

GraceGram

Grace
Lutheran Church

September
2018

HOLY COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY

MOMENTUM

By Pastor Ken Scheck

Momentum, in sports, means you are “on a roll.” In business it means that “the product is selling.” In teaching it means that “the students are responding.” At home it means that “things are running smoothly.” At church it means that “people are coming and participating.”

You are all invited to join the momentum that has begun here at Grace. God’s momentum is calling us to mission. **Mission** is our call to share the Kingdom of God. Mission is our task to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ. Mission is our responsibility to teach, preach, serve and share in the power of our living God.

Momentum calls us to mission, and then we are invited “to go and mention!” **Mention!** Mention the name of Jesus; but maybe easier—mention the name of Grace Church with your friends, neighbors and new folk in the neighborhood. Make mention of the fact that Grace is where you worship. Make mention of the faith that holds us together as God’s people.

Momentum, mission, mention and **money!** May our gracious God empower us to consider ways that our money (gifts, offerings, pledges, envelopes) might grow and increase so that our shared momentum, mission and ministry might multiply.

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us. Let your Holy Spirit push forward our ministry in Jesus’ name!

Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to
see new friends.
Open my ears to
hear my teacher.
Open my mind to
learn new things.
Let my heart
remember You are
near when I’m
afraid.
Help me to
love others like You
do.
I want to
shine your light so
bright in my school.
Amen

Courtney DeFeo

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Don your costumes,
bring the family and
come on Halloween for
a not-so-scary time at
Grace



*"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

Proverbs 22:6

Bell Basics Ring-a-Long

Thanks for the prayers,
cards and visits while I
was out of commission.
It's great to be back.

God bless Pastor Ken
and all of my Grace
friends.

- Joyce Daugherty



Are you ready to hear those HANDBELLS RINGING again? Would you like to be part of an AWESOME GROUP that PRAISES THE LORD through music?

Not sure about the commitment or if you can do it?
(No commitments to the semester until after you try ringing.)

You are invited to come find out on:

THURS., SEPTEMBER 13TH 5:30-8:00 PM

This includes dinner (all provided by current members)

- ◆ for all youth (past and newly interested, minimum 4th grade)
- ◆ for new adults interested in exploring the bells and handchimes
- ◆ for parents of interested students
- ◆ for past adult members who would like some review

Rhythm games, bell history, how to hold a bell & chime, "music reading", bell set up, and more! Sharing dates for this first semester are

Adults and kids: **Sunday, Oct. 14,**
Sunday, Dec. 2

Adults only **Wed. Dec 5**

Please let the director know if you
have any questions or if you are plan-
ning to come.

Thank you, Kim Domke
269-908-0024



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BARRY COUNTY CROPWALK

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Registration begins at 1:30

Walk and celebration event will be from 2-3:30

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 315 W Center St, Hastings



*Since 1947, Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty
has had the goal of ending hunger... locally and worldwide.*

Hope you can join us in Barry County.

**Dr. Seuss inspired CROP Walk Rhyme on Ending Hunger
Red Bank. NJ CROP Walk**

Left Foot, Right Foot, Left Foot, Right
2000 Generous Feet – What a Sight!
On Top of the Sidewalk and Out in the Street
We're Walking in Rain and We're Walking in Heat.

Strong Feet, Lame Feet, Crooked and Bare Feet
You Never can tell just Who You Will Meet.
If You've Got Heart and Soles that Care
You Can Walk to Help Those Whose Feet are Bare.

Big Feet, Small Feet, Young Feet, Old Feet
And Would You Believe it? We even have Teen Feet!
My Feet, Your Feet, Together We Come
Fighting World Hunger Together as One.

Feet Come with Peanut Butter, Rice and Beans
And Bringing Family and Friends by all Means.
The CROP Walk sure is Doing it Right
Fighting Hunger with All of Our Might!

2000 Feet Standing Poised at the Start
Hundreds Who Know, Caring Comes from the Heart
Hand in Hand, They Lend Us their Feet
Their Hearts and their Soles to **Help People Eat**

Ten Feet, Twenty Feet, 100 Feet More
At the End of 5 Miles, Your Legs Might be Sore
But with the Strength of Your Heart and the Soles of Your Feet
You Will Make a Difference AND People Will Eat!

Where do the donations for CROPWalk go?

25% stays in Barry County to help in 5 locations:

Barry County Cares (former Love, Inc.)
First UMC of Hastings Food Pantry
Good Food For Freeport
Maple Valley Community Center of Hope (Nashville)
Middleville UMC Food Bank

75% goes all around the world through an organization called Church
World Services.

CROP Hunger Walk helps families find food security, sources for clean wa-
ter, provides tools and seeds for farming, and provides small business
startup costs so they can become independent.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01

Mary Thompson

09/03

Deb Watson

09/07

Shirley Beck
Hannah Aelise
McKenzie Hinken

09/11

Stephen Wales II

09/14

Steve Kogge

09/15

Donna Buehl

09/16

Grayson Patton
Gavin Patton
Mark Bishop

09/19

Scott Larson

09/22

Robert Pohl

09/23

Gabriel Barnaart

09/24

Mark Anton

09/25

Rosalind Melcher

09/26

Alexis Watson

09/30

Mary Dawson



Community Outreach is sponsoring a brunch on September 30, 2018. The committee is seeking donations of Egg Casserole, Breakfast Rolls, Muffins, Fruit and drink. A free-will offering will be collected that day to go toward Family Promise. Mark your calendars for this event that begins at 9:15 am.

ATTENTION

Grace office needs updates on the following information:

- ◆ Those serving in military
 - ◆ Pregnancies
 - ◆ Births
 - ◆ Marriages

Be sure to include the connection to our Grace family!

Email to parish administrator or put a note in "Kimble" mailbox by the office.



The CROP Hunger Walk and CWS Gratefully Recognizes

Hastings Grace Lutheran Church Youth Group

For Outstanding Participation in the **2017 Barry County CROP Hunger Walk**

Making a Difference in the Lives of Hungry People in Your Community

And Throughout the World

Together, we are Ending Hunger One Step at a Time!

Larry D. Jackson
Rev. Larry D. Jackson

\$500 in Gifts Raised!

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

John 12:26

The **Property Committee** is looking for volunteers to help replace the old, rotten, worn out soffits around our church building.

Date: Friday, Sept. 14th
and
Saturday, Sept. 15th
Time: begin at 10:00 am

Contact Phil Poholski to let him know if you are willing to help.

269-948-3655 or
ppololski@gmail.com

Note: That same Saturday is highway clean-up with Joe Longcor, so if you help with that, stick around and help with soffits!



4TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW AT GRACE

Another year has passed and Grace Lutheran Church was blessed with another successful car show on July 29th. We had 27 registered vehicles and 3 or 4 additional cars that had not registered. Several vehicle owners joined our congregation for our worship service under the tent. Using a larger tent



this year afforded more shade for service. The luncheon was enjoyed by approximately 130 folks

with Phil Maas of Thrivent Financial once again providing the delicious barbecue meats. The weather was great with less heat and humidity. Everything came together with the help of many volunteers, church committees and congregational participation to accomplish our goal of outreach to the community, sharing the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, and having some fun doing it.



"In all ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:6

Thanks for participating in the Barry County Relay For Life this year! We had seven walkers that day, with more of you praying for our safety in the 90+ degree heat! \$40,907 was raised this year with Grace contributing \$390 in donations and 28 luminaries.

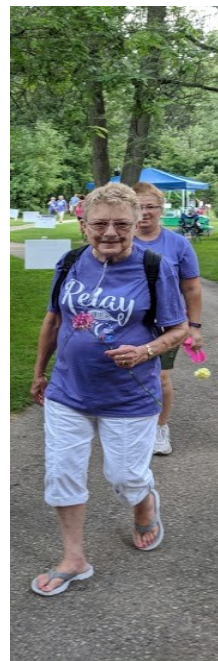
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Every dollar makes a difference...at Relay for Life no donation is too small. Each and every dollar counts. To help fund ground breaking cancer research, patient care programs, free family lodging near treatment, rides for patients to treatment and

24/7 /365 Live Cancer Helpline: 800-227-2345.

Relay for Life makes a difference in communities like ours, along with over 5,000 events in over 25 countries. See our survivors walking:

Vickey Argo, Mary Jane Hayner and Carol Vos



**THANK YOU GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH!**

What do we do at Grace?

Community Outreach Committee

Our congregational mission statement is: "Saved by Grace; Called to Worship; Sent to Serve", which means that fully one-third of how we choose to define ourselves as a community of faith involves our identity as disciples of Christ who desire to follow our Lord's example in serving others. The Community Outreach Committee plans and organizes a wide variety of projects designed to fulfill our mission to be servants to others in the Hastings community. Food for the hungry, providing Christmas cheer to hurting families, financial support to community organizations that serve "the least of those" living among us, and even becoming like children on Halloween at our annual "Trunk-or-Treat" event. These are but a few of the projects we plan as a committee each year. But not one plan, no matter how well organized, is ever successful without the voluntary participation of our fellow members who help us help others. On top of everything, else we honestly do have fun doing it all together. We'd love to have you come and join us make plans for the coming year. We meet the second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm



Contact: Mike Kemper at 269-569-1484 or mikenjane@mei.net

Stewardship Committee



Here on the stewardship committee you get the opportunity to work with and set the budget for Grace Lutheran. Setting the budget consists of gathering information from our church groups and committees along with going over the day, month and yearly expenses looking for places to save and be better stewards. It also consists of balancing necessary church expenditures with church outreach and giving. Stewardship also works throughout the year reviewing financial requests and distributions of non-budget funds. Stewardship not only deals with the "money" aspect of things but we are also into developing the "time" side of things. We are working to help people find a place inside or outside of the church where they can use their time and talents that God has given them. In Stewardship you will use "time" to help manage the "talents" of the people of Grace Lutheran.

Contact: Tim Schoessel at Tim@Tri-Clor.com or 269-948-9310.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee, with the Pastor and Minister of Music, is responsible for worship and music planning, scheduling of all worship volunteers and working with the music staff and volunteers to design and strengthen worship life. Some examples of what we do are as follows: Table Guild; Bread bakers; scheduling and training of worship volunteers; hymn/song selections for service; and choirs, duets, trios, small ensembles for various services. We are meeting at least on quarterly basis, with special meetings being called as a need arises. Please feel free to contact any of the current committee members if you have questions, comments or would like to join us. Current Members are Traci Wales and Cherie Clements as co-chairs, Pastor Ken, Cindy Olson, Kim Domke, Karen Halstead, Linda Melcher, Kristi Winick and Sheryl Gorden.

Contact: Cherie Clements at 269-8-948-2566 or cherie.clements@wkkf.org



Worship On Fifth Sundays

All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name. Psalm 86:9

We worship God everyday, and we come to worship on a regular basis in various settings of our lives. Martin Luther said, "The worship of God should be free at table, in private rooms, downstairs, upstairs, at home, abroad, in all places, by all people, at all times." Dr. Luther was pointing to removing obstacles to our worship of God. One way we are trying to remove confusion and a possible obstacle here at Grace Lutheran Church is to have regular times for worship each Sunday. We have set fifth Sundays, as regular times of worship of 8:00 and 10:45am. We hope this decision is hospitable and inviting, as we share a meal between the worship services for fellowship on each fifth Sunday.

Small Groups Ministry

We bring Grace members of like interests together to share in fellowship while increasing awareness in God's Grace. The small group ministry asked for suggestions from the congregation for ideas of small group ministries. This was put before the congregation several months ago. The following ideas were submitted and individuals expressing interest were grouped together and contacted. These groups were informed of the individuals expressing similar interests and asked to contact each other to determine how to proceed. The interests are: 1) golf group, 2) small repairs/lawn maintenance, 3) cookies, 4) gardening, 5) book club, 6) knitting/quilting/crocheting, 7) running club, 8) handmade cards for shut-ins, 9) fix & feast and 10) visit shut-ins. It is time for the small group ministry team to begin follow up with those that expressed interest to determine if interest is still there and/or if any activity has begun.

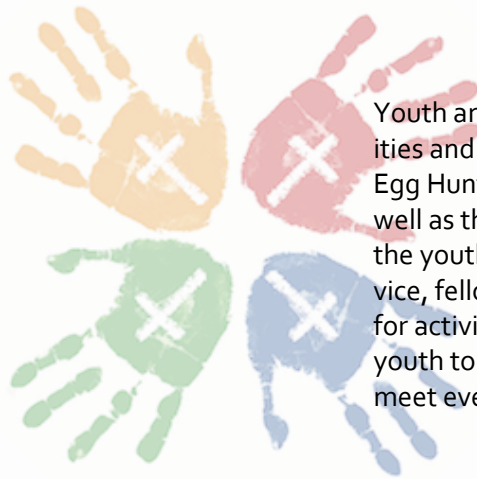
Jesus was
in a small group.
I'm just sayin'...
(Life change happens in small groups)

Congregational Care Committee

WE CARE ABOUT YOU! We are the Grace Congregational Care Committee. We're the ones who call you with important information regarding the Grace congregation such as a church building closure, a funeral, a worship change. We give prayer shawls in times of trouble. We assemble welcome baskets for new members. To become a part of this Grace ministry or to share your cares with us, please call.



Contact: Sharon Varkula at 586-943-0666 or thevarkulas@gmail.com



Youth and Family Ministries

Youth and Family Ministries Committee is responsible for the oversight of youth activities and some multi-generational activities. We plan activities such as VBS, Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas Parade, caroling, etc... The group oversees Children's Church as well as the MS and High School Youth Groups. The committee works to ensure that the youth and families of Grace are provided opportunity to grow in Christ through service, fellowship and study. We lift our youth and their programs in prayer and support for activities both inside and outside of the church. We look for opportunities for youth to be active at Grace. For the upcoming year it is the goal of this committee to meet every 2-3 months or more often as needed.

Property Committee

The Property Committee is a group of dedicated, hard working individuals that try to keep everything inside and outside of our church buildings in working order. This includes the following:

patch holes in parking lot
install smoke alarms
mow the grass.
repair toilets/sinks

replace old soffits
replace batteries
repair/replace light fixtures

move furniture/pews
replace furnace filters
replace light bulbs

In a nutshell, all the things that you may do (or pay to have done) at your home, are done by our Property Committee here at Grace Lutheran Church to keep you and our guests comfortable while we worship God.

Contact: Phil Poholski at 269-948-3655 or ppoholski@gmail.com



Executive Committee:

President: *Chris Bush*

Vice President: *Margaret Wood*

Secretary: *Kate Watson*

Treasurer: *Randy Teegardin*

Church Council Members/Liaisons

Derrick Rosenberger (Small Groups)

Sheryl Gordon—(Worship)

Gary Golnek (Outreach)

Jan Schreiner - (Congregational Care)

Shayna Gibbons (Children/Youth)

John Burdick (Property)

Carrie Duits (Stewardship)

Bill Freedlund (Social Activities)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday @ 8:00 am and 10:45 am

Advent and Lent
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm



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God's work. Our hands.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1st Sunday after Labor Day
through May
@ 10:45 a.m

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**Our Ministers: The
people of God**

-Martin Luther

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