

# Announcements January 25, 2026

***WELCOME! Everyone is asked to please sign the red Welcome Pad!***

*Please check all appropriate columns and pass the pad along to others in the pew. The RESTROOMS are downstairs by the back entrance.*

*It is good that you are here!*



## **MESSAGES FROM PASTOR STEVE**

**Pastor Steve** can be reached at 412-716-0940, or [pastor@oakgrovelc.com](mailto:pastor@oakgrovelc.com). His regular office hours for non-crisis church business are Monday thru Thursday, from 9am to 1pm. If coming to see him in the office, it is always best to call ahead as he may be in meetings or visits during this time. He is normally off on Fridays. He is available for private Confession and Absolution by appointment. He is available 24/7 for pastoral emergencies.

**Pastor is always happy** to visit with you at home - just reach out and let him know if you'd like for him to visit! Please also be sure to notify him about those who are hospitalized, as well as any names that need updated on our shut-in visitation list.

**Blessing of Homes** - In the New Year, Pastor would like to re-introduce the practice of the Blessing of Homes for those who would want it! Please reach out to him and let him know if you'd like for him to stop by and say a prayer of blessing over your home!



## **PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH**

Easton Aland, Kelly Baker, Edward Bateman, Joy Bennett, Tom Brenckle, Patti Burger, Bob Burr, Jane Calabrese, Tom Carlson, Beth Chinn, Desiree Conrad, Scott Cooper, Jadye Crock, Carmie Dambach, Holden Eckman, Dennis Frost, Sally Galina, Pat Gasper, Charlie Goddard, Bill Goehring, Dave Greene, Ruth Ann Greiner, Virginia "Ginny" Helvey, Laken Hoover, Robin James, Regis Kaelin, Melissa Kaercher, Lorraine Koscienski, Alyce Kramer, Ed Lachendro, Shelli Lantz, Tommy Lenahan, Joel Leterneau, Aurora Lodovico, Dale Majors, Tina & Brandon Martinez, Dillan Matteran, Toni McConnell, Gary McKee, Jon Offslager, Janet Ryan O'Kelly, Garrett Petty, Janet Pfaff, Leslie Rick, Jackie Rose, Pastor Tony Schneck, Edward Schoebe, Fred Schomburg, Tracy Shaffer, Kathy Sprague, Gary Steeb, Joy Tipping, Hazel Withers, Bud Worst, Annette Zajac, Sister Mildred, Angelika, Billie Joe & Her Family

### **For those who grieve:**

The Family of Tom Applequist  
The Family of Bob Blake  
The Family of Mille Steinacker  
The Family of Barry Stickel  
The Family of Leroy Young

### **For those who serve in the armed forces:**

Josh Morris, Nick Durfey, Kyle Ellis, Jordan Escamilla, Thomas Jordan, Chris Schomburg, Ethan Fritzley, Tom Supe, Eric Hunter.

To start the prayer chain, please call Vivian Leonberg at (724)-774-5967.



## REMINDERS

**Oak Grove Business Card Magnets** - Oak Grove has purchased a supply of business card magnets (with our new logo on them) as a promotional tool for our church! A box of them is in the back of the sanctuary. (We have more!) Feel free to take one or two for your own use at home!

**Join Cub Scouts!** Pack 444 is a Family Pack, meaning that both boys & girls in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to join. Scouting programs offer an opportunity to have fun in the outdoors, learn skills, and help instill values in our young people that will last a lifetime! You sign up with the QR code:



**Flower Ordering!** Want to celebrate a milestone or special occasion? Order Altar Flowers! We have quite a few empty slots in the flower ordering calendar this year. Flowers often last 2 weeks, so we don't need every slot filled, just more of them! Forms are included at each flower order calendar. You can fill them out, place them in the offering or on the secretary desk along with payment. Orders get placed on Wednesdays for the coming Sunday. For questions, please email [secretary@oakgrovclc.com](mailto:secretary@oakgrovclc.com).

**Flower Chart-** Our regular flower chart for placing orders has been discontinued, the replacement has been hung in its normal spots.

**Weekly Announcement Deadline** – with bulletin/announcement printing typically being completed Thursday mornings, please aim to get all announcement requests to the administrative assistant by Wednesday evenings. Thank you!

**Reminder-**If you or your committee has a mailbox in the office, don't forget to pick up your mail.

**The 2025 Offering Statements-** are printed and available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up. Refer any questions to: Ron Goehring (724-506-0425)

## REMINDERS CONTINUED

**Oak Grove has a PayPal** account to make it easier than ever for you to give to your church! Scan the QR code on your device to give directly to Oak Grove safely and securely via PayPal.



### 2025 Year-to-Date Operations Report

(As of December 2025)

Income: \$149,318

Expenses: \$148,077

Expenses over Income: \$1,241

## OUTREACH

**Meals for the Men's Homeless Shelter.** The 2026 signup sheet for means is on the back table. Thank you to all who prepared food in 2025, your time and efforts were greatly appreciated.

### Compassionate Ministries Collection –

This Collection Sunday for Unionville UMC's Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry will be the first Sunday in February needed: Cereal, Beef Stew, Peanut Butter, Spam, Pasta, Shelf Milk, Hamburger Helper, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes Liquid Soap.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WELCA Soup & Bake Sale**- is being held TODAY after worship.

**Adult Forum** will be taking a break week for the WELCA Soup & Bake Sale. We will resume on Sunday 2/1 with Chapter Seven in our book on Ecclesiastes!

**Visit from ELCA Foundation Representative**-on Sunday, February 8th we will be welcoming Ryan Ebner, our regional representative from the ELCA Foundation, to visit us at Oak Grove. Mr. Ebner is an expert at assisting congregants to include the church in their legacy planning if they have not already done so. He will be available after church to speak with those who may be interested in his services!

**Social Ministry Meeting**- February 12, 2026 at 1pm. Committee cooking for Men's Shelter following meeting.

**Pancake Breakfast**- As per our usual tradition, rather than have a pancake meal on Shrove Tuesday, we will be having ours the Sunday before Ash Wednesday! Please join us after worship on Sunday, 2/15 for our "Shrove Sunday" pancake and sausage breakfast!

**Love of Music Concert**- St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Zelie is hosting a free concert titled "Love of Music" featuring local performers (including child and youth performers!) on Sunday, February 15th at 7 PM. All are welcome!

## THANK-YOUS

**Thank you**-so much to our Fellowship committee for putting on our spaghetti dinner this past weekend! Extra thanks to Lisa Saludis and Jenny Fessler for coming out early to set up and cook!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### This Week:

**Sun. Jan 25:** Sunday School @ 8:45am

**Sun. Jan 25:** Worship @ 9am

**Sun. Jan 25:** Adult Forum & Coffee Hour cancelled

**Sun. Jan 25:** WELCA Soup & Bake Sale CANCELLED

### Next Week:

**Sun. Feb 1:** Sunday School @ 8:45am

**Sun. Feb 1:** Worship @ 9am

**Sun. Feb 1:** Adult Forum & Coffee Hour

**Sun. Feb 1:** WELCA Soup & Bake Sale after worship

### Coming Soon:

**Sun. Feb 8:** Sunday School @ 8:45am

**Sun. Feb 8:** Worship @ 9am

**Sun. Feb 8:** Adult Forum & Coffee Hour

**Sun. Feb 8:** ELCA Foundation Rep Ryan Ebner visit

**Wed. Feb 11:** Policy & Procedure Subcommittee @ 10am

**Thu. Feb 12:** Social Ministry Committee @ 1pm

**Sat. Feb 14:** Valentine's Day

**Sun. Feb 15:** Family Worship @ 9am (no Sunday School)

**Sun. Feb 15:** Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast (no Adult Forum)

**Sun. Feb 15:** Love of Music Concert @ 7pm

### Mowing Schedule

January: Off Season

February: Off Season

**Exciting News!** We will start using our software program Church 360 to send out the weekly emails with service items. You will see it come from Oak Grove Lutheran Church instead of

[secretary@oakgrovelc.com](mailto:secretary@oakgrovelc.com). If you do not receive it or would like to update your email address, please let us know by reaching out to

[secretary@oakgrovelc.com](mailto:secretary@oakgrovelc.com). Thank you in advance for helping us work out the bugs and we look forward to continuing to serve you with our new software!

## A Special Thank You to our Volunteers!

### Those Serving this Sunday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

Leader: Kendra Goehring  
Reader: Charen Bennett  
Acolyte: Vivian Rinaman  
Ushers: Ivy & Violet Crum  
Altar: Charen & Tracey  
Counters: Jenny Fessler, Carmie Dambach, &  
Brandon James  
Audio/Visual: Mike Hessler  
Flowers: From Bill & Lisa Saludis in memory of  
Bob Schweinberg

### Those Serving Next Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Leader: Tauna Perenovich  
Reader: Lois Sprague  
Acolyte: Violet Crum  
Ushers: Ivy Crum & Vivian Rinaman  
Altar: Christine & Julie  
Counters: Tracy Collins & Carmie Dambach  
Audio/Visual: Janice Hansen  
Flowers: TBD

### Those Serving the Following Sunday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

Leader: Ruth Goehring  
Reader: Lisa Saludis  
Acolyte: Lucas Schomburg  
Ushers: Anna & Elliott Schomburg  
Altar: Janice & Vivian  
Counters: Tauna Perenovich & Zelda Smith  
Audio/Visual: Tauna Perenovich  
Flowers: TBD



## COMMEMORATIONS

### **Mon. Feb 2-** Presentation of Our Lord

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

### **Tue. Feb 3-** Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

### **Thu. Feb 5-** The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.



## HELP WANTED

**Fellowship and Social Ministry Help** - All of our Oak Grove committees are typically in need of additional members, but the Fellowship Committee and the Social Ministry Committee in particular are in acute need of help!! They could use additional hands to assist in shopping for groceries, transporting food, cooking meals, setting tables, doing dishes, and in general just helping to set up for events. You do not need to feel obligated to attend all their committee meetings if you wish to help! Please see Jenny Fessler if you could lend Fellowship a hand, or Vivian Leonberg if you could lend Social Ministry a hand!

**Snow Removal**- We need some volunteers to help with snow removal. If you are able to help, please see Bill Bennett.

**Soup Makers Needed**- for our Wednesday night dinners during the Lent season. We are looking for 3-4 soup chefs each week to provide a tasty creation. If you are interested, please see Charen Bennett to sign up.



**Congratulations** to our newly elected Council officers for 2026!

- Council President - Tauna Perenovich
- Vice President - Ruth Goehring
- Secretary - Carmie Dambach



## COME AND SEE!

Invite a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker to "Come and See!" the good things being done at Oak Grove!

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. (John 4:28-30 NRSVUE)

Pastor is challenging all Oak Grovers for one year to invite one person each month to attend worship beginning Rally Day 2025 through Rally Day 2026!

Why not go above and beyond by inviting one person each week??

How do people start attending church?

- "A Friend Invited Me" – 86%
- Organized Visitation – 6%
- Invited by the Pastor – 6%
- Advertising – 2%

(Source: [www.churchgrowth.org](http://www.churchgrowth.org))

The above statistics show the power of a personal invitation to church! Invite someone to come to worship with you!

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Please take home with you!**