



# Gracegram

April 2015



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Holy Communion**

**Every Sunday**

### Winter

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Labor Day - May)

Sundays @ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

### Summer

(June – Labor Day)

Sundays @ 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School in recess

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Sundays @ 10:00am

### Advent and Lent

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.



### Winter

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Labor Day – May)

9:30 AM

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

@ 8:45 AM



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### Mission Partners

**Redeemer Lutheran Church – Lansing  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Battle Creek**



## Grace Lutheran Church

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## Ministers: People of Grace

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Chris Bush
- Bell Choir Leader: Kim Domke
- Organist Emeritus: Donna Buehl

### 2013 - 2015

Executive Committee

- President, Mark Bishop
- Vice President, Doug Neeb
- Secretary, Steve Carr



## Committee Chairs:

- Lorie Gladyness, Worship
- Tom Peck & Phil Poholski, Property
- Bill Freedlund, Evangelism
- Margaret Wood, Congregational Care
- Jana Bishop, Youth & Family
- Lorraine Freedlund, Education
- Tim Schoessel, Stewardship
- Diane Neeb, Social Activities
- Kay Howell, Sarah Circle

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church affairs contact one of these council members.

## May Gracegram Deadline

**April 17, 2014**

Please submit articles to Stephen Kaiser (SLK) at: [ihohrevlis@yahoo.com](mailto:ihohrevlis@yahoo.com) or the Gracegram mailbox.

Blessings of peace and love !

SLK \_\_\_\_\_

### April Event Committee

2	Maundy Thursday worship 7:00 pm	Worship -L. Gladyness
3	Good Friday Cross Walk 9:30 am	Chris Bush Kim Domke
3	Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 7:00 pm	Worship -L. Gladyness
5	Easter Sunday worship 6:30 am & 10:00 am	Worship -L. Gladyness
5	Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am	Traci Wales
6	Easter Monday – church office closed	
11	Wine & cheese party	Social Activities -Diane Neeb
12	Noisy offering	
12	Stewardship Temple Talk	
17	Gracegram deadline	Steve Kaiser
19	Stewardship Temple Talk	
26	Stewardship Temple Talk	

### May Event Committee

3	Commitment Sunday	Worship -L. Gladyness
9	BOG – Tigers baseball game	BOG -Doug Neeb
10	Mother's Day & noisy offering	
17	Gracegram deadline	Steve Kaiser
24	Pentecost begins	
25	Memorial Day – church office closed	
30	Frederick Meijer Garden trip	Social Activities -Diane Neeb
31	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, Trinity Sunday	Worship -L. Gladyness
31	Congregation budget review	Council

### June Event Committee

7	Congregation budget review	Council
14	Noisy offering	
15	Parish Admin's vacation begins	
21	Father's Day	

## From The President :



Communicating any message that is important, should be done at least five times. As you read this message, you have already been informed through a temple talk and a mass mailing to our entire congregation. The intent is for us to focus on what is important at Grace Lutheran Church.

*Dear Grace Family,*

*We are a community of faith and we are made sisters and brothers in our baptism into Christ, therefore we are a family. Like all families we have love and we have conflict. In the exit interview with Pastor Amy many positives were brought up as well as areas of concern. Brought to light was a brokenness within our congregation. The brokenness was revealed to us by Pastor Amy as conflict between her and several members of the congregation. For example, false accusations were brought against her and spread through gossip. The conflict involved a breakdown of personal relationships which was a factor in Pastor Amy's departure.*

*The brokenness is more widespread as evidenced by other people knowing and not stepping forward. Pastor Amy and parties involved are members of our Christian family and considered friends. It will be a challenge not to take sides. Our responsibility is to not participate in rumors or gossip.*

*It will always be necessary to express our thoughts, when we have concerns and disagreements, in a caring and considerate way so that the Grace family does not become divided by hurt and confusion.*

*We are committed to bringing this to the light of day by engaging the congregation to bring peace within our family. By doing so we can be the congregation God has called us to be, to bring His light into the world.*

*“A Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. Among men there is strife. He is our peace, says Paul of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:14). Without Christ there is discord between God and man and between man and man. Christ became the Mediator and made peace with God and among men.” -Dietrich Bonhoeffer “Life Together”*

Finally, I will share with you words of wisdom from Bishop Satterlee to our congregation: “from now until Easter, just do Jesus. Pray, worship, study and sing together and focus on Jesus.”

May God’s peace fill us all this Easter season. New beginnings for us are guaranteed through Jesus’ sacrifice.

Mark

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**NOTICE...**

**Adult Volunteer Guidelines**

Church council adopted in March, new guidelines for anyone volunteering to help with events where children are present. There are copies in the narthex near the drinking fountain for review. The guidelines will become effective **August 1, 2015**. If you have any questions, talk with anyone on church council.

**Evangelism      March 2015**

The evangelism committee met on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the first Chapter of “Reviving the Congregation” by M. Foss.

The first chapter talked about increasing flexibility while decreasing theological rigidity. Sometimes

the way we did things in the past need to be modified for effective ministry. There was an emphasis on the “priesthood of all believers.” In today's world lay ministries are needed in a range of areas to supplement the role of the pastor. Pastor Foss stressed the need of developing new ministry teams to fit a particular need and also the need to review and change old ministries that are no longer effective. As a congregation we need to be clear about our mission, vision and values. There were two convictions noted from the chapter. Firstly, the gospel is the single most hope filled, joy producing, faith enriching message in the world. Secondly, apart from the Apostles Creed, we do not have all the answers and questions for effective ministry. Pastor Foss noted that that his local church the congregation included the term disciples / members/ when writing the constitution to bring further clarity to the role of the congregation.

The committee went on to discuss the need to review our projects to determine if they are effective. We decided that the projects undertaken during the last year were appropriate to our goal and would be modified as needed.

Yard sign samples were viewed and discussed. We decided on a bright lime green background with black letters. Further input will be given to the sign printers with hopes of completion within the next month. There will be a QR code on the sign which has been activated with the assistance of George Weller.

Our new Grace brochure has been added to the current website. Further website revision will be brought up to the council. We thought that at least old outdated information should be removed and then a complete revision in the future.

The Good Friday Cross Walk has been scheduled for Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The walk will begin at 9:30 am from the church parking lot. All are invited to take part in this annual event.

We again discussed the possibility of a car show during this summer. Discussed the possibility of combining the car show with a summer festival. Ideas will be discussed with Brothers of Grace and the church council for further input.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, at 6:45 pm.

## April Education News

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Traci Wales will lead this activity. Please meet in the fellowship hall. All children are welcome to join in the fun.

Vacation Bible Experience day is in the planning stage. Cheryl Drumm will help to plan this day with the Education chair. However, many people are needed to make this day occur. Areas of need are: lunches, games, crafts, puppetry, music, advertising, and scheduling/organizing for the day. We will let the Grace community know the day and month once it has been determined.

The last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> with a closing celebration for all grade levels. We will gather in the fellowship hall for crafts and treats at 9:30 am.

The Holy Week schedule indicates there will be NO Sunday School classes on the following Sundays:

March 29<sup>th</sup>- Palm Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

Sunday School materials and curriculum need to be reviewed for next year. The education chair is suggesting a sub-committee be formed to determine what are the best options in instructing our Grace youth in their faith formation.

If you would like to be on this sub-committee please let Lorraine Freedlund know.

## CROSS WALK

The walk will begin at **9:30am, 3 April 2015**

Grace Lutheran Church 239 E. North Street

Hastings, MI.

As we walk, we engage in silent meditation upon our Lord's crucifixion. We offer prayers and we open our minds and spirits to the revelation of the Lord for our own lives of ministry and discipleship. We walk as a group to bear witness in our community to the meaning of Good Friday as the day of our pardon from original sin and as a celebration of our restoration toward original righteousness. We invite you to join us for this journey of holy contemplation and restoration!

ROUTE: From Grace - South on Michigan Ave to State St; West on State St. to Broadway; North on Broadway to Mill St; East on Mill St. to Michigan Ave; North on Michigan Ave, ending at Grace. The walk usually takes 1 hr to 1 hr 30 min. If you can't walk the entire distance, join us for as long as you can. Drop in and out as needed. A vehicle will follow the walkers to offer ride assistance as needed.

## Grace Social Event

The Social Activities Committee will be hosting Grace's annual wine and cheese party at Barry and Margaret Wood's home at 811 N. Kelly St., Hastings on April 11, starting at 5:00. Please bring a snack/dish to pass and your favorite wine or other beverage. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please join us for a fun evening.

## Financial Coordinator's Office Hrs.

April 17, 2015

8:00-12:00

## April Birthdays

4-4 Mary Kleinbrink  
4-5 Ron Ogden  
4-7 Therese Maupin-Moore  
4-8 Marcia Bowman  
4-8 Lorie Gladyness  
4-10 Rob Pohl  
4-11 John Kleinbrink  
4-12 Mary Williams  
4-14 Kay Marsh  
4-15 Allie Golembeske  
4-15 Kylie Gowembeske  
4-17 Phil Poholski  
4-17 Clyde Watson, Jr.  
4-20 Cindy Olson  
4-21 Sharon Duits  
4-22 Linda Maupin  
4-23 Carleen Overholt  
4-23 Diane Bouchey  
4-23 Peter Ware  
4-24 Lois Von Seggern  
4-27 Jane Secor  
4-28 Barry Wood  
4-30 Tanner Ogden  
4-30 Joseph Dittmar

### **April Baptisms**

Mary Kuhlman  
4-1 Jan Weller  
4-1 Cindy Hubbard  
4-3 Dave Neeb  
4-3 Alison Verus  
4-6 Randy Hughes  
4-8 Carmen Burlingame  
4-9 Sandy Mosteller  
4-10 Traci Wales  
4-10 Katie Scott  
4-10 Myrina Clements  
4-10 Allison Neeb  
4-10 McKenzie Rudesill  
4-10 Zarek Rudesill  
4-11 Larry Maupin  
4-13 Bethany Converse  
4-13 Gale Morway  
4-14 Michael DeLorenzo  
4-15 Tara Schoessel  
4-15 Logan Clements  
4-15 Tori Schoessel  
4-15 Mitchell Redfield  
4-15 Ken Brown  
4-15 Hailey Converse  
4-17 Ilene Hilson  
4-17 Diane Neeb  
4-18 Donna Buehl  
4-18 Carol Vos  
4-18 Kayla Pohl  
4-20 Lisa Pohl  
4-28 Joberta Converse

4-7-1993 Dick Ogden  
4-7-1973 Bertha Serven  
4-9-1999 March Brown  
4-16-1989 Ervin Daugherty  
4-18-1994 Margaret Beckwith  
4-18-1985 Dorothy Anton  
4-20-1991 Chester Johncock  
4-22-2009 Jeannetta Hayes  
4-22-2012 Nancy Stonehouse  
4-23-2014 Hugh Overholt  
4-27-2011 Steven Leary  
4-28-1971 Francesca Hunter

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

4-4 Bernie & Barb Bowman  
4-10 Jeremy & Melissa Golembeske  
4-18 Opal & Wes Gillions

### **Memorials**

4-2-2011 John Leary  
4-6-2008 Dylan Dennie  
4-6-2010 Jamie Henion