



JUNE 2022 GRACEGRAM

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

Come Holy Spirit,
God and Lord,
with all your
graces now
outpoured.

On each believer's
mind and heart;
your fervent love
to them impart.

Lord, by the
brightness of your
light
in holy faith
your church
unite.

From every
land and
every tongue,
this to your
praise,
O Lord, be sung.

Martin Luther



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Come Holy Spirit

Come celebrate the birthday of the church on June 5th here at Grace Lutheran Church. You are invited to hear the readings that tell the story of God's great love entering the world. We sing and give God praise for the gift of the Holy Spirit who gives us new life, who comes and gives us comfort in our times of distress, who moves us from complacency, who sweeps into our lives and allows us to speak. Let us come and celebrate that we are part of this community that is made possible only by the grace of God. God has chosen you to be part of the kingdom. We are called to share the story of redemption, the healing of division, and the flame of God's love.

Witnessing with you,

Pastor Ken +

**Deadline for the
July GraceGram is
June 17, 2022.**
Send your articles to
Brenda Hess at:
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

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

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS!



God has blessed us with new members! Please welcome Patti Comp, Pauline Obasi, Al and Claudia Throop, Tim Kemper, Paul and Mary Kuhlman, Greg Franks, Larry Hansen, and Mary Ohler. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to extend a warm welcome to our newest church family members.

Patti Comp Patti joins us from Holy Redeemer Church in Dryden, Michigan. Patti and her husband moved to the area when her husband, Jack, retired from Chrysler. Jack was born in Hastings and lived here until he was 13. Patti is originally from Iron River in the Upper Peninsula, where she still visits. Patti enjoys auctions, E-bay, viewing nature, boating, and her dog, Milo. Most of all she enjoys spending time with her 2 grandsons and going to their many sporting events. Welcome Patti!



Larry Hansen Larry comes to Grace from the Prince of Peace Church in Portage, Michigan. Larry grew up in Cheboygan, Michigan, and moved to Kalamazoo where he worked as sales manager and operations at General Motors. Larry enjoys fly fishing, playing cards, tennis, and skiing. He's also a big fan of Michigan professional sports teams including the Tigers, Red Wings, and the Lions. Welcome Larry!



Pauline Obasi Pauline joins us from Calvary Church in Grand Rapids. Pauline was born and raised in Nigeria. She began working in adult foster care in Grand Rapids, and came to Hastings opening her own care facility. She has grown children and runs her own Etsy store, selling medical scrub hats. She began attending Grace when she attended a funeral here. She felt at home. We are thrilled to have Pauline among us and helping us see the need to love one another.



Tim Kemper Tim joins us from the Lutheran Church of the Savior in Kalamazoo. Tim is excited to attend Grace and is reconnecting with his spiritual side. Currently Tim is taking online college classes where his focus is in the business field. In his spare time he likes to hang out with his family and play games. Additionally, Tim enjoys golfing. Welcome, Tim!



Paul and Mary Kuhlman Pastor Paul and Mary join us from Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hastings. Of course many of you will remember that Pastor Paul was the interim pastor here at Grace, until Pastor Ken came. Mary has blessed us with her musical abilities including playing guitar and singing. Paul graces us with an abundance of food, making cookies, cakes, and other treats. Mary & Paul are members of the Lakewood Area Choral Society, where Mary serves as president. Welcome back!



Greg Franks Greg joins the Grace family from Lee Center United Methodist Church in Olivet, Michigan. Greg likes to fish, attend festivals and see art shows. Outdoors, Greg enjoys kayaking, camping and riding his motorcycle. Greg works for Bradford-White in the IT department. Welcome to the Grace family, Greg!



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Mary Ohler We welcome Mary back from St. Cyril Catholic Church in Nashville. Mary works in the medical field at Sparrow Hospital in Charlotte. As you may know, Mary was



a visiting minister who enjoyed listening and praying with those who were hospitalized. We are thankful that Mary shares her deep spiritual life with us and we will benefit from her presence among us.

Al and Claudia Throop join us from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Middleville and are thrilled to be joining Grace. The Throops have 2 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-granddaughters.

Prior to retirement, Al was a seafood merchandiser and Claudia was a manager/owner of a pension firm. The Throops enjoyed collecting antiques, restoring old houses/barns and raising all kinds of food to share.



From the Property Committee The thermostats in the building are set at designated temperatures throughout the building. When there is a need to turn the heat up or turn the air conditioning down, please return the preset temperature by hitting the run button. Additionally, if you notice lights on, please turn them off if you are not using them.



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



Congratulations
to
Ethan Scheck
who
Graduated from
Capital
University



Mark your calendars! This year's RELAY FOR LIFE is scheduled for August 6!

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THANK YOU!

Shirley Beck and Carolyn O'Connor wish to extend their thanks to the congregation for the lovely Easter plants and cards they received during the Easter season.



Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is \$22,126.53

Payments are set at \$1,234.00 per month

Thank you!

I would like to thank you for all of your prayers and cards you sent when I had colon cancer surgery. I give thanks and praise to God for I am recovering well and need no further treatments. I look forward to worshipping with all of you again soon.

In Christian love,
Carol Vos



Thank you!



Thank you to all for the amazing new member basket. Each item is something that Al and I love, from the hand made wash cloths, honey, candy, T-shirts and all the rest. Al and I are so thankful for have officially become members of Grace.

Sincerely,
Claudia Throop

Quilt Show a Success

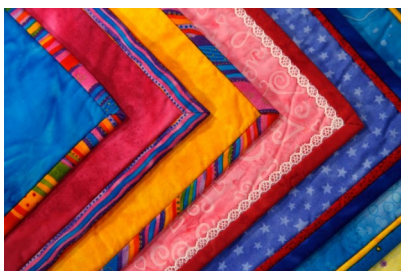
“Thank You” to everyone who supported the Quilt Show on Sunday, May 1st – especially the members of the Hastings Quilters Guild and our own members who brought in personal quilts to display.

The variety of quilts and the beautiful spectrum of colors adorning the pews in our sanctuary and the walls of the fellowship hall was a spectacular display.

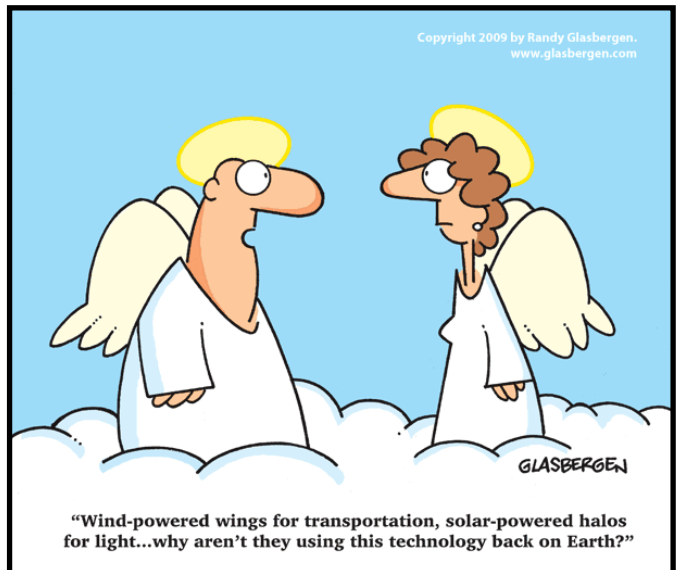
We estimate that 100+ members and 50+ visitors attended this event.

The wonderful luncheon organized by our Social Activities Committee was also a greatly appreciated addition to the event.

Sincerely,
Grace Community Outreach Committee



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“Wind-powered wings for transportation, solar-powered halos for light...why aren't they using this technology back on Earth?”

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The Annual Grace
Auto Show Will Take Place
On July 31, 2022

We will be having a combined
Service at 10:00 a.m. Please invite
your friends and neighbors to this
fun event.



The 2022 Grace Annual
Meeting is scheduled
for July 17th at 9:30
a.m.

We need all reports for
the Annual Meeting
submitted to the church
office by June 1st.

Thank you.

Family Promise in Search of Volunteer Groups

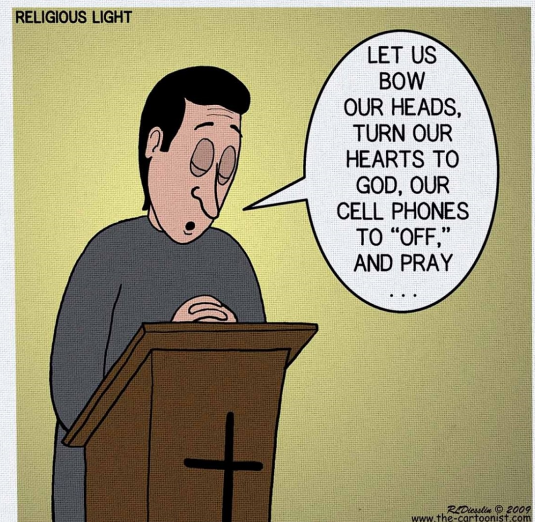
Family Promise is the only family shelter in Barry County. When we first opened, we opted for a "rotational shelter model" which required host churches to take in families overnight. We soon found there were far more benefits to a "one location" model. Families now stay at the Center and the churches take a week at a time, sending volunteers for dinner and overnights.

We are looking for churches to take part in a trial week to see if your congregation would be able and willing to sign up as an annual host church. Some churches partner up to share their weeks where one church brings meals, and the other lends overnight volunteers.

Additionally, we are ALWAYS in need of Sunday Day Center volunteers.

If this sounds like something a group from your congregation would be interested in doing, please contact me at 269.953.6189. or by email at executive.director@familypromisebarrycounty.org.

Thank you.
Laura Munro
Interim Executive Director, Board Vice
President
Family Promise of Barry County



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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 Allering	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

Military:

Grandson of Freedlunds
Parker Stencil (US Army)

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

Grandaughter of Gwen Hansen
Cynthia Rudesill

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

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



BIRTHDAYS

Gwen Hansen	06/03
Opal Gillons	06/06
Beulah Benedict	06/06
Beverly McManaway	06/10
Jackson Barnaart	06/12
Vickey Argo	06/14
Emmalee Peck	06/14
Hope Peck	06/14
Laura Scheck	06/19
Tom Drumm	06/24
Susan Barnaart	06/30
Diana Brown	06/30




ANNIVERSARIES

Larry and Linda Maupin	06/01
Lyle and Joyce Proksch	06/06
Dan and Melissa Patton	06/10
Dick and Linda Melcher	06/11
Ed and Kim Domke	06/17
Phil and Amy Poholski	06/17
Russ and Linda Trongo	06/23
Steve and Traci Wales	06/24
Jack and Carol Vos	06/26



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JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Outreach 4:30	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Brothers of Grace 7 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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 Council 6 pm Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
19 Father's Day	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25
Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i> 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
26	27	28	29	30		
Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:45 In-person, also <i>Online worship</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 10:45 am

Worship also

On line:

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
Mon – Thurs 9AM - 1PM
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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