



DECEMBER 2022 GRACEGRAM

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

Come

Now

O God

of

LOVE,

make us one

Body.

Come,

O Lord

Jesus,

reconcile

your

people.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Sing GOD a brand-new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing! Psalm 96:1

I was blessed to attend the newly formed Hastings Youth Choir concert last week. As you can tell by the picture to the right there were a lot of youth who gave of their time and talent to sing songs. Some were of religious in nature and glorified God. Some were brand new to me. It was a festive evening to enjoy a wonderful community concert.



Grace Lutheran Church

Welcomes Aurora Collins as attendant of the Nursery during the 10:45 am worship service.



As you can tell, there are a number of youth who are part of the Hastings community. It is a wonderful time to be the church, as we have many opportunities to reach out to the young people in our midst. Someone asked me where's all the youth??? My answer is easy. They are everywhere, and it is our job to sing God's grace and share God's love with them. We need to continue to reach out to and minister to youth. One way we are doing that is by providing a nursery attendant, so parents feel secure in leaving their child in the hands of a highly trained and loving caregiver during worship.

We are entering a time of hope. There is a hunger for community that was given to each of us by our good and gracious God. I invite you to see the hope that has been given us by Christ Jesus and to walk in the love that was first given us, by the Advent of God through Jesus. Walking with you in Christ, *Pastor Ken +*



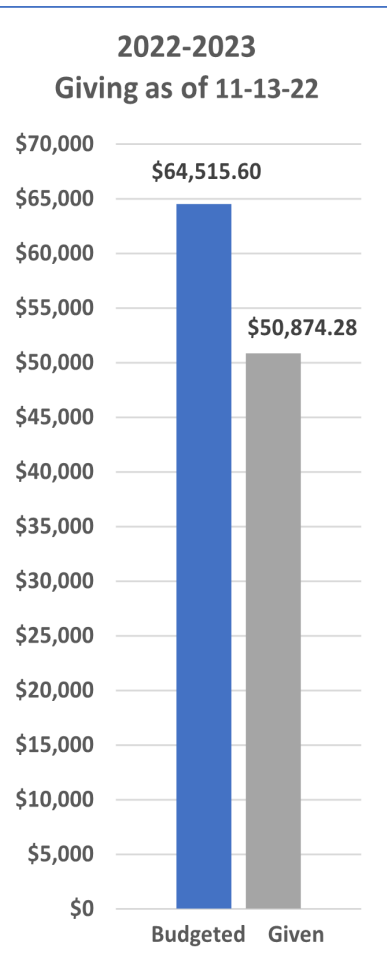
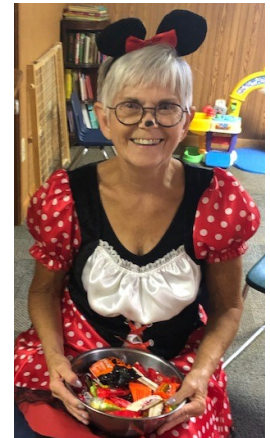
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**Deadline for the
January GraceGram is
December 17, 2022.**

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

2022 TRUNK-OR-TREAT RECAP

Thanks to everyone who came out and celebrated Trunk-or-Treat! We had 353 guests and a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who donated candy and came to help pass it all out.



Organ Recital Outing

On Saturday, November 5 the Social Activities Committee arranged an outing to the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Organ Concert performed The Phantom of the Opera. You might remember the organ's home used to be at the Roaring 20s Pizza Restaurant on 28th Street. A good time was had by all.



Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is \$22,126.53
Payments are set at \$1,234.00 per month

Crop Walk 2022

The 2022 Barry County CROP Hunger Walk was held on Sunday, October 9 at Grace and 36 walkers joined in the fun. Our Grace Lutheran family and friends raised a total of \$726.00 this year and the total for the event was \$6,496.17. Barry County Cares, Greenstreet Food Pantry, Maple Valley Food Pantry, and the Middleville Food Pantry each received \$406.01 to further their ministries to fight against hunger. Thanks to all the walkers and all those who contributed to this important event.



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Our sister in Christ,
Elnora "Becky" Beckwith
entered the
Church Triumphant
on
Thursday, November 3, 2022.



Our brother in Christ
Gerald Knickerbocker
entered the
Church Triumphant
on
Wednesday, November 2, 2022.



Celebrating the Saints of God among us forever.



*Caroling to Our
Homebound
Friends*

**Join us on Sunday,
December 11 to go
caroling to our
homebound members.
We meet at the church
at 1 pm and set out to
give some singing
cheer. Please join us!**

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Executive Committee:

President: *Randy Teegardin*
Vice President: *Tim Schoessel*
Secretary: *Lisa Pohl*
Treasurer: *Linda Maupin*

**Church Council
Members/Liaisons:**

Vickey Argo (Congregational Care)
Doug Neeb (Property)
Pauline Obasi (Outreach)
Jamie Heise (Youth & Family)
Vacant (Small Groups)
Greg Franks (Stewardship)
Deborah Wilke (Social Activities)
Kate Watson (Worship)

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
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pastorken@grace-hastings.org

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PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Secret Santa



Secret Santa names have been assigned. The gifts are to total no more than \$10. The final gift will be given out at the Jesus' Birthday Celebration on December 11 when you'll be meeting your secret Santa. A reminder that this is meant to be FUN, not expensive. Weekly you could give a cookie, a piece of candy, a small trinket a craft, etc.



We thank Pastor Paul Kuhlman for making Grace some wonderful communion tables

Christmas Belles at the Dennison Performing Arts Center

Please join us on **Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.** to see the performance of Christmas Belles. Tickets are \$10.00 each for adults and \$8 for senior citizens, students and children. Please place cash or check (MADE OUT TO DEBORAH WILKE) in an envelope on Brenda's desk. If you would like to carpool, please meet at Grace by 1:00 for a 1:15 departure. Otherwise, please meet at the PAC at 1:30. After the play, those who are interested should meet at Applebee's for food and fellowship.

Lakewood Area Choral Society Concert



The Lakewood Area Choral Society is having it's annual Christmas Concert at Lakewood High School on **Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.** The event is free, however, a freewill offering will be collected.

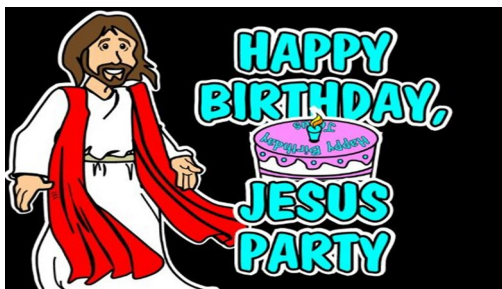
Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday
December 24
5:30 pm



Happy Birthday
Jesus Party

Sunday, December 11
following the 10:45 service
We will be having Lasagna, Garlic Bread,
Salad and of course cake!



THANK YOU

We would like to thank Dennis and Deborah Wilke for their generous donation of videos for kids. If you'd like to borrow a video, they are available in classroom across from Pastor Ken's office.

Thank you Dennis and Deborah!

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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 Allarding	Thornapple Manor 2700 Nashville Rd, Hastings 49058
Donna Buehl	Thornapple Manor
Wes Gillons	Thornapple Manor
Opal Gillons	Thornapple Manor
Elsie Merrow	Woodlawn Meadows 1825 East Street, Hastings 49058
Beverly Brown	Woodlawn Meadows
Shirley Beck	Hope Landing 1252 North Cochran #116 Charlotte, MI 48813
Carolyn O'Connor	Hope Landing #118
Karl Golnek	Medilodge of Holland 1221 East 16th Street Holland, MI 48423

Military:

Grandson of Freedlunds
Parker Stancil (US Army)

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

Granddaughter of Gwen Hansen
Cynthia Rudesill

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

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

Nephew and Godson of Ed and Kim Domke
Seth Domke



Happy Belated 60th Anniversary to
Ed and Bev McManaway
on October 20.

BIRTHDAYS

Myrina Crawford	12/01
Ed Markwart	12/01
Traci Wales	12/01
Sandy Mosteller	12/06
Elnora Beckwith	12/11
Dave Neeb	12/11
Carolyn O'Connor	12/13
Cheri Clements	12/20
Jeanette Kogge	12/20
Bill Freedlund	12/20
Brenda Hess	12/20
Corrina Palmer	12/22
Jesus	12/25
Gary Golnek	12/28
Karen Halstead	12/28
Deborah Wilke	12/31



Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES

12/16 George and Phyllis Lietz
12/20 Robert and Sharon Bolton

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2022 Giving Tree

Local schools and elementary students are in need of some support again this year. The Giving Tree will be set up all of December in the gathering area.

Please come select a tag or two, or share a donation earmarked *2022 Giving Tree*, and someone will shop for you. You may also call the church to find out what is still needed or check the Grace Facebook page for more ideas.

PLEASE do not wrap classroom gifts; place them near the tree.

Return by **January 5, 2023**. These will be delivered to the schools and waiting for them when teachers and students return from Christmas break.

What is needed most are family or large-sized containers of snacks for students and personal care items. Also, shoes in designated sizes (black, white or other gender-neutral designs so any child can wear them) and hats and mittens.



Christmas Food Baskets

There is a sign up in the Gathering Area for those who wish to contribute the food basket campaign.

Donations need to be dropped off at the church by Sunday, December 18.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please place your donation in the collection plate and identify it by marking "Christmas Food Baskets" on the envelope. We are also collecting large boxes to assist with delivery.

11-8-22

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Lakewood Area Choral Society, please accept this donation of \$200 as an expression of our thanks for allowing us to continue to use the sanctuary for our rehearsals! We are grateful!

Sincerely,

Bob Oster



Wednesdays in Advent

Join us the first three Wednesdays in Advent for a meal at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and worship at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary. Come enjoy *Holden Evening Prayer with a Flare!*



Pasty Sale Reminder

Please pick up your pasties on Saturday, December 3 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Thank you.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Grace Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm				Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm		Pasty Sale Pick Up 11:00-2:00
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i> Christmas Belles At the Dennison PAC <i>ADVENT 2</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Social Activities 4:00 Outreach 5:30	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Executive 6:30 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 <i>ADVENT 2</i> 6:30 Meal 7:15 Worship	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i> <i>ADVENT 3</i> Happy Birthday Party for Jesus Caroling to Shut-Ins	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Brothers of Grace 7 pm Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 <i>ADVENT 3</i> 6:30 Meal 7:15 Worship	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 3:30pm-5:00pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i> <i>ADVENT 4</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Council 6:30 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Winter Solstice	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm
25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship Services: 10:00 Combined Service <i>In-person and 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		