

APRIL 2022 GRACEGRAM

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

Quilts

Like a fading piece of cloth
I am a failure

No longer do I cover tables
filled with food and laughter
My seams are frayed
my hems falling my strength
no longer able

To hold the hot and cold

I wish for those first days

When just woven

I could keep water

From seeping through

Repelled stains with the
tightness of my weave

Dazzled the sunlight with my
Reflection

I grow old though pleased
with my memories

The tasks I can no
longer complete

Are balanced by the love of
the tasks gone past

I offer no apology only
this plea:

When I am frayed and
strained and drizzle
at the end

Please someone cut a square
and put me in a quilt

That I might keep
some child warm

And some old person
with no one else to talk to
Will hear my whispers

And cuddle
near

Nikki Giovanni



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Jesus got them all to sit down in groups of fifty or a hundred — they looked like a patchwork quilt of wildflowers spread out on the green grass! **Mark 6:39**

Gospel Worship & Quilt Show

A Gospel Worship and Quilt Show is being planned for **May 1st**. Initial plans were being made to have a Gospel Worship only, and then was expanded by inviting the community to be part of our celebration. We are intentionally holding this on a Sunday, so that more members of the congregation can be a part of the event, and the larger community might experience the Grace of God, as we worship, celebrate God's awesome beauty visually that is made by the hands of talented artists, and eat some awesome food.

God has blessed us with many talented people. The people of God here at Grace will gather using Gospel Music as a means of focusing on the variety of ways that God speaks to us. We will have talented musicians in the sanctuary allowing us to invite anyone and everyone to join us in praising our Triune God. After worship we will gather with our neighbors for a lunch brought to you by our own Social Activities Committee, and enjoy the quilts shared by community members and members of our own church.

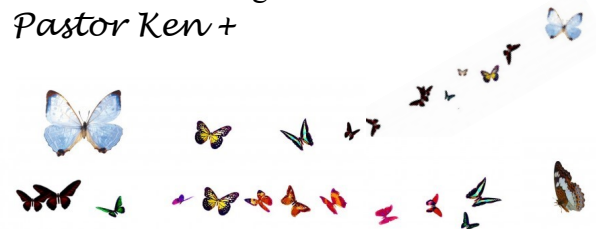
Invite your friends and neighbors to this event. If you would like to donate food, help serve or help clean up there is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Remember to mark your calendar for **one service at 10:00 AM on May 1st** which will be different than our normal liturgy. An open invitation for quilt show attendees and onlookers is given to join us in our worship service, meal, and quilt show.



Hope to see you there for a fun time, fellowship, good food and sharing the grace of God with our neighbors.

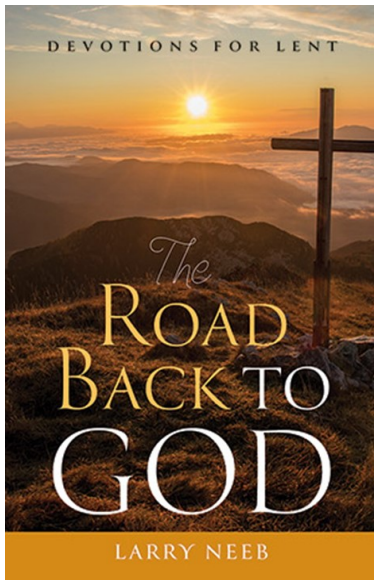
Pastor Ken +



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

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



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.



**Maundy Thursday
Worship service
at 7:00 p.m. on
April 14, 2022**

Genesis: God's plan unfolding
Father, with the Word, creates;
Spirit on the water hovers
God, how great and wise you are!

Caterpillar - slow, unwieldy
Daily tied to earthen bonds
Weaves a tomb of transformation
God, how great and wise you are!



Chrysalis - still small but growing;
Like salvation's scarlet thread
Silken fibers knit together
God, how great and wise you are!



His creation full of mystery
Tides and seasons, death and birth;
All things change but the Almighty
Only constant One on earth.

Full cocoon - now breaking open
Folded wings untried, unsure,
Now unfolding, flexing, flying;
God, how great and wise you are!

Butterfly - now soaring, sailing
Free at last from landlocked chains
Picture of the resurrection
God, how great and wise you are!

All in Christ made new creations
Old things gone, the new has come,
Praise the Father, Son and Spirit;
God, how great and wise you are!



~ John Watt



**Cross Walk
Good Friday
9 am
April 15, 2022**



**Good Friday
Tenebrae
(DARKNESS)
Worship at 7 pm on
April 15, 2022**

And what's a butterfly?
At best,
He's but a caterpillar,
at rest.



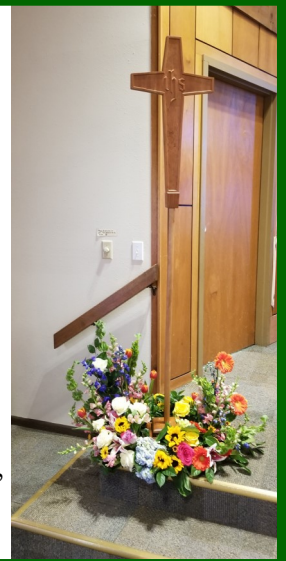
~John Grey

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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

A Tubing great Time!

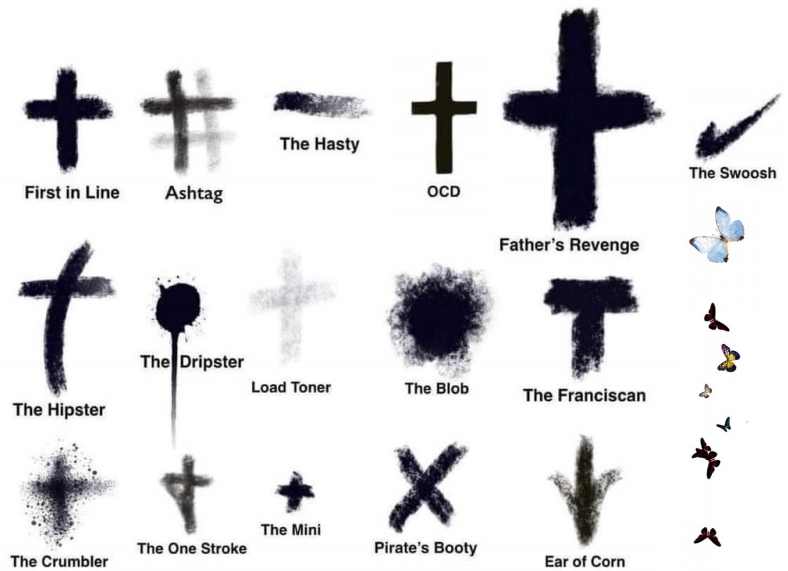


Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is \$25,435.45

Payments are set at \$1,234.00 per month



A Lutheran Guide to Ashes



Grace Youth and Family is hosting our annual

Spring bulb sale

See order form enclosed
Return or call into church to place order.

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Mission Endowment Fund













The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) team distributed funds to all projects that were submitted to the MEF.



The team met in February to discern how to distribute our 2021 earnings. The fund earned \$3,234.18 last year. Per our bylaws, 90% of the earnings can be disbursed (in this case, \$2,910.67) and the remaining amount reinvested.



The team had received four proposals for organizations and ministries to receive these monies. It was decided to gift all four entities, as follows:

	Family Promise of Barry Count Ministers to homeless and low-income families	\$1,000.00	
	Serenity Village A hospice facility to be built in Hastings	\$750.00	
	Green Gables Ministers to victims of domestic violence in Barry county	\$750.00	
	Mercy House Global Assists unwed pregnant women in Kenya	\$150.00	
	Grace Lutheran		
	Helping Hands Discretionary fund to meet immediate local needs	\$260.67	

Thank you to those serving on this year's MEF team: Chris Bush, Pastor Ken, Linda Maupin, Lani Forbes, Clyde Watson, and Ed Domke.

Annual Church Cookout

You are cordially invited to the Annual Church Cookout on June 12th after second service at The Poholski home.

Please bring lawn chair and dish to pass.

Address: 6810 Highlandview Dr., Middleville.

Pray for a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Rummage Sale

We are looking for workers to help set up, run and share some time for a rummage sale to help raise funds for the victims of war in Ukraine.

Deadline for signing up is May 1. If there are not enough volunteers, the sale will be cancelled. Sign up is posted on the board in the Gathering Area.

Prayer Service for Ukraine

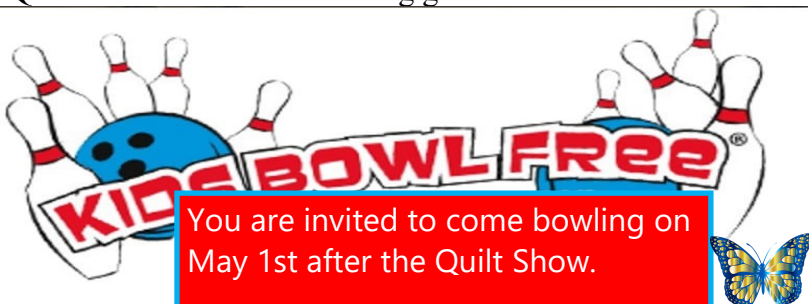
27 March 2022

Sunday Evening at 6 pm

Emmanuel Episcopal, Hastings

God sent cracks of thunder and hail shot through with lightning strikes. God rained hail down on the land of Egypt. Exodus 9:23

The Youth and Family is hosting a bowling party, after worship, food and the Quilt Show. Join for a bowling good time!



Lenten Meals on
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

Lenten Worship on
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

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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:

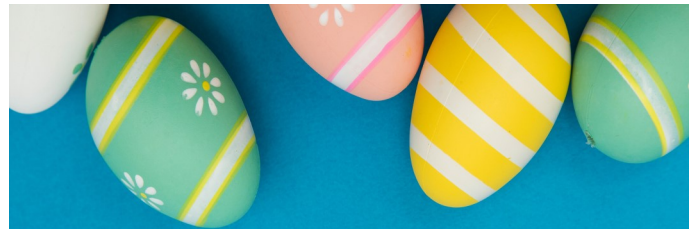
Grandson of Freedlunds
Parker Stancil (US Army)

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)



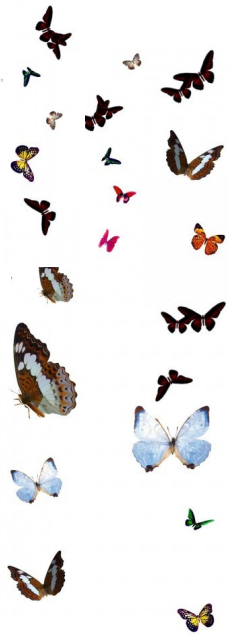
Have you heard the
egg-ceptional news?

Grace gave Family Promise \$966.00
through the Soup Fundraiser.



April Birthdays

Jeanette Markwart	04/03
Mary Kleinbrink	04/04
Therese Maupin-Moore	04/07
Kim Markwart	04/09
Robert Pohl Jr.	04/10
John Kleinbrink	04/11
Kathleen Marsh	04/14
Jenn Rosenberger	04/15
Carolyn Moffit	04/16
Phillip Poholski	04/17
Clyde Watson	04/17
Cynthia Olson	04/20
Carrie Duits	04/21
Linda Maupin	04/22
Lois Von Seggern	04/24
Jane Secor	04/27
Barry Wood	04/28
Tanner Ogden	04/30



April Anniversaries





Wes and Opal Gillons 04/18

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APRIL 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Executive 6pm 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	Easter Flower Order Deadline	
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i> 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Outreach 4:30 Social Activities 5:45	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Brothers of Grace 7 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Mauddy Thursday 7 pm 	Good Friday 7 pm 	
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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



**Number of
DAFFODIL**

HYACINTH



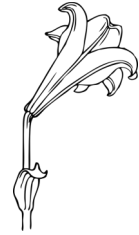
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TULIP



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TULIP**

EASTER LILY



**Number of
EASTER LILY**

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 _____

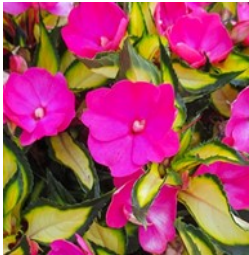
Spring Flower Sale

\$6.00 each

Sun Patients

(full sun to part shade)

TROPICAL ROSE



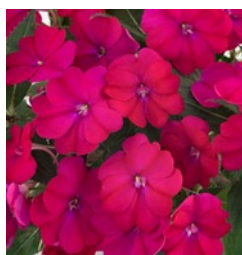
**Number of
TROPICAL ROSE**

ELECTRIC ORANGE



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ROYAL MAGENTA



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HOT CORAL

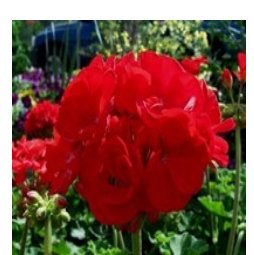


**Number of
HOT CORAL**

Red Geraniums

(full sun to light shade)

RED GERANIUM



**Number of
RED GERANIUM**

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please write the number of plants you want of each type of flower. Color match is not guaranteed. Each plant is \$5.00. Mail order form back to church. 239 East North Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 Thank you for supporting the youth at Grace Lutheran Church. Due May 11, 2022. Pick-up Saturday, May 14th.

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

Brenda Hess,
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

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)

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