

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 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 | Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Vicky Thomas, Ron Pairan, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Sharon, Scott Reynard, George, Bonnie, Kelly, Kyle, Rick Phillips, Robbie, Dee, Karen, James & Pat Gardull, Carl, Chad, Monte, Bunny Peak, Christine, Misty, Mike, Brittany, Nadia, Alicia, Family of Monte Stalnaker, Pastor Tom Phillips, Tom, Jeanne, Andrea Laese, Aunt Vicki, the Carpenter family, the families and friends of the Georgia High School shooting victims. 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 "Someone's" 79th birthday, by Jim & Sharon Roshon.

Adventures in Faith Leaders being commissioned today are as follows. Thank you for your service to our Lord!

Adults - Kris Lamphere, Jim Lewis, Karen Lewis
6th - 12th Grade - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, Amber Feyh
1st - 5th Grade - Jessica Rockey
Pre K - K - Linda Keaser
Confirmation - Pastor Tom Jacobson

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.

TODAY - Messy Games! - All KFC and KFROGs youth are invited to test your skills at our Annual Messy Games, from 12:00- 4:00pm!! We will have lunch following church in the fellowship hall. Games to follow. Make sure you have old clothes and an old towel. 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 beginning today, September 8th, in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for a discussion of these differences. - Jim & Karen Lewis, Leaders

Backwoods Fest Volunteers Needed! 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.

Tuesday's Table - On Aug 27, thirty-one enjoyed fellowship & dining at Canal Mexican Grill in Millersport. The next outing is Sept 24 at Mugshots in Pleasantville at 5pm. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

LifeWise Academy meets here on Wednesdays and Thursdays. A Security Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the Gathering Space to assist kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back as part of the LifeWise Program. We need at least two people each day: **Wednesdays from 11:00am to 1:45 pm; Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:30 pm.** Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program. Please add your name to the list as you are able.

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.

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 new 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. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the 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 SEPT 8-15

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Youth Messy Games
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<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
	12:00pm	Church Picnic

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
 Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (10:30)
 Lector: Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes: Karsen Large (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers
 Greeters: Susan Cheney, Linda Mai (10:30am)
 Lector: Vince Smith (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: Sept 1: 8:00: 49; 10:30: 101

Giving: General: \$5,524.50; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$45.; TEAF: \$24.; Local Food: \$75.; Backpack: \$70.; World Hunger: \$50.; Pastor Didi: \$450.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$455.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Choir: \$5.; Memorial: \$375. Total: \$7,096.00