



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MARCH 15, 2026

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

This Week at Grace:

Sunday

10 am Worship

11:15 am Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday

6 pm Evening Prayer

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

6:15 pm Centering Prayer

- ◆ **Wednesdays in Lent**, from **6-6:30pm**, we are hosting a service of **Evening Prayer**. Readings & prayers will be woven with simple, chanted songs & periods of reflective silence. Please join us & invite a neighbor!
- ◆ The church and the world are changing rapidly, but the good news of Jesus is timeless! Join Pastor Olga-Maria and Tom Hager in the Fellowship Hall during **coffee hour March 29** for **videos and discussions on Renewing the Church**.
- ◆ **God's Work Our Hands: Anchor House** houses & cares for teen boys in crisis. Their transition program trains & houses young adults. You can support this ministry by bringing donations of food, hygiene & household items.
- ◆ Our Jewish siblings at **Temple Emmanuel** are inviting the community to join in a **Passover seder on Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm**. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, March 16.
- ◆ This year's **Holy Week Services** will be combined with **College Heights United Methodist Church**. We will host **Maundy Thursday at 7 pm**. **College Heights UMC** will host **Good Friday at 7 pm** at 942 South Blvd., Lakeland.
- ◆ **Please let the office know** if you or any of our church family is in hospital or needs home communion.

- ◆ **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 able to reach out to welcome you to the church. After you sign, please pass it down the pew and back.
- ◆ 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, Willah Cockrell, Ann Daffer, Julie Dunston, Christen Egelkraut, Carol Grzegorzcyk, Anne Guilford, Judy Haer, Jeff Hale, Gloria Hanchard, Brian Hosty, James & Grace Irish, Wil Krell, Amy Krell, Bob & Jane Lemley, Scott Listy, Lynda Mack, Ron & Flo Mari, Mac McPeak, Monica Mencia, Avery Monroe, Dean Powers, 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: Pat Blanchette
 - Music: Gene Hodges, Organist; Art Pranno, Choir Director
 - Ushers: Kevin & Cheri Zarnstorff
 - Doorkeeper: Debbie Hilliard
 - Altar Guild: Elaine & Ken Gallenbeck
 - Coffee Hour: James Irish
 - Flowers: To the Glory of God
- ◆ **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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