



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 19, 2026

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

This Week at Grace:

Sunday

10 am Worship

Wednesday

9:30 am Backpack Ministry

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

4:23 pm Earth Day Singalong

6:15 pm Centering Prayer

- ◆ 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 **today at 11:20** for the next in our series of **discussions on Renewing the Church**.
- ◆ 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. *Class will pause this week for the Nehemiah Action Event, and will resume 4/27.
- ◆ PEACE will host their annual **Nehemiah Action Event** on **Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.** at **First United Methodist Church** in Lakeland (72 Lake Morton Dr.). This gathering is an opportunity to show your support and make a difference—your presence demonstrates that you care, and together we will call on public officials to commit to real solutions developed through community research.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ **Please let the office know** if you or any of our church family is in the hospital or needs home communion.

- ◆ **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. Please call the office to sign up for this class.
- ◆ **Social Ministry April Focus: God's Global Barnyard.** Donations support this ELCA program which provides farm animals, supplies, and training to help create sustainable, healthy and secure communities around the world.
- ◆ 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, Barbara Carpanini, Mabel Carreira, Doris Cirillo, June Clark, Willah Cockrell, Ann Daffer, Julie Dunston, Christen Egelkraut, Carol Grzegorzcyk, 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: Naomi Thomsen
 - Music: Worship Band
 - Ushers: P.J. Blanchette & Mark Thomsen
 - Doorkeeper: Debbie Hilliard
 - Altar Guild: Kevin & Cheri Zarnstorff
 - 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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