

GraceGram

Grace
Lutheran Church

October
2018

THE COLOR RED

I took a walk in
autumns leaves
And felt as though I
heard God breathe,
The wind it blew
across my face
Then I knew I tasted
grace.

-Keyna Darling (verse 1)

HOLY COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY

Paint, Carpet, Parking Lot, Lighting and You

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed.

Romans 12:2

Grace

be with you . . .

A big thank you for all who have helped transform our building over the years. Think back to the history of Grace Lutheran Church in this current building. Does anyone remember the red carpet in the sanctuary? Remnants of it were found as the carpet was replaced.

Our fellowship hall, youth rooms, conference room, school rooms and office suite have all moved to different locations since the original building was built. We have changed the pattern of where we do ministry and we have been transformed by worship, prayer, study and discussions shared in the life of our Christian community of faith.



When the sign said "If you park here, you preach today!" I thought it was a joke...



Recently we have painted almost every room here at Grace, replaced carpet and fixed up our parking lot. We are blessed by all those who have given their time, talent and treasure to make all these items happen. We are still working on paying off the carpet. Thank you to those who are taking extra steps to make us debt free. After we pay off the carpet, we will be saving up to resurface the parking lot and changing the lighting in the main sanctuary.



Thanks to everyone who contributes and makes it easier to share our faith in a wonderful place for prayer, study and worship. Jesus says, "You did not chose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit." **John 15:16** You have been and are a wonderful congregation, who shares generously and abundantly in every aspect of life. As we move forward, I wanted to share a few parking lot commandments. We will see these over the course of time, as we close our debt on the carpet and begin saving for the parking lot and lighting.

Parking Lot Commandment

You shall not have reserve parking for the pastor and staff. Those parking spots communicate privilege instead of service.

Serving with you!

Pastor Ken +

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In the late fall of 2017, a series of traumatic events began that extended through the seasons of winter and spring 2018. During those months, many of you sent cards, called, prayed and visited at our home or at the hospital. This is a note of thanks from Peg and I in regard to your uplifting words and your overwhelming support. God bless all of you.

Steve and Peg Kaiser

Your Social Activities Committee hosts many of the **Pot Luck**



meals we have here at Grace, as well as the **Graduation and Confirmation Celebrations** in the Spring.



We also help the Outreach Committee with **Trunk or Treat** and the annual **Thrivent/Grace Outdoor Church/BBQ/Classic Car Show**.



We like to encourage interactive events for our Grace Community members, whether at church or away from church. In addition, this committee is responsible for keeping the kitchen stocked with the necessary staples. We welcome your suggestions for more fellowship ideas, and ask you to consider joining this committee.

Deb Wilke Social Activities Committee Chair
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October Birthdays

Melissa Patton	10/2
Ron Neil	10/9
Brenda Teegardin	10/9
Matt Mikolajczyk	10/9
Ed Domke	10/10
Carla Neil	10/10
Mary Rider	10/13
Joe Varkula	10/16
Kristi Winick	10/16
Pastor Ken	10/19
Julie Jarvis	10/27
Connor Wales	10/27

October Anniversaries

Tom & Cheryl Drumm	10/6
Joe Longcor & Vickey Argo	10/23
Gary & Lisa Golnek	10/28

CROP WALK



Looking for good movies to watch? GO TO <https://cwsglobal.org/stories/>
Located here are the most AMAZING, true life stories that will change how you view the world!!!!

Stories of Change from CWS

Our work stretches across the globe, touching the lives of people from Nairobi to New York City. The best measure of our impact is in the stories of real people, of lives changed, of communities transformed.

We Walk Because They Walk!

- 795 million people worldwide do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life.
- If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million.
- 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world.
- Hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

Who walks?

- More than 5 million CROP Hunger Walkers in past 20 years.
 - 53% say the CROP Hunger Walk is the only sponsored activity in which they participate.
- in 2017, 15 walkers were from Grace Lutheran.

How much money is raised?

- Almost \$4 million is shared annually to support local hunger-fighting efforts across the U.S.
- Since 1983, over \$422,584 has been raised by Hastings CROP Hunger Walk.
- In 2017, \$1,645 was raised by Grace Lutheran.

When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:12

Prayers :

Military

Nieces / nephews of Burdicks

Alexis Kelmer (New Mexico)

Dylan Kelmer (Germany)

Austin Endsley (New Mexico)

Aaron Endsley (California)

Grandson of Freedlunds

Parker Stancil (US Army)

Daughter and Son-in-Law of Rob &

Lisa Pohl

Kayla & Lance Champaco

Healthy Baby:

Kristin Carns - due October 21

If you are aware of others that should be put on the list, please notify the office.



Homebound: If you are aware of others that should be put on the list, please notify the office.

Dave Bolton	Carveth Village, Room 138 690 W Main St / Middleville
Dorothy Mayo	Carveth Village, Room 149 B
Vivian Allerding	Thornapple Manor, Sugarbush Rm 408 2700 Nashville Rd / Hastings
Vern Allerding	2122 N M-43 Hwy / Hastings
Opal Gillons	1020 E State Rd / Hastings
Ilene Hilson	770 River Rd / Hastings
Jamie Coplin	109 E Grant St / Hastings
Mary Rider	611 Woodlawn Ave/Hastings

Grace Pasty Sale

by Joe Longcor, Brothers of Grace

We're holding a pasty sale at Grace on Saturday, November 3rd. That means we'll be dough preppin' on the 1st, meat cuttin' on the 2nd, and then a mixin', stuffin', crimpin', bakin', and a sellin' on the 3rd.

We're shootin' for 400 pasties that will be sold for \$6.00 unbaked and \$7.00 baked. Watch for a sales sheet on the welcome area bulletin board.

As always we'd welcome your help any of the 3 days...a work schedule/sign-up will also be posted. If you have any questions, please see Joe Longcor at Grace or leave a message at [269-623-2348](tel:269-623-2348). The Congregation Council has designated proceeds to go to the carpet fund, if the carpet fund is fully paid off, it will go toward the purchase of a new HVAC system that has stopped functioning.



Mutual Ministry Committee

The concept of mutual ministry and the constitutional requirement that every congregation have a mutual ministry committee has been part of the ELCA since its beginning. The practice of mutual ministry has taken a variety of forms, but the concept is still acknowledged by most as an important aspect of the relationship between pastoral staff and the people of God.

Mutual ministry is mission centered. Mutual ministry is not the committee that ministers to the pastor or meets the pastoral staff's personal, psychological, and spiritual needs for support. Nor is it the committee through which the congregation filters complaints about the pastor. Mutual ministry depends on a broad vision for Christian ministry. The pastor and the entire congregation is the primary gathering of those called to ministry. That ministry includes YOU!

The mutual ministry committee:

- is mission-oriented.
- builds on a broad vision of ministry and a healthy practice of mutuality.
- makes use of a small group approach to develop mutuality.
- carries out ministry tasks of scanning and response in support of mission.

Mutuality exists not "between" the pastor and people but "among" all people including the pastor. All Christians are called to equip and empower one another's ministries by using the distinct gifts the Spirit has given each one. All God's people, whether ordained or not, are called to be engaged in mutual conversation and consolation for the building up of the body of Christ and for the sake of mission. It is mutual in the sense of being shared, working together toward a common goal in a small group setting.

The mutual committee develops healthy relationships that encourage and enable confidentiality, which will allow ministry to thrive. The mutual ministry committee carries out ministry tasks of scanning in support of mission. Think about scanning a book. You read faster than usual but not as fast as merely skimming. The idea is to get the gist of the piece without lingering too long over the details. Any suggestion or conversation must be constructive in nature. The mutual ministry committee is just getting started here at Grace Church. Please continue to pray for this committee, as we share in a process of building a relationship with the practice of mutuality.

Mutual Ministry Committee Members

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co-chair

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co-chair

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Trunk-or-Treat:

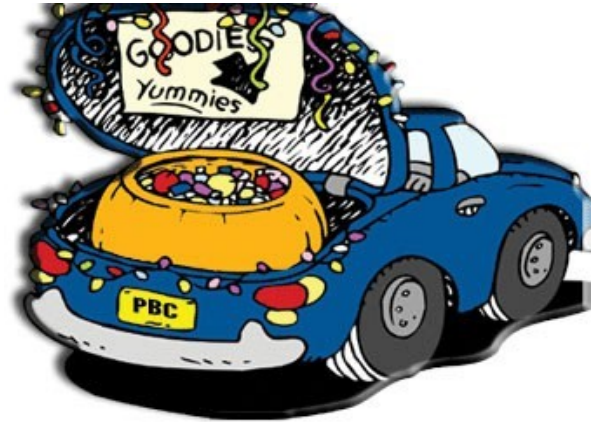
Wednesday, October 31 5:30 - 8:00 PM

We are planning to "Treat" approximately 300 children and their parents from the Hastings community at Grace on Halloween night, October 31. We would again like to set up 7 to 9 stations hosted by our members to hand out treats.

Additionally we are looking for 4-5 additional volunteers to help serve

popcorn/cider, be greeters, count attendance and float around to help as needed. By the time you read this article a sign-up sheet will have been posted in the gathering area. We will also be asking members for donations of bags of candy for distribution. This is an especially fun event and we are looking to once again receive the same tremendous support from our Grace church family that we have received in the past.

Mike Kemper, Outreach Committee Chairperson



Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where they is hatred, let me sow love.

- Francis of Assisi

Attention SNOW BIRDS !

If you plan to leave when the cold weather is upon us, please leave your winter address with the office.

We will be happy to mail you our GraceGram while you are away; leave a note in Wendy's mailbox or in the office.



Grace Lutheran Church received a \$100.00 gift by Julie Jarvis toward the carpet fund in honor of Father Gerardo Wood, because Father Gerardo is a blessing to all he meets.

In Loving Memory 

Grace Lutheran Church received a \$400.00 gift by Julie Jarvis toward the carpet fund in memory of Irene Loughlin, Loretta Schoessel, Ingrid Wilson-Morgan, Walter Beck and Fred Kogge. We celebrate the love that was given by these beautiful people. We miss you.

Executive Committee:

President: *Chris Bush*

Vice President: *Margaret Wood*

Secretary: *Kate Watson*

Treasurer: *Randy Teegardin*

**Church Council
Members/Liaisons**

Derrick Rosenberger (Small Groups)

Sheryl Gorden (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



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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:45 am

1st Sunday after Labor Day

through May

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STAMP
HERE



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Services: 8 am & 10:45 am 9:30 Brunch—Family Promise Children's Church 10:45	1 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Congregation Care 3 pm	2 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Executive 6 pm	3 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon	4 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm	5	6
7 Services: 8 am & 10:45 am Children's Church 10:45	8 COLUMBUS DAY Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Outreach 4:30 pm	9 Pastor's Mtg (Grand Rapids) Flute Choir 6 pm Brothers of Grace 7 pm	10 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon	11 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm	12	13
14 Services: 8 am & 10:45 am Funeral Class 9:30 am Noisy Offering Bells Ring Crop Walk 1:30-4 pm	15 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Social Activities Mtg TBD	16 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon	17 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Council 6 pm	18 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm	19	20
21 Services: 8 am & 10:45 am Children's Church 10:45	22 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon LACS Rehearsal ; 6:15—9:30 pm	23 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Youth Family Mtg 6:30 Flute Choir 6 pm	24 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon	25 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm	26	27
28 REFORMATION SUNDAY Services: 8 am & 10:45 am	29 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon LACS Rehearsal ; 6:15—9:30 pm	30 Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon	31 HALLOWEEN Pastor's Office Hrs 10 am—Noon Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 8pm	NOV 1: All Saints Day	2	