

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 4, 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!*

May 4-18—General Operating Fund: Your gift to this fund allows Grace Community Church to make connections with our church family and neighbors through our ministry opportunities. It also provides the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY:

“THROUGH RESURRECTION POWER”

Scripture Passages:

May 4: Acts 9:1-6

May 11: Acts 9:36-43

May 18: Acts 11:1-18

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 in the Fellowship Hall after the service for 'Tables of Grace' conversations. A time to share our joys and concerns, and care for each other in prayer. 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, we acknowledge that we are imperfect, we are sinners, and we are in need of Your power and guidance. Where we feel weak, You are strong. Help us to transform, grow, and change in ways that reflect Your love and grace. We trust You are working within us for our good. Create in us a new, clean heart and make us more like Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.



At our **May 18 Fellowship Meal** we'll have Sloppy Joes! 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!*



• **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!*



"...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.*

The Coffee Break Ladies will be doing **Fleece Blanket Making, the Second Tuesday of the month, June-Sept, from 9-11am.** Join us for a morning of fellowship as we work to restock our blanket cupboards.



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!

We'll welcome guest pastor Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer
to bring God's Word to us on May 18.
Jei will be taking some time off that weekend.

Our Little Free Library is getting used A LOT! And we are in need of children's and teen's books. Do you have any books sitting on your shelves that you might donate? Bring them to the church library and place them in the container marked "Church Little Library". Let's reach out in love to the children (and their parents!) in our neighborhood through providing books for them!

Community News

The Oak Lawn Garden Club is having a **Plant Sale** on **Sat., May 17, 9am-2pm**, at the **Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th & Lawler**. Come and find some flowers to brighten up your home and landscape. Cash Only.