

## 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 20, 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 the 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) each Sunday 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 7/20 — 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. This fund also gives us the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

**Offering 7/27: Christian Education Fund:** School is back in session and our Education Fund is in need of funding to help our church families provide a Christ-centered education for their children. Please prayerfully consider your giving to this fund as we try to build it up over this summer.

**Join us for coffee & conversation  
in the fellowship hall,  
after the service!  
Use the main hallway as you  
exit the sanctuary.**



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

**Volunteers to help with IGNITE WEEK —>  
would be appreciated!**

If you are able to help, please contact  
Kaitlyn or Diane.

**SERMON SERIES:**

**“JESUS TEACHES THE LAW”**

**July 20 - Matthew 15:3-6**

**...honor your father and  
your mother...**

**July 27 - Matthew 5:21-22**

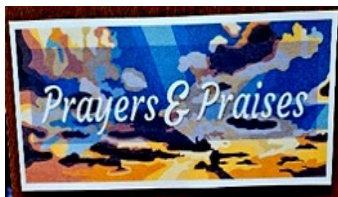
**...do not murder...**





- We pray for the family and friends of **Jean Kok** who passed away on July 12. Services are being held tomorrow in Grand Rapids, MI. Details are posted in the main hallway.
- We pray for **Warren Kuipers** as he is experiencing a steady decline in health. May the Lord grant peace to Warren, Ruth as they wait on the Lord.

- **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. They 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 the 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 will be over at the end of July!** Make sure you fill in all the books you've read in the Book Log in the church library! A prize for participating will be given at the end of summer.

**Prayer for our Church:** Loving God, we honor You as our Father in heaven. We are humbled to be called Your children. We thank You for our parents. We thank You for our children. May we give parents and children the respect and love they are due as Your image bearers. And may this love overflow to others—to fellow church members, and to neighbors near and far. May Your love for us be seen in our love for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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, from 9-11am. NEXT meeting: August 12.** *We hope you can join them!*

**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.

**Please keep the church Council in your prayers  
as they meet on July 29 at 6:30pm.**

## Community News

The **Chicago Christian Schools Board of Directors** has called a **special meeting, Tuesday, July 29 at 7pm at Chgo. Christian High School** (Palos Heights, IL) to approve two voting opportunities regarding ongoing property development. All supporting church members are invited to attend.