

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 4, 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 | Ron Pairan, Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Ana Grum, Donna Winegardner, Winnie King, Rick Phillips, Barb, Lynda, Mike Forsythe, Dave Shelly, Debbie, David Turner, Dreama Cleveland, Gene Tolliver, Kim J., Sharon, Jessica Dyer, Cindy, Andrew Smith, Ashley and family, Staci B., Amanda, Kennedy & Jack, Gary Ellis, Ruth Anspach Carpenter, Caleb, Eric, Linda Swinehart, Bunni, Devin, Michele, Gracie, Darren Haggenjos, "Dot", Joanne, Theresa, Family of Cody Slack, continued prayers for Sebastian Gartside family and Coach Canazzaro's family and friends. Prayer-line: prayer@gracethornville.org, 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

Happy Birthday wishes to Irene Forsythe who will celebrate her birthday on Tuesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14. It begins the season of Lent, and our Wednesday evening services. At 6:00p.m., we will have a Soup Supper downstairs, then beginning at 7:00p.m., we will worship 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.

The Lenten Evening Worship services will feature the evening prayer service from the LBW and a sermon series on the book of Psalms. Join us 7:00 PM each Wednesday during Lent!

Superbowl Bake Sale will once again be held this year on Superbowl Sunday, Feb 11th, following both services in the gathering space. This is a great fundraiser for the youth to raise money to purchase Easter bags for the kids of the local food pantry. So please save the date to grab goodies for the game!!

Lock-in!!! Kfrogs and KFC groups will have a Lock-in on Saturday Feb 10th!! We will be baking that afternoon for our Superbowl Bake Sale and then follow with all of our favorite Lock-in activities. Kids may arrive at 1:00pm and will need to bring pillow, sleeping bag and pajamas. All kids will attend the 10:30 service on Feb 11th. Any questions ask Casey Sigler or Theresa Jacobson.

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!

"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 few 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>

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.

2023 Giving Statements are available from Jackie Combs, our financial secretary. Please see her after today's service to get your donation report.

2024 Offering Envelopes have been assigned and are ready to be picked up from the gathering space. If you cannot find your box of personalized envelopes, or if you would like to be assigned a box, please contact the church office 740-246-6576 and a box will be made available for you.

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 Kelley's Flowers. Please contact the office (740-246-6576 or 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.

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 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.

"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 4-11

<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>		
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	5:30pm	Sewing
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	1:00pm	Youth Lock-In
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
		<i>Superbowl Bake Sale!</i>

Serving this Sunday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Theresa Jacobson
Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought (8am); Jim Lewis (10:30)
Greeters:
Lector: Kelly O'Reilly (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)
Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson (10:30)
Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

Serving Next Sunday:

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

Attendance: 8:00: 33; 10:30: 77

Giving: General: \$2,548.50; Lancaster Food: \$10.; LWR: \$12.50; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$20.; Local Food: \$40.; Backpack: \$70.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$5.; NALC Intern: \$30.; Capital Campaign: \$5.; Handbells: \$300.; Flower Fund: \$100.; Sola Publishing Roof: \$1000. Total: \$4,206.00