

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Sharon, Scott Reynard, Russell Jordan, George, Bonnie, Kelly, Kyle, Jean, Vicki Lollini, Tim, Cathy, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Christina Johnson, Mike, Stella, Iris, Courtney, Gary, Travis, Rick Phillips, Robbie, Dee, Karen, James & Pat Gardull, family of Sally Combs, Carl, Chad, Monte, Bunny Peak, Christine, Misty, Mike, Brittany, Ron McCarty family. 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 Bob & Becky Reynolds' 60 wedding anniversary on Thursday. We congratulate them and pray that the Lord will bless them with many more years together.

**We Welcome** the musical group *Flutasia* to our services today to lift us up with their gift of music. Members include: Judy Rehrer, Director, Lancaster; Laurie Seymour, Lancaster; Deb Hatch, Lancaster; Debbie Behringer, Lancaster; Jordan Sheehan, Lancaster; Niki Lambert, Lancaster; Amy Zeuch, Lancaster; Cassie Bull, Lancaster; Kelly Raybourne, Lancaster; Jonna Barr, Lancaster; Kim Lutz, Thornville; Renee Bartholomew, Logan; Nancy Starn, Pataskala; Samuel Maffit, Columbus.

**The Church Office** will be closed tomorrow in honor of Labor Day.

**No Monday Bible Study** tomorrow, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bible study will resume 4 pm on September 9<sup>th</sup>, Psalm 23. Leader: Carl Keaser 740-403-4197

**The Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, November 3, 2024** between the worship services. A **Budget Forum** will be held on **Sunday, October 13, 2024** between the worship services.

**Next Sunday - Messy Games!** - All KFC and KFROGS youth are invited to test your skills at our Annual Messy Games, scheduled for Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00- 4:00pm!! We will have lunch following church in the fellowship hall. Games to follow. Make sure you bring old clothes and an old towel. We are needing volunteers to help with the set up/clean up of each game station. Please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 or Theresa Jacobson 740-242-2192 if you can help or have questions!! This is always a fun event to attend and watch!!

**How We Worship and Why!!** As Lutherans, we come to church, we praise God, and follow our liturgy, but do you truly understand the service? During the worship there are rituals that we as Lutherans do.... because that's what we were taught. As Karen and I have gone from church to church and pastor to pastor we have found that each has differences. Come join us on September 8th in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday school for a discussion of these differences. - Jim & Karen Lewis, Leaders

**Ring Praise!** GraceNotes Handbell Choir is welcoming new ringers! You are invited to join this fun, friendly group of musicians who enjoy coming together to make music for the glory of our Lord. Rehearsals are on Mondays at 7:00pm beginning September 9. Anyone can learn to play handbells; musical experience is not required (but it is helpful). We can teach you everything you need to know to play with our group! If this sounds like fun to you, please reach out to our handbell director, Becky Winegardner 740-243-0394, for more information.

**Backwoods Fest Volunteers Needed!** We will be working the Backwoods Fest again this year, slingin' Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, along with Pumpkin Spice Bread. There are 3 shifts on Friday Sept. 20, Saturday Sept 21, & Sunday Sept 22, so lots of opportunity to help. Parking is free; however, there is a \$12.00 entrance fee for those over age 10. Booth workers are required to pay the fee in order to enter. Gate fees will be reimbursed from the Youth Fund for volunteers upon request. Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space. Questions, please contact Kelly O'Reilly 740-973-3158 or Jason Barrera 740-334-0675. Please volunteer! This is a major fundraiser for our Youth!!

**Confirmation Class:** As with last year, confirmation class will meet during the Sunday school/Adventures in Faith time in between the services. Any new eighth grade students or others who have not yet begun confirmation are invited to begin. New and current students will meet together for the first time on Sunday September 8. For any new students, please contact Pr. Tom prior to the first class, and he will provide you with a packet of information about the class and a confirmation agreement that the student is asked to sign.

**Church Picnic!** Join us at the Thornville Park Shelter House for an enjoyable afternoon on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Chicken, drinks, and table service provided. Bring a dish or two to share, your family & friends! Food! Games! Fellowship! 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 form on the table in the gathering space at the Congregation Corner and return it to the basket.

**LifeWise Academy** starts meeting here weekly beginning Sept 4th and 5th (Wed. and Thurs., 11:00am - 1:30pm). A Security Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the Gathering Space to assist kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back as part of the LifeWise Program that Grace is hosting. We need at least two people each day from about 10:45 am to 1:45 pm. Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program. Please add your name to the list as you are able.

**Thornville Activities Committee (TAC)** will hold an open house meeting here, at Grace, on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. A Thornville-Thorn Twp. economic idea will be discussed, news about TAC and the new multi-use trail grant will be shared.

**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 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.

**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.

**"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, etc.
- + **Lector:** Reading of the lessons.
- + **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles.

SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 1-8		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	<i>Labor Day - Office Closed</i>	
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:30am	Quilters
<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>	11:00am	V. Jones
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Youth Messy Games

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
 Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (8:00am)  
 Lector: Kevin Howell (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Abby Duerson, Luke Washburn (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
 Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (10:30)  
 Lector: Valinda Arnold (10:30)  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Aug. 25: 8:00: 39; 10:30: 82

**Giving:** General: \$5,524.50; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$45.; TEAF: \$24.; Local Food: \$75.; Backpack: \$70.; World Hunger: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$450.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$455.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Choir: \$5.; Memorial: \$375. Total: \$7,096.00