

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 20, 2023

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 | Barb Holbrook, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Dave Schridder, Ron Pairan, Bob Little, Rick Phillips, Melissa, Tyler Rice, Rick and Barb Stephens, Paul Smith, Dan, Dave Noll, Lynn Stough, David Forsythe, Frank Dixon, Carolyn Ricketts, Homer & Millie Boyd, Brittany, Jean, family of Diana Zimmerman Guisinger, Meagen's Grandma, Brian, Kay, Joyce Moore, family of Scott Haffner, John Rose. 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 Terry & Wanda Hupp's 56th wedding anniversary on August 26; and in celebration of Barry & Linda Moore's 42nd wedding anniversary on August 22.

Today Is Rally Day! Join Us for Adventures in Faith (Sunday School) as we kick-off the new year! Our theme is "This is My Father's World" and we will be focusing on the very beginning with God's creation of the world and everything in it. We hope to see you there!

KFC (grades 7-12): There will be a parent meeting this Sunday, August 20th at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will talk about some dates for highway cleanup, next year's youth trip, the Sweetcorn Festival parade, and some other things. Parents and students are encouraged to come. Light refreshments will be provided.

Monticello Circle will meet here on Wednesday at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.

It Is Time For Singing! Choir starts this coming Thursday, the 24th at 7 pm. We have some wonderful music ahead of us! The choir needs more of each voice part, so don't be shy. If you have questions, please contact Diane Christensen at dchris174@gmail.com or (740) 215-2396. The choir has a seat saved just for you!

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

Church Library: The church library is now available for use! It is located in one of the classrooms in the gathering space, the first room to the right upon entrance. There is a nice round table and chairs in there for people to sit, read, reflect, and pray. Of course, there are also many books for people of all ages. Many thanks to everyone who helped get the space ready: Karen Lewis, Valinda Arnold, Jeni Lahman, and Carl Lahman.

Spiritual Book Discussion Group: The vision statement of Grace Lutheran Church is that "*We are a community developing faithful followers of Jesus through friendship, spiritual growth, and service.*" A part of "*spiritual growth*" is gaining new insights into our faith. For that reason, Pr. Tom will be leading a spiritual book discussion group for those interested. We will plan on reading one book in the fall and one book in the spring. Participants will be asked to write down comments, observations, and questions as they read the book, and we will then gather to discuss it at the end of the season. A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested. Please leave the email you would like to use, and Pr. Tom will email the group with details.

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 eligible to begin. New and current students will meet together for the first time on Sunday September 10. 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.

LifeWise Meeting for Volunteers and Parent Open House will be held here on Tuesday, August 29, 6-7:30pm. All are invited to attend and learn more about this exciting program!

LifeWise Funding - This program relies on donations from the communities it serves. Things in this community are ROLLING! We have 190 kids enrolled district wide. This program is going to be a wonderful blessing to these kids and their families!!! 3 teachers have been hired and 20 Volunteers have stepped forward. A community member came forward with \$50,000, if the community can match it by Labor Day. To donate, just mark "LifeWise" on your offering envelope or go to:

<https://lifewise.org/district/3904905-oh-perry-county-northern-local/>

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 ONE person on Wednesdays and at least ONE on Thursdays from about 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program, especially while they are off school grounds. Please add your name to the list as you are able. Bob Reynolds will contact you with details about what is needed. Thanks to all for supporting this important program that brings kids into church!

Ways To Serve - Please take some time to look at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. Ways to help with the worship service are posted. *Greeters!*.. wouldn't you like to welcome people coming to Grace for worship, hand out bulletins, collect the offering, and more? *Lector!*.. Reading of the word...do you like to read out loud? Also needed are *Acolytes*. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date that works for you...so you can volunteer to serve our Lord.

Pop Tabs - Thank you for your support of Ronald McDonald House with your donation of pop tabs. We will continue this ministry throughout the year. We used this as one of our VBS offerings, and we were able to donate over 30 lbs of pop tabs! Thank you!

Recycling Bins - Three blue recycling bins have been placed in the church for recycling of plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Thanks to Paul Moentmann for donating the bins.

The Monday Night Bible Study group will meet here every Monday at 4:30pm. Questions: call Carl Keaser 740-659-2215.

YouTube - Grace now has a YouTube channel for viewing past worship services. Facebook is not needed for this service. Link to our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos>

SCHEDULE FOR AUG 20-27

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| <u>Today</u> | 8:00am | Worship |
| | 9:15am | Rally Day - Adventures In Faith |
| | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 4:00pm | KFC & Parents Meeting |
| <u>Monday</u> | 4:30pm | Bible Study |
| | 7:00pm | Council Meeting |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | | |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 7:00pm | Monticello Circle |
| <u>Thursday</u> | 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 |
| | 10:30am | Worship |

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters:
 Lector: John Ulmer (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)
 Acolytes: Krislyn Straits, Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Greeters:
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
 Acolytes: Brody and Kolie Barrera (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 26; 10:30: 67

Giving 8/06: General: \$5,539.; Mission: \$1.; Lancaster Food: \$115.; NALC: \$120.; TEAF: \$49.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$215.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Homeless Shelter: \$5.; Capital Campaign: \$15.; Scholarship: \$25.; Memorial: \$50. Total: \$6,529.00

Giving 8/13: General: \$3,135.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$120.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$345.; Good Samaritan: \$5.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$7,000.; Capital Campaign: \$255.; Scholarship: \$10.; KFC Youth: \$583.88 Total: \$11,568.88