

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 12, 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, Ron Pairan, Donna Winegardner, Gregg Thomas, Barb Ulmer, Bob Little, Shirley Butler, Marie S., Jason Snider, Dave Shelly, Caleb, Brittany, Jean, Brad, Staci, Melissa, Dana, Jim, Robin Krempel, Ralph Davis, family of Tristin Hatfield, Terry Bates, April and the family of Joe Williams, Karen, Christy, Castle Rock family, Charlie & Brittany. 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 Skyler Yakes' 24th birthday on Nov. 9, by Jeff & Heather Yakes.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Carl & Linda Keaser who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

Happy Birthday wishes to Pat K'Miller who will celebrate her birthday on Friday.

Thankoffering Sunday - Special Thanks to the Women of Grace for putting today's service together, seeing that the Thankoffering donations are distributed, and for all they do in the name of our Lord. The Grace Lutheran Church Women would like to thank the congregation for your generous support of Thankoffering Sunday. Your contributions will be a welcomed gift to our area food pantries - Glenford, Thornville and Millersport.

Thornville's Community Aid will be collecting gloves, mittens, hats, and socks for all ages. Look for the "Mitten Tree" in the gathering space soon. This is Grace's collection spot for donations to this ministry. Collection deadline: December 5. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, Beth 614-214-1944, or Virginia 740-877-2962.

Friendship Circle will meet here on Tuesday at 11:30am. Kaye Smith will lead the Bible study.

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.

A Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at South Shore Ministries on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm. The pastors of the community share in the leadership of this service. Come as we reflect on the importance of thanksgiving in our lives as Christians.

Tuesday's Table will meet on November 28th at Hometown Hotdog in Millersport at 5PM. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Jacob, the new owner, is opening after hours so Grace can enjoy dinner and fellowship. At least 20 people are needed for this event to happen.

The Women's Board will host a "Christmas Circle Up" here on Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 am. Lunch will be provided by the circles: Monticello Circle salads, and the Friendship Circle soup & rolls. The board will provide dessert. During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, program "You are the Apple of HIS Eye" (Zechariah 2:8), prepare baskets for homebound members, and eat lunch.

Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate for the annual Thornville Christmas tree lighting event on December 3. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed. They can be dropped off in the church kitchen the morning of the event. Parade will start at 5:00 from the Thornville Park and ending at the Masonic Lodge where sandwiches will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting.

"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.

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.

Backpack Ministry is in full steam again this school year! A donation bin for food donations, grocery bags and the larger clicklist grocery bags is located in the atrium. Monetary gifts may be given through your offering envelope, just write "Backpack Ministry" on the envelope. If you would like to volunteer to help bag the food contact Barb Ulmer 740-281-7673 or Kate Simmons 740-605-3230.

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. **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2 ½ 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.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- + November: Date to be determined-- Thanksgiving Lock In
- + December: Dec. 3 -- Thornville's *It's a Wonderful Life* Event/Parade
- + January 2024: Saturday January 20th-- Hocking Hills Winter Hike
- + February 2024: Sunday February 11th-- Superbowl Bake Sale

SCHEDULE FOR NOV 12-19

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	3:00pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Monday</u>	11:00am	Stuff the Truck collection
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball vs. Hopewell
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30am	Friendship Circle
	5:15pm	TAC Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	6:00pm	Lions Club
<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
	3:00pm	Variety Show Practice
	7:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Worship @ South Shore Ministries

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Theresa Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Tom Rodgers (10:30)
 Greeters: Kaye Smith (8am); Valinda Arnold, Marian DeRolph (10:30)
 Lector: Kaye Smith (8am); Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly
 Greeters: Larry & Valinda Arnold (10:30)
 Lector: Kaye Smith (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)
 Acolytes:
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Attendance: 8am: 42; 10:30: 92

Giving: General: \$4,043.82; Lancaster Food: \$15.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$130.; Local Food: \$60.; Backpack: \$15.; World Hunger: \$40.; LifeWise: \$100.; KFC Youth: \$4000. Total: \$8,453.82