

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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 | No offering plates will be passed. 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 | Donna Winegardner, Shirley Smith, Barb Holbrook, Gregg Thomas, Mike Moore, Barbara Heinlein, Steve Deason, Mike Forsythe, Kristine Thompson, Family of Brenda Kausek, Family of Dick Shelley, Gary Bishop, Melanie + Meadow, Janet Levering, Sharon, Mike, Rose, Tyler, Zoey, Ethan, Karen Lewis' dad, Avon Ault, Dustin Brokaw, Dr. Jim Whetstone. Prayer-line: 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jim & Dorothy Leavitt, for their birthdays.

Soup Supper / Lenten Worship - Join us for our weekly Wednesday evening Soup Suppers at 6:00pm and Worship at 7:00pm. The Lenten services are a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Lord's Prayer. Each week will also feature one of the hymns of Lina Sandell (author of "Children of the Heavenly Father") connected to the various petitions/parts of the Lord's Prayer. The soups and desserts are provided by volunteers. If you would like to make a soup or dessert, please sign up on the form located on the table in the gathering space. Coordinator: Wanda Hupp 740-246-5317.

The Monday Night Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm during Lent. Questions: call Carl Keaser 740-659-2215.

Thank You to all who helped with the youth's fundraiser bake sale last Sunday. A wide variety of goodies were available for donation. \$609. was raised! Special thanks to Casey Sigler for organizing the event.

Newsletter Articles for the March *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Tuesday. Thank you!

Tuesday's Table will be dining at Clay Haus on Tuesday at 5PM. 25 people are needed for the buffet (menu coming); \$24.50 per person which includes tax and tip. If fewer than 25 sign up, we will order from the menu. If you wish to attend, the sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space. There is parking in the rear with an entrance for those not wanting to use steps. Questions, contact Jim or Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198

Lectors, Greeters, Acolytes - We encourage you to **sign up** on the applicable clip board in the gathering space to be a lector, greeter, or acolyte for whichever service you attend. Clip boards are in the media organizer. A brief description for each task is printed on the sign up sheet.

Easter Lilies can be ordered now through April 1st. Cost is \$19.00 each. The lilies will be used to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then you may take them home following the 10:30 service. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space to place your order, contact the church office 246-6576.

DISASTER RESPONSE WORKSHOP – There's still time to register and attend! Grace will be hosting an area-wide NALC Disaster Response Training workshop March 10 & 11 in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda and registration forms are located in the Gathering Space. All persons are welcome to participate. Let's be prepared if a disaster hits our area, our church, or our house. If you wish to attend, please let Bob Reynolds know so enough food can be provided at the Saturday lunch. His contact information is bobr22600@twc.com or 630-698-0457.

Disaster Warehouse - Grace Lutheran Church Westerville has scheduled a mission day at the disaster warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio. Everyone is welcome to join us to: ① load a 26' box truck; ② load a 24' gooseneck trailer; ③ construct health kits; ④ palletize and organize flood buckets; and generally help organize the warehouse! We are currently responding to disasters in eastern Kentucky, Florida, and California, so lots of help is needed. It is scheduled for Saturday March 4 from 9:30am to 4pm - hope you can make it! For more information, contact either Molly King at 614-581-6675 or Mary Bates at 740-509-1132. Thank you for all you do & God Bless, Mary Bates.

Earthquake Relief for Turkey - Lutheran congregations are always among the first to respond and the last to leave in times of emergency. Right now, you can rush aid to our neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is already coordinating a response, and it is your compassion and generosity that will rush emergency care. Your gift to the emergency response fund will deliver critically needed care for families, like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies. Please give online at lwr.org/quake or mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write QUAKE in memo.

Lenten Offering - The special offerings received during Lenten Services and Holy Week will be given to support the earthquake victims in Turkey and to Somerset's Salvation Army that has asked for additional help this year.

AIF/KFC YOUTH!! (7th-12th grades) New weekly opportunity for fun, fellowship, and learning begins on Sunday, March 5th at 9:15 am. Come to the Noah's Club room, Pastor Theresa will hold an opening, then you will "move on up" to the third floor "Youth Room". Everyone is welcome! Pastor Theresa Jacobson & Kelly O'Reilly, Leaders.

Church Spring Cleaning Day – On April 1st, we will be meeting from 9am to noon to spruce up the church. There are jobs for people of all abilities: polish wood surfaces, cleaning windows and window ledges, cleaning chair cushions, vacuuming, mopping stairwells and stair steps. There are also jobs outside (weather permitting): weeding flower beds, mulching, trimming bushes, cleaning outside windows and cleaning window wells. Please join us if you can and come early for coffee and donuts/bagels. If you have questions, contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or 614-329-8639.

Thank You to all our Kroger shoppers that registered their rewards card to benefit Grace! We received our quarterly check in the amount of \$132.06, to be used for Mission. If you want to choose Grace for your rewards, go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select Grace Lutheran Church #IV091 as the organization that you wish to support for the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Manna Monday Community Suppers are suspended until after Easter. Please come to the Wednesday evening Soup Suppers, every Wednesday, 6:00pm, through Lent!! Then stay for worship at 7:00pm.

"Our Daily Bread," daily devotionals for March - May are available from the table in the gathering space.

Free Fluorescent Bulbs - All fluorescent bulbs throughout the church will soon be replaced with LED bulbs. If anyone would like to have some used fluorescent bulbs, they are located (and marked) on a table in the Noah's Club room. There is no guaranteed of their quality. Any bulbs remaining after the end of February will be taken to Lowes to be disposed of.

Backpack Ministry - A donation bin for food donations, grocery bags and the larger clicklist grocery bags is located in the atrium. Monetary gifts may be given through your offering envelope, just write "Backpack Ministry" on the envelope. If you would like to volunteer to help bag the food contact Barb Ulmer 740-281-7673 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

Adventures in Faith Small Group for Adults

- As we approach Easter, consider preparing your heart by "checking out" a small group that meets from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Saint John's Hall (large room on the left as you approach the sanctuary).
- We use Ray Vander Laan's *That the World May Know* videos to follow Jesus's "Path to the Cross" (filmed in Israel and informed by Jewish tradition).
- Feel free to "dip-in" and "out" for a few minutes, any time during the hour. We view the video, followed by discussion. No one is called on or asked to contribute. Some of us talk more than others and some folks, not at all.
- This makes it easy to meet others and take your children to their Sunday School classes and pick them up before the church service.

SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 26-MARCH 5		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	5:00pm	Sewing
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
<u>Wednesday</u>	4:30pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Worship
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00am	Extension Homemakers
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>NextSunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Organist: Cheryl Haggenjos

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
 Lector: Meg O'Reilly (8am); Barry Moore (10:30)
 Greeters: Casey Sigler, Brenda Shearer (10:30)
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
 Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 26; 10:30: 109

Giving: General: \$9,930.80; Mission: \$50.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$25.; Local Food: \$45.; Backpack: \$315.; Manna Monday: \$30.; Vogt family: \$5.; Homeless Shelter: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Lent: \$10.; Youth Fundraiser: \$609. Total: \$11,122.30