



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 5, 2026

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

This Week at Grace:

Sunday

10 am Worship

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

7 pm Game Night

Wednesday

9:30 am Backpack Ministry

2 pm Afternoon Circle

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Band Practice

Thursday

9 am Quilters

6:15 pm Centering Prayer

- ◆ **Game Night:** Friends, faith, and fun unite! The **first Tuesday this month** is Game Night at Grace, hosted in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. We will have board games, card games, role-playing games, and more. Light refreshments are provided. We look forward to seeing you there! (*Starting May 1, Game Night moves to 1st Fri @7:30pm!*)
- ◆ **Saints Alive:** Monday, April 13th join Saints Alive for a potluck at noon followed by games. Please bring a **white elephant gift** for prizes. Just an afternoon for fun and fellowship. Call June Clark @ 863-646-1131 with any questions. All are welcome!
- ◆ Find balance, strength, and calm in our **Tai Chi class**, beginning **Monday, April 13 @ 6 pm**. Through slow, flowing movements and mindful breathing, you'll improve flexibility, reduce stress, and build inner focus. Perfect for all skill levels, this **6-week class** helps you reconnect with your body while cultivating a sense of peace and well-being. Come as you are—leave feeling refreshed, centered, and energized.
- ◆ On **April 13 at 7pm**, at **Temple Emanuel**, P. Olga-Maria will be speaking as part of a **panel discussion** on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Lead speaker Dr. Craig Collins will display museum-quality photos and offer a PowerPoint presentation.
- ◆ The church & the world are changing rapidly, but the good news of Jesus is timeless! Join P. Olga-Maria & Tom Hager in the Fellowship Hall **April 19 at 11:20** for the next in our series of **discussions on Renewing the Church**.
- ◆ **Lutheran Refresher Class:** Starting **Sunday Apr 26, at 2-3pm**, Pastor will be leading a **six-week class** on Luther's Small Catechism. **Books will be provided & Zoom participation** will be available for those who can't join in person.

- ◆ We will host an **Earth Day Singalong** on **Thursday, 4/23 @ 4:23** in the afternoon. Bring a friend or neighbor for this family-friendly, multigenerational event!
- ◆ **Social Ministry** April Focus: **God's Global Barnyard**. This ELCA program provides farm animals, supplies, and training to help create sustainable, healthy and secure communities around the world.
- ◆ **Please let the office know** if you or any of our church family is in the 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, 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: Terry Neal
 - Music: Gene Hodges, Organist; Art Pranno, Choir Director; Rita Fandrich, Pianist; Blake Rhoden, Trumpet; Craig Sotolongo, Trombone 1; Jerry Yake, Trombone 2
 - Ushers: Debbie Hilliard & Carol Gilds
 - Doorkeeper: Richard Tenold
 - Altar Guild: Kevin & Cheri Zarnstorff
 - Coffee Hour: Terry & Ian Millican
 - Flowers: Sue Stark: In Memory of Ann & Glenn Wennig
- ◆ **Birthdays:** 4/01: Pearl Dong; 4/03: Kaitlyn King; 4/04: Jean Egelkraut, Jon Thiele; 4/06: Phyllis Whidden; 4/07: Larry Lawrence
- ◆ **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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