## **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 8, 2025 — PENTECOST 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 8: Acts 2:1-21 June 15: Acts 11:1-18

**Offering 6/8–6/15–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 a "Build Your Own Sandwich" Potluck Luncheon! All are welcome!

**Prayer for our Church:** Gracious God, we give thanks for the outpouring of Your Holy Spirit on this day of Pentecost. We are reminded of Your promise to always be with us. Fill us with courage and strength so we may boldly proclaim Your name and share Your love. Equip us to be faithful witnesses and disciples within our church, our community and beyond. We pray Your Spirit will bring unity among all people and that Your presence will be felt in every corner of our world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

You are invited to join the **Coffee Break** ladies as we **make blankets** this **Tuesday, June 10, from 9-11am**. We have the material—we just need willing hands to make the blankets! *We 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 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 Prayers & Praises 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



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.

## Community News

Families...Your 3rd-8th grader (boys & girls) has the opportunity to join the Flag Football League at Chicago Christian Schools, starting on June 20! In partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, we'll be hosting our first annual faith-based flag football league. Friday nights: 6-8:30pm at Chgo. Christian High School (12001 Oak Park Ave., Palos Heights). Dates: 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, & 7/18. Fee is required. For more information and registration go to: https://www.leagues.bluesombrero.com/fcasportsguardians

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 be of help. Families or groups of 3-4 work best. Please send an email to piocteam@gmail.com with your day/time of availability. Thank you for your consideration.

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