

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 — APRIL 21, 2024

Printed copies of the Order of Worship are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary or you can pull it up on your phone/tablet from the Grace Church website: www.gccrc.org.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES
'JOY — no matter what'
Based on Philippians.

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 service! Every Sunday, at 9:45am, our concerns, thanks, and praise are 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 Apr. 21—General Operating Fund: Your gift gives Grace Community Church the opportunity to offer ministry programs and provides the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff. As our church budget continues to run on a deficit, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to Grace Community Church.

Offering Apr. 28—Christian Education Fund: Your gift to this fund helps provide our church families with the assistance they may need to provide a Christ-centered education for their children when they otherwise would not be able to meet the cost on their own.

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

Prayer for our Church: Dear Lord, thank you for being a God who knows all that we are going through; our joys and our trials. Help us be persistent and faithful to Your Word, Your promises, and Your love. We know You are our life, Lord, and we will always have life in You. Thank you for Your gift of eternal life. We praise You, Lord, for this is where our help and strength comes from. In Jesus' name. Amen.



In celebration of Mother's Day, our Neighborhood Outreach Committee is hosting a **Baby Shower** to benefit Southside Pregnancy Center on **Saturday, May 4, 9am-noon**. We're collecting new and gently used baby items. Flyers with details on what is needed were distributed and extras are on the back tables of the sanctuary.

Little Free Library: Our little library outside the church, continues to be used by our neighbors! If you have books you'd like to donate for the community's use, please put them in the box marked "Little Free Library" inside our church library.

The Prayer Room is open after the Sunday service. A prayer partner will be available and happy to pray with you, for you, or you may pray alone. The Prayer Room is on the southeast side of the foyer, look for the sign on the wall.



—**Helena Creaney** was taken to the hospital and in a coma while there. Sadly she passed away peacefully on Thursday evening. We pray that our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, will comfort Helena's family and friends as they walk this path of sorrow.

—**Joyce Phillips** begins a 4 week round of radiation treatments on Monday, April 22. Please pray for Joyce and Dave as they navigate these treatments and following care. May our Risen Savior grant Joyce healing.

—**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 home-bound, including: Henry DeVries, Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., and Jeannette Veen.

It's Graduation time again! If you have a family member graduating this year, let the office know so we can congratulate them on the page of graduates that will be included in the June/July issue of the church newsletter. Provide your name, name of graduate(s), their relationship to you, school, grade, and a picture (if you have one). Information can be left in the newsletter box outside the office or emailed to: gracechurch@gccrc.org.



A Summer Reading Program is starting soon! Children & adults are invited to read 10 or more books during the months of May, June, and July. If you read at least 10 books, you'll get a "prize" at the end of summer! Enter the books you read on the Book Log in the church library. Books can be from libraries, purchased, or borrowed from a friend. *Happy Reading!*

Community News

The **CRC Racial Reconciliation Committee** invites the congregations of Classis Chicago South to the **2nd**

Annual Unity Service on May 19 at the Palos Heights CR Church, at 6:30pm. Speaker is Colin Watson, the emeritus Executive Director of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Offering will be taken for World Renew. Join us for fellowship and worship!

Southwest Chgo. Christian School: Join us for a **Night of Worship and Celebration** on **May 21 at 7pm** in the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College. You don't want to miss this. See you there!



**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG