

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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 | Larry Arnold, family of Zelma Brown, Ron Pairan, Barb Holbrook, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Rick Phillips, Jeff, Melissa, Rick and Barb Stephens, Paul Smith, Dan, Lynn Stough, Bob Combs, David Forsythe, Sheila, Brittany, Caleb, Jackson, family of Merri Anne Schultz, Haven Clark, Ron, John, Sue Ellen, Bill Gale, family of Rita Haines. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Bob & Becky Reynolds' 59th wedding anniversary on September 5. Happy anniversary!

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in honor of Labor Day.

Messy Games - All KFC and KFROGS youth are invited to test your skills at Messy Games! Annual Messy Games is scheduled for Saturday, Saturday Sept 9th at 3:00pm!! Please wear old clothes, shoes and bring an old towel. Pizza to follow. This will be fun and MESSY!!! Can't wait to see you there! Any questions ask Casey Sigler 740-279-5405 or Theresa Jacobson 740-242-2192.

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. 15, Saturday Sept 16, & Sunday Sept 17, 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 Jason Barrera 740-334-0675 or Kelly O'Reilly 740-973-3158.

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 eligible to begin. New and current students will meet together for the first time on Sunday September 10. 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.

Spiritual Book Discussion Group: The vision statement of Grace Lutheran Church is that *"We are a community developing faithful followers of Jesus through friendship, spiritual growth, and service."* A part of "spiritual growth" is gaining new insights into our faith. For that reason, Pr. Tom will be leading a spiritual book discussion group for those interested. We will plan on reading one book in the fall and one book in the spring. Participants will be asked to write down comments, observations, and questions as they read the book, and we will then gather to discuss it at the end of the season. A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space for those interested. Please leave the email you would like to use, and Pr. Tom will email the group with details.

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 that Grace is hosting. We need at least ONE person on Wednesdays and at least ONE on Thursdays from about 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. Keeping the kids safe is an integral part of this program, especially while they are off school grounds. Please add your name to the list as you are able. Bob Reynolds will contact you with details about what is needed. Thanks to all for supporting this important program that brings kids into church!

Tuesday's Table – 20 people enjoyed talking and dining at the Outerbelt Brewery on August 16. The next event will be Tuesday, September 19, 5:00pm, at Mug Shots (formerly Pacer's) in Pleasantville. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Congregation Corner of the gathering space. A very special event is planned for October!! Join us on Wednesday, October 4 for a 2 hour dinner cruise on the Lorena Sternwheeler in Zanesville. Sternwheeler leaves dock at 5PM. The buffet menu will be stuffed chicken or baked steak, garden salad, glazed carrots, red skinned mashed potatoes, rolls & butter, iced tea and water. Optional dessert can be at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl following the cruise. Cruise and dinner will be \$30 per person. Make your reservations and payment to Jim or Sharon Roshon by September 26. A minimum of 30 reservations are needed for this event with a maximum of 40. You can also BYOB which includes soft drinks if you wish. You may want to bring a jacket... Car pooling from the church may be arranged if needed. The Lorena Sternwheeler is moored at Zane's Landing Park at the west end of Market Street in downtown Zanesville.

Recycling Bins - Three blue recycling bins have been placed in the church for recycling of plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

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 - Sign up! Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. *Greeters*: a very important ministry in our parish, welcoming people coming to Grace for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more. *Lector*: Reading of the lessons. *Acolytes*: Lighting the candles . Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

YouTube - Grace now has a YouTube channel for viewing past worship services. Facebook is not needed for this service. Link to our channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos>

SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 3-10

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	<i>Labor Day - Office Closed</i>	
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00am	Extension Homemakers
	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	3:00pm	Youth Messy Games
<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: Tom Rodgers
 Greeters:
 Lector: Bill Luft (8am); Lisa Duerson (10:30)
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Cabot Black (10:30)
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Lector: Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 26; 10:30: 119

Giving: General: \$5,445.92; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$30.; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$15.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$270.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$1,265.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Scholarship: \$10. Total: \$7,103.42