

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 9, 2025 — 1ST 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. 9-16—General Operating Fund: Your gift gives Grace Church the opportunity to offer ministry programs and provides the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Grace Community Church and its ministry.

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



In addition to the invitation to receive prayer in the prayer room, the Prayer Team has put yellow index cards in the

pews. We invite you to write prayer requests on them during the worship service. These may be anonymous if you wish. At the end of the service, please place these cards in the wooden boxes on either side of the middle aisle doors. The prayer partners will then take them into the prayer room and pray for them. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12



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 in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a Potluck Luncheon!
All are welcome!**

Prayer for our Church: Father God, You have told us in Your Word that we are to worship and serve only You. Help us to follow Your commands to put You first in our lives. May our worship here at Grace Church, and in our service to Your children throughout the world, reflect Your love and compassion. When we are tempted, may Your Spirit empower us to turn away from Satan and follow You alone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



- **Ray Ismail** has been admitted to a hospital for new medication and tests to see if he can qualify for a transplant. Ray has had many health issues over the years and we pray our Lord, the Great Physician will once again be guiding Ray's care team and bless him with healing. We pray too, for 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.



Lord willing **Dave Phillips** has returned home from an Adult Serve Mission trip with World Renew Disaster Relief Services in Rolling Forks, Mississippi. We are thankful to Dave and all the volunteers who worked to build a new home for a family that lost their home and possessions in a natural disaster.

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!

Coffee Break will be making no-sew fleece blankets for the Edwards' Syndrome Association, and also to replenish our cupboards, on March 18 following Coffee Break. We'll start around 11:15am and work for a couple of hours (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!



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!