

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 26, 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 | Kayle Sigler, the family of Larry Arnold, Vicki Lollini, David Turner, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Robin Nelson, Carma Little, Ken Disbennet, John Clouse, Denise Knox, Tim, Cathy, Charlie, Brittany, Jean, Bradley, Lin Baltzly, Katie, Becky Cross, Justin, Scott Reynard, Jo, Carlos, David, George, Sherry, The Henry Family, John Moriarty, family of Joe Asta, Noah Frost, Kenny, Rachel, Char McCasland, Donna Mickey, Jim Mickey, Jane, Fred Nigro, Amy, Sarah and Dustin. Answered Prayer: Health of Mark Knauff. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Rose Walser, by her family.

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

Hospitalized this past week: Kayle Sigler in OSU.

Tuesday's Table - The next monthly outing will be Tuesday, May 28, 5:00pm, at Schaffner's in Baltimore, 601 West Market (St Rt 256). The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space if you want to attend. Questions: Jim & Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Adventures in Faith - We are now on break for the summer. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to spend time with God! Sunday, Aug 11th is Rally Day and Backpack Blessing.

Choir and Handbells - The final choir practice of the season will be this Thursday at 7:00pm. Then, no more practices through the summer. See you in the fall!

"My Neighbor's Faith" All around our country, churches and other houses of worship dot the landscape. From where do they all come, and what do they believe? How are they similar and how are they different from Lutheranism? During the month of June (2nd through 30th), Pr. Tom will be leading the adult education hour between the two services (9:15 in St. John's Hall) in an exploration of the history and beliefs of different religious traditions common in the United States. Of course, we will not be able to discuss every specific group, but we will talk about broad categories in which particular groups fall. Possible topics will include but are not limited to Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, "Reformed" Protestantism, Methodism, Baptist churches, Mormonism, Pentecostalism, Anabaptism, Judaism, and Islam.

Vacation Bible School | SCUBA VBS, June 10-14, 9am-noon at Grace Lutheran Church, Pre-K at Thornville United Methodist Church. Pre-registration closes May 29. You can pre-register online at www.vbspro.events/p/thornvillevbs2024 or pick up information on the VBS table in the Gathering Space. Adults may also register children any day during VBS week at 8:30am @ Grace.

Vacation Bible School | We asked, and you answered! Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve at this year's SCUBA VBS! We cannot do it without you! We are in need of: 1) one adult who could step in on Tuesday morning as a Crew Leader, and 2) one youth or adult who could step in to assist a Crew Leader for a few days or the entire week. Contact Beth Raab (braab7478@gmail.com) for more details.

Attention Graduates: On Sunday, June 9, we will recognize our 2024 high school and college grads. Thanks to those grads who submitted their photo and info. For more information contact Linda Keaser (740-403-4197).

Summer Potluck - An all-church potluck is planned for June 23, following the 10:30 service. Bring your favorite dish to share, Church will supply plates, table service, drinks. Everyone is invited! (No special occasion- just a time for fellowship). Questions, contact Vicki Jones rvjones1995@sbcglobal.net

Paul Varner Scholarship Fund applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is June 30th of current year. Applicants need to submit a completed application, an essay of 500 words or more (750 maximum) describing their recent involvement at Grace Church and how your involvement has created an awareness of the need to help others, a high school final grade card or transcript, and formal proof of acceptance to secondary education institution. Please contact Beth Raab 740-755-6410 or any council member for more information.

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. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

Save Energy! With the increase in heating and electricity bills, it is now more important than ever to do everything we can to reduce energy usage. Last year we replaced all lights with LED lights. This year we would like everyone to close doors and turn off lights when not in use, especially class rooms, sanctuary, gathering space, fellowship hall and Noah's club. Thank you for saving energy!

Fire Inspection Notice - Please note that "hold open devices" are prohibited on all fire doors. This means that we can no longer have hold open devices attached to the main entrance doors to the Gathering Space, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall. We are currently looking into installing magnetic hold-open devices with automatic door closers in case of a fire, which will take time. In the meantime, there are rubber door stoppers available for short-time use. However, keep in mind that these doors must stay closed when not in use. For example, after church services and other church functions.

Offering Counting Team - Ever wonder what happens to the offering at the end of the service? Want to get involved in the church, but don't have a lot of time? This is the ministry for you!!! Come be a part of the Offering Counting Team. These teams will consist of 2-3 people responsible for counting the offering then delivering it to the bank in Thornport. Training will be provided. Interested? Contact Jim Lewis 740-503-0476 or security@gracethornville.org, Jackie Combs - giving@gracethornville.org or contact the church office.

Security Volunteers - I am looking for a few individuals that would be willing to "keep an eye on things" during services and would be willing to ensure that all doors are locked at the end of service. I may need some assistance with other tasks, like when I am on vacation, but I promise nothing major. If you are interested, please contact Jim Lewis at 740-503-0476 or security@gracethornville.org

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, which will also be provided in the weekly email reminder about worship for the coming Sunday: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

The Choir Anthem chosen for today, *Arise, My Soul, Arise* has very significant lyrics. Note:

Arise, my soul, arise

Shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the Throne my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary, they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. "Forgive him, O, forgive they cry, nor let that ransomed sinner die"

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear. With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, my soul, Arise!

"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 MAY 26 - JUNE 2		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	<i>Memorial Day - Office Closed</i>	
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table
	6:00pm	Lions Cub
<u>Wednesday</u>		
<u>Thursday</u>		
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>		
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	T. Reynard

Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis
Greeters: Dennis & Marian DeRolph (10:30)
Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Paul Moentmann (10:30)
Acolytes: Krislyn Straits, Luke Washburn (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought
Greeters:
Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)
Acolytes: Krislyn Straits (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: May 19th: 8:00: 32 ; 10:30: 118

Giving: May 19: General: \$3,942.50; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$30.; TEAF: \$30.; Local Food: \$25.; Backpack: \$20.; Good Samaritan: \$200.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt Family: \$20; LifeWise: \$100.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; Scholarship: \$10.; Memorial: \$50. Total: \$4,600.00