

Grace Community Christian Reformed Church

OUR VISION: Grace Community Church believes we are called by God to grow His kingdom.

OUR MISSION: We strive to spread the gospel, minister to needs, help people grow their relationship with God, and foster authentic, grace-filled relationships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — MARCH 16, 2025 — 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

We invite you to join us in a time of prayer at the front of the sanctuary (or pray from where you are sitting) before each Sunday service at 9:45am. Our concerns, thanks, and praise will be lifted up to God. You don't need to pray out loud—God hears the prayers of our hearts. *What matters is that we pray!*

Offering Mar. 16—General Operating Fund: Your gift gives Grace Church the opportunity to care for our congregation and community as we strive to further God's Kingdom.

Offering Mar. 23 — Christian Education Fund: Giving to this fund helps provide our church families with the assistance they may need to give their children a Christ-centered education.

Printed copies of the Order of Worship are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.



Church **kids ages 5-5th grade** are invited to come to Ignite on **March 28 from 6-8pm** for a night of worship, games, crafts, Bible lessons and fun. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Coffee Break will be **making no-sew fleece blankets** for the NICU at Edwards' Syndrome Association, and also to replenish our cupboards, on **March 18** following Coffee Break. We'll start about 11:15am (bring your own lunch). We'd love to have you join us in this project. Donations of fleece or money to purchase fleece are always welcome!



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

*"Having the Identity
of a Servant"*

Our visual arts include 3 different interpretations of the crown of thorns, and a pitcher and basin. These items are all symbolic of Jesus' servant's heart. Just as we are all different people, yet one in Christ, so our visuals remind us that God works through each of us in different ways.

Ask yourself,
*"How might I have the identity of
Christ, the Servant King,
this week?"*

***Join us for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall
after the service! Use the main hallway as you exit the sanctuary.***

All Ladies are invited to our Coffee Break Lenten Prayer Breakfast on March 25, from 9:15-11:00am. A light breakfast will begin at 9:30am. At 10 we will experience together a time of Contemplative Prayer. *Invite your friends!*



• We continue to pray for **Ray Ismail** who is in the hospital awaiting test results that may confirm he is eligible for a transplant. We pray that our Lord, the Great Physician will once again be guiding Ray's care team and bless him with healing. We pray too, for Ray, his wife Chris, and their daughters Amanda and Kaitlin, that they may be granted strength and a measure of peace as they wait on the Lord.

- **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military and their families, health care workers, first responders, and all those in continuing care or homebound, including: Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Jean Kok, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., Evelyn Van Dellen, Rich VandenBout, and Jeannette Veen.

Stop by the Prayer Room after the service. Pray with a prayer partner, or pray in silence. The Prayer Room is located on the southeast side of the foyer.

Jei Wilson is open to hearing input from the congregation on any themes or scripture passages you feel would be helpful to our church. Please talk to him following the worship service or leave a note in his church mailbox with any suggestions. *Thank you in advance!*



Coming Soon: The Deacon's are putting together a 'Deacon's Pantry' with non-food items. This will be an opportunity to support members of Grace Church who need help the most and strengthen the bonds within our church community. To help get this started, the

Deacon's will be accepting non-food items throughout the month of March. An informational sheet has been placed in church mailboxes and on the table in the banner alcove of the foyer. Thank you in advance for your help in stocking the shelves to help others in need!

Prayer for our Church: Father God, in Your holy Word today, we heard You say, "how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings." Father God, be patient, strong and faithful to us when we stray, when we fail to listen, when we are not serving others, or acting according to Your will. Gather us under Your wings, Father God, and bless us as we remember that we belong to You and You love us, no matter what. In Your Son's name. Amen.



Dave Phillips has returned from the Adult Serve Mission trip to Rolling Forks, MS and shared this picture. In the picture Dave Phillips, Roger Solle and Rolia Williams are participating in the "Last Nail" ceremony which World Renew DRS holds at the end of every house project. We pray Rolia will be blessed in her new home and thank God for the many volunteers who work through World Renew DRS to restore hope to families in need.