

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 27, 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

SERMON SERIES:

“JESUS TEACHES THE LAW”

July 27 - Matthew 5:21-22

...do not murder...

August 3 - Matthew 5:27-28

...do not commit adultery...

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 7/27 — Christian Education Fund: School is back in session soon! Please prayerfully consider your giving to this fund as we prepare to help our church families provide a Christ-centered education for their children.

Offering 8/3-17 — General Operating Fund: Your gift gives our church the opportunity to show our love and care to our church family and our surrounding community through ministry opportunities. It also provides the ability to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

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



Let's Celebrate! Join us for our church's **20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on August 10 at 11:30am**. We'll have a catered meal with cake for dessert. **Please sign up by August 3** so we can order enough food. There will be a freewill offering to help defray the cost.

The Council is collecting photos and remembrances of God's goodness and faithfulness to our church from the past 20 years.

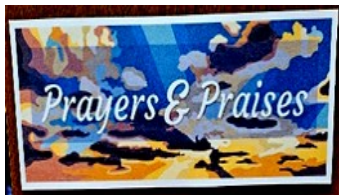
Please give photos to Diane Ritzema or email them to diane.ritzema@sbcglobal.net.

We'll be putting together a slide show and we will have time during the celebration to share memories and blessings.



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

The Summer Reading Program will be done on July 31! Make sure you fill in all the books you've read on the Book Log in the church library! A prize for participating will be given at the end of summer.



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

Please keep the church Council in your prayers as they meet on Monday, July 28 at 6:30pm.

Prayer for our Church: Father God, we have probably all been hurt by unkind or unthoughtful words directed toward us. And we have probably hurt others by saying unkind words to or about them. Forgive us when we have committed murder in our hearts by slandering or speaking unkindly about others. Direct our thoughts and our words towards goodness, gentleness and self-control. May we seek only the highest good for others. 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.

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

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

Community News

The **Chicago Christian Schools Board of Directors** has called a **special meeting on 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.

