



APRIL 2023 GRACEGRAM

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

Easter Good News!

Day of delight
and beauty
unbounded, tell
the news,
the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder,
day of all
splendor, praise
Christ risen from
the dead!

Sing of the sun
from darkness
appearing:
sing of the seed
from barren
earth greening:
sing of creation,
alleluia!

Sing of the stream
from Jesus'
side flowing;
sing of the saints
in water made
holy; sing of
salvation,
alleluia!

-Delores Dufner



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory.
Colossians 1:27

Reaching Out to our Community Worship, Food & Bell Choir

A special worship service is planned for **April 30th**. Initial plans were being made to have our normal 5th Sunday community meal. As discussion continued, we realized that it would be good that we gather for one worship service. We hope that you take the opportunity to invite friends and family to join us. At our worship service, we will hear the Grace Notes Bell Choir play. We hope that members are energized by the wonderful music, great food and time for fellowship. Hopefully you are empowered to invite people from our community, so that they might experience the Grace of God. As we worship, celebrate God's awesome beauty by seeing each other, and share stories over food, we can be Christ to one another.

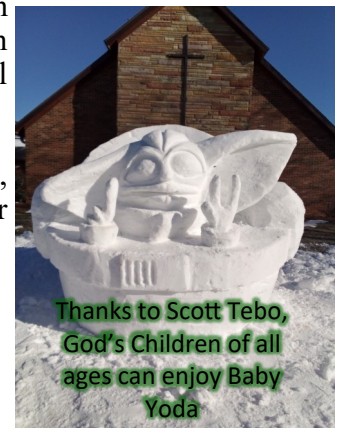
God has blessed us with many talented people. The people of God here at Grace will gather to enjoy bell music as a means of focusing on another way that God speaks to us. We have talented musicians who will allow anyone to come and ring a bell. After worship we will gather with our neighbors for a lunch of pulled pork sandwiches and other dishes members bring to share.

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 April 30th** which will continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection story. We hope all feel welcome at Grace Lutheran Church, as many join us for our worship, a wonderful meal, and bell music.

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

Pastor Ken +



Thanks to Scott Tebo,
God's Children of all
ages can enjoy Baby
Yoda

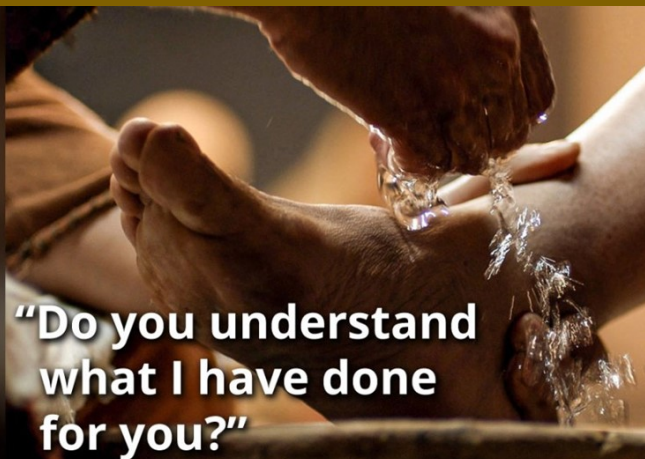
**Deadline for the
May GraceGram is
April 17, 2023.**

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

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



Palm/Passion Sunday
Worship services
at 8:00 & 10:45 am on
April 2, 2023



Maundy Thursday
Worship service
at 7:15 p.m. on
April 6, 2023



Easter Sunday
Sonrise Worship service
at 8:00 am &
Festival Worship
at 10:45 am
on
April 9, 2023



Cross Walk
Good Friday
9:30 am
April 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY



Good Friday
Tenebrae
(DARKNESS)
Worship at 7:15 pm on
April 7, 2023

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Save the Date SAC Trip to Meijer Gardens

Join us for a fun trip to Meijer Gardens on Saturday, April 15. We'll be leaving Grace at NOON to see the beautiful plants and butterflies.

Cost is dependent upon membership status. Please see the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for details and to sign up. Questions? Contact Deborah Wilke.



Good Friday Cross Walk Friday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to partake in the annual Cross Walk held on Good Friday, April 7th beginning at 9:30 am. We will join Christians from all walks of faith in our Gathering area and then prayerfully follow the cross through downtown Hastings and back to Grace. All ages are welcome to join in this powerful walk and strollers are welcome. Please no bicycles. A vehicle will follow the walkers to aid those not able to walk the whole way.

There will be a worship folder provided for the walk. The walk will mostly be silent for personal reflection. At the end of the walk everyone is invited to stay for refreshments at Grace. We hope you can attend and bring along a friend.

Sign-up sheets will be posted for those willing to participate in the walk, read parts of the passion story at the various reflection stops along the way, and for those willing to provide some light refreshments for walk participants following the end of the walk.



Upcoming Stewardship Temple Talks – Chris Bush

To help us see where we are going, it might be good to know where we've been. As we plan ministry support for our 2023-24 Grace year, the Stewardship Committee has invited several speakers in to talk about how our financial gifts have helped them conduct their missions.

On **April 23**, we welcome **Tina Horrigan from Barry County Cares**. Barry County Cares started out as part of Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ – remember that, Grace long-timers?). This organization coordinates the efforts of local churches, businesses, and individuals to provide various means of assistance to Barry County residents. The assistance is not only with food, personal-care and other household items, but helping with bills, transportation, clothing, and other needs, especially where other programs may not be able to step in. You have likely noticed and contributed to our food box, the Noisy Offerings we collect, and the Christmas baskets we put together. We look forward to hearing from Tina how our neighbors have been lifted up through this program that we have supported in the past and continue to support.

On **April 30**, we hear from member **Mike Kemper, who is the Chair of our Outreach Committee**. This committee has led us into many ways of loving our neighbor and expressing our faith. Have you walked in the Good Friday Cross Walk? Handed out candy or cider at our Halloween Trick or Trunk? Read the Lenten devotional? The Outreach Committee coordinates the Christmas baskets we pull together for several community families and works with other Grace groups to hold the Annual Auto Show and BBQ. There are many ways our Outreach work touches people, whether those are Grace members, our neighbors in the county, or globally. Mike will let us know the vision of Outreach as we continue to do God's work with our hands.

Our third and final speaker is **David Gilman from Samaritas** (formerly known as Lutheran Social Services of Michigan [LSSM]), joining us on **May 7**. Grace has supported LSSM/Samaritas since 1988 – a good 35 years! David is the Director of Planned Giving and Major Gifts and, along with giving his Temple Talk, will be joining us during the Adult Forum time to provide additional information, since this ministry may be unfamiliar to some of our newer members (and some veteran members may want to hear the latest work Samaritas is doing).

Please plan on welcoming these speakers and hearing how Grace has been a valued partner in their ministries. We hope their words inspire you as you consider your gifts to Grace in the coming year.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 10:45 am

Worship also online:

www.grace-hastings.org

Our Staff:

Ken Scheck II
*Minister of Word
and Sacrament*
kscheckii@aol.com

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

Aurora Collins,
Nursery

Nathan Freedlund,
Custodian

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:45 am

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

Seeking a coordinator

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)

Grace Lutheran Church

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Hastings, MI

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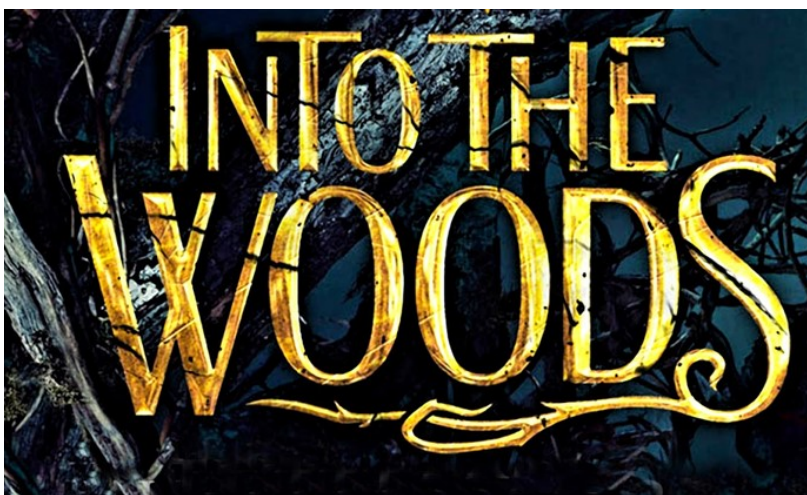
**2022-2023
Giving as of 03-12-23**



**Lifting Up
Campaign
as of 3/12/23**



Thornapple Players presents



**Tickets: \$10 — Adults
\$8.00 — Senior Citizens and Students**

May 7 at 2:00 pm

**Dennison Performing Arts Center
231 South Broadway Street
Hastings, Michigan**

Sign-up at the Gathering Area. Please use cash for this event, as Thornapple Players do not accept credit card payment.



Spring Bulb Sale

Fill out and return the enclosed slip with your payment of \$10.00 per plant. Order forms are also available in the bulletins.

You may pickup your flower(s) on Easter Sunday.

You are also invited to give flowers to our homebound members!



**Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is
\$11,557.49 as of 2/28/23**

Payments are set at \$1,234.00 per month

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I want to donate the plant(s) _____

I want to keep the plant(s) _____

Easter Bulb Flower Sale

\$10.00 each

DAFFODIL



Number of
DAFFODILS

HYACINTH



Number of
HYACINTHS

TULIP



Number of
TULIPS

EASTER LILY



Number of
EASTER LILIES

Please write the number of plants you want of each type of flower. Color match is not guaranteed. Each plant is \$10.00. Return order form to church. 239 East North Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 Thank you for supporting the youth ministry at Grace. **Due April 3, 2023.** If donating, I would like the plant to go to _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

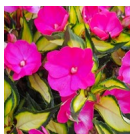
Sun Patients

(full sun to part shade)

Spring Flower Sale

\$6.00 each

TROPICAL ROSE



Number of
TROPICAL ROSE

ELECTRIC ORANGE



Number of
ELECTRIC ORANGE

Geraniums

(full sun to light shade)

RED GERANIUM



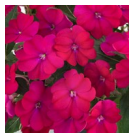
Number of
RED GERANIUM

WHITE GERANIUM



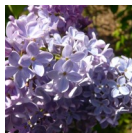
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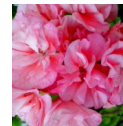
Number of
ROSE

LILAC



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LILAC

PINK BIG EYE GERANIUM



Number of
PINK 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 \$6.00. 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 10, 2023. Pick-up Saturday, May 13th.

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

Homebound:

Donna Buehl	Thornapple Manor 2700 Nashville Road Hastings, MI 49058
Wes Gillons Opal Gillons	Thornapple Manor Thornapple Manor
Elsie Merrow	Woodlawn Meadows 1825 East Street Hastings, MI 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, Virginia)

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

Nephew and Godson of Ed and Kim Domke
Seth Domke (Pensacola, Florida)

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
Kay Marsh	04/14
Jenn Rosenberger	04/15
Carolyn Moffit	04/16
Clyde Watson	04/17
Phil Poholski	04/17
Cindy Olson	04/20
Carrie Duits	04/21
Linda Maupin	04/22
Jane Secor	04/27
Barry Wood	04/28
Tanner Ogden	04/30



April Anniversaries

Wes and Opal Gillons 04/18



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Grace Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.						1 Pasty Sale Pick Up
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i>  Palm Sunday	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Social Activities 4:30 Outreach 5:30  Holy Week	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm Executive 6:30 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Maundy Thursday 7:15 pm 	Cross Walk 9:30 am Good Friday 7:15 pm  		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i>  Easter Sunday	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Brothers of Grace 7 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 2:00-6:00 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 May GraceGram Deadline	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Council 6:30 pm Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Stewardship 6 pm Bells 2:00-6:00 pm		 Earth Day
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 One Worship Service 10:00	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Bells 2:00-6:00 pm		