

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 7, 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 | Donna Winegardner, Larry Arnold, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Gary Ellis, Robin Nelson, Jim Gardull, Frank Gardull, the family of Amy O'Day, Dylan Elliott, Lisa, Jordan Pompey, George Miller, Bill Keaser, Trudi Moore, Dreama, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Bella, Eddie, Paul, Susan Ballantine, Christina, Gary, Parker, Audrey, Dylan Davy, Charlie, Becky, Blane, Brian and family, Sharon, Jethro, John Cooperrider, Aliyah, Linda P., Kevin Runyon, James Runyon, Pat Dennis, Mike Z., Robert, Shaun, Charlie, Brittany, Jean, Bradley, the Frederickson family, Ben Bingman family, Dorothy, Jim, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Betty Phillips. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Dennis & Marian DeRolph who are celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary today.

Photos for Our Pictorial Church Directory! No appointment necessary - just go to the church Narthex (rear of the sanctuary) today 9:00am - 10:30am and 11:45am - 12:30pm. If you or your family is not available for photos, a recent family photo can be emailed to the church office (office@gracethornville.org).

Acolyte Training will be held today following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary for all those interested in becoming a new acolyte or needing a refresher course.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and all of those that attended the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday!! The youth raised \$650.00 towards purchasing the outdoor nativity scene! Thank you again for your continued support!!

Let's take a hike! KFC and Kfrogs will be traveling to the Hocking Hills next Saturday April 13th to hike Old Man's Cave and have lunch. We will leave the church at 8:30am and return approximately between 3:00-3:30 pm. Please wear shoes that have good traction and can get dirty and wet. Also dress appropriately and you may bring a small back pack with a snack and water bottle. Lunch will be provided. All ages welcome!!! Contact Casey Sigler or Theresa Jacobson for questions.

First Communion Classes will be held on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am (third floor classroom) beginning April 7th - May 12th for youth who are in the 3rd & 4th grade or older. Youth will receive their First Communion on May 12 at the 10:30 service.

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 jenilahman@gmail.com or 614.371.4851 (cell). A donation bin has been placed in the atrium entrance.

Annual Spring Cleaning Day - On April 13th, 9am-noon This is the time we come together to clean up the church. There is something for everyone to do, inside and outside. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering space. Questions: contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or 614.329.8639 (cell).

"March Madness" Hymn Tournament! The "champion hymn," as voted on by the congregation is: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," Martin Luther's most famous hymn.

Vacation Bible School | SCUBA VBS, June 10-14, 9am-noon, at Grace Lutheran Church, Pre-K at Thornville United Methodist Church. Registration opens in late April. Watch here, on the church's digital announcements, or in the Gracevine for details as the time gets closer. It is a rewarding week, and Volunteers are needed! "Just 3 hours a day can make the difference of a lifetime!" See Beth Raab, Pr Theresa Jacobson, or Lillie Rockwell to help or for more information.

Vacation Bible School | The VBS team is in need of helpers (adult or youth, 7th grade and up) willing to serve during VBS week, June 10-14, 9am-noon, here at Grace. Helpers would assist crew leaders to usher small groups of children to each station, or assist teachers in their area; for example, the daily Bible story or in the Pre-K program. Helpers are not in charge, but are vital to our VBS program. See Beth Raab, Pr Theresa Jacobson, or Lillie Rockwell with questions or to volunteer, and we'll be happy to give more details. Grab and friend and volunteer together; it's fun and rewarding! We cannot do it without you!

The Ladies & Cancer Support Group will meet this coming Tuesday, April 9, at Cracker Barrel in Pickerington off St Rt 256. We will meet at 5 pm. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN TIME. If you are interested in car pooling or have questions please call Sharon Roshon at 740-467-3198. Please join us for fun, friendship and support.

Tuesday's Table - The next monthly outing will be Tuesday, April 23, at Clay's Café in Hebron at 5PM. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space if you want to attend. Questions: Jim & Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

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 APRIL 7-14	
<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship 9:00 -10:30 Photos 11:45-12:30 Photos 9:15am Adventures In Faith 9:15am Confirmation Class 10:30am Worship 11:45am Acolyte Training
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am Friendship Circle 5:15pm TAC Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am LifeWise Academy 5:30pm Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am LifeWise Academy 7:00pm Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30am Hike @ Hocking Hills 9:00am Spring Cleaning
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am Worship 9:15am Adventures in Faith 9:15am Confirmation Class 10:30am Worship

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Theresa Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Greeters: Beth Raab (8am)
Lector: Kaye Smith (8am); Lisa Duerson(10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Jim Lewis (10:30am)
Greeters:
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00: 46; 10:30: 167; Maundy Thurs.: 51; Good Friday Noon: 24; Good Friday Evening: 67; Easter Vigil: 23.

Giving Summary:

- Palm Sunday Regular (including designated) - \$4,553
 - Maundy Thursday - \$110
 - Good Friday - \$55
 - Easter Special - \$1,010
 - Easter Regular (including designated)- \$3,120
 - Easter flowers - \$59
 - Easter breakfast - \$658
 - Men of Grace - \$911
- Total for Holy Week - \$10,476