

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 – April 12, 2026 – Eastertide

EASTERTIDE:

April 12

“Unbelieving Thomas”

John 20:19-31

April 19

Luke 24:13-25

Our Eastertide Theme Song is Living Hope by Phil Wickham. Visit Youtube to listen to the song:

<https://youtu.be/9f2FXxDVO6w?si=M92oUoAE9cWeL1CG>

We invite YOU to join us in a time of prayer at the front of the sanctuary (*or pray where you are sitting*) before each service! Every Sunday, about 9:45am, our concerns, thanks, and praise are 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!*

Copies of the Order of Worship are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary or pull it up on your device from our website:

https://www.gccrc.org/order_of_worship

Offering April 12 & 19: General Operating Fund: Your gift will help to show our love and care for each other and our community through ministry opportunities. It also provides the means to care for our church property and staff.

Offering April 26: ReFrame Ministries/TODAY Booklet: ReFrame is celebrating 75 years of faithfulness to the print and digital version of the TODAY devotional. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they create contextual media resources that proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen the church throughout the world in 10 major languages.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a Potluck!
Use the main hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

All are welcome!

Prayer for our Church: Risen Lord Jesus, help us to believe, even when we cannot see, and to trust in Your mercy and grace. When we question, strengthen our faith. When we doubt, show us Your truth, and we will proclaim, “My Lord and my God”. Amen.



Next meeting is April 24, 6-8pm. Kids ages 5-5th grade are invited to come for a night of Bible lesson, worship, singing, games and more! Invite a friend and join the fun!

The Prayer Team has placed yellow index cards in the pews and invite you to write prayer requests on them during the worship service. *They may be anonymous if you wish.* At the end of the service, place the cards in the wooden boxes on either side of the middle aisle doors as you leave the sanctuary. Our prayer partners will pray for them. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12



▪ **We extend our sympathy to the family of Don Hiskes**, a longtime member of Kedvale Avenue Church before he and his wife Ruth moved to Michigan. Ruth passed away in 2023. Don will be buried in a military cemetery in Michigan. *May our risen savior grant Don's family and friends a measure of peace as they grieve.*

- **We extend our sympathy to missionary Steve Michmerhuizen and his family in the passing of his father on March 18.** A visitation time and memorial service are being planned for later this month. He asks for prayers for his mom and their whole family as they grieve this loss. *We pray the risen savior will bless this family with comfort and strength in their time of sorrow.*
- **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, Ruth Kuipers, Ray Peterson Jr., Evelyn Van Dellen, Rich VandenBout, and Jeannette Veen.



Our Deacon's Pantry has been well-used and is in need of some restocking. If you can help we could use the following items: Any size bandages; dish detergent; dishwasher pods; body wash; baby wipes; and 4 or 6 roll packages of toilet paper (or individually wrapped rolls). *Thank you for blessing our friends in need!*

Women's Craft Connect—Come and join us for a paper making project on May 1, 6-8pm. Space is limited to 15 seats. Freewill donation taken (suggested \$10). Feel free to bring your own snacks! Questions? Contact Joyce (708-805-5795) or Theresa (708-932-2384). *We hope to see you there!*

Community News

Elim's Bubble Run 5k—Saturday, May 2! Bring your bubble wands for this year's bubble-themed 5k, an unofficially timed fun run to support our students and clients. Register today: www.elimcs.org/5k for \$30.

Registration covers your fee, a t-shirt, and a raffle ticket. Contact Kayla with any questions: kayla.hoehn@elimcs.org