

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 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 | Lowell Meredith, Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Donna Winegardner, David Turner, family of Joe Williams, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Gary Ellis, Robin Nelson, Amy O'Day, George Miller, Bill Keaser, George, Trudi Moore, Dreama, Bob, Jodi, Christina, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Bella, Eddie, Paul, Susan Ballantine, Christina, family of Penny Scott, Bob, Butch Schneider, Gary, Parker, Audrey, family of Eddie Lynch, Dylan Davy, Charlie, Becky, Blane, Robin Nelson, Don & Evelyn Byard, Brian and family, family of Randy Weekly, Sharon, Jethro, John Cooperrider, Aliyah, family of Robbie Hayman, family of Megan Hart, Parker Burleson. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Happy Birthday wishes to Gene Goldsberry who will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, March 16.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Firl & Vivian Crist who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Joanne Maxwell and family on the recent death of her brother, Joe Williams.

Lenten Evening Worship services are held each Wednesday during Lent. The Lenten services are a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Psalms.

- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the fellowship hall.
- 7:00p.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary.

Soups Needed for March 20 and 28! Thank you to all who have provided the delicious soups and desserts for our dinners. You have done an amazing job! There are just a few blanks needing filled in. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering space.

Holy Week Schedule

- Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday, Worship at 8 and 10:30am
- Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday, Soup Supper at 6:00pm; Worship 7:00pm
- Friday, March 29 - Good Friday, Community Worship here at 12:00pm and 7:00pm
- Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Worship 7:00pm
- Sunday, March 31 - EASTER, Worship at 8 and 10:30am, breakfast served 8-10am

Easter Breakfast - Our annual breakfast, sponsored by our Youth, will be held on Sunday, March 31, 8:00-10:00am, before worship services. Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, cinnamon rolls, donuts, fruit, juice, coffee, milk. Cost: Donation. If you would like to help in the kitchen on that morning, contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

Fifth Round! "March Madness" Hymn Tournament! From 150 hymns and songs nominated, the top 64 have been narrowed down to 32; 32 to 16; 16 to 8. We will vote each week during Lent, and the "champion hymn" will be announced on Easter. Ballots are located in the box on the table in the gathering space. Deadline for Fifth Round votes: Tuesday, March 12.

Easter Lilies can be ordered now through March 24. Cost is \$20.00 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, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

Tulips for Easter. If you would like to order a Tulip with your Easter Lily (or instead of the lily), tulips cost \$19. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space and write "Tulip" on the envelope to place your order, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

Photos for Our Pictorial Church Directory will be taken beginning Wednesday. No appointment necessary - just go to the church Narthex (rear of the sanctuary)! If you or your family is not available for photos, a recent family photo can be emailed to the church office (office@gracethornville.org).

Our dates/times for photography:

- Wednesday, March 13 ~ 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Sunday, March 17 ~ 9:00am - 10:30am and 11:45am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday, March 20 ~ 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Sunday, April 7 ~ 9:00am - 10:30am and 11:45am - 12:30pm

Next Sunday! The Grace Lutheran Church Women are hosting an "Irish Spud Lunch" on Sunday, March 17, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service. Menu: Baked Potatoes with a variety of toppings, Salad, Drinks, and Desserts.

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

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 or Larry Arnold 740-323-6916.

Monticello Circle will not meet in March. April 24 is their next meeting date.

The Ladies & Cancer Support Group will meet for a dinner gathering on Tuesday, March 12, at Bob Evans Restaurant in Lancaster Ohio. We gather at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Sharon Roshon as I will make the reservations. Any questions please call Sharon at 740-467-3198. New ladies are always welcome. We gather for fellowship, friendship, support and fun.

Lawn Crosses in time for Easter! Another batch of white PVC lawn crosses have been made, and are available for pickup in the gathering space. Feel free to check with your family, friends and neighbors if they would like to have one, in addition to your own. There is no cost for them, and they should last for many years outside.

Tuesday's Table is taking a break in February and March to attend the Wednesday soup suppers and worship services. Their next outing will be on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Clay's Café in Hebron.

Military Mission Grace sent Christmas boxes to Kole Moore, Marine; William Wilke, Navy; Lucas Butler, Air Force; Dakota Scheuvront, Navy; and Zac Grant, Air National Guard. The next gift box from Grace will be for Easter. Thank you to those that donated to our Military Mission - Jim Roshon.

2024 Altar Flower sign-up sheet is located at the Congregation Corner in the Gathering Space. Please sign up if you would like flowers on a particular Sunday. Cost is \$40 per arrangement - billed from The Little Flower Shop (formerly Kelley's Flowers). Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or office@gracethornville.org) for any special wording that you want printed in the bulletin. Your flowers may be taken home following the worship service.

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.

"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>

Ways To Serve - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space or online. Please sign up!

- + **Greeters:** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46705146-greeters#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46705146-greeters#/)
- + **Lector:** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46706267-lector#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46706267-lector#/)
- + **Acolytes:** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46706227-acolytes#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46706227-acolytes#/)
- + **LifeWise Safety:** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46624287-lifewise#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46624287-lifewise#/)

"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 MARCH 10-17		
<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>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
	5:30pm	Sewing
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Evening Prayer
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Quilting
	5:30pm	AA 41 st Anniversary Dinner
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Nana & Papa's
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Irish Spud Lunch

Attendance: 8:00: 34; 10:30: 96; Wednesday: 54
Giving: General: \$7,180.; Mission: \$50.; NALC: \$10.; TEAF: \$48.; Local Food: \$75.; Backpack: \$325.; Good Samaritan: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; LifeWise: \$200.; Heartbeats: \$235.; Lenten Offering: \$5.; Flower Fund: \$20.; South Sudan: \$100.; Total: \$8,398.00

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Greeters: Shane, Jessica, Stella, Sophia Rockey (10:30)
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Greeters: Shane, Jessica, Stella, Sophia Rockey (10:30)
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Becky Winegardner (10:30)
Acolytes: Brayden and Karsen Large (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons