

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 10, 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** | Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, Vivian, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Bradley, Holly Culver, Robin, Terri, Brittany, Danny Proch, Erin, Ally, Charlie, Brittany, Sharon, Sherry, John, George, Ethan, Matt Pierce, CJ Severance, Sue Robison, Jeff Craft, Connie Trinkle, Wayne Forsythe, Daryl, Brittany, Family of Tom Johnson, Family of Clara Scarberry, Family of Rick Phillips, Family of Joyce Moore, Family of Mary Goldsberry. 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.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Carl & Linda Keaser who will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Pat K'Miller who will celebrate her birthday next Sunday.

**Today is Thankoffering Sunday!** We thank the Women of our church for sponsoring this annual event. And we thank you for your donations of non-perishable food items, soaps, and personal care items for our local food pantries in Thornville, Glenford, and Millersport.

**Voting Results** from our Annual Meeting held last Sunday: 58 ballots cast. Elected to council is: Bob Reynolds, Vice President, with 4 abstaining; Susan Cheney, Council Secretary; Casey Sigler, Upreach Coordinator; Linda Keaser, Inreach Coordinator; Daria Carr, Outreach Coordinator; Jim Roshon, Financial Secretary. The 2025 Budget was approved, with 1 abstaining.

**We Want To Say a "thank you"** for all of the cards and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month this last month (October)! We feel blessed to be among you here at Grace and in the Thornville community!  
Pr. Tom and Pr. Theresa Jacobson

**Thanksgiving Worship Service** - Please join us in giving thanks for the many blessings we all share on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 7:00pm. Pie and coffee fellowship will follow the service. Donations of pies needed.

**Shawn and Miranda Rodgers** invite you to join them in celebrating their parents, Twila and Tom Rodgers for their 50th wedding anniversary. Saturday, November 16 from 3-5 pm in the church fellowship hall. Light refreshments served. No gifts please.

**Youth Mission/Service Trip for 2025.** Those interested in attending a summer mission trip are asked to meet with Pastor Tom on Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 worship service. Meet in St. John's room. There are weeks available from mid June to close to the end of July. There are locations in both Loveland, Colorado and Kenosha, Wisconsin. The website of the organization is [groupmissiontrips.com](http://groupmissiontrips.com) if you want to look at it more yourself. For the "Week of Hope" trips, the cost is \$348 per person, but we have quite a bit of money in the youth account that could cover a good amount of that if not the entire amount, depending on how many people we have going. Questions? email [pastor@gracethornville.org](mailto:pastor@gracethornville.org).

**Tuesday's Table** - The next Tuesday's Table will be at Champs Pizza on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Sign up sheet is in Gathering Space. All are welcome!

**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.

**Monticello Circle** will not meet this month. Next meeting will be December 4, 6:00pm, here at church.

**Thank You** to all those that volunteered this year at the Party in the Parking Lot! Also thank you to all those that donated candy and attended! It was another successful year!

**It's LOCK-IN time!!!** Attention all youth from grades 2nd-12th!! We are having our Annual End of the Year Lock-in on Saturday Nov 30th!!! Kids can arrive at 4pm and can be picked up after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday. All kids must bring: pillow, sleeping bag, blanket and at least 1 item to donate to the local food pantry. We will have dinner, games, doing a service project and of course everyone's favorite activity Hide & Seek!! Any questions ask Casey Sigler or Theresa Jacobson. Please RSVP by Wednesday Nov 27th.

**Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate** for the annual Thornville Christmas tree lighting event on Sunday, December 1. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed. They can be dropped off in the church kitchen the morning of the event. Parade will start at 5:00 ending at the Masonic Lodge where hot dogs will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting.

**The Women's Board** will host a "Christmas Circle Up" here on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am. All women are invited! During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, fun, fellowship, lunch, and service (Christmas gifts for our homebound members).

**The Mitten Tree** will be in the gathering space awaiting your donations of socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats to be given to needy children in our area. Collection deadline: December 8. Sponsored by Thornville Community Aid. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, or Beth 614-214-1944.

**Blessing Box** - Our new 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. 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!

**Adventures in Faith Mission Project:** We will be taking a weekly offering during each of our various Adventures in Faith classes. This includes both adult classes as well as confirmation. Our mission focus this year is *One Plus God: Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry*. This ministry is "A Partnership between the Lutheran churches of Tanzania and the States" and "An initiative of Grace Lutheran Church of Jackson Center, Ohio." The purpose of this ministry is: "to partner with Christian Lutheran churches both locally and in the USA to provide holistic care (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to people struggling in remote villages, and orphaned children so that they can be integrated well into society, but also be sufficiently equipped to lead effective change in their communities." We do that through directing "all to Jesus, so that they can find life in Him, experience His love and grace, and then start to share that with the community around them." We will send a financial offering in May.

**Our Adventures in Faith Classes and Leaders:**

- Two Adult Classes - Kris Lamphere in St John's Hall, Room 203 (main level), Karen and Jim Lewis in The Franks Fellowship Hall (lower level)
- 6th - 12th grades - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, AIF/SS Coordinator and Amber Feyh (top floor)
- 1st -5th grades - Jessica Rockey (top floor)
- PreK-K - Linda Keaser in Noah's Club (lower level)
- Confirmation Class - Pastor Tom Jacobson Classroom 1, Room 206 (off Gathering space, main level)

**"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. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the 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.

SCHEDULE FOR NOV 10-17		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball vs. Hopewell
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<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 Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Youth Mission Trip Meeting
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice

**Giving:** General: \$11,562.; LSS Food: \$15.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$48.; Local Food: \$35.; Backpack: \$245.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$255.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; Scholarship: \$10.; South Sudan: \$100. Total: \$12,655.00

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Theresa Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
 Greeters: Kaye Smith, Vicki Jones (8am); Patty Jenny, Linda Keaser (10:30)  
 Lector: Beth Gilgien (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Stella and Sophia Rockey (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Greeters: Peg Shafer (8am; Casey Sigler, Leslie O'Hara (10:30)  
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Karsen Large (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Nov. 3: 8:00: 39; 10:30: 101