

ANNOUNCEMENTS — FEBRUARY 2, 2020

OFFERING TODAY: General Operating Fund

Your donation to this fund allows Grace Community Church to make connections with our church family and our neighbors through our many ministry opportunities. It also provides us with the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Mission Fund

Your donation will help support 5 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGMI, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGMI, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.



This morning, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Christ gave us this memorial of his sacrifice to strengthen our faith and life of service. The Belgic Confession says: *As truly as we take and hold the sacrament in our hands and drink it with our mouths...so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior.* Welcome to all who trust in Jesus as your savior from your sins and misery and who want to follow Jesus as Lord to join us at Christ's table.

Around the Clock Prayer: Thanks to all who took special time to pray on behalf of Grace Church this past month. We trust that God gives his grace and Holy Spirit as we pray continually, asking him for his gifts and thanking him for them (see Heidelberg Catechism, Q.116). We trust God for his guidance, wisdom, and blessing as we walk together with him in faith. *Always keep on praying for all the Lord's people (Ephesians 6:18b).*

Sign Up TODAY! The GEMS Annual Fundraiser Dinner at the 'LOVE CAFÉ' will be held Saturday, February 15 @ 5pm! Join us for an evening of food and fellowship as the girls perform skits related to our theme this year, LOVED. PERIOD. (1 John 3:1), and enjoy a delicious meal! Menu: Salad, rolls, chicken Kiev, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, Jell-O, and dessert.

Our next monthly **FREE Community Lunch** for members, friends and neighbors will be on **Saturday, February 8 @ 12noon.** Come and join friends and neighbors for a meal and stay for Art Connect after!

Art Connect: Saturday, February 8, 1-2:30pm

Art Connect is a great way to build friendships while learning a new craft and/or skill. This month, we'll be making handmade paper from recycled pulp and forming it into Valentine cards. Join us in creating a one of a kind Valentine. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!



Ladies BUNCO will get together for fun and fellowship on **Tuesday, February 4 @7:00pm.** Bring a sweet or salty snack to share. Sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Book Club: Join us for a discussion of "The River" by Peter Heller on **Monday, February 17 @7:00pm.** "...a headlong, heart-pounding tale of desperate wilderness survival."

Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 3 @ 7pm.
Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for our Council.



Grace Church: We have completed a special season of prayer, asking God to guide us and grow the fruit of his Spirit in our lives and community. Pray that God will shine Christ's light in and through us in a variety of ministries that touch our neighborhood and community.

Upcoming Mission Trip: *Larry & LeAnn Kooyenga* will be going back to Guatemala from Feb. 21-28 for a mission trip to the people in the jungles. We'll be with a group of 50 people to bring medical care, eye care, dentistry and most importantly the good news of our Savior. Please keep us in prayer and if you desire to support the mission financially, the money would be used to purchase much needed medicine for these people. We bring vitamins, antibiotics, and a wide variety of medications. Checks can be made to Maranatha Chapel. *Thank you!*



—**Pam Johnson's** gall bladder surgery went well this past week. We thank God for his care and pray for healing and renewed strength for Pam in the days ahead.

—**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military & their families, and those in continuing care or homebound, including: Dorothy Brink-Schutt, Helena Creaney, Henry DeVries, Marv DeVries, Jay Dorn, Ben Dykstra, Rich Knudsen, Char Kros, John Langeland, Mason Patterson, Ray Peterson Jr., John Roos, and Jeannette Veen.

Check out the Love Someone More bulletin board in the main hallway. You will find newsletters and service opportunities from various Christian organizations that are received for information by the Deacons.

Our **GEMS Girls Club** is hosting a **Scrapbooking Event, Friday, March 20 (6-10pm) and Saturday, March 21 (8am-6pm)**. Save the date and register today!

Community News

Southwest Chgo. Christian Schools News—Open House: The **Oak Lawn Campus** (101st & Central) will hold an Open House on Tues., Feb. 4 from 6-7:30pm. A special Preschool information session will be held at 6:30pm and Kindergarten information session at 7:15pm. The **Tinley Park Campus** (171st & 84th Ave.) will hold an Open House on Thurs., Feb. 6 from 6-7:30pm/ A special Preschool information session will be at 6:30pm and Kindergarten information session at 7pm.

Roseland Youth Partnership Benefit: You are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Youth Partnership Benefit on Sat., Feb. 22 from 3-6pm at Row 24 in Chicago, IL. All proceeds raised from this event help fund the youth programs at Roseland Christian Ministries (RCM) that enable kids to encounter God through the RCM community, pursue their God-given gifts, and call them to be change makers in their neighborhood. It is one way we can push back against the violence and make a difference in the lives of children and support a community seeking Shalom in Roseland.

Oak Lawn Library News (9427 S. Raymond Ave.):

Wendy & DB: This award-winning children's music duo will have you and your children singing, dancing and jumping along with their original songs, from **2-3pm on Sunday, Feb. 9**. Each song encourages imagination and exploration.

Sunday with Friends Concert—A Jazzy Valentine: Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis returns with a beautiful collection of romantic standards to warm your heart and soul at **2pm on Sunday, Feb. 16**. For more information on these and other library programs, call 708-422-4990 or visit www.olpl.org

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