



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 9, 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

2 pm Afternoon Circle

Thursday

9 am Quilters

6:15 pm Centering Prayer

Saturday

1 pm Chrismon Party

- ◆ 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**.
- ◆ Our **Chrismons** in July party was such a success, we're hosting Part II on **Saturday, August 15 from 1 – 3 pm** in the Fellowship Hall! RSVP to the office.
- ◆ **Social Ministry** August Focus: Florida's Back-to-School **Tax-Free Holiday** runs through August 20--the perfect time to stock up on **school supplies**. While you're shopping, please consider picking up a few items for our August School Supply Drive benefiting Oscar J. Pope Elementary School. Drop off donations in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting local students and teachers!
- ◆ **FSC Mocs Move-In Day**: Our college student neighbors will be moving in on **Monday, August 24!** We will be offering food and beverages from **9 am to 2 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, and tabling by the parking lot. Anyone who would like to help with the morning or afternoon, please reach out to Tom Hager.

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Join us for **Saints Alive** on **Monday, September 14, at noon!** We'll enjoy our usual **potluck lunch** followed by a fun afternoon of fellowship as we bring back the popular prize game from last May. If you're able, please bring a small prize—something you no longer use or aren't sure what to do with. It was such a hit last time that we're excited to play again!
- ♦ **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, Ann Daffer, Julie Dunston, Christen Egelkraut, Carol Grzegorzcyk, Judy Haer, Jeff Hale, Philip Hammar, Gloria Hanchard, Brian Hosty, James & Gray Irish, Rich King, Wil Krell, Amy Krell, Al Landis, Al Lebel, Sharon Lewis, Bob & Jane Lemley, Scott Listy, Lynda Mack, Ron & Flo Mari, Barbara McPeak, Monica Mencia, Avery Monroe, Michael O'Sullivan, 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: James Irish
 - Music: Worship Band
 - Altar Guild: Brenda Hornickle & Larry Lawrence
 - Ushers: P.J. Blanchette & Jon Thiele
 - Doorkeeper: Lynn Powers
 - Coffee Hour: Tom & Kim Hager
 - Flowers: Naomi Thomsen: To the Glory of God.
- ♦ **Birthdays:** 8/09: Kristen Storms; 8/13: Dan Stoller
- ♦ **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>
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