

## Announcements for March 30, 2025

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

### *This Week at Grace*

#### *Sunday*

*10 a.m. Worship*

*11:15 a.m. Bell Choir*

#### *Wednesday*

*9:30 a.m. Food Packing*

*6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal*

*7:30 p.m. Worship Band Practice*

#### *Thursday*

*6:15 p.m. Centering Prayer*

#### ◆ **Lenten Schedule:**

- April 13th Palm/Passion Sunday 10 am, with palms and procession
- April 17th Maundy Thursday 7pm, washing, and stripping of Altar
- April 18th Good Friday 7 pm, Tenebrae Service
- April 20 Easter Sunday 10 am, with Communion and special music

- ◆ **Prayer List:** The names we present to God during our Worship Service on Sunday are a holy obligation from God for us to pray for each other. We take that seriously. If you have requested a name for the list please let us know by email how things are going. If a name is just for a specific time, let us know that as well. We know that God holds each name in holy healing, comfort and peace. Thanks. [churchgracelakeland@gmail.com](mailto:churchgracelakeland@gmail.com)

- ◆ **Hearing Loop:** Grace recently installed a Hearing Loop in our sanctuary, a special type of sound system for use by the hearing impaired. Set your hearing aids to the "T" setting (for Telecoil) and sound from our audio system will be transmitted directly to your hearing aids. If your hearing aids don't have a Telecoil (or you don't have hearing aids but still need sound enhancement), we have portable wireless units with headphones available that will pick up sound from the Hearing Loop. If you have any questions, see one of our sound techs. If you would like to use a portable loop receiver with headphones, see one of our ushers.

- ◆ **Help Wanted: Volunteers Needed!** Are you looking for a way to give back and find joy in sharing your time and talents? Grace Lutheran thrives with the help of active volunteers, and we need your support! Join us in making a difference by assisting in the following areas:

**Assisting Minister**

**Usher/Greeter**

**Recording Secretary for Council**

**Host for Fellowship After Church**

**Provide Cookies and Snacks for Fellowship**


No experience? No problem! Training will be provided for all new volunteers. If you're willing to lend a hand, please call the church office. Your contributions are invaluable and greatly appreciated!

- ◆ **Please let the office know** if you or anyone else of our family is in the hospital or desires a home visit from the pastor. Also, to avoid double booking, please notify the office if you schedule a meeting at the church.
- ◆ **PEACE** The next big event is the Nehemiah action event. Mark your calendar for Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland (333 Terrace Way, Lakeland, FL 33813). To do justice, we partner with 23 other churches from Polk County to address the broken system of lack of health care for a growing population.

- ◆ **The Social Ministry** team is partnering with the Lions Club Group North in collecting all eyeglasses and cases. This will be an on-going collection (no monetary collections will be taken for this ministry). Donations can be placed by the water cooler in the Fellowship Hall, or in the basket in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Graceful Giving:** The social ministry for March is for Anchor House, a Christian ministry serving teenage boys in crisis. Anchor House provides individual counseling, life skills training, and residential services among others to prepare these young men for return to their families or independent living.

Anchor House needs:

Men's hygiene products	Laundry baskets	Condiments
Men's razors	Plastic trash bins	Gatorade
Body moisturizers	Toilet paper	Cookies
Small and Med. storage containers	Cleaning products	Cereal
Dish soap	Grits & Oatmeal	Vegetable oil
Paper plates & bowls	Pastas	Flavored rice
Chip bags (individual)	Canned vegetables (16 oz to 5 lb.)	

- ◆ **Graceful Giving for April:** God's Global Barnyard.
- ◆ **Oscar J Pope:** We received a call from the Guidance Counselor at Oscar Pope asking if we would be willing or able to donate 50-100 snack items per week to use as incentives in their reading program. As always, we also need 16/18 oz. creamy peanut butter and Ramen noodles!
- ◆ **Prayer list:** Mary Buschbacher, Mabel Carreira, Doris Cirillo, June Clark, Barbara Cox, Ann Daffer, Julie Dunston, Sydney Easton, Brooklyn Farmer, Carol Grzegorzcyk, Anne Guilford, Judy Haer, Tom Haydock, Lydia Hodge, Brian Hosty, James & Grace Irish, Wil Krell, Amy Krell, Bob & Jane Lemley, Scott Listy, Ron & Flo Mari, Mac McPeak, Monica Mencia, Tom & Leona Miller, Avery Monroe, Doris Muszynski, Natalie Thiele, Alex Schumacher, John Shamp, Tim Simpson, Betty Smith, Linda Springer, Jeff Tanner, Henry Tomlinson, Gary Venable, Mary Venable, Greg Wasserman, Helen & Ron Wettleson, and Max Wickham.
- ◆ **Friendship Pads:** All who are worshipping with us today, especially those who are visiting with us, 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 in touch with you and to welcome you to our gathering. After you sign, please pass it down the pew and back.
- ◆ **Parish News:**
  - **Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Jeannine Sweet
  - **Music:** Grace Choir: Art Pranno, Director; Rita Fandrich: Pianist
  - **Assisting Minister:** Mark Thomsen; **Ushers** – Kevin & Cheri Zarnstorff
  - **Altar Guild:** Sue Stark & Janet Morris
  - **Flowers:** To The Glory of God
  - **Birthdays:** 3/30: Michael Dooley; 4/01: Dorothy Myers; 4/03: Kaitlyn King; 4/04: Jean Egelkraut, Russ Washburn, Jon Thiele
  - **Check out our website at:** [www.gracelakeland.com](http://www.gracelakeland.com). 

New announcements posted regularly. Livestreams posted after worship services.
- ◆ **Worship Opportunities:**

**Sunday Morning Worship** in-person and livestreamed at 10:00 a.m.

**Online:** Website - <https://www.gracelakeland.com/live>  
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/churchgracelakeland>  
YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@gracelakeland/streams>
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