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 — MARCH 30, $2025 - 4^{TH}$ SUNDAY IN LENT

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 Mar. 30 – CRCNA Ministry Shares The vast majority of every dollar

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

"Having the Identity of a Servant"



<u>March 30</u> Service as Radical Hospitality Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Ask yourself, "How might I have the identity of Christ, the Servant King, this week?"

of ministry shares goes directly to ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism.

Offering Apr. 6-13 — **General Operating Fund:** Your gift provides our church the opportunity to care for our members and community through ministry.

Printed copies of the Order of Worship are available

on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

Join us for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall after the service! Use the main hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Prayer for our Church: Father God, we rejoice in Your unending love, unwavering grace, and forgiveness. We rejoice when You draw us back into Your loving arms when we have gone astray from Your will and purpose for us. May we be inspired to embrace Your example of love, compassion, and generosity towards others; in our family, in our church, and in our community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Plan now to join us April 13 for our next **Fellowship Potluck at 11:30am**. Sign up on the poster in the foyer to bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share.

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• **Evelyn Van Dellen** has completed 9 weeks of rehab and is now back at her home at Cordia Senior Residence. She really appreciates any contact she receives from the Grace Church Community.

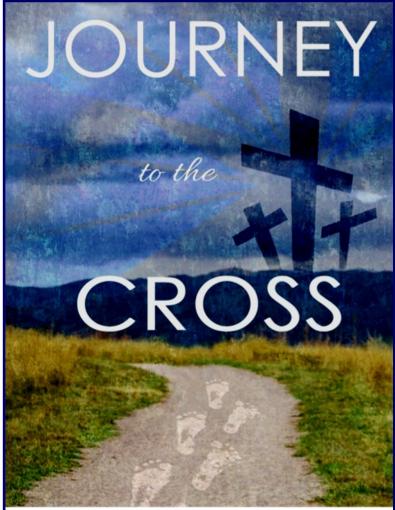
- **Jean Kok** fell a few days ago and broke her hip. She had surgery, and is now recuperating at her care facility. She appreciates your prayers and cards.
- We CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR those serving in the military and their families, health care workers, first responders, and all those in continuing care or homebound, including: Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Jean Kok, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., Evelyn Van Dellen, Rich VandenBout, and Jeannette Veen.

Join us Maundy Thursday, April 17 for our Communion Service at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a light Soup Supper at 6. Sign up on the poster in foyer if you plan to attend the Soup Supper. The Lenten Prayer Stations will also be available for you to walk through that evening 4-5pm and from 6:30-8:30pm.

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.

Jei Wilson is open to hearing input from the congregation on any themes or scripture passages you feel would be helpful to our church. Please talk to him following the worship service or leave a note in his church mailbox with any suggestions. *Thank you in advance!*

LAST CALL: Anyone interested in planning and running an indoor garage sale? Grace Church would like to offer the opportunity to sell "garage sale" items in the church fellowship hall, but we need volunteers. If you're interested, contact the office: grace-church@gccrc.org or 708-636-2848. No date will be set until we have firm commitments from volunteers to run this.



Prayer Stations

April 15: 11:15 am-1:00 pm

April 17: 4:00 – 5:00 pm and 6:30-8:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion service at 5:00 pm Soup Supper at 6:00 pm

April 18: 9 am – noon