GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 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
11:20 am Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday
7 pm Council

Wednesday
9:30 am Backpack Ministry
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Worship Band Practice

Thursday
6:15 pm Centering Prayer

- **The 4th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving** service will be hosted at Grace on Sunday, **November 22 at 4 in the afternoon** with a potluck to follow in the fellowship hall. Food and monetary donations will be collected for **RCMA.** Redlands Christian Migrant Association is a non-profit based in Mulberry serving the children of farm workers. If you can usher, greet, setup or cleanup in the Fellowship Hall, please email Kandyn: **church@gracelakeland.com**.
- There will be a special Fellowship Hour **Sunday, November 29** in honor of **June Clark's 90th Birthday**! Please make plans to stay after service to celebrate!
- **Holden Evening Prayer** will be held the first three **Wednesdays in Advent at 6 pm** in the Sanctuary. These services will be live-streamed. Please make plans to join us for this refreshing half-hour of singing and prayer!
- **Social Ministry** focus for **November** is **Cops for Kids**. Organized by the Lakeland Police Department, Cops for Kids provides Christmas gifts to children living in Lakeland. Grace collects toys and funds for this cause.
- Our Bell Choir is looking for new players. Please speak to director Mary Flekke.

- 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 Grzegorczyk, Judy Haer, Jeff Hale, Gloria Hanchard, Linda Hilton, Jennifer Hirsch, 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: Barbara Carpanini
  - Music: Gene Hodges, Organist; Art Pranno, Choir Director
  - Altar Guild: Janet Morris & Sue Stark
  - Ushers: Kevin & Cheri Zarnstorff
  - Doorkeeper: Richard Tenold
  - Coffee Hour: Carla McGee
  - Flowers: Kristen Storms: To the Glory of God & in memory of those who served our country in the military.
- **Birthdays:** 11/15: Tom Mack
- **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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