



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 4, 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

7:30 pm Worship Band Practice

Thursday

6:15 pm Centering Prayer

- ♦ Join us for **Saints Alive** on **Monday, October 12, at noon!** We'll enjoy our usual **potluck lunch** followed by a fun afternoon of fellowship.
- ♦ **Social Ministry** focus for October 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, 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!*
- ♦ **Trick-or-Treating** will take place on **Saturday, October 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm.** Volunteers will gather in costume at 5:30 pm to set up. Join us as we greet our neighbors and share treats! *Please bring candy donations as we prepare for the event.*
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **Please let the office know** if you or any of our church family is in the hospital or needs home communion.

- ♦ **Prayer List:** Mary Buschbacher, Anne Calhoun, Mabel Carreira, June Clark, Willah Cockrell, Rickey Cotton, Julie Dunston, Carol Grzegorzczuk, Judy Haer, Jeff Hale, Gloria Hanchard, Brian Hosty, James & Gray Irish, Wil Krell, Amy Krell, Al Landis, Al Lebel, Bob & Jane Lemley, Scott Listy, Lynda Mack, Ron & Flo Mari, Barbara McPeak, Monica Mencia, Avery Monroe, Art Pranno, John Shamp, Abby Shocik, Colline Simpson, Tim Simpson, Arleen & Richard Smith, Betty Smith, Linda Springer, Sue Stark, Natalie Thiele, Henry Tomlinson, Glenn Van Benschoten, Gary Venable, Connie Wasserman, Greg Wasserman, Beverly & Ray Watson, Helen & Ron Wettleson, and Max Wickham.
- ♦ **Serving Today:**
 - Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz
 - Assisting Minister: Kristen Storms
 - Music: Gene Hodges, Organist; Art Pranno, Choir Director
 - Altar Guild: Phyllis Whidden, Mary Buschbacher, Jean Fico
 - Ushers: Mike Shocik
 - Doorkeeper: Richard Tenold
 - Coffee Hour: Desiree Evered
 - Flowers: Janet Morris: For God's Blessings
- ♦ **Birthdays:** 10/06: George Braatz
- ♦ **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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