



MARCH 2022 GRACEGRAM

Grace alone . . . Faith alone . . . Word alone . . .

Welcome Friends Gladly

Welcome Friends,
right gladly
So bright
the love you bring,
For when
I'm feeling sadly
All alone,
you put the spring
Back in my step,
your laughter
Is the tonic that I need,
A sense of ever after
Growing from love's
wondrous seed.

Welcome Friends,
warm greeting
Ever caring,
ever near,
So blessed
is our meeting
And our sharing
happy cheer.
You bring
a sense of knowing
That has banished
care's dark night,

Thrice welcome Friends,
Love's glowing
Leading safely to
His Light!

John McLeod



**Deadline for the
April GraceGram is
March 17, 2022.**

Send your articles to:
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Romans 12:11-13

New Parish Administrator

Grace Lutheran welcomes Brenda Hess as our new Parish Administrator.

Brenda lives with her husband, Chip, who is an electrician, outside of Middleville with their puppy, Katie. They have 5 children and 3 grandchildren. They have returned to live closer to their parents after living in Buchanan, Michigan.



Brenda retired from 30 years of teaching in both the Niles and Buchanan Community School Districts where she was also a Literacy Coach. She spent 4 years serving the City of Buchanan as a City Commissioner, Mayor, and City Clerk. Chip and Brenda own a small 10 acre farm in Buchanan where they (attempt to) raise cherries and asparagus, while also running Airbnb accommodations in their barn. While living in Buchanan, Brenda was very active in promoting community literacy, helping install, with the support of the local Lion's Club, 4 Little Free Libraries, and she was also a founding member of the Little Bucks Bookmobile helping bring books to children living in the rural area surrounding the city. Her passion was assisting Buchanan restore native hardwood trees, by helping lead the Buchanan Tree Friends.



Chip and Brenda's Farm in Buchanan, MI

In her spare time, Brenda likes to craft and be outdoors. She collects putz houses, which are small cardboard decorative Christmas houses from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

Brenda is very excited to join the Grace Lutheran family and looks forward to getting to know you all.

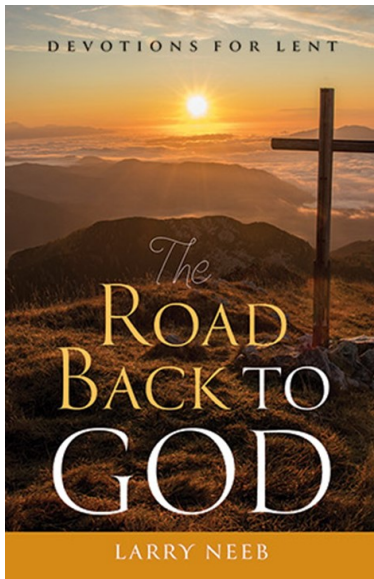


I invite you to welcome Brenda into our midst. Brenda is here at Grace Lutheran Church Monday through Thursday 9 am until 1 pm. Of course vacation was planned for February 19-26, 2022, so Brenda will be back on Monday, February 28th. Serving with you,

**Pastor
Ken**



We are **PREPARED TO BE . . .**



The season of Lent is often described as a spiritual journey. *The Road Back to God* is designed to help us discover a deeper and richer relationship with God. The truth, of course, is that we can never find God on our own. God's forgiving and renewing power is what enlivens us in our Christian walk of active love and service, as we draw near to Christ's cross.



Our worship service
is in person
at 7:00 p.m. on
March 2, 2022

Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is
\$26,558.88

Payments are set
at \$1,234.00 per month



Mission
Support
2021

THANK YOU

Thank you for your steadfast support
of the mission of the
North/West Lower Michigan Synod
and the ELCA

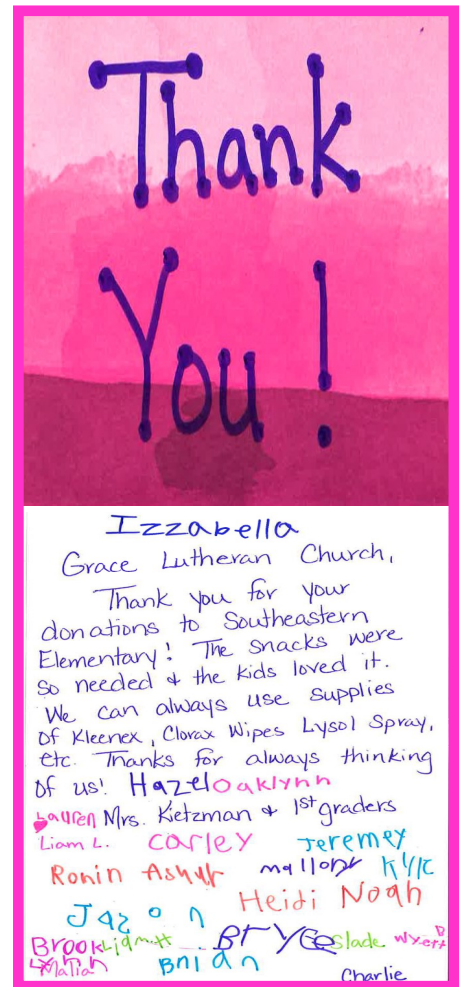


To the members of
Grace Lutheran Church
Hastings

In grateful appreciation for giving
\$13416.69

Craig Battista
Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Elizabeth B. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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Something New has been added to Something Old

The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. Jesus tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. Christ Jesus repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then God started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, God created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

Ephesians 2:14

We thank Pastor Ken and Laura Scheck for gifting Grace Lutheran Church with a new globe to replace the old globe that was broken long ago. The main purpose for the gift was the red plastic candles, seen in the picture on the left side, are no longer available. The candles only come in clear plastic.



Something Old



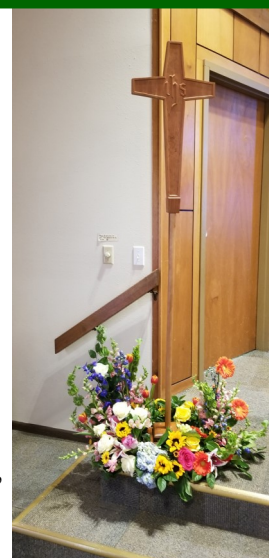
Something New



Processional Cross

Do you miss seeing the cross processed in and out of the church? We are seeking volunteers who would like to “Lift High the Cross”.

There is a desire that we begin processing the cross at all worship services beginning in Lent. If you are interested, please contact any Worship Committee member.



Worship Committee members are: Kim Domke, Karen Halstead, Linda Melcher, Cindy Olson, Laura Scheck, Traci Wales, Kate Watson, Kristi Winick, and Pastor Ken

SAVE THE DATE!

GOOD FRIDAY

CROSS WALK

APRIL 15th



Lenten Meals on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

Lenten Worship on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Disney's
THE MUSICAL
NEWSIES

The Social Activities Committee invites you to come to the Hastings High School 2 pm production of Newsies on March 12, 2022. Tickets are \$11.25 each. You can order at church by signing up in the Gathering Area by March 6th. For your convenience you may also call the church office, and Brenda will sign you up. Please also indicate if you are going out to dinner.

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Soup Luncheon to Support Family Promise of Barry County

Grace Lutheran Church, with Thrivent Financial, is hosting a Winter Luncheon on Sunday, February 27, 2022. The community is invited to attend the 10:45 AM worship service followed by a homemade luncheon of soups, crackers, bread, fruit, desserts, and beverages for a suggested donation of \$8. Guests may also arrive at noon to eat-in.

Additionally there is a take-out option of homemade soups and crackers available for \$5. Take-out soups are Creamy Potato (no meat) and Chicken Vegetable made by the Hastings Area School Culinary Arts Program. Pick up is from NOON until 1PM for take-out.

Please make a "reservation" by Sunday, February 20th indicating "Eat in" or "Take out" by calling 269-945-9414 or email to parishadmin@grace-hastings.org.

Proceeds from this event will go to Family Promise. For more information and/or to support this project without purchasing soup, please visit the Family Promise website at www.bcfamilypromise.org.



PASTY SALE!!



Grace Lutheran Church

239 E North St

Hastings MI 49058

PRE-ORDER ONLY

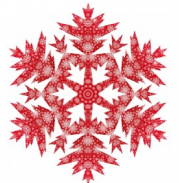
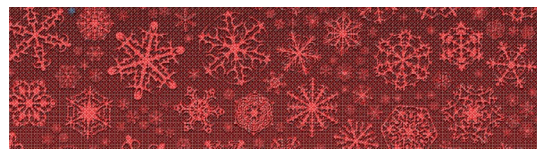
by Thursday, March 17th for

Pickup on Saturday, March 26th

Call 269.945.9414 to place your order

Monday—Thursday \$7.00 Unbaked

9 m— 1:00 pm \$8.00 Baked



THANK YOU!

The Barry County Family Support Center sends thanks for the recent gift of \$650.00 from the Grace Mission Endowment fund. The Family Support Center serves twenty-one families, including twenty-five adults, and forty-nine children. Our gift will be used to help strengthen parenting skills of the families they serve. Thank you for your generosity to the Family Support Center of Barry County.

Linda Maupin, Executive Director



The Energy Analysis from Consumers Energy

resulted in

Grace Lutheran Church

receiving

\$580.00

Thanks to all who participated in this program.

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Let Us Pray: If you are aware of others that should be put on the lists, please notify the office.

Homebound:

Vivian Allerdig	Thornapple Manor 2700 Nashville Rd / Hastings 49058
Donna Buehl	Thornapple Manor
Wes Gillons	Thornapple Manor
Opal Gillons	Thornapple Manor
Beulah Benedict	Stone Ridge Adult Foster Care 4825 Fruin Road Bellevue MI 49021
Elsie Merrow	Woodlawn Meadows 1825 East St. / Hastings 49058
Shirley Beck	Hope Landing 1252 N. Cochran #116 Charlotte MI 48813
Carolyn O'Connor	Hope Landing #118
Lois VonSeggern	Butterfly Oasis 3113 Parchmount Ave Kalamazoo MI 49004

Military:

Grandson of Freedlunds
Parker Stancil (US Army)

Daughter & son-in-law of Cherie Clements
Myrina & Cody Crawford

Grandson of Gwen Hansen
Cynthia and Brady Rudesill

Nephew of Joe & Sharon Varkula
LT Joel Taggart (USN, Virginia)

Grandniece of Karen and Bill Halstead & Jan Schreiner
Julia Ehredt (Bahrain)



Sunday, March 13th, 2022



March Birthdays

Grace Youth and Family is hosting our annual
Spring bulb sale
See order form enclosed
Return or call into church to place order

JoLynn Leary	03/03
Tara Schoessel	03/03
Lance Ogden	03/08
Jamie Heise	03/10
Kayla Champaco	03/13
Shayna Gibbons	03/22
Rick Palmer	03/23
Kim Domke	03/24
Lisa Pohl	03/26
Amy Poholski	03/26
Derrick Rosenberger	03/27
Paul Pruitt	03/31



Happy Anniversary



March Anniversaries

Ed and Jeanette Markwart	03/09
Robert and Lisa Pohl	03/23





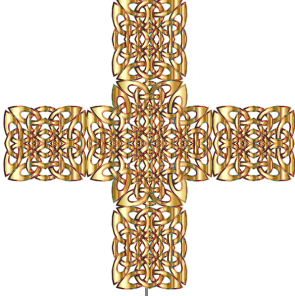
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MARCH

2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Executive 6pm Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm Health Inspection of Kitchen	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Dinner 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday 7 pm Worship	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm	 LENT	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Congregational Care Committee Meeting 3:00pm LACS 7:00 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Brothers of Grace 7 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7 pm Worship	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm		
13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i> <u>Daylight Savings Begins</u>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Outreach 4:30 Social Activities 5:45	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Council 6 pm Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Worship 7 pm Worship	Pastor's office hours 10am-12  Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm Deadline for ordering Pasty Deadline for submitting GraceGram articles		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Easter Bulb Flower Sale

I want to donate the plant(s) _____

\$10.00 each

I want to keep the plant(s) _____

DAFFODIL



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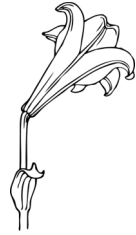
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EASTER LILY



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Please write the number of plants you want of each type of flower. Color match is not guaranteed. Each plant is \$10.00. Mail order form back to church. 239 East North Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 Thank you for supporting the youth ministry at Grace. Due April 8, 2022. If donating, I would like the plant to go to _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

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Executive Committee:

President: *Randy Teegardin*

Vice President: *Chris Bush*

Secretary: *Lisa Pohl*

Treasurer: *Ed Domke*

Church Council

Members/Liaisons

Vickey Argo

(Congregational Care)

Doug Neeb (Property)

Vacant (Outreach)

Jamie Heise (Youth & Family)

Bill Freedlund (Small Groups)

Clyde Watson (Stewardship)

Deborah Wilke (Social Activities)

Vacant (Worship)



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 10:45 am

Worship also online:

www.grace-hastings.org



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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:45 am

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

Seeking a coordinator

Our Staff:

Ken Scheck II
Minister of Word and Sacrament
pastorken@grace-hastings.org

Cindy Olson,
Minister of Music

Parish Administrator
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

Kim Domke,
Bell Choir Director
kdomke08@gmail.com

Nathan Freedlund,
Custodian

OUR MINISTERS:
THE PEOPLE OF GOD
- Martin Luther



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