

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 — MAY 11, 2025 — MOTHER'S DAY

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!*

May 11-18—General Operating Fund: Your gift allows Grace Church to make connections with our church family and our neighbors, provide ministry opportunities, maintain our church property, and compensate staff.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:
“THROUGH RESURRECTION POWER”

Scripture Passages:

May 11: Acts 9:36-43

May 18: Philippians 4:4-9
Guest Pastor Rev. Erffmeyer

May 25: Acts 16:9-15

June 1: Acts 1:1-11

June 8: Acts 2:1-21

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

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



Summer Reading Program—May & June: Adults & children are invited to read as many or as few books as you would like and log them into the Book Log in the church library. Books can be from any library, purchased, or borrowed from a friend. A prize for participating will be given at the end of summer.

Prayer for our Church: Father God, thank you for hearing us when we pray to you. Thank you for healing us. Though it might not be when or how we expect it, you will answer our prayers when it is the right time. Thank you for watching over us and blessing us, our church, and our community, especially in our times of need. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.



May 18 Fellowship Meal! We'll have sloppy joes, chips, salads and desserts. Sign up today to bring buns, chips, salads, or desserts. Diane will make the sloppy joes and we'll have a donation basket to help defray the cost of the meat. *Hope to see you there!*



Join us for a special **last IGNITE, May 23**, at the Van Kuiken house! Same time, same fun, just a new place. Hope to see you there!



- **Ann O'Connor** is in Palos Hospital for several issues, and will go to rehab after she is released. Please remember Ann in your prayers as she recovers.

- **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.

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



"...let us not grow weary while doing good,..." Galatians 6:9 NKJV. The **Deacon's Pantry** is a non-food pantry that serves to share the overwhelming abundance God has showered on us with those in need within our church community. If you are in need of everyday items (i.e. toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc.), stop by room 7 on the south side of the foyer to choose your items. Bags are provided. Item donations for this ministry may put in room 7. *Thank you for your support.*

Graduation Time is here once again and we'd like to recognize our graduates in the June/July newsletter issue. If you have a family member who is graduating this year, email the information (i.e. graduates name, your name & relationship, graduation level and school) to gracechurch@gccrc.org, or leave a note in the newsletter mailbox next to the office.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY,
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF OUR
SEVERE WEATHER POLICY:**
**ALL SERVICES AND/OR EVENTS WILL
BE CANCELLED ANY TIME THERE IS
A TORNADO WATCH OR WARNING ONE
(1) HOUR BEFORE THE START TIME OF
A SCHEDULED SERVICE OR EVENT.**

Community News The **Oak Lawn
Garden Club** is
having a cash only **Plant Sale, Sat.,
May 17, 9am-2pm** at the **Wolfe Wild-
life Refuge, 109th & Lawler.**

