

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 28, 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** | Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Ana Grum, Donna Winegardner, Diane White, Bob Druchel, Fred Boring, Lynda, Mike Forsythe, Dave Shelly, Debbie, David Turner, Barb, Dreama Cleveland, Nick Robertson, Jody Morgan, Gene Tolliver, Kim J., Baby Orson, Sharon, Jessica Dyer, Cindy, Andrew Smith, Ashley and family, family of Bob Little, Staci B., Amanda, Kennedy & Jack, Gary Ellis, Ruth Anspach Carpenter, Caleb, Eric, the missing Navy Seals and their families, Linda Swinehart. 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.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Martha Sandagata who will celebrate her birthday on Tuesday and to Sue Cottrill whose birthday is on Saturday, Feb. 3.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Jim & Martha Harrison who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 25.

**The Lenten Evening Worship** services will be held again this year, at 7:00 PM each Wednesday during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Prior to worship each night, there will be a Lenten soup supper in the fellowship hall at 6:00. The Lenten services will be a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Psalms.

**Soup Suppers:** Six pots of soup are needed each Wednesday during Lent; and on Maundy Thursday. A sign-up sheet to provide a soup, and/or dessert for one or more of these dinners, is on the table in the gathering space. Coordinator: Wanda Hupp 740-246-5317.

**Voting Now Open! "March Madness" Hymn Tournament!** For Lent this year, Pastor Tom is going to be leading the congregation in our first "hymn tournament," where we get to nominate 16 of our favorite hymns and songs from church, and then we will vote on the hymns like the NCAA basketball tournament through the season of Lent. The first nominating ballot is available in the gathering space! This is, of course, just for fun!

**"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns"** - For this coming year, Pr. Tom will be providing a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year, which will be posted on his blog. The hymns chosen correspond roughly to the unfolding church calendar. Hymns provide us with a window into the time and circumstances in which they were written, but they also help us in our own life of prayer as they express the faith of the Church with grace and beauty. The first few posts are live on his blog. 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>

**2024 Offering Envelopes** have been assigned and are ready to be picked up from the gathering space. If you cannot find your box of personalized envelopes, or if you would like to be assigned a box, please contact the church office 740-246-6576 and a box will be made available for 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 Kelley's Flowers. Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or [office@gracethornville.org](mailto:office@gracethornville.org)) for any special wording that you want printed in the bulletin. Your flowers may be taken home following the worship service on your Sunday.

**You're Invited!** 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. To determine how much food is needed, please RSVP to Kaye Smith 740-403-1482, Pastor Theresa Jacobson 740-242-2192, or RSVP forms are on the table in the gathering space.

**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.

**Ways To Serve** - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space.

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

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

+ **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles.

+ **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays assisting kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

**"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.

**SCHEDULE FOR JAN 28-FEB 4**

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Drumm's
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</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: Jim Lewis

Greeters:

Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)

Acolytes: Karsen and Brayden Large (10:30)

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Theresa Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Jim Lewis (10:30)

Greeters:

Lector: Kelly O'Reilly (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)

Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8:00: 21; 10:30: 102

**Giving:** 1/14: General: \$2,548.50; Lancaster Food: \$10.; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$20.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$70.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$5.; NALC Intern: \$30.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Handbells: \$300.; Flower Fund: \$100.; Sola Publishing Roof: \$1000. Total: \$4,206.00