

ANNOUNCEMENTS — MARCH 22, 2020—4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Cancellations Update: The Executive Team has postponed all face to face meetings at Grace Community Church until further notice. The concern for the well-being of all who participate in our worship and programs and guidance from local, state, and federal governments and other partners, led to this action. Pray for the peace and safety of all people as we navigate through this season.

A Grace Community Church worship service video will be available on Sundays for you to participate remotely via the internet at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDu3R5ecljrFQk43D9irDvg>

In the services, God's name will be praised, his Word proclaimed, his way taught, sins confessed, and prayers offered. This link will also provide access to messages from the Pastor during this trying time. You may give an offering using the church website, **<https://www.gccrc.org>** or send an offering to the church by mail. We pray that God's Spirit will give us strength and grace as we worship him in this way.

Lent Sermon Series: *Who Is Jesus?*—Throughout the gospel of Mark, people wonder who Jesus is. Pastors Michael Kooy and Matt Mulder will be preaching on this question from the gospel of Mark. We will see how the key to answering that question is the cross whose shadow lingers over Jesus' entire ministry. This brief series in Mark will help us see Jesus' true identity, which shapes and influences our Christian life every day.

Pastors Class: Pastor Kooy will offer a class via the internet for anyone wishing to learn more about the beliefs and practices of Grace Community CRC. This class can also be of interest to those who might like to consider membership at Grace Community. You will need access to the internet with a microphone. We will begin on Wednesday, April 1 (this is a week later than earlier announced). If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Kooy at 708-663-4364.



Pastor Sergei Sosedkin, Russian Language Ministry, Back to God Ministries, International. Sergei became the Russian ministry leader for Back to God Ministries in 2002. The Russian team is providing gospel centered resources to people ready to have conversations about faith and life. We thank God for the ways he is touching lives and bringing comfort through media.

Grace Community Church Window Fund: Work has completed on the stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary. Repairs included structural repairs and new supports, cleaning and repairing glass, painting the exterior woodwork and installing a new protective window covering on the outside. You can get a close up view of the repair from the outside. Previous donations have been used to pay the deposit to begin the work. Total cost of repairs: \$44,652.00. Which means an additional \$30,210.00 is needed to offset cost. This is an expense that is outside our normal budget. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute toward this unique expense. Special envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary for your donation. You may also make a donation using a weekly budget envelope. Place donations in the offering basket or give to a Council member.



—WE PRAY FOR SAFETY FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD as we battle the Corona Virus. May the Lord grant us all a measure of peace as we put into practice the safety guidelines that have been given.

—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.

Thank You! "I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me and sent cards. It's nice to know you have a caring church. A special thanks to Pastor Mike for all his visits."

Thanks very much—Evelyn Luchtenburg