

Announcements for October 19, 2025

*Our Mission is to share God's love with each other,
our community, and the world.*

This Week at Grace

Sunday

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday

7 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Backpack Ministry

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. Worship Band Practice

Thursday

6:15 p.m. Centering Prayer

- ◆ Today is **Commitment Sunday**! We will gratefully and joyfully bring our commitments forward as we gather at the Lord's table.
- ◆ Wear red next week in honor of **Reformation Sunday**!
- ◆ The October focus for Social Ministry is our local **SPCA**. The organization relies on charitable donations-monetary, needed goods, and volunteer time towards extensive services for our community. Needed items include food, treats, toys, carabiners, harnesses, pails, and donations for vaccinations, medicine, and surgeries (Checks can be made payable to "Grace Lutheran"—note "for SPCA.") Detailed list of needs available in the narthex. *PS: If you're looking for a furry companion, consider adopting. The rewards are many and the love unconditional!*
- ◆ The **Backpack Ministry** helps feed the students of Oscar J. Pope Elementary. Please continue to bring ramen noodles and 16/18 oz creamy peanut butter.
- ◆ **Prayer List:** Mary Buschbacher, Mabel Carreira, Doris Cirillo, June Clark, Ann Daffer, Julie Dunston, Carol Grzegorzcyk, Anne Guilford, Judy Haer, Tom Haydock, Lydia Hodge, Brian Hosty, James & Grace Irish, Wil Krell, Amy Krell, Bob & Jane Lemley, Scott Listy, Ron & Flo Mari, Mac McPeak, Monica Mencia, Tom & Leona Miller, Avery Monroe, Doris Muszynski, John Shamp, Abby Shocik, Tim Simpson, Arleen Smith, Betty Smith, Linda Springer, Jeff Tanner, Henry Tomlinson, Gary Venable, Greg Wasserman, Helen & Ron Wettleson, and Max Wickham & Michelle Chattin.

- ◆ **Friendship Pads:** All who are worshipping with us today, especially those who are visiting, are invited to sign the Friendship Pad that is at the center aisle end of the pew. Please list your phone number if you are visiting. We would like to be in touch with you and to welcome you to our church. After you sign, please pass it down the pew and back.
- ◆ **Please let the office know** if you or anyone else of our family is in the hospital or desires a home visit from the pastor.
- ◆ **Serving Today:**
 - **Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz
 - **Music:** Rita Fandrich, Pianist; Art Pranno, Choir Director
 - **Assisting Minister:** Barbara Carpanini
 - **Ushers:** Debbie Hilliard & Carol Gilds
 - **Doorkeeper:** Richard Tenold
 - **Altar Guild:** Brenda Hornickle & Larry Lawrence
 - **Flowers:** To the Glory of God
 - **Birthdays:** 10/19: Larry Becker; 10/20: Emily King, Riley King; 10/21: Mary Flekke; 10/22: Jack Mattson; 10/25: Vera Hall
- ◆ **Worship Opportunities:**
 - Sunday Morning Worship** in-person and livestreamed at 10:00 am
 - Online:** Website - <https://www.gracelakeland.com/live>
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/churchgracelakeland>
 - YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@gracelakeland/streams>
- ◆ **Contact Information:** Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – Noon
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