

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 11, 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, Ana Grum, Donna Winegardner, Winnie King, Rick Phillips, Barb, Lynda, Dave Shelly, Debbie, David Turner, Dreama Cleveland, Gene Tolliver, Kim J., Jessica Dyer, Cindy, Andrew Smith, Ashley and family, Staci B., Amanda, Kennedy & Jack, Gary Ellis, Ruth Anspach Carpenter, Caleb, Eric, Linda Swinehart, Devin, Michele, Gracie, Darren Haggengos, "Dot", Joanne, Theresa, Hailey, Matt, Brett Frederickson, Frank Gardull, Betsy Founds, Brett, Margaret, Karl Grube, Rebekah, family of Dorothy Pflueger, Karen Pairan. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Prayer Shawls**, hand-crafted by members of our Prayer Shawl Team, will be blessed during the service, making them ready to give as an expression of our prayers for well-being. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Becky Winegardner 740-243-0394.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is this coming Wednesday. It begins the season of Lent, and our Wednesday evening services.

- 6:00p.m. Soup Supper in the fellowship hall.
- 7:00p.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary.

These Wednesday evening suppers will continue until the week of Maundy Thursday, which we will serve soup and worship on Thursday. A sign-up sheet to provide a soup, or dessert for one or more of these dinners, is on the table in the gathering space. Coordinator: Wanda Hupp 740-246-5317.

**Superbowl Bake Sale** today, following both services in the gathering space. This is a fundraiser for the youth to purchase Easter bags for the kids of the local food pantry. So please grab goodies for the big game!!

**Voting Now Open! "March Madness" Hymn Tournament!** Pastor Tom is 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. The first nominating ballot is available in the gathering space! Please make sure that this first ballot is received by February 11. This is, of course, just for fun!

**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.

**Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on Saturday, 8:00am, at Nana & Papa's Restaurant in Thornport. This is a men's monthly breakfast meeting for fellowship, prayer, and lite Bible study. For more information, contact Pr. Tom 605-760-9210 or Larry Arnold 740-323-6916.

**Irene Forsythe** would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards, greetings, and calls she received.

**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 RSVP forms are on the table in the gathering space.

**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](mailto: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.

**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. Special thanks to Luann Cooperrider and the Perry Housing Coalition for installing and filling our Blessing Box.

**Esther's Place of Grace** is a nonprofit maternity home ministry in Newark, OH. They provide safe, supportive housing for single, pregnant women between the ages of 18-25. Independently funded by churches and individuals, donations are always welcomed and needed. Donate by marking "Esther's Place" on your offering envelope, or mailing a check to Esther's Place of Grace, PO Box 60, Newark OH 43058.

**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.

**"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 ten 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>

**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 2½ 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 FEB 11-18**

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Soup Supper
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Quilting
	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Nana & Papa's
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Greeters: Rick & Vicki Jones (8am)  
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Bob Reynolds (10:30)  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Ash Wednesday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Lector: Theresa Jacobson  
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jim Lewis  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Karen Lewis (8am); Becky Winegardner (10:30)  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8:00: 30; 10:30: 86

**Giving:** General: \$8,673.79; Mission: \$100.; Lancaster Food: \$15.; NALC: \$50.; Sola Publishing: \$15. TEAF: \$25.; Local Food: \$35.; Backpack: \$220.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$225.; Heartbeats: \$200.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Flower Fund: \$50.; South Sudan: \$100.; Total: \$9,818.79