

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 9, 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** | Vicki Lollini, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Robin Nelson, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Tim, Cathy, Charlie, Brittany, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, Justin, Scott Reynard, Jo, Carlos, David, George, Sherry, John Moriarty, Noah Frost, Kenny, Rachel, Char McCasland, Donna Mickey, Jim Mickey, Jane, Fred Nigro, Amy, Sarah and Dustin, Pam Raver, Charlyee Jo Severance, Sherry, Terry, Larry, Vickie, Shaun, Jodi, Cassie Fetherolf. Answered Prayer: Thanks for a successful surgery on Kayleann Sigler. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Congratulations** to our 2024 Graduates! A reception, in their honor, will be held in the gathering space following the 10:30 service.

**Brian W Luft III**  
*Newark Catholic High School*

**CJ Reynard**  
*Lakewood High School*

**Lauren Riley Feyh**  
*K12 Homeschool Program*

**Collin Hill**  
*Denison University*

**Luken Hill**  
*Muskingum University*

**Happy Birthday** wishes to John Cooperrider who will celebrate his birthday on Thursday. Cards may be sent to Altercare Thornville, 14100 Zion Road, Thornville OH 43076.

**Vacation Bible School** starts tomorrow!! SCUBA VBS, June 10-14, 9am-noon at Grace Lutheran Church, Pre-K at Thornville United Methodist Church. Adults may register children any day during VBS week at 8:30am @ Grace. Please pray for our Vacation Bible School children.

**Summer Potluck** - An all-church potluck is planned for June 23, following the 10:30 service. Bring your favorite dish to share, Church will supply plates, table service, drinks. Everyone is invited! (No special occasion- just a time for fellowship). Questions, contact Vicki Jones [rvjones1995@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rvjones1995@sbcglobal.net)

**Paul Varner Scholarship Fund** applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> of current year. Applicants need to submit a completed application, an essay of 500 words or more (750 maximum) describing their recent involvement at Grace Church and how your involvement has created an awareness of the need to help others, a high school final grade card or transcript, and formal proof of acceptance to secondary education institution. Please contact Beth Raab 740-755-6410 or any council member for more information.

**"My Neighbor's Faith"** All around our country, churches and other houses of worship dot the landscape. From where do they all come, and what do they believe? How are they similar and how are they different from Lutheranism? During the month of June (2nd through 30th), Pr. Tom will be leading the adult education hour between the two services (9:15 in St. John's Hall) in an exploration of the history and beliefs of different religious traditions common in the United States. Of course, we will not be able to discuss every specific group, but we will talk about broad categories in which particular groups fall. Possible topics will include but are not limited to Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, "Reformed" Protestantism, Methodism, Baptist churches, Mormonism, Pentecostalism, Anabaptism, Judaism, and Islam.

**Adventures in Faith** - We are now on break for the summer. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to spend time with God! Sunday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day and Backpack Blessing.

**Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on Saturday, 8:00am, at Nana & Papa's Restaurant in Thornport. This is a men's monthly breakfast meeting for fellowship, prayer, and lite Bible study. For more information, contact Pr. Tom 605-760-9210.

**The Ladies & Cancer Support Group** will meet for a dinner gathering on Tuesday, June 11, at Max & Erma's Restaurant in Lancaster Ohio. We gather at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thornville Freedom Festival** will be held July 4, 2024. This all-day event will feature food trucks, craft vendors, parade, kids activities, pet show, eating contests, fireworks. A list of times for the events can be found on the bulletin board in the elevator hallway. If you would like to be a vendor, cost is \$20 (free for non-profits). Contact Lynda Chalfant for more info 740-398-4981.

**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. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

**The Quilting Group** is in need of backing for their quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are asking for donations of queen size flat sheets. Those sheets could be new or used as long as there are no stains. Any color is also fine. If anyone has fabric they would like to donate, or has questions, please contact Jeni Lahman at jenimlahman@gmail.com or 614.371.4851 (cell). A donation bin has been placed in the atrium entrance.

**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!

**Fire Inspection Notice** - Please note that "hold open devices" are prohibited on all fire doors. This means that we can no longer have hold open devices attached to the main entrance doors to the Gathering Space, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall. We are currently looking into installing magnetic hold-open devices with automatic door closers in case of a fire, which will take time. In the meantime, there are rubber door stoppers available for short-time use. However, keep in mind that these doors must stay closed when not in use. For example, after church services and other church functions.

**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, which will also be provided in the weekly email reminder about worship for the coming Sunday: <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 JUNE 9-16		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	4:00pm	Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	9:00am	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00am	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	5:30pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	9:00am	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Nana & Papas
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Greeters: Rockey Family  
 Lector: Jim Roshon (8am); Theresa Jacobson(10:30)  
 Acolytes: Sophia Rockey, Mack Reedy (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Cherl Haggenjos

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Cherl Haggenjos

**Attendance:** June 2: 8:00: 27 ; 10:30: 104

**Giving:** General: \$9,651.74; Lancaster Food: \$15.; LWR: \$12.50; Building: \$5.; Disaster: \$100.; NALC: \$625.; TEAF: \$125.; Local Food: \$160.; Backpack: \$110.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$15.; Scholarship: \$200.; Memorial: \$375.; KFC: \$130. Total: 11,729.24