

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 25, 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, Barb, Lynda, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Gary Ellis, Darren Haggenjos, Brett Frederickson, family of Karl Grube, family of Ed Otte, family of Cameron Davis, Robin Nelson, Amy O'Day, George Miller, Bill Keaser, George, Trudi Moore, Dreama, Bob, Jodi, Christina, Carma Little, Joe Williams, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Bella, Eddie, Paul, Susan Ballantine. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Lenten Evening Worship** services will be held each Wednesday during Lent. The Lenten services will be a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Psalms.

- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the fellowship hall.
- 7:00p.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Third Round! "March Madness" Hymn Tournament!** From 150 hymns and songs nominated, the top 64 have been narrowed down to 32. We will vote each week during Lent, and the "champion hymn" will be announced on Easter. Ballots are located in the box on the table in the gathering space. Deadline for Third Round votes: Tuesday, Feb. 27.

**Easter Lilies** can be ordered now through March 24. Cost is \$20.00 each. The lilies will be used to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, then you may take them home following the 10:30 service. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space to place your order, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Our church leadership has determined it is time for our new **pictorial church directory**. Our dates for photography will be: March 13, March 17, March 20 and April 7. Photos will not be done with a photo company so there will be no pressure to buy family photos. More details will be forthcoming.

**The Children's Worship Bags** have been updated with new items! These bags are located in the back of the sanctuary and are available for children to use during worship service. Please make sure that all bags and items included are returned after the worship service each Sunday.

**Lawn Crosses** in time for Easter! Another batch of white PVC lawn crosses are in the process of being made, and they should be available in time for pickup by Easter. Feel free to check with your family, friends and neighbors if they would like to have one, in addition to your own. There is no cost for them, and they should last for many years outside.

**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 RSVP forms are on the table in the gathering space.

**"Our Daily Bread,"** daily devotionals for March - May are available from the tables in the Gathering Hall and west hallway.

**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 The Little Flower Shop (formerly 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.

**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. Special thanks to Luann Cooperrider and the Perry Housing Coalition for installing and filling our Blessing Box.

**Tuesday's Table** is taking a break in February and March to attend the Wednesday soup suppers and worship services. Their next outing will be on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Clay's Café in Hebron.

**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"** - 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 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>

**Ways To Serve** - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space or online. Please sign up!

+ **Greeters:** Welcoming people coming for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46705146-greeters#/>

+ **Lector:** Reading of the lessons. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46706267-lector#/>

+ **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46706227-acolytes#/>

+ **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2½ 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AAEAC2DA13-46624287-lifewise#/>

**"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 FEB 25-MARCH 3**

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
	6:00pm	Lions Club Cub
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<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 Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly

Greeters: Rockey family (10:30)

Lector: Beth Gilgien (8am); Bill Luft (10:30)

Acolytes: Stella and Sophia Rockey (10:30)

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Tom Rodgers (10:30)

Greeters:

Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Rick Rockwell (10:30)

Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)

Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8:00: 42; 10:30: 94; Wednesday: 44

**Giving:** General: \$2,439.50; Improvement Fund: \$100.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$75.; Local Food: \$15.; Backpack: \$10.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; LifeWise: \$115.; Lenten Offering: \$45.; Housing Coalition: \$100. Total: \$3,02.00