

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 7, 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.

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. 7 & 14—General Operating Fund: Your gift to this fund gives Grace Community Church the opportunity to offer ministry programs and it also provides the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

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

TABLES OF GRACE: Join us after the service for our first 'Tables of Grace' conversations. This is a time to intentionally share our joys and concerns and care for each other in prayer. Table Group lists were distributed, but if you don't see your name, or wish to be with a different group, have a seat at any table. What's most important is that all are included and all feel welcome. So grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join us!

Council will meet Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30pm. Please continue to pray for wisdom and for God to guide the council in decisions that they make.

Women's Spring Craft Night...Friday, April 12...6:30-8:30pm.

We'll be making plaques. **Sign up TODAY** (so we have enough supplies)! *Freewill offering gratefully accepted.*

The Prayer Room is open after the Sunday service. A prayer partner will be happy to pray with you, or 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.

Sign up TODAY for a Pizza Lunch on April 14. Join us as we share a meal together and thank our many dedicated volunteers for all they do for Grace Community Church! *Freewill offering to help defray the cost.*

APRIL 7

***New sermon series based on
Philippians begins.***

'Joy No Matter What'



—**BONNIE MULDER** underwent surgery on her hand this past week. The doctor reported that it went well, but the tendon was very "tight". Please pray that Bonnie will have an easy recovery and regain strength in her hand quickly.

"Thank you everyone for your prayers. God is good!!"—Bonnie

—**LYNNE WIEGERS** has been transferred to Bickford Assisted Living in Tinley Park. Lynne can be reached on her cell phone at: 708-897-5864. May the risen Lord grant her continued improvement which will enable her to go home in the future. Pray, too, that Lynne and her family will be granted a measure of patience as she strives toward that goal.

—**Ann O'Connor** has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, B-Cell, a rare form, and is scheduled for a PET scan on April 8th. We pray the procedure will give her care team the information they need for treatment. May the Lord grant Ann and her family a measure of peace and understanding as they wait on him.

—**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: Helena Creaney, Henry DeVries, Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., and Jeannette Veen.

Prayer for our Church: Jesus, our Risen Savior, thank you for Grace Community Church. Thank You for the opportunities we have to spread Your gospel message. We pray that You will continue to use us. May we be certain that because You began the good work within us, You will continue Your work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. To You be the glory! Amen.



In celebration of Mother's Day, the Neighborhood Outreach Committee is hosting a **Baby Shower** to benefit Southside Pregnancy Center on **Saturday, May 4 at noon**. We're collecting new and gently used baby clothes, as well as diapers, wipes, pacifiers, teething rings, bottles, shampoo, etc. You can start bringing items to church mid-April. More details will be distributed next week.

Southwest Chgo. Christian School will hold a **special meeting** for association members to vote on proposed bylaw changes on **April 9th at 7:00pm** at Chgo. Christian High School. Members of Grace Community are members of the Association and are welcome to attend. Join us for a **Night of Worship & Celebration** on **May 21 at 7pm** in the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College. You don't want to miss this. See you there!

Elim 5K: Join Elim Christian Services on **May 18** for the **14th Annual Elim Eagles' Wings Run, Walk, or Roll 5K!** Register and find more information at: www.elimcs.org/5k. We hope to see you at the starting line!