

## 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 — JULY 13, 2025



**Our current sermon series:**

“JESUS TEACHES THE LAW” includes sermon messages based on “Love for God” and “Love for Neighbors”. Our theme song is: *The Greatest Commandment* by Paul Zach.

You can listen to this song on YouTube:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEIUWTNsYXU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEIUWTNsYXU)

**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 7/13-20 — General Operating Fund:** Your gift provides our church with the opportunity to show our love and care to our church family and our surrounding community through our ministry programs. This fund also gives us the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a Potluck Luncheon!**  
**Down the hallway as you exit the sanctuary. All are welcome!**



On **August 10** Grace Church will have a **20th Anniversary Celebration!** Watch for details in future bulletins.

**Prayer for our Church:** Creator God, Thank You for this time of rest from our work as we worship together. Thank You for showing us that rest is good as You rested from the work of creation. May we as a church trust in your provision for us and believe that You are Lord of all. Give us rest today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Volunteers to help with IGNITE WEEK would be appreciated!** If you are able to help, please contact Kaitlyn or Diane.

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES:**  
**“JESUS TEACHES THE LAW”**

**July 13 - Matthew 12:9-12**  
**...keep the Sabbath Holy...**

**July 20 - Matthew 15:3-6**  
**...Honor your Father and your Mother...**





- Please keep **Warren Kuipers** in your prayers as he prepares for a procedure next week to remove fluid. He will be in the hospital for a few days. Pray for peace and courage as he deals with this latest health issue and pray, too, for Ruth that she may be given peace as they await the results of the procedure.
  - We pray for **Lynn Wilson** as she will be having a procedure and tests related to the latest results of a PET scan. We pray for peace and restoration of health for Lynn and also strength and encouragement for Jei and Justin as they wait on the Lord.
- "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."*
- **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, place these cards in the wooden boxes on either side of the middle aisle doors as you leave the sanctuary. Our prayer partners will take them and pray for them. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12



**Summer Reading Program is extended thru July!** Adults & children may 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 alone. The Prayer Room is located on the southeast side of the foyer.

**A New Fiscal Budget Year has begun** with a budget that was passed at the recent congregational meeting. Tithing envelopes for the new budget year have been distributed. If you did not receive yours, or would like to receive a set, please contact Barb in the church office: 708-636-2848 or [grace-church@gccrc.org](mailto:grace-church@gccrc.org).

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## Community News

The family of Grace Church and their friends are invited to join with **Illinois Operation Lifesaver** on **Sat., July 26** for an evening of baseball with the **Windy City Thunderbolts** at **Ozinga Field in Crestwood**. (see details on the bulletin board flyer in the main hallway). Contact Joyce Phillips (708-805-5795) for complimentary tickets.