

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 8, 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 | 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 | The family of Pastor Robert Pfleuger, Bud Kochensparger, Larry Arnold, John Ulmer, Ron Pairan, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Jim Williams, Rick and Barb Stephens, Paul Smith, Dan, Lynn Stough, Pat & Barb, Iva Simmons & family, Patti Betts, Cassie, Tyler, Carl Kramer, Sadie, Bella, Carma, Bob Little, Kelly, Denise, Justin Murphy, Shirley, Sadie Angle, Bill Gale, Mary Ellen, David Lamme, Amanda, Mike, Joe Williams, Hunter Zizek, Amanda Miller, Holly Smith, Shirley Butler, family of Justin Gaul, family of Craig Presgraves, family of Larry Smith, Marie S., the family of Sheila Cooperrider, the family of Larry Smith, Karen (Ballantine) Swinderman, Richard, Chuck Wiley, family of Mike Rogers. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jim & Karen Lewis' 25th wedding anniversary on October 10. Happy Anniversary!

The Quilters of Grace are pleased to display the quilts that were made for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be dedicated as part of the worship service, then they will be ready to ship to LWR. These quilts will provide warmth in the form of bedding, shelter in the form of a roof, privacy in the form of a door. They also serve as a tangible reminder of God's presence, love, and hope. Thank you, Quilters, for your dedication to this project. If you would like to quilt with this group, contact Jeni Lahman 614-371-4851.

A **Budget Forum** will be held on today between the worship services.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 between the worship services.

Annual Meeting Reminder: To be an eligible voter you must be a confirmed member who communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

2023 Annual Report is available in the gathering space. Please read it over and bring it to the Annual Meeting for any questions.

Parking Lot Attendants for the Country Fair are needed on Sunday October 15th. 2-3 people needed to patrol our parking lot starting at 7am to make sure that only those attending church services are parking in our parking spaces. You will need to be out in our parking lot from 7am until the 2nd service is over. Contact Bob Reynolds at 630-698-0457 or bobr22600@twc.com Basically what we have always done in the past is that whoever is patrolling just has to single verify each car that comes in all 3 entrances that they are there for church and if not kindly tell them they have to park somewhere else.

Candy Needed: We are requesting donations of candy to be given away at the annual Party-In-The-Parking-Lot on Thursday, October 26. Please place bags of individually wrapped candies in the Donation Tubs at the Atrium entrance or gathering space. Adult helpers also needed. Contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

Pies Wanted!! The Youth will have a food booth this year at the Thornville Country Fair on October 15th, and will be selling candy/caramel apples and slices of pie. We are looking for our great bakers of the congregation to donate pies for this fundraising event. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space of pies requested. All pies will need to be dropped off at church by 9:00 am Sunday October 15th. Any questions ask Theresa Jacobson or Casey Sigler.

"Champions of Religious Liberty" Online Presentation, presented by the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. As Christians we walk in the intersection of Church and State. The Bible calls us to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to give to God what is God's," and to "submit to the authorities." But what is Caesar's and what is God's? How and when do we submit to authorities? Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director or Rev. Mark Frith Champion's Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will provide instruction and inspiration in how we can exercise our temporal liberties in service to God's eternal liberty, the Gospel of Jesus so that all might hear and believe. A free, online, 90 minute presentation will be held on Saturday October 21 at 10:00 EST. Contact Pr. Tom for information about registration, which needs to be done by October 18.

Stuff The Truck - NALC Disaster Response is hosting this event to collect items needed to restock their warehouse for when disaster strikes. A complete list of items can be found on the table in the atrium entrance where items may be dropped off. Pick-up of all donations will happen on Monday, October 30, 2023 before noon. Suggested donations include Bibles, quilts, blankets, flood buckets, gift cards.

Heartbeats Stewardship Rally - Save the Date – Friday, November 3rd - 7:00 pm Social Hour – appetizers & desserts; 7:45 pm Seating Begins. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. Peter Range, CEO. Ohio Right to Life will be the Emcee. One can reserve seats by calling 740-349-7558 or email: events@heartbeats.org.

Perry County Housing Coalition Fundraiser to help the less fortunate will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 5-10pm at the St. Rose Community Center in New Lexington with Live and Silent Auctions. General admission is \$25 per person which includes table seating and appetizers. Purchase tickets and/or drop off items for Live Auction (value to exceed \$100) and Silent Auction (value below \$100) at the Perry County Chamber of Commerce. Questions please call Brenda Carney 740-974-5536 or David Weber 740-974-0680.

The LifeWise Academy program for the months of November and December is in need of Safety Volunteers. This takes approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sign up for whichever days you may have open. We've had a great response for September and October and hope to be able to maintain that level of help as we approach winter. The sign up sheet is located in the Gathering Space. Questions? Ask Bob Reynolds at 630-698-0457 or bobr22600@twc.com

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 5th. It is a day we pay tribute to those members and loved ones who have received God's gift of eternal life during the past twelve months. If you would like to bring in one or two pictures of your loved one(s) in a stand-up frame before that Sunday, the pictures will be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.

Thornville's Community Aid will be collecting gloves, mittens, hats, and socks for all ages. Look for the "Mitten Tree" in the gathering space soon. This is Grace's collection spot for donations to this ministry. Collection deadline: December 5. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, Beth 614-214-1944, or Virginia 740-877-2962.

Backpack Ministry is in full steam again this school year! 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.

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.

"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.

Ways To Serve - Sign up! Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. *Greeters*: a very important ministry in our parish, welcoming people coming to Grace for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more. *Lector*: Reading of the lessons. *Acolytes*: Lighting the candles. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- + Sunday October 15th-- Food Booth at the Country Fair
- + Thursday October 26th-- Party in the Parking Lot
- + November: Date to be determined-- Thanksgiving Lock In
- + December: Date to be determined-- Thornville's *It's a Wonderful Life* Event/Parade
- + January 2024: Saturday January 20th-- Hocking Hills Winter Hike
- + February 2024: Sunday February 11th-- Superbowl Bake Sale

SCHEDULE FOR OCT 8-15

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	BUDGET FORUM
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	10:00am	Women's Board
	4:30pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	6:00pm.	Variety Show Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	5:00pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>		<i>Thornville Country Fair</i>
	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: Tom Rodgers
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Lector: Kaye Smith (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
 Acolytes: Kris Straits (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Tom Rodgers (10:30)
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes: Kris Straits (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Giving: General: \$5,317.82.; Mission: \$100.; Lancaster Food: \$15.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$10.; TEAF: \$50.; Local Food: \$35.; Backpack: \$90.; LifeWise: \$200.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Scholarship: \$30.; South Sudan: \$100. Total: \$6,197.82

Attendance: 8am: 39; 10:30: 96