

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 18, 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 | The family of Firl Crist, Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Ron Pairan, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Scott Reynard, Russell Jordan, George, Sharon, Bonnie, Gary Triplett, Joyce Moore, Alan Robinson, Natalie, Kelly, Kyle, Brittany, Jean, Vicki Lollini, Tim, Cathy, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, Karen, Denise, Lauren Queen, Alicia, Kayle, David, Carl, Bill, Brittany, Cory Hughes, Christina Johnson, Mike, Stella, Iris, Courtney, Gary, Travis, Rick Phillips, Preston, family of Ken Stovcik, the Newell family, Robbie, Dee, family of Vince Jodoin, Karen, James & Pat Gardull, family of Mary Shank, family of Ron Fulk. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Terry & Wanda Hupp's 57th wedding anniversary on August 26.

Vivian and Jeff Crist would like to thank everyone for your outpouring of care, support, and prayers on the recent passing of their husband/father Firl Junior Crist.

Choir Rehearsals resume August 29th. Still Thursdays at 7 pm. Some advantages to joining the choir: ① You never have to worry about what to wear. ② You have excellent seats. ③ The pastor is nearly always looking the other way. ④ You're in a wonderful spot to see new members. ⑤ You're a leader in the worship experience. See you Thursday, August 29! Questions? Contact Diane Christensen, dchris174@gmail.com.

Messy Games - All KFC and KFROGs youth are invited to test your skills at Messy Games! Annual Messy Games is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 8th 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. Fun Fact: Did you know that there are over 25 ways to play a handbell? Handbells are versatile percussion instruments that can sound different depending on the techniques used!

Tuesday's Table - The next Tuesday's Table will be at the Canal Mexican Restaurant in Millersport on Aug 27th at 5pm. Sign up sheet is in Gathering Space. All are welcome!

Backwoods Fest: 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 15th 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.

You're Invited! Please plan on attending a new Sign dedication for the Thorn Township Food Pantry. Sunday, August 25th, 1:00 p.m. at the Food Pantry Parking lot (across from the Fire Department). Come and help celebrate over 30 years of service in our community. There will be a short ceremony and refreshments will be provided by the Thornville Lions Club.

Thornville Activities Committee (TAC) will hold an open house meeting here, at Grace, on Monday, September 23rd 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.

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.

The Monday Night Bible Study group meets here every Monday at 4:00pm. Questions: call Carl Keaser 740-403-4197.

Lutheran Church of South Sudan North America - LCSS would like to thank Grace Lutheran for supporting them, but now, they have a message of urgent need. A project has been in the works for awhile, Books for Africa (theology and medicine books). These books are waiting for shipment to Gambella, Ethiopia, where the seminary and college are located. The need now is to construct a library, to house the books that need to be in a climate-controlled environment. At this time, they still need to raise \$17,500 and are asking for donations of \$250, \$500, \$1000. No donation is too large or small. If anyone would like to donate, please send a check to LCSS-NA, c/o Zion Lutheran Church, 4300 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50310.

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 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 AUG 18-25		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	10:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	Dartball Captains Meeting
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>	5:00pm	TAC Meeting
<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 Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Greeters:
Lector: Beth Gilgien (8am), Bob Reynolds (10:30)
Acolytes: Luke Washburn (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Greeters:
Lector: Ana Grum (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Aug. 11: 8:00: 33 10:30: 82

Giving: 8/4: General: \$3,785.; Disaster: \$90.; NALC: \$20.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$125.; Good Samaritan: \$50.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$10.; Capital Campaign: \$318.20; Memorial: \$225. Total: \$4,653.20