

MAY 2022 GRACEGRAM

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Gospel Worship & Quilt Show

May 1st

Worship 10:00 AM

Quilt show following
worship with a
Community Meal.



Spring Pasty Sale

Grace Lutheran Church made 151 baked and 293 unbaked pasties on March 26th.

The sale netted \$1,758.32. The Alpha Women's Center will receive a check for \$1,838.32, because additional money raised at a soup supper.



When
life
gives
you
scraps
MAKE
QUILTS

-Unknown



**Pastor Julie
Schneider-Thomas**

**Pastor Kate
Van Valkenburg**

Pastor Julie and Pastor Kate are Co-Deans of the Grand Rapids Conference of the ELCA.

Grace gave Lutheran Campus Pastor Kate Van Valkenburg some Pringles for GVSU students

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

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

They went to a wardrobe and took from there old rags and worn-out clothes.

Jeremiah 38:11

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Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

*Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is
\$24,296.57
Payments are set
at \$1,234.00 per month*

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.



Reminder

If there is a ministry need, please contact the proper committee to assist in furthering the mission of Jesus Christ.

If you do not know which committee to take your concern, please ask the office. Brenda or Pastor Ken will guide you to the correct committee.



Thank you,
Pastor Ken & Brenda

Thank you from Barry County Cares and Habitat for Humanity

Did you know that Grace makes monthly recurring donations to Barry County Cares and the Barry County Habitat for Humanity? Both of these organizations directly help Barry County residents.



THANK YOU

from Green Gables Haven

The Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and residents of Green Gables would like to thank the Grace congregation for the generous gift of \$750. The money received will be used to provide sanctuary, food, clothing, personal care items, and so much more.



If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, you can reach Green Gables at 269.804.6021 or email Janie Bergeron at Janie@greeengableshaven.org.

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A Big THANK YOU to Tom Drumm!

After 20+ years of faithful service to the congregation of Grace, Tom Drumm is retiring from maintaining the church lawn.

Did you know in addition to volunteering his time and talents, he also donated the use of his own lawn tractor?

We wish Tom all the best as he enjoys his cottage up north, as a small token we gave Tom a John Deere keychain.

If you would like to personally thank Tom, cards/notes can be mailed to him at...

**Tom Drumm
630 River Road
Hastings, MI 49508**



THANK YOU, Tom for all you've done to keep things looking great around the church. We very much appreciate all of your years of service.

Doubling Gifts for the Crisis in Ukraine

Between now and **April 25th**, Lutheran World Relief will double any donations you make to support those affected by the crisis in the Ukraine. Your donations will help provide food, shelter and medical care for refugees.

Donations can be mailed to...

**Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21297**

Online donations can also be made by visiting...
www.lwr.org/match.

Additional information can be found on the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.



Living Water Ministries' Second Annual Virtual 5k

Lace up your fastest sneakers and support Living Water Ministries by participating in their VIRTUAL 5k on **May 5th**.

Any money raised will be used to cover registration fees for campers.

Additional information regarding this event can be found on the bulleting board in the Gathering Area.

Thanks you for supporting the campers of Living Water Ministries.



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Thank you!

Shirley Beck wishes to extend her sincere thanks to the congregation for the lovely Easter card which was sent her, as well as the one sent to her sister. It is a blessing to her that she is remembered and she has fond memories of Grace.

**Thank
YOU!**

Rummage Sale We need your help!

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.

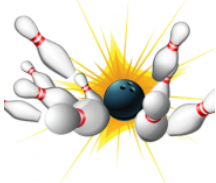


Come Bowl with Us!

The Youth and Family is hosting a bowling party on **April 30th.**

Pizza 12 pm @ Church.

Bowling @ 12:30 @ Hastings Bowl.



Strengthening Relationships Within the Congregation – Chris Bush



Last year, as we approached the Annual Meeting, we asked the congregation to weigh in on potential goals we could set for Grace. One suggestion that received a lot of checkmarks was to strengthen relationships within the Grace family. One way we can try to come together emotionally again is to learn more about each other and hear our stories.

Starting May 8, between services, we will be hearing from the immigrants (or their immediate family) among us, hearing about why they came to the U.S., what the journey was like, what is different about being here, what is the same, and family and cultural traditions they still carry on. There will be time for some questions and answers, but you are also encouraged to connect with our speakers afterward as well and learn more. Perhaps you think you know their story but maybe you will hear something new or something familiar but in a new way.

Here is the schedule of speakers (many thanks for them being willing to share their stories):

May 8 – Ed Markwart – A long road from Poland and Germany

May 15 – Pauline Obasi – From Nigeria to the U.S.

May 22 – Carla Neil – Migrants, Marriage, and More
(no speaker on Memorial Weekend)

June 5 – Kristi, Traci, and Carla – Ingrid's WW2 experience in Germany and her journey to America

Fill the Grocery Bag

The Outreach Committee invites you to support the Hastings Food Bank. Beginning May 29th, you can pick up a grocery bag and fill it with the items listed attached to the bag. Please have all those paper bags back to Grace by June 12. Thanks for helping feed the hungry.



Blossoming flowers look beautiful before they're cut or picked, but without soil or water they wither more quickly than grass. **Job 8:12**

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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
popping good news?
Grace Lutheran Church gave
Alpha Women's Center \$1,838.32!

May Birthdays

Nick Peck	05/02
Sharon Varkula	05/03
Sandra Mikolajczyk	05/05
Cheryl Drumm	05/09
Kay Howell	05/13
Todd Pontius	05/15
Timothy Rounds	05/17
Russell Trongo	05/17
Molly Rosenberger	05/23
Myles Rosenberger	05/23
Ann Bolton	05/24
Angela Pruitt	05/24
Tim Schoessel	05/28



May Anniversaries

John & Teresa Burdick	05/19
Ken & Laura Scheck	05/19
Bill & Lorraine Freedlund	05/22
Scott Larson & Cindy Olson	05/24



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MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship Service: 10:00 ONLY In-person, also <i>Online worship</i> QUILT Show	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	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm		
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
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 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30 Memorial Day	31				
Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i>	Office Closed 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12				

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

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

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