

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 21, 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, Donna Winegardner, Diane White, Bob Druchel, Fred Boring, Lynda, Mike Forsythe, Bob Little, Dave Shelly, Debbie, David Turner, 4 month old Journey, Sidney, Patty, Jay Carson family, Barb, Dreama Cleveland, Nick Robertson, Jody Morgan, Gene Tolliver, Kim J., Baby Orson, Sharon, Jessica Dyer, Ruth Anspach Carpenter, Brittany, Caleb, Cindy, Ana Grum, Andrew Smith, Ashley and family, family of Lydia Rose Dupler, Staci B., family of Sebastian Gartside, family of Newark Catholic Coach John Cannizzaro, 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 by Sue Ellen Simmons.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Larry & Sandria Winegardner who will celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

**Newsletter Articles** for the February *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Tuesday.

**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.

**Tuesday's Table:** The next monthly outing will be this Tuesday, January 23, at Firehouse Pizza at 5PM. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space if you want to attend. Questions: Jim & Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**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>

**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 use the RSVP insert included in today's bulletin.

**Homelessness** - The Point-in-Time Count (PiT Count) is an annual count of individuals sleeping in unsheltered locations. This count provides an accurate record of what homelessness looks like in our community, which helps identify areas of need, for planning purposes. This data will be used to request funding, and to ensure funds are allocated to the areas with greatest need. If you know someone who is currently unsheltered in our county (sleeping in a car, tent, abandoned building), please invite them to Holy Trinity Church, 201 West Brown Street, New Lexington, on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. A hot meal and beverages will be provided. Also available: hygiene supplies, cold weather supplies, giveaways.

**Communion Bread Bakers:** Thank you to the following for baking and delivering the 4 loaves of communion bread. Valinda Arnold, Lynda Chalfant, Marian DeRolph, Cheryl Haggenjos, Vicki Jones, Richard Koehler, Jeni Lahman, Ginger O'Reilly, Jessica Rockey, Twila Rodgers, Kaye Smith, Julie Stought, Peggy White, and Heather Yakes. Your help is greatly appreciated! Contact Jim Roshon, 740.467.3198, if interested in joining the bread baking team.

**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 21-29**

<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 vs. Maple St.
<u>Tuesday</u>	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
	6:00pm.	Lions Cub Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Monticello Circle
<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: Kelly O'Reilly

Greeters: Peg Shafer (8am)

Lector: Peg Shafer (8am); Twila Rodgers (10:30)

Acolytes:

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next 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

**Attendance:** 8:00: 22; 10:30: 89

**Giving:** General: \$7,787.82; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$42.; Local Food: \$30.; Backpack: \$270.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$210.; Heartbeats: \$225.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Christmas: \$25.; South Sudan: \$100. Total: \$8,819.82