

## 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 18, 2025

**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 5/18—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.

**Offering 5/25—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.

**We welcome Guest Pastor Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer** this morning to bring God's Word and message.

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

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a Sloppy Joe Potluck Luncheon! All are welcome!**

**Prayer for our Church:** God of Peace, Your Word tells us not to worry about anything, but to give thanks and praise in every situation. We lay all our worries, anxieties, and uncertainties at Your feet. You know the challenges we each face and the challenges our church faces. Help us Lord to find peace in Your presence and in Your promises. In You we trust. Amen.



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

**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.



- **We express our sympathy to Carol Den Besten and family** in the sudden loss of ex-husband and father Robert Den Besten on May 13. Arrangements are pending. We pray the Lord will grant them peace as they grieve this loss.

- **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.

**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

**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](mailto:gracechurch@gccrc.org), or leave a note in the newsletter mailbox next to the office. **Deadline is May 25.**

Our **Coffee Break** ladies will be meeting during the summer to make fleece blankets to stock the cupboards. You're invited to bring your willing hands and hearts to help provide blankets to those who may need a "little extra comfort" in their lives. They are meeting the second Tuesdays during the months of June-September, from 9-11am.



**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.

**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.

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## Community News

**Roseland Christian Ministries Golf Outing** will be on **Thursday, June 5** at Harborside International Golf Center in Chicago. Your support helps us meet the needs of the Roseland community. Register at: [bit.ly/RCMgolf2025](https://bit.ly/RCMgolf2025). Questions? Call: 773-264-5665.