



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

This Week at Grace:

Sunday

10 am Worship

Tuesday

7 pm Game Night

Wednesday

9:30 am Backpack Ministry

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Worship Practice

Thursday

6:15 pm Centering Prayer

- ◆ **Game Night:** Friends, faith, and fun unite! The **first Tuesday of every month** is Game Night at Grace, hosted in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. All are welcome, and encouraged to bring friends and family along. We will have board games, card games, role-playing games, and more. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ◆ **Saints Alive** will gather on **Monday, February 9 at noon** for a potluck lunch and presentation from **L.E.A.P.** (Lakeland Elderly Assistance Program). Our guest speaker will share helpful information about local resources and programs that support older adults in our community. Please join us and bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact June Clark at 863-646-1131.
- ◆ Our **Ash Wednesday Service** will take place on **Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm.**
- ◆ **February's God's Work Our Hands:** CROP Hunger Walk. Christian Rural Overseas Program raises funds and collects canned food to build food security in communities worldwide. Local agency beneficiaries include Talbot House Ministries and Lighthouse Ministries. Join Grace's walking team on **February 22**, at **1 pm** at First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland. To donate or register, contact Mary Flikke or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/lakelandfl>.

- ♦ **Please let the office know** if you or any of our church family is in hospital or needs home communion.
- ♦ Sign up in the narthex to sponsor **flowers for our altar**. Forms can be placed in the offering plate. (Please note, the cost of altar flowers has increased to \$40 per week.)
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Prayer List:** Mary Buschbacher, Mabel Carreira, Doris Cirillo, June Clark, Ann Daffer, Julie Dunston, Christen Egelkraut, Carol Grzegorczyk, Anne Guilford, Judy Haer, Jeff Hale, Gloria Hanchard, Brian Hosty, James & Grace Irish, Katie King, Wil Krell, Amy Krell, Bob & Jane Lemley, Scott Listy, Lynda Mack, Ron & Flo Mari, Mac McPeak, Monica Mencia, Avery Monroe, Doris Muszynski, John Shamp, Abby Shocik, Mike Shocik, Tim Simpson, Arleen & Richard Smith, Betty Smith, Linda Springer, Henry Tomlinson, Glenn Van Benschoten, Gary Venable, Connie Wasserman, Greg Wasserman, Beverly & Ray Watson, Helen & Ron Wettleson, Phyllis Whidden, and Max Wickham.
- ♦ **Serving Today:**
 - Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz
 - Assisting Minister: Naomi Thomsen
 - Music: Gene Hodges, Organist; Art Pranno, Choir Director
 - Ushers: Terry Neal & P.J. Blanchette
 - Doorkeeper: Debbie Hilliard
 - Altar Guild: Kevin & Cheri Zarnstorff
 - Coffee Hour: Nancy & Mike Fish
 - Flowers: Janet Morris: for God's blessings
 - Birthdays: 2/02: Janet Morris; 2/04: Emory Ittleman
- ♦ **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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