

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 14, 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, Diane White, Bob Druchel, Fred Boring, Lynda, Mike Forsythe, Bob Little, Dave Shelly, Debbie, Jon & Patti Ridenour, David Turner, 4 month old Journey, Sidney, Patty, Jay Carson family, Barb, family of Stuart Yeagley, family of Carrie Kay Meadows, Tom and Jackie, Dreama Cleveland, Nick Robertson, Jody Morgan, Gene Tolliver, Kim J., Baby Orson, Sharon, Jessica Dyer, Jessica Dyer. Ruth Anspach Carpenter, Brittany, Caleb, Cindy, Ana Grum. Praise: Thank God for safe travels this Christmas season! Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Gary Gilgien for our 50th wedding anniversary on January 11, by Beth Gilgien.

2024 Offering Envelopes have been assigned and are ready to be picked up from the gathering space. If you cannot find your box of personalized envelopes, or if you would like to be assigned a box, please contact the church office 740-246-6576 and a box will be made available for you.

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 Kelley's Flowers. Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or 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.

Thank You to those who helped pack up the Advent/Christmas decorations: Lynda Chalfant, Pastors Tom and Theresa Jacobson, Carl Lahman, Paul Moentmann, Anna Oberhauser. Kelly O'Reilly, Tom and Twila Rodgers, and Brenda Shearer.

Let's Take a Hike! Where? To the Hocking Hills for a Winter Hike on Saturday January 20th!! We will meet at the church at 7am and head to Logan where we will get breakfast at McDonald's before heading out to the hike. This is a 6 mile hike with a small break ½ way through where hot chocolate, soup beans and corn bread are served. Make sure to dress warm and wear comfortable shoes with good tracking. Anyone is welcome to go! Just let us know who plans to attend so we can figure out transportation. Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

Vicky Thomas would like to thank all who have sent sympathy cards since Gregg's passing. Your kind words and knowing that her church family is praying, is helping her through. Thank you all!

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

Lutheran Reformed Cemetery Board will meet on January 15, 1:00pm, at the Thorn Twp. Building. Doug Cooperrider, chair.

The Lenten Evening Worship services will be held again this year, at 7:00 PM each Wednesday during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Prior to worship each night, there will be a Lenten soup supper in the fellowship hall at 6:00. The Lenten services will be a simple form of evening prayer with a series on the Psalms.

Soup Suppers: Six pots of soup are needed each Wednesday during Lent; and on Maundy Thursday. A sign-up sheet to provide a soup, and/or dessert for one or more of these dinners, is on the table in the gathering space. Coordinator: Wanda Hupp 740-246-5317.

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 use the RSVP insert included in today's bulletin.

"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 few 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>

Communion Bread Bakers: Thank you to the following for baking and delivering the 4 loaves of communion bread. Valinda Arnold, Lynda Chalfant, Marian DeRolph, Cheryl Haggenjos, Vicki Jones, Richard Koehler, Jeni Lahman, Ginger O'Reilly, Jessica Rockey, Twila Rodgers, Kaye Smith, Julie Stought, Peggy White, and Heather Yakes. Your help is greatly appreciated. Contact Jim Roshon, 740.467.3198, if anyone is interested in joining the bread baking team.

NALC Internship - This coming year (2024), the Southeast Ohio Mission District of the NALC will be hosting a seminary intern preparing for ordination. This intern will be based at Groveport Zion Lutheran Church, but will have the chance to do things in all the congregations of our district. Funding for the intern is needed. Our church council decided to designate half of the special Christmas offering to help fund this internship, with the other half going to the Lutheran Church-South Sudan. You can give by writing "NALC Internship" on your offering envelope.

Coming Soon: "March Madness" Hymn Tournament! For Lent this year, Pastor Tom is going to be leading the congregation in our first "hymn tournament," where we get to nominate 16 of our favorite hymns and songs from church, and then we will vote on the hymns like the NCAA basketball tournament through the season of Lent. Start thinking of your favorite hymns and look for the nominating ballot soon! This is, of course, just for fun!

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.

Ways To Serve - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space.

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

+ **Lector:** Reading of the lessons.

+**Acolytes:** Lighting the candles.

+ **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2 ½ 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.

"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 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, please let the church office know.

SCHEDULE FOR JAN 14-20

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Book Discussion Group
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Hopewell
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	5:00pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Quilting
	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	7:00am	Winter Hike
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Tom Rodgers (10:30)
 Greeters: Pete & Anna Oberhauser (8am)
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Bob Reynolds(10:30)
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters: Peg Shafer (8am)
 Lector: Peg Shafer (8am); Twila Rodgers (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8:00: 33; 10:30: 81

Giving: General: \$3,994.50; LWR: \$12.50; Lancaster Food: \$15.; NALC: \$75.; Local Food: \$60.; Backpack: \$140.; World Hunger: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$330.; NALC Intern: \$10.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Scholarship: \$10. Total: \$4,817.00