelly; and Karen P. I want to thank Kolie, Henrik, Abby, Krislyn, Karsen, Brody, Brayden, Sophia, and Stella for serving as acolytes.

I want to thank Beth R. for her work with the community VBS along with all other volunteers. I want to thank Theresa and Casey for their help with organizing youth activities. I want to thank Karen P., Theresa, Jessica, Linda K., and Kelly for their help with Adventures in Faith/Sunday school for the youngest of our congregation. I want to thank Kris for facilitating the adult Sunday school group in between the two services.

I want to thank Tom R. for changing the message on the church sign almost weekly as well as for assisting with shut-in visitation. I want to thank Kate, Daria, Beth R., Theresa, and Barb for their work with the Backpack Ministry. I want to thank Kelly and Jason for organizing the Backwoods Fest volunteers and everyone who has volunteered to help with that endeavor.

I want to thank Jim and Sharon for organizing the Tuesday's Table fellowship each month. I want to thank Sally for providing fellowship snacks for Sundays and other occasions. I want to thank Wanda for her work in providing meals for funerals and other occasions and everyone who has provided food for such occasions. I want to thank Carl K. for organizing and leading the Monday Bible study. I want to thank Karen L., Valinda, Becky R., and Jeni for organizing the church library. I want to thank Patty and Jim L. for organizing the dart ball team. I want to thank those who have helped with the Manna Monday meals in the past: Sue, Ada, Vicki, Jim, Glenda, Sandy, and Becky R.

I want to thank Bob, Carl L., Jeni, Dave, Pam, Ana, Jim, Tom, Rick, Larry, Dennis, Marian, Theresa, Julie, and Beth G. for agreeing to serve as LifeWise security volunteers, making sure children get safely to and from the elementary school across the street.

I want to thank Cheryl, Linda K., Valinda, Theresa, Susan, Marian, and Kaye for leadership of the Women of the NALC at Grace. I want to thank Kaye and Becky W. for leadership of the Friendship and Monticello women's circles. I want to thank everyone involved in the quilt group at Grace.

I want to thank everyone who attends and participates in the worship life of the church. The simple act of your presence is an encouragement to me and others.

And like Bob Newhart's character, I know that I most likely left someone out who deserves mentioning, yet another sign that I am still human. I was as thorough as I could be with the information available to me, and this newsletter underwent many revisions as I remembered many people I had previously neglected to mention. These are simply the people I can remember who have been involved in our congregation since I arrived. Thanks go to everyone who has been involved before

I began serving here as well; your service is no less significant. I trust that you will forgive me if I omitted your name. Please know that it was unintentional.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, he began with thanksgiving for "you," which in the Greek language of the New Testament is plural. He wrote these letters to actual groups of people in the earliest years of the Christian faith. Two thousand years later, I echo his words as I think of all of you here at Grace Lutheran Church. Know that I also remember you all in my prayers. When I do, "my cup overflows" (Psalm 23:5) with thanksgiving.

*Thomas E. Jacobson*

Pr. Tom Jacobson

HOW CAN WE  
Thank  
God  
ENOUGH FOR YOU?

*We want to thank everyone for your kind words of appreciation this last month, both for Pastor Appreciation Month as well as for our anniversary. Please know that we look upon this place with gratitude for all of you as well!*

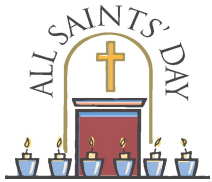
*Pr. Tom Jacobson, Pr. Theresa Jacobson*



# Worship In November

Sundays 8:00 and 10:30am

Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday



## Sunday, Nov. 5 - All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17      Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3      Matthew 5:1-12



## Sunday, Nov. 12 - Pentecost 24

### *Thankoffering Sunday*

Amos 5:18-24      Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18      Matthew 25:1-13



## Sunday, Nov. 19 - Pentecost 25

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18      Psalm 90:1-12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11      Matthew 25:14-30

\*Sunday, Nov. 19 - Community Thanksgiving  
Worship - 7:00pm at South Shore Ministries



## Sunday, Nov. 26 - Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24      Psalm 95:1-7  
Ephesians 1:15-23      Matthew 25:31-46

### September's Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance - 117

8:00am - 26      10:30am - 91



# Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

Present: Pastor Tom Jacobson, Paul Moentmann (President), Matt Sheridan (Vice President), Carl Lahman (Secretary), Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator), Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator), Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator).  
Absent: Rick Rockwell (Treasurer)

Opening Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Tom

Call to Order: President Paul Moentmann

## 1. Pastor's Report

- Baptism of Jax Raphial Emmert on 9/24/23 at 8:00 AM service
- Memorial service for Zelma Brown on 9/23/23 at 11:00 am
- "Community Resources" brochure
  - Prepared by Beth G. and me
  - Resource to give to those in need of assistance
- Updated website to reflect most current activities
- Confirmation class continues to go well
  - Will have no confirmation service this year
- Did Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Saturday September 30
  - Total of six participants
  - Can always use more in the future
- Continuing shut in visitation with Tom Rodgers
- Will need to update the "Serving our Schools and Community" board in the gathering space
  - Need to remove the "Manna Monday" section
  - Possibly replace with LifeWise Academy?
    - Who has done this in the past?
- Community Thanksgiving service at South Shore Ministry church Sunday November 19 at 7:00 PM
  - Rotating between community churches
  - Unsure as of yet who is preaching

- Funds deposited with “Group Mission Trips” organization
  - We still have a large credit with the organization, and we will lose it if we don’t use it this summer
  - Will check with youth to see if anyone is available and interested in various locations
- Upcoming season of Advent
  - Short Advent season this year, with Sunday Advent 4 on Christmas Eve
    - Only one morning service that day, at 10:30
    - Switch to white color (from blue) for the 5:00 and 9:00 Christmas Eve services
    - Christmas morning worship at 10:30
  - Only three Wednesdays in Advent this year
    - Will plan on Wednesday evening Advent services at 7:00 with some form of evening prayer and a series on Advent/Christmas hymns
- During Lent, a “hymn bracket” tournament for fun
  - Congregation members and regular attendees can nominate up to ten hymns/songs from our hymnals
  - Top 16 vote getters will be placed in “Sweet 16” and then subsequent votes to determine a “champion hymn”
- Possibility of Grace hosting the NALC Ohio Mission Region gathering in May
  - May 3-4; would mostly need to provide the space and perhaps have a few hospitality volunteers
- Activity as NALC Southeast Ohio Mission District Dean
  - Mostly quiet
  - Grace Lutheran in Westerville has called Pr. David Wendel as pastor, formerly on the NALC staff as assistant to bishop
  - Will attend annual NALC Deans meeting in Dallas, TX from November 7-9, followed by Commission on Theology and Doctrine meeting on November 10
- Pulpit Bible and chalice dedication to be announced.

## 2. Inreach Ministry – Linda Keaser (Inreach Coordinator)

### WNALC:

- November 12, the annual “Thank Offering Service”.
- December 2, 10 am at Grace “Christmas Circle Up” (a time for the *Friendship* and *Monticello* circles to meet together).

### ADVENTURES IN FAITH (AIF)/SUNDAY SCHOOL: (All classes start at 9:15 am Sunday mornings).

- Adult Sunday school - St. John’s Chapel - Kris Lamphere, leader
- Pre-school-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes – Pastor Theresa Jacobson, coordinator
- Confirmation class - Pastor Tom Jacobson, leader.

### KFC/KFROGS: (Casey Sigler’s youth report)

- Thornville Country Fair
  - Food Booth: pies were a big hit this year.
  - Was able to collect \$5.00 for parking spots.
  - Total amount raised: \$655.17

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

- October - “Party in the Parking Lot,” Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- November – Thanksgiving meeting – Lock in
- December –Thornville Christmas celebration parade- “It’s a Wonderful Life”
- January - Hocking Hills Winter Hike, Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 3. Outreach Ministry – Vicki Jones (Outreach Coordinator)

- Stuff the Truck
  - Reminder: Pickup at Grace is scheduled for October 30, before noon.
  - Donated items can be dropped off the church office.

- LifeWise
  - LifeWise continues to grow. First and second grade started in October, which means Grace now has first through fifth graders. Enrollment of 310 for the Northern Local School District (NLSD), 139 for Thornville!
  - Still in need of a few more volunteers. If interested in volunteering, please contact Kendra Lawrence (Program Director) at 740.404.4728 or kendralawrence@lifewise.org.
  - We also need more folks to sign up for Safety Volunteers. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Contact person: Bob Reynolds at 630.698.0457 or bobr22600@twc.com.

#### LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Quilts

- On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Jeni and Carl Lahman delivered 14 quilts to a collection center in Waldo, Ohio.

4. Upreach Ministry – Casey Sigler (Upreach Coordinator)
  - Grace Banner: A rough draft of what the church banner will look like was shown to council.
  - Reformation Sunday is October 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - All Saints Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Continue to look for new face to volunteer for Lectors, Greeters, Acolytes and Communion Assistants.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Rick Rockwell (Treasurer)
  - Reports were distributed.
  - Elevator Maintenance Agreement
    - Recently a service request was made to repair our elevator. Because it was done on the weekend, Grace was charged an exorbitant overtime rate of \$850/hour. As a result, we will review our service agreement and look for another service company.

6. Facilities Report – Carl Lahman (Facilities Coordinator)
  - Gutter guards
    - Pete Oberhauser and Bob Reynolds attached gutter guards on the southwest portion of the church, which is where it is most susceptible for pine needles and walnuts.
    - Lawn fertilizer - John Ulmer applied a fall fertilizer
  - Working on renumbering rooms
    - Currently, the room numbers on the different levels are confusing. Plus, most of the rooms are not numbered.
    - A new numbering system will eliminate uncertainty when identifying room locations. There will be four levels of room numbers
      - Lower Level – 100s
      - Main Level – 200s
      - Intermediate Level – 300s
      - Upper Level – 400s

#### 7. Old Business

- Nominating Committee (Paul Moentmann, Sally Wilke, Jason Barrera and Pastor Tom)
  - Two council positions to be filled next year: President and Treasurer.
  - Nominating committee has nominated the following candidates and has secured the consent of each candidate:

- President: Carl Lahman; Secretary: Diane Christensen

Note: Because Carl is currently serving as secretary and has only served one year, a replacement needed to serve as secretary for one year. Diane Christensen agreed to serve as secretary.

- Treasurer: Rick Rockwell (has agreed to serve a second term)

- Voting for these positions will take place at the annual congregation meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> (between worship services).
- 2024 Budget
  - Council agreed to include \$500 in the budget for Safety & Security.

New Business: None at this time

Adjourn – Lord’s Prayer

Next Meeting – November 20, 2023

Respectively submitted, Carl Lahman (council secretary)



## WOMEN OF THE NALC

Grace Lutheran Church, Thornville, OH

Board meeting minutes for October 9, 2023

PRESENT: Valinda Arnold, Marian DeRolph,

Linda Keaser, Anna Oberhauser, Kaye Smith, Cheryl Haggenjos, & Pastor Tom Jacobson

The board meeting was called to order at 10 am and Co-President, Linda presented the meeting agenda. Devotions on "Red Boots" were led by Co-President, Cheryl.

Treasurer, Marian presented the treasurer's report. Our account balance is \$6,506.92 which includes "Rummage Sale" donations of \$1,988.00 and a donation made by Zelma Brown's family in her memory.

Mission Action Secretary, Kaye reported the disaster relief items that were collected in the spring will be placed on the "Stuff the Truck" scheduled to be at Grace on October 30th and taken to a distribution center. Thank you Carl & Jeni Lahman for storing the items.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The July minutes were reviewed.

Circle offerings and "Rummage Sale" proceeds distribution was discussed. Pastor Tom shared a list of NALC Mission Partners for our review. The issues were tabled until the January 2024 board meeting, allowing input from the two circles at the December 2nd gathering.

### From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism The Lord's Prayer

#### The First Petition

*Hallowed be thy name.*

#### What does this mean?

*God's name is indeed holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy also among us.*

#### How is this done?

*God's name is hallowed when his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we, as God's children, lead holy lives in accordance with it. Grant this to us, dear Father in heaven.*

*But whoever teaches and lives in ways other than what God's Word teaches dishonors the name of God among us. Prevent us from doing this, heavenly Father.*





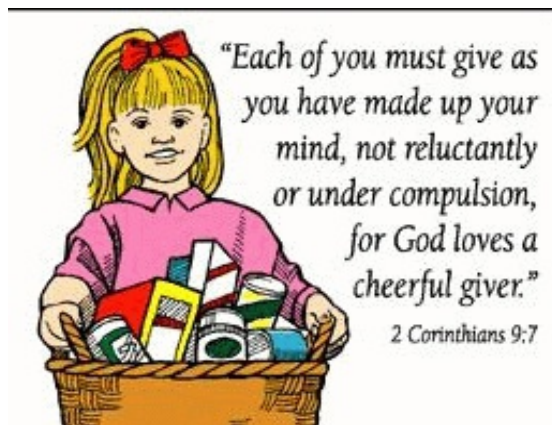
## NEW BUSINESS:

Our fall sponsored "Thank Offering Service", is November 12. Nonperishable food, paper products, and soaps will be collected and then distributed to the local food pantries. Kaye is organizing the donation area and setting up the greeters and lectors for the service. Pastor Theresa will lead the sermon.

We discussed the winter event to bring our two circles together, a "Christmas Circle Up", Saturday, December 2nd, 10 am at Grace. During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, program "You are the Apple of HIS Eye" (Zechariah 2:8), prepare baskets for homebound members, and eat lunch. Lunch will be provided by the circles: Monticello Circle salads & the Friendship Circle soup & rolls. The board will provide dessert.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 11:30. The next board meeting will be held on January 8, 2024 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Linda Keaser, Secretary Pro Tem



## Holy Baptism

On September 24, at 8:00 we welcomed **Jax Raphial Emmert** into God's kingdom and our congregation through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jax was born October 4, 2022 to Preston & Deziree, and his baptismal sponsor is Aliyah Phillips. Proud grandparents are Lynette & Brent Emmert and Jeremy Gilgien. Along with his sister, Rayven, we all rejoice at Jax's rebirth through water and the Word!





## Tuesday's Table

November's Tuesday's Table will be the 28<sup>th</sup> at Hometown Hotdog in Millersport, 5:00pm.

October's Sternwheeler Dinner Cruise pictures:







## *A Day for the Saints*

*All Saints' Day is November 1 each year. The word saint comes from the Latin word sanctus and refers to the holy - that is, "set apart for the service of God." The New Testament considers all Christians as saints (see 1 Corinthians 1:2, NRSV). Therefore, the first Sunday of November is celebrated as All Saints Sunday, a day to pay tribute to those members and loved ones who have received God's gift of eternal life during the past twelve months.*

*Bernice "Bunny" Koski*

*December 24, 1925 - November 10, 2022*

*Ronald William Mai*

*October 31, 1939 - December 19, 2022*

*Ronald Mohler*

*June 24, 1941 - December 27, 2022*

*Jonn Louis Simmons*

*January 29, 1946 - February 2, 2023*

*Betty Shell*

*October 4, 1924 - May 19, 2023*

*Carlos "Dean" Boyer*

*January 4, 1940 - May 21, 2023*

*Diane Bebart*

*November 24, 1955 - March 23, 2023*



*Shirley Ann Smith*  
*November 11, 1933 - May 30, 2023*

*Martha Alice Lutz*  
*June 27, 1935 - June 25, 2023*

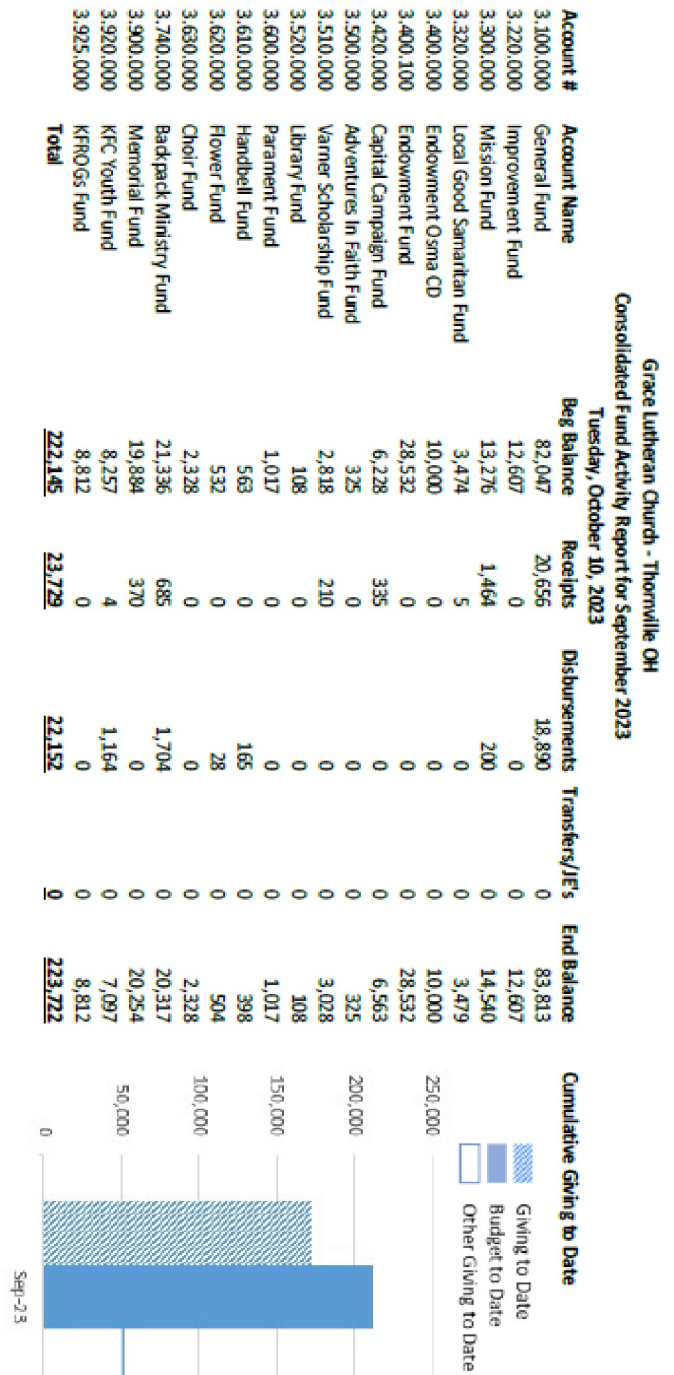
*Zelma Brown*  
*July 14, 1930 - August 21, 2023*

*Barb Holbrook*  
*July 29, 1949 - September 13, 2023*

*In honor of all who have passed during the past year, members may bring in one or two pictures of your loved one(s) in a stand-up frame before Nov. 5, to be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.*



"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.



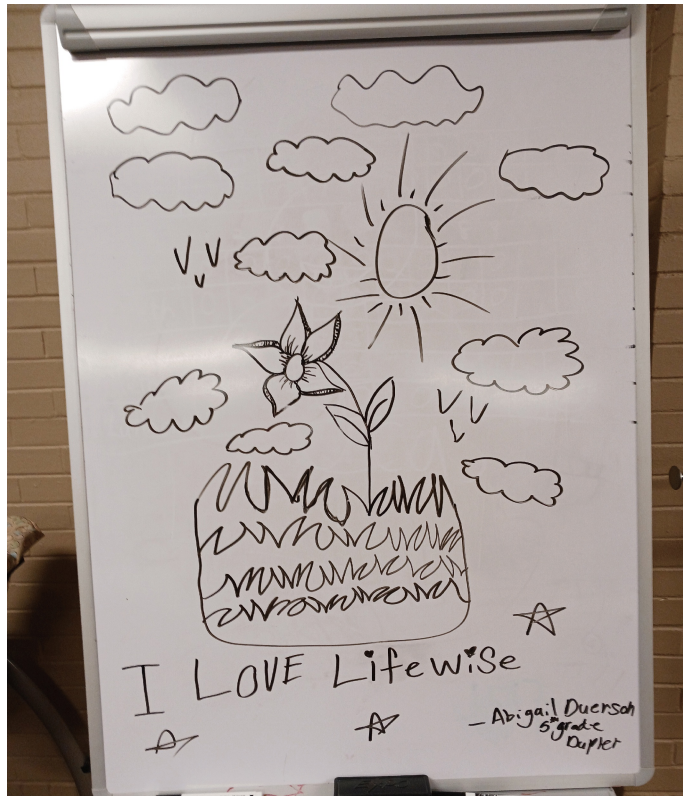


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Grace Lutheran,

Thank you for your generous donation - in addition to all the other ways that you have already invested in the lives of students and in the Kingdom!

God Bless! Northern Local Lifewise



## SHUT-INS

During the holiday season, we remember our homebound and nursing home members. We would like to have a card shower for each of them. (Please consider adding these folks to your greeting cards list for Thanksgiving and Christmas.)

Deb Winegardner  
Chapel Grove Inn  
1400 Chapel Way  
Heath, OH 43056

Margaret Winegardner  
112 Foster Dr.  
Thornville OH 43076

John Cooperrider  
Fairview Assisted Living  
5550 St. Rt. 37 E.  
New Lexington, OH 43764

Irene Forsythe  
9975 Twp. Rd. 37 NW  
Thornville, OH 43076

Kathy Aberegg  
Crossroad Manor  
500 C Eldridge Place  
Hebron OH 43025

Pat K'Miller  
11397 Bruno Road  
Thornville, OH 43076

Sue Cottrill  
13687 Rosewood Rd. NE  
Thornville OH 43076

Carol Cormican  
5406 Davis Drive SE  
Newark OH 43056

Gregg & Vicky Thomas  
PO Box 667  
4711 Walnut Rd Lot M10  
Buckeye Lake OH 43008

Keith Stought  
2297 Musser Rd NE  
Baltimore OH 43105

John Lutz  
10425 Lake Rd. NE  
Millersport OH 43046





## VIOLENT ATTACKER RESPONSE

**RUN** – Get away from the area as fast as you can. If you can run, run in a zig-zag manner. Take your children and any mobility-impaired person with you. Leave all your belongings behind. Get as far away as you can. Get out of the building if possible. THEN, call 911.

**HIDE** – Do NOT try to hide under a pew as that makes you an easy target. Try to get into a different room with a door. Once inside, lock or block the door with whatever you can – furniture, books, anything. Stay away from windows. Turn off lights. Remain silent. Do not talk to others. Use hand signals. Silence your cell phone. Send texts only, if at all possible.

**FIGHT** – As a last resort, if you cannot get away or hide and have to fight, throw as hard as you can ANYTHING at the attacker. This includes purses, cell phones, hymnals, Bibles, fire extinguishers, coffee cups – ANYTHING. Aim them directly at the attacker's head or groin. If you must, run TOWARDS the attacker as fast as you can. Grab and HANG ON to the attacker if possible. Keep your body held tightly against that person. This will distract the attacker and potentially allow others to disarm and disable the attacker.

**WHEN POLICE ARRIVE** -- Try to stay calm. Raise your arms and show your open hands to the police. Do NOT run towards the police. Wait for and follow their instructions. Do not leave the area until instructed to do so by the police.

SHARP EYES NEEDED! - You may have noticed that labels have recently been placed on the outlet and switch cover plates throughout the building. This is part of the creation of an "electrical map" of the entire building, inside and out, so that it will be easy to track down electrical problems in the future. If you spot a cover plate anywhere in the building that is NOT labeled, please let Bob Reynolds know. Contact him personally, text 630-698-0457 or email [bobr22600@twc.com](mailto:bobr22600@twc.com). Let not a single cover plate escape this task!

## Thornville Community Christmas Aid

Once again, Thornville's Community Aid is collecting names of families in the Thorn Township area in need of assistance this Christmas. If you know of any family, please contact either Ginny at 740-246-6448, Beth at 740-242-5350, or Terrie at 740-403-3956.

If you would like to donate, some of the much needed items are adult men's gloves, youth boys and girls gloves and hats, and socks for all ages.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Thornville Community Aid and mail to P.O. Box 433, Thornville, OH 43076. The donation deadline this year is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your interest and concern in helping these children have a brighter, happier Christmas. May God bless you all.



Look for the Mitten Tree in the gathering space. This is Grace's collection spot for donations to this ministry. Deadline to receive your donations of gloves, mittens, scarves, coats, socks, hats, toys, games, etc. is Dec. 5.

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**We're Coming to America!!**

- ✪ Week of November 5: Land in America
- ✪ Sunday, Nov. 12: Madison Christian Church in Groveport, OH
- ✪ Sunday, Nov. 19: First Christian Church in Salem, OH
- ✪ Sunday, Nov. 26: Greenford Christian Church, Greenford, OH
- ✪ Sunday, Dec. 17: Grace Lutheran Church in Thornville, OH
- ✪ Friday, Dec. 29-Sunday, December 31: Cincinnati, OH
- ✪ Sunday, Jan. 7: New Zion in Baltimore, OH
- ✪ Sunday, Jan. 21: Madison Christian Church in Groveport, OH
- ✪ Week of Jan. 21: Leave America


**Mark your calendars and come say hello!**

We'd love to see as many of you as possible! Sadly, due to our short stay this time, we will not be able to see everyone on a one on one basis. Please join us at one of these wonderful churches!

**Financial Need**

Please pray that God will provide new financial partners or that current partners will increase their financial support. We are in need of \$650 in monthly support.

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# THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

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*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

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This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_


The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_




Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be \_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

Grace Lutheran Church  
Thornville, Ohio

**Purpose**

**To invite All to discover, live and share God's gift of new life through Jesus Christ.**

**Mission Statement**

**Sharing God's Love through Grace.**

**Vision**

**We Are A Community Developing Faithful Followers Of Jesus By Experiencing God's Grace Through Friendship, Spiritual Growth and Service.**

**Core Values**

1. That the Gospel calls us to unconditional regard for all people.
2. That Prayer is necessary for our relationship with God, one another, and the world.
3. That Scripture provides the foundation for our lives of faith.
4. That the authority for our ministry is founded in Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, which is the Body of Christ on earth. An elected Parish Council provides administrative authority; our called pastor(s) provides the spiritual authority of the Office of Word and Sacrament Ministry.
5. That each member is uniquely gifted by God for ministry and is expected to mature in discipleship of Jesus Christ.
6. That any ministry based on our Purpose, Mission, Vision and Core Values is valid for our congregation, and may, at any time, evolve or end.

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