

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 4, 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, Vivian & Jr. Crist, Ron Pairan, Scott Reynard, Russell Jordan, George, Sharon, Bonnie, Gary Triplett, Joyce Moore, Alan Robinson, Natalie, Kelly, Kyle, Brittany, Jean, Vicki Lollini, Tim, Cathy, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, Justin, Donna Mickey, Jim Mickey, Jane, Fred Nigro, Charlyee Jo Severance, Sherry, Terry, Chris Fetherolf, Larry, Vickie, Shaun, Brenda Colpitts, Karen, Denise, Lauren Queen, Alicia, Jessica Dyer, Kayle, David, Carl, Bill, Mike Shank family, David Carr, Pres. Trump & USA., Brittany, Caleb, Chet Ervin, Andrew Smith, family of Harold Mason, family of Kelly O'Keefe, family of Gary Roberts, Cory Hughes, Christina Johnson, Mike, Stella, Iris, Courtney, Gary, Travis, Kaeleigh & son Jaden, Rick Phillips. 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 in honor of Hannah Luft's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 8, by her family.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Bud Kochensparger who will celebrate his birthday on Tuesday and to Kay Mohler whose birthday is next Sunday.

**Scholarships** are being awarded to two applicants at the 10:30 worship service today:

**Josiah W. Hamilton** - Attending Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, majoring in computer science.

**Brian W. Luft** - Attending Barton College in Wilson NC, studying Business.

**Next Sunday Is Rally Day!** Come and Join Us for Adventures in Faith (Sunday School) as we kick-off the new year at 9:15am! We will also bless Backpacks during the worship services that day, so bring your backpack (or whatever you use!) for a blessing for this new school year. We will be praying for and blessing students of all ages. Start the new school year out right: worship, pray, and be blessed by the power and joy of God!

**Kathy Aberegg** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and spiritual notes on her recent surgery. Possibly more surgery needed, so continued prayers appreciated.

**Like To Sing?** Join the choir! Practices resume August 29th. Still Thursdays at 7 pm. Need a reason to join the choir? Consider this: Neuroscientists in Sweden discovered that singers' heartbeats tend to synchronize, which leads to a sense of emotional calm and bonding. See you Thursday, August 29! Questions? Contact Diane Christensen, [dchris174@gmail.com](mailto:dchris174@gmail.com).

**Lutheran Church of South Sudan North America** - LCSS would like to thank Grace Lutheran for supporting them, but today, they have a message of urgent need. A project has been in the works for quite some time, Books for Africa (theology and medicine books). These books are waiting for shipment to Gambella, Ethiopia, where the seminary and college are located. The need now is to construct a library, to house the books. They need to be in a climate-controlled environment, or the heat will cause them to deteriorate. At this time, they still need to raise \$17,500 and are asking for donations of \$250, \$500, \$1000. No donation is too large or small. If anyone would like to donate, please send a check to LCSS-NA, c/o Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310.

**Hopewell United Methodist Church** will hold their annual Ice Cream Social, Aug. 10, 4:30-7pm. Donation only. Lots of home cooking -- sandwiches, noodles, pie and ICE CREAM! Address: 11742 Gower Rd, Glenford, OH.

**Save The Date!** The 2024 Stewardship Events for *Heartbeats* are Thursday, October 3rd (Cornerstone Church - Newark) and October 4th (North Terrace Church of Christ - Zanesville). 7:00 PM Social Hour (Hearty Appetizers and Desserts) 8:00 PM Program Begins. Please contact Kris.Lamphere@gmail.com (740-258-3314).

**Blessing Box** - Our 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.

**Blessing Box 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!

**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.

**Save Energy!** With the increase in heating and electricity bills, it is now more important than ever to do everything we can to reduce energy usage. Last year we replaced all lights with LED lights. This year we would like everyone to close doors and turn off lights when not in use, especially class rooms, sanctuary, gathering space, fellowship hall and Noah's club. Thank you for saving energy!

**"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: <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.

**Volunteer!** - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. Please choose a date to serve!

+ **Greeters:** Welcoming people coming for worship, handing out bulletins, communion, and more.

+ **Lector:** Reading of the lessons.

+**Acolytes:** Lighting the candles.

SCHEDULE FOR AUG 4-11		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:30am	Quilting
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>		
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Rally Day
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis

Greeters:

Lector: Karen Lewis (8am), Valinda Arnold (10:30)

Acolytes: Brooklyn Feyh, Annabelle Gatewood (10:30)

Accompanist: Cherl Haggenjos

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought

Greeters:

Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am), Vince Smith (10:30)

Acolytes:

Accompanist: Diane Christensen

**Attendance:** July 28: 8:00: 35 10:30: 81

**Giving:** 7/14: General: \$2,094.50; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$145.; TEAF: \$40.; Local Food: \$50.; Backpack: \$110.; World Hunger: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$230.; Capital Campaign: \$15.; Memorial: \$25. Total: \$2,877.00