

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 24, 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 | Family of Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Donna Winegardner, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Gary Ellis, Robin Nelson, Jim Gardull, Frank Gardull, Amy O'Day, Dylan Elliott, Lisa, Jordan Pompey, George Miller, Bill Keaser, Trudi Moore, Drea, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Bella, Eddie, Paul, Susan Ballantine, Christina, Butch Schneider, Gary, Parker, Audrey, Dylan Davy, Charlie, Becky, Blane, Brian and family, Sharon, Jethro, John Cooperrider, Aliyah, Linda P., Kevin Runyon, James Runyon, Mike, Pat Dennis. Praise Jesus for healing. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Brandon Haggenjos on his birthday, by his parents.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Brian Luft's 18th birthday on March 22, by his family.

Happy Birthday wishes to Vivian Crist who will celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

Holy Week Schedule

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

Championship Match! "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; 8 to 4; 4 to 2. The "champion hymn" will be announced on Easter. Ballots are located in the box on the table in the gathering space. Deadline for votes: Tuesday, March 26.

Easter Lilies can be ordered today. 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! 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 final date/times for photography is Sunday, April 7 ~ 9:00am - 10:30am and 11:45am - 12:30pm

Newsletter Articles for the April *Gracevine* are due in the church office tomorrow.

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

Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday April 7th following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary for all those interested in becoming a new acolyte or needing a refresher course. Please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 with any questions.

First Communion Classes will be held on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am (third floor classroom) beginning April 7th - May 12th for youth who are in the 3rd & 4th grade or older. Please call the church office (740-246-6576 or office@gracethornville.org) to register! Youth will receive their First Communion on May 12 at the 10:30 service.

The Quilting Group is in need of backing for their quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are asking for donations of queen size flat sheets. Those sheets could be new or used as long as there are no stains. Any color is also fine. If anyone has fabric they would like to donate, or has questions, please contact Jeni Lahman at jenilahman@gmail.com or 614.371.4851 (cell). A donation bin has been placed in the atrium entrance.

Annual Spring Cleaning Day - On April 13th, 9am-noon This is the time we come together to clean up the church. There is something for everyone to do, inside and outside. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering space. Questions: contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or 614.329.8639 (cell).

Abuse Safety Policy It is the goal of Grace Lutheran Church to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all who participate in activities at Grace Lutheran Church, especially for our children and youth. For this reason, we now have an approved policy from our insurance underwriter. Copies are available in the church office for those interested in reading this policy. Jim Lewis, head of safety and security, will be in charge of overseeing this policy.

Vacation Bible School | SCUBA VBS, June 10-14, 9am-noon, at Grace Lutheran Church, Pre-K at Thornville United Methodist Church. Registration opens in late April. Watch here, on the church's digital announcements, or in the Gracevine for details as the time gets closer. It is a rewarding week, and Volunteers are needed! "Just 3 hours a day can make the difference of a lifetime!" See Beth Raab, Pr Theresa Jacobson, or Lillie Rockwell to help or for more information.

Vacation Bible School | The VBS team is in need of helpers (adult or youth, 7th grade and up) willing to serve during VBS week, June 10-14, 9am-noon, here at Grace. Helpers would assist crew leaders to usher small groups of children to each station, or assist teachers in their area; for example, the daily Bible story or in the Pre-K program. Helpers are not in charge, but are vital to our VBS program. See Beth Raab, Pr Theresa Jacobson, or Lillie Rockwell with questions or to volunteer, and we'll be happy to give more details. Grab and friend and volunteer together; it's fun and rewarding! We cannot do it without you!

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>

"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 24-31		
<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>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
	6:00pm	Lions Cub
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
<u>Friday</u>	12:00pm	Good Friday Community Service
	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	7:00pm	Easter Vigil Service
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Easter Worship
	8-10am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30am	Easter Worship

Attendance: 8:00: 25; 10:30: 114; Wednesday: 51
Giving: Not available

Serving Today:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters: Casey Sigler, Brenda Shearer (10:30)
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Maundy Thursday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
 Lector: Twila Rodgers
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Good Friday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
 Lector: Bob Reynolds
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Holy Saturday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Lector: Theresa Jacobson
 Acolyte: Henrik Jacobson
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Easter Sunday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Greeters:
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); John Ulmer (10:30)
 Acolytes: Brody and Kolie Barrera (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons