## **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 — AUGUST 3, 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

Offering 8/3-17 — General Operating Fund: Your gift gives our church the opportunity to offer

ministry opportunities that show our love and care to our church family and surrounding community.



August 3 - Matthew 5:27-28 ...do not commit adultery...

August 10 - Matthew 19:18 ...do not steal...



**Today** we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We welcome all who trust that their sins are covered by Christ's death on the cross and who desire to follow him as his disciple to join in this celebration.

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.



**Let's Celebrate!** Join us for our church's **20**<sup>th</sup> **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 will have time during the celebration to share memories and blessings.

STARTS TOMORROW: Monday thru Friday, AUGUST 4-8, 6-8PM! For kids ages 5-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us for fun activities, singing, and Bible lessons! We hope to see YOU there!



• **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 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

**Prayer for our Church:** Loving Father, lead and guide us along life's way. We know that without your presence in our lives, we would certainly stray. We pray that You would create and renew clean hearts in us, so that we may serve You with pure minds and actions in our personal lives, and in our life as Grace Church. May we remain faithful, striving always to love You above all, and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. 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!

**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!

## Community News



Join us Sat., Sept. 27 for the 29th annual Elim Dutch Festival! Admission is free! All proceeds go to support the mission and work of Elim—equipping children and adults to thrive at Elim and beyond. Visit us at elimcs.org/dutch-festival to sponsor or volunteer. Event will be held on Elim's campus. If you have questions, please contact Kayla: 708-293-6510.