

## 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 — JUNE 1, 2025 — ASCENSION SUNDAY

**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!*

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES:**  
**"THROUGH RESURRECTION POWER"**

**Scripture Passages:**

**June 1: Acts 1:1-11**

**June 8: Acts 2:1-21**

**June 15: Acts 11:1-18**

**Offering 6/1—6/15—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.

**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.***

**Prayer for our Church:** Ascended Lord, we praise You today for Your ascension to heaven. You have commissioned us as Your disciples to spread the Good News. Hear our prayers for Grace Church. May we thrive where You have placed us. May we be your witnesses wherever we are. Hear and answer our prayers today, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Next Sunday, June 8,** we will have a **"Build Your Own Sandwich" Potluck.** All of the sandwich ingredients will be provided. We ask you to bring the chips, salads and desserts. Sign up today on the board in the foyer!

**Please pray for our church council as they meet on Monday, June 9.**  
We pray they will be discerning of God's will for Grace Community Church.

Our **Coffee Break** ladies are 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 Tuesday of the month, June to September, from 9-11am.** *We hope you can join them!*



• **We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Ann O'Connor** who passed away last Tuesday evening. Visitation will be at Grace Community Church on Tuesday, June 3 at 10am with a Memorial Service following at 11am. *"He will wipe away all tears from their eyes and there will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain,..."* Revelation 21:4 NIV

- **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, Ray Peterson Jr., Evelyn Van Dellen, Rich VandenBout, and Jeannette Veen.



**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 after the service and pray for them. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12

The **June/July issue** of our **church newsletter**, *Reflections of Grace*, has been distributed. Extra copies are on the table in the banner alcove. *Happy Reading!*



**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.

**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.

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## Community News

**The Pass It On Thrift Center** has helped keep tuition affordable for Chicago Christian School families for more than 25 years. We need your help to keep this tradition going. The store needs volunteers to sort donated clothing once a month for a 2-3 hour shift. Any time you can give will of help. Families or groups of 3-4 work best. Please send an email to [piocteam@gmail.com](mailto:piocteam@gmail.com) with your day/time of availability. Thank you for your consideration.

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