

ANNOUNCEMENTS — FEBRUARY 23, 2020

**OFFERING TODAY: Christian Education Fund**

Your donation 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.

**OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: 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.



**Next Sunday** we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper, remembering Jesus our Savior who calls us to come to him in faith, confident that we receive forgiveness and life everlasting through him. As we come forward to the table or are served in our seats, we remember that our life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Grace Community Church Window Fund:** The beautiful stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary is in need of structural repair. Those repairs will begin very soon. A little over \$10,000 had been raised over the last few years in anticipation of the cost of repairs. That money has been used to help cover the deposit needed to begin the work; approximately \$35,000 is needed to cover the balance of the repair cost. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute toward this unique expense. Special donation envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Donations can also be added to the ‘other’ line on your regular weekly donation envelopes. Donations can be placed in the offering basket or given to a Council member.

**Upcoming Mission Trip:** *Larry & LeAnn Kooyenga* left this past weekend for a medical mission trip to Guatemala. They will be ministering to the needs of people living in poor circumstances. We pray for God’s guidance for Larry and LeAnn and their team as they seek to show and tell about the healing grace of our Lord Jesus.



**GEMS** Girls' Clubs Our **GEMS Girls Club** is hosting a **Scrapbooking Event, Friday, March 20 (6-10pm) and Saturday, March 21 (8am-6pm)**. Pick up a registration form (with more details) from the tables in the foyer register today!

**LOST AND FOUND:** A table has been set up in the fellowship hall with lost and found items. If you’ve been missing something that may have been left at the church, now is the time to find it! The table will be out until March 8<sup>th</sup>. After that any items not claimed will be donated.

**New Books in the Church Library:** *Glory Days* by Max Lucado can be found on the book cart in the foyer. **New Book** shelves in the library have new fiction titles: *Tending Roses, Good Hope Road* and *The Language of Sycamores* by Lisa Wingate, *The Sinners’ Garden* by William Sirls, *Shades of Light* by Sharon Garlough Brown, *Overcomer* (from the creator of *War Room*) by Chris Fabry and *No Less Days* by Amanda G. Stevens. Stop by and *check them out!*



*"The family of Rich and Marilyn Vanden Bout wish to thank Grace Church and ministers of prayers and support during Rich’s illnesses and the recent death of his mother."*

**Adult Serve Mission Trip:** Once again Grace Church is partnering with the Orland Park CRC and World Renew Disaster Relief Services to provide a new home to a family that has a lost theirs through a natural disaster in Mississippi. *Jim Wassenaar, Dan Brucken, Jake Brucken, Harry Beezhold, Jim Kamper and Dave Phillips* will travel to Mississippi on March 7 and stay for a week to help finish up the new home. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.

**This month:** the Deacon's have featured *Cross Roads Prison Ministries* on the *Serve More* bulletin board. Stop by the board and see poems and art work created by the inmates. Their work gives touching testimony to the power of Christ's work in their lives. Check it out!



—**Evelyn Luchtenburg** is receiving therapy at Lexington of Orland Park and will, Lord willing, be returning home this week. We thank God for his care and pray for continued strength for Evelyn as she rests in the Lord.

—**Jay Dorn** had a fall in his home resulting in broken ribs and pneumonia. Please pray that the pneumonia will continue to subside and the bones heal well and quickly. Pray that God will continue to give inner strength for Jay as he rests in the grace of our Lord.

—**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.

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## Community News

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Jacob's Well Church in Evergreen Park (98th & St. Louis) will have an Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 26 beginning at 6:30pm.

**Back to God Ministries International: A Lenten Devotional from TODAY**—Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free TODAY devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at: [todaydevotional.com/lent](http://todaydevotional.com/lent).

**Southwest Chgo. Christian School—Oak Lawn & Tinley Park Campuses** will offer an Open House on Mon., Mar. 2 from 9-12pm. There will be a free morning of Preschool from 9-11am. The campuses are located at: 101st & Central OL and 171st & 84th Ave TP). Call the School Association Office if you have questions: 708.388.7656.

**Illiana Oratorial Society** will be starting rehearsals for its presentation of *Mendelssohn's Elijah*. Rehearsals will be held each Monday starting Mar. 2 from 8-9:30pm. The concert will be Sunday, April 19 at 2pm. Please join us at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, 16248 South Park Ave., as we sing this great work of music to God's praise!

**Words from the Cross** is a seven-part Bible study podcast from *Groundwork* at Back to God Ministries International. In the season of Lent, dig deep into the significance of Christ's words from the cross and let them focus your heart on your salvation through his death and resurrection. Get the podcast when you subscribe to *Groundwork* at [groundworkonline.com/words](http://groundworkonline.com/words).

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