

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 17, 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 | Family of Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Donna Winegardner, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Gary Ellis, Robin Nelson, Amy O'Day, George Miller, Bill Keaser, George, Trudi Moore, Dreama, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Bella, Eddie, Paul, Susan Ballantine, Christina, Butch Schneider, Gary, Parker, Audrey, Dylan Davy, Charlie, Becky, Blane, Don & Evelyn Byard, Brian and family, Sharon, Jethro, John Cooperrider, Aliyah, family of Robbie Hayman, family of Megan Hart, family of Parker Burleson, the Stephenson family, Linda P., Kevin Runyon, James Runyon. Please pray for success in getting a grant for a health clinic at a school where it is needed. Thanks! Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

From NALC Disaster Response: Ohio was hammered by tornadoes last night and NALC Disaster Response is deploying to Indian Lake/Russell's Point area in addition to Plymouth Ohio/Huron Co. Prayers for the families who have lost loved ones at Indian Lake - 2 fatalities as of this writing. Your help is needed! Please send monetary donations to NALC Disaster Response, P.O. Box 130455, Saint Paul, MN 55113 Please send gift cards to NALC Disaster Response, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Brian Luft's 18th birthday on March 22, by his family.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Paul & Patty Jenny who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary tomorrow.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Linda Dittoe who passed away on March 12. Funeral services were held yesterday at the Hoskinson Funeral Home.

Lenten Evening Worship services are held each Wednesday during Lent. The Lenten services are 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.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday, March 24 - Worship at 8 and 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday, March 28 - Soup Supper at 6:00pm; Worship 7:00pm
- Good Friday, March 29 -Community Worship here at 12:00pm and 7:00pm
- Holy Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil Worship 7:00pm
- EASTER Sunday, March 31 - Worship at 8 and 10:30am, breakfast served 8-10am

Easter Breakfast - Our annual breakfast, sponsored by our Youth, will be held on Sunday, March 31, 8:00-10:00am, before worship services. Menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, cinnamon rolls, donuts, fruit, juice, coffee, milk. Cost: Donation. If you would like to help in the kitchen on that morning, contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405.

Sixth Round! "March Madness" Hymn Tournament! From 150 hymns and songs nominated, the top 64 have been narrowed down to 32; 32 to 16; 16 to 8; 8 to 4. 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 Sixth Round votes: Tuesday, March 19.

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.

Tulips for Easter. If you would like to order a Tulip with your Easter Lily (or instead of the lily), tulips cost \$19. Please use a Lily-order envelope found on the table in the gathering space and write "Tulip" on the envelope to place your order, or contact the church office 740-246-6576.

Photos for Our Pictorial Church Directory are now being taken. No appointment necessary - just go to the church Narthex (rear of the sanctuary)! If you or your family is not available for photos, a recent family photo can be emailed to the church office (office@gracethornville.org).

Our dates/times for photography:

- Sunday, March 17 ~ 9:00am - 10:30am and 11:45am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday, March 20 ~ 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Sunday, April 7 ~ 9:00am - 10:30am and 11:45am - 12:30pm

Irish Spud Lunch! The Grace Lutheran Church Women are serving an "Irish Spud Lunch" today, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service. Menu: Baked Potatoes with a variety of toppings, Salad, Drinks, and Desserts.

Monticello Circle will not meet in March. April 24 is their next meeting date.

Acolyte Training will be held on Sunday April 7th following the 10:30 service in the sanctuary for all those interested in becoming a new acolyte or needing a refresher course. Please contact Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 with any questions.

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

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. Please call the church office (740-246-6576 or office@gracethornville.org) to register! Youth will receive their First Communion on May 12 at the 10:30 service.

Abuse Safety Policy It is the goal of Grace Lutheran Church to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all who participate in activities at Grace Lutheran Church, especially for our children and youth. For this reason, we now have an approved policy from our insurance underwriter. Copies are available in the church office for those interested in reading this policy. Jim Lewis, head of safety and security, will be in charge of overseeing this policy.

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.

Military Mission Grace sent Christmas boxes to Kole Moore, Marine; William Wilke, Navy; Lucas Butler, Air Force; Dakota Scheuvront, Navy; and Zac Grant, Air National Guard. The next gift box from Grace will be for Easter. Thank you to those who donated to our Military Mission - Jim Roshon.

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) for any special wording that you want printed in the bulletin. Your flowers may be taken home following the worship service.

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.

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. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering space. Questions: contact Carl Lahman at carllahman@gmail.com or 614.329.8639 (cell).

"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 MARCH 17-24		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9-10:30am	Directory Photos
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am - 12:30pm	Directory Photos
	11:45am	Irish Spud Lunch
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	5:30pm - 7:00pm	Directory Photos
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Evening Prayer
<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

Attendance: 8:00: 26; 10:30: 95; Wednesday: 51
Giving: General: \$3,058.64; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$30.; TEAF: \$135.; Backpack: \$145.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$20.; LifeWise: \$100.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; Lenten Offering: \$112.; Flower Fund: \$158.; Total: \$3,931.14

Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
Greeters: Shane, Jessica, Stella, Sophia Rockey (10:30)
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Becky Winegardner (10:30)
Acolytes: Brayden and Karsen Large (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:
Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
Greeters: Casey Sigler, Brenda Shearer (10:30)
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
Acolytes:
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons