

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 27, 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, Carol Cormican, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Rick Rockwell, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Bradley, Joyce Moore, Jodi Stickdorn, Ashley, Mike Frye, Holly Culver, Robin, Family of Harry Goldsberry, Family of Linda Shaeffer, Terri, Brittany, Danny Proch, Erin, Vivian, LifeWise Program, Family of Etta Mae Swartzgager Avita, Family of Casey Hayes. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Reformation, by Jackie Combs.

The Following Youth have completed their confirmation studies and will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:30 service today. Congratulations Confirmands! In their honor, a reception will be held in the gathering space following the service.

Brody Allen Barrera
Brayden Lewis Large
Grant Edward McCallum
Stella Marie Rockey
Caleb Thomas White

Important Upcoming Date:

- Sunday, November 3, 2024, 9:15am - **Annual Congregational Meeting**

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.

2024 Annual Report is available in the gathering space. Please read it over and bring it to the Annual Meeting with any questions.

Happy Birthday wishes to Kathy Aberegg whose birthday is today.

Special Thanks to Dave Fazakas, Grant McCallum, and Noah Pennybacker for sharing their gift of music with us at the 10:30 service today.

Party-In-The-Parking-Lot on Thursday, October 31, 6-8pm. Come and have some fun at this community event! Music with a DJ, candy, hot cocoa, popcorn! Costume contest at 7:45pm. See you there!

Thank You to all who helped with the Country Fair this past Sunday. The youth raised over \$1,000 to be given to Alicia Finck and her family to help with medicals. Your generosity is appreciated!

From Theresa Jacobson: Thank You for all the prayers, cards, and thoughts that all of you sent our way as we mourned the death of my step-mom, Ruth Garrison. We can't say thank you enough for the kindness you have shown our family! Much love, Pastor Theresa and Family.

NALC Disaster Response has scheduled a *Stuff the Truck* event at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grove City on November 3. We will accept your donations here through Oct. 28, in the atrium entrance, then transport them to Grove City for the event. For monetary donations, just write *Disaster* on your offering envelope.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 3rd. 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 (include their name), before that Sunday, the pictures will be displayed in the altar area. Candles will be lit in their memory.

Thankoffering Sunday will be celebrated on November 10. Please start bringing in non-perishable food items, soaps, and personal care items for our local food pantries - Thornville, Glenford, Millersport. Giving in this way shows gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 3, 2024. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

Adventures in Faith Mission Project: We will be taking a weekly offering during each of our various Adventures in Faith classes. This includes both adult classes as well as confirmation. Our mission focus this year is *One Plus God: Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry*. This ministry is "A Partnership between the Lutheran churches of Tanzania and the States" and "An initiative of Grace Lutheran Church of Jackson Center, Ohio." The purpose of this ministry is: "to partner with Christian Lutheran churches both locally and in the USA to provide holistic care (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to people struggling in remote villages, and orphaned children so that they can be integrated well into society, but also be sufficiently equipped to lead effective change in their communities." We do that through directing "all to Jesus, so that they can find life in Him, experience His love and grace, and then start to share that with the community around them." We will send a financial offering in May.

Our Adventures in Faith Classes and Leaders:

- Two Adult Classes - Kris Lamphere in St John's Hall, Room 203 (main level), Karen and Jim Lewis in The Franks Fellowship Hall (lower level)
- 6th - 12th grades - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, AIF/SS Coordinator and Amber Feyh (top floor)
- 1st -5th grades - Jessica Rockey (top floor)
- PreK-K - Linda Keaser in Noah's Club (lower level)
- Confirmation Class - Pastor Tom Jacobson Classroom 1, Room 206 (off Gathering space, main level)

Youth Mission/Service Trip for 2025. There are weeks available from mid June to close to the end of July. Please think and talk about first 1. if you plan on going on the trip this summer, second 2. which site you would want to go for, and third 3. what weeks absolutely won't work. From that information, I can make some more concrete plans. We will need to get enough spots reserved. There are locations in both Loveland, Colorado and Kenosha, Wisconsin. The website of the organization is groupmissiontrips.com if you want to look at it more yourself. For the "Week of Hope" trips, the cost is \$348 per person, but we have quite a bit of money in the youth account that could cover a good amount of that if not the entire amount, depending on how many people we have going. Please let Pastor Tom know your thoughts about the above. You can email pastor@gracethornville.org.

Blessing Box - Our new 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. 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.

"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. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the 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.

SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 27-NOV 3		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	10:30am	Worship - Confirmation
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Monday</u>	2:00pm	Hupp
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Zeigler
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	6:00pm	Party-In-The-Parking-Lot
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
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	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice

Attendance: Oct 20: 8:00: 52; 10:30: 70
Giving: General: \$3,126.50; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$60.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$21.; Local Food: \$125.; Backpack: \$115.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; LifeWise: \$150.; AIF: \$39. Total: \$3,819.00

Serving Today:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Greeters: Dennis DeRolph (10:30)
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
 Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
 Greeters:
 Lector: Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons