



JUNE 2023 GRACEGRAM

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:2

*Tree of Life
and awesome
mystery,*

*into your
death we are
reborn;*

*though you die
in all of
history,*

*still you rise
with every
morn.*

Marty Haugen

God's grace runs deep!

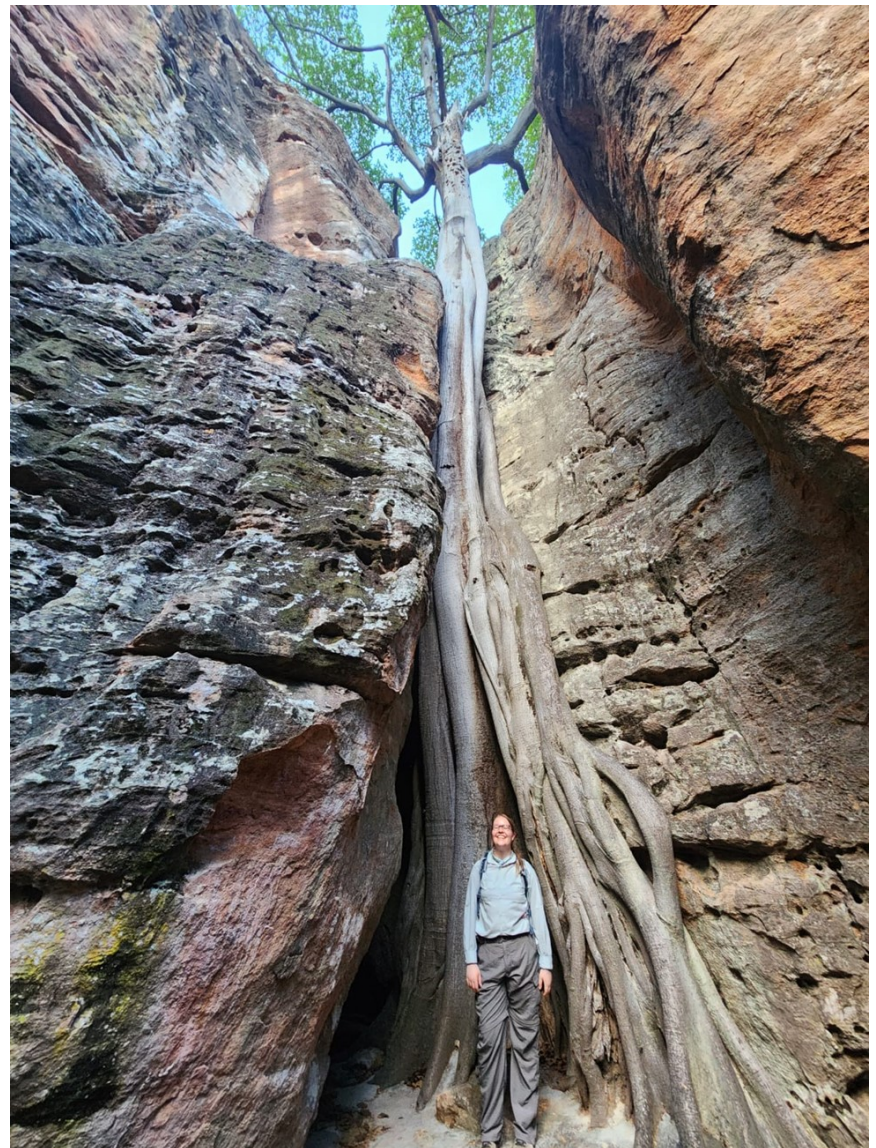
It is a mystery how that tree grew in such a manner so it would survive. I think of Jesus Christ, our Tree of Life, who gives us life in the midst of death.

We are blessed to have God's grace and love revealed through Jesus Christ, so that we too can rise with every morning.

We are reborn in Christ's image, given NEW LIFE and sharing God's grace with all who enter our lives.

Serving with you,

Pastor Ken +



Anna Scheck at the Serra de Capivara National Park in Brazil with a tree that learned to survive.

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

**Deadline for the
July/August GraceGram is
June 17, 2023.**

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

The Annual Grace Auto Show July 30, 2023

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



Information Sessions on the Draft Budget

-Chris Bush

Stewardship Chair Chris Bush will be available in the Fellowship Hall between services on **June 4 and 11** to answer questions about the draft 2023-2024 budget, a copy of which is **WHERE**. Please note that this is not necessarily the “final” form of the budget that will be presented at the Annual Meeting, but represents what committee chairs and others have submitted for their ministry proposals for 2023-24. Based on pledges received and expected for our next Grace year and any suggestions that get adopted, the proposed budget could have some changed. Please attend the Q&A Sessions.



Annual Grace Picnic

Amy & Phil Poholski have once again offered to host the Annual Picnic & Graduate Celebration on June 4th at their home: 6810 Highland View Dr., Middleville, MI 49333. We will begin right after the 2nd service. Please bring a dish to pass (there is a signup sheet), comfortable walking shoes if you want to go on the woodland walk, an outdoor chair (there will be a few provided) and beverage of your choice. Amy & Phil will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, water and lemonade (or ice tea), and individual snack bags. SAC will provide a cake in celebration of our high school graduate, Lydia Markwart.



What is God Calling You to Do?

- Chris Bush

Please take the time to complete the Time and Talents form (included in this issue and also available in the Gathering Area) so committee chairs and other Grace leaders have an understanding of who they can call on for our various ministries and activities. Having this information on hand makes all our varied ministries easier to coordinate. Please return completed forms into the collection folder located in the Gathering Area by July 1. Thank you.



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The 2023 Annual Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, JULY 9th at 9:30 am

Please plan to attend.

Please submit all reports for the Annual Meeting by Thursday, June 1st.

2023 Barry County Relay For Life

The 2023 Barry County Relay For Life has moved to September. Details will be shared in an upcoming GraceGram as soon as they become available. Thank you for your continued support of this event.



Commitment Sunday Pledge Form May 21, 2023



Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/We commit myself/ourselves to responding to God's work and blessing by supporting the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church in 2023/2024 with my/our gifts of service, prayer and financial support as God empowers and enables me/us.

Amount Committed for 2023-2024 \$ _____

Acknowledgement - For your records

I/We _____

have pledged \$ _____

To Grace Lutheran Church for 2023-2024



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DRAFT 2023-24 BUDGET - SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION (as of 5/17/23)

Acct #	Account Name	2022-23 Annual Budget Proposed	2023-2024 REQUESTS	% change
5.100.051	Mortgage Payment	14,808.00	7,000.00	-52.73%
5.100.100	Office Supplies	3,500.00	5,400.00	54.29%
5.100.105	Kitchen Supplies	380.00	420.00	10.53%
5.100.110	Leased Office Equipment	3,600.00	4,000.00	11.11%
5.100.200	Gas/Electric	13,500.00	15,000.00	11.11%
5.100.210	Telephone/Web service	1,600.00	1,700.00	6.25%
5.100.220	Water/Sewer	650.00	700.00	7.69%
5.100.300	Building Maint/Repair	7,000.00	8,320.00	18.86%
5.100.310	Insurance	3,500.00	5,172.00	47.77%
5.100.320	Custodial Supplies	1,200.00	1,300.00	8.33%
5.100.330	Lawn care/Snow Removal	1,500.00	3,250.00	116.67%
5.100.400	Stewardship Committee	250.00	475.00	90.00%
5.100.410	Indoor Décor Committee	0.00	100.00	NEW COST
5.100.420	Social Activites Committee	0.00	100.00	NEW COST
5.100.500	Music Instrument Maintenance	0.00	375.00	NEW COST
5.200.100	Pastor's Salary	32,482.00	33,294.00	2.50%
5.200.105	Pastor's Housing Allowance	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00%
5.200.110	Pastor's Auto Expense	3,200.00	4,125.00	28.91%
5.200.115	Pastor's SS Allowance	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00%
5.200.120	Pastor's Hospital/Pension	43,000.00	49,980.00	16.23%
5.200.200	Minister of Youth & Faith	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.200.250	Nursery Attendant	0.00	1,170.00	NEW COST
5.200.300	Minister of Music	22,278.00	22,835.00	2.50%
5.200.305	Substitute Labor	0.00	400.00	NEW COST
5.200.310	Choir accompany	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.200.315	Bell Choir Director	2,046.00	2,087.00	2.00%
5.200.390	Church Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.200.395	Financial Coordinator	2,500.00	0.00	-100.00%
5.200.400	Parish Administrator	11,000.00	12,480.00	13.45%
5.200.405	Church accountant/auditor	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00%
5.200.500	Custodians	3,060.00	2,820.00	-7.84%
5.200.600	Substitutue Ministers	1,000.00	750.00	-25.00%
5.200.700	Employers FICA Account	4,000.00	3,100.00	-22.50%
5.300.050	Assembly/Conference	700.00	1,000.00	42.86%
5.300.100	Worship Supplies	500.00	575.00	15.00%
5.300.115	Graceful Players	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.300.120	Puppet Praise Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.300.125	Vocal Choir	0.00	120.00	NEW COST
5.300.130	Bell Choir	300.00	300.00	0.00%

Acct #	Account Name	2022-23 Annual Budget Pro-	2023-2024 RE- QUESTS	% change
5.300.140	Worship Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.300.145	Worship Art	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.400.100	Vacation Bible Experience	0.00	25.00	NEW COST
5.400.105	Catechesis	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5.400.120	YG God's Children (4-5)	0.00	25.00	NEW COST
5.400.125	YG Middle School (6-8)	0.00	25.00	NEW COST
5.400.130	YG High School	0.00	25.00	NEW COST
5.400.200	Sunday School	0.00	25.00	NEW COST
5.400.400	Education Committee	0.00	25.00	NEW COST
5.400.600	Pastor's Continuing Education	500.00	500.00	0.00%
5.500.100	Synod/ELCA	10,000.00	11,500.00	15.00%
5.500.120	Living Water Ministry(LORMM)	200.00	200.00	0.00%
5.500.125	LSSM	400.00	400.00	0.00%
5.500.135	Barry County Cares	200.00	200.00	0.00%
5.500.140	Habitat for Humanity	200.00	200.00	0.00%
5.500.145	Evangelism Committee (Community Outreach?)	1,500.00	1,625.00	8.33%
5.500.150	Small Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Totals		223,654.00	236,223.00	5.62%

"NEW COST" indicates that, while the line item may have been on the budget for some time, it has been several years since we have funded that item.

This is a draft of the 2023-2024 Budget

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)

Website:

www.grace-hastings.org

Facebook:

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Hastings, MI

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Our Staff:

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Brenda Hess, *Parish Administrator*
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Kim Domke, *Bell Choir Director*
kdomke08@gmail.com

Aurora Collins, *Nursery*

Nathan Freedlund, *Custodian*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 10:45 am

Worship also

On line:

www.grace-hastings.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

Grace Lutheran Church

239 E. North Street
Hastings, MI 49058

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is \$9,175.63 as of 4/28/23

Payments are set at \$1,234.00 per month

Please use this QR Code to access secure online giving.



Hats off to our graduate, Lydia Markwart!

May God bless your path forward.



Fill A Grocery Bag

The Outreach Committee invites you to prepare for our annual support of the Hastings Food Bank. We will soon announce when you can pick up a grocery bag and fill it with items to help those who are in need. The items listed below are some of the past needs the food bank has requested. We will have an updated list when it is provided. We will also notify you when the paper bags will need to be returned to Grace. Thanks making your plans.

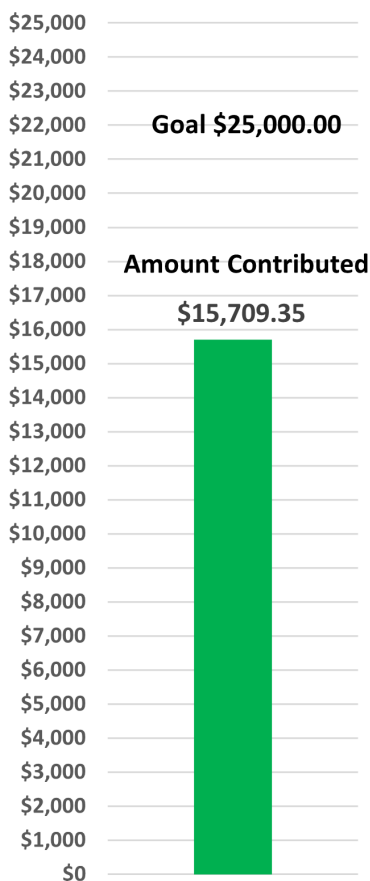
Soup
Juice, especially apple and grape
Cans of Creamed Corn
Cans of Green beans
Cans of Peas

Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent

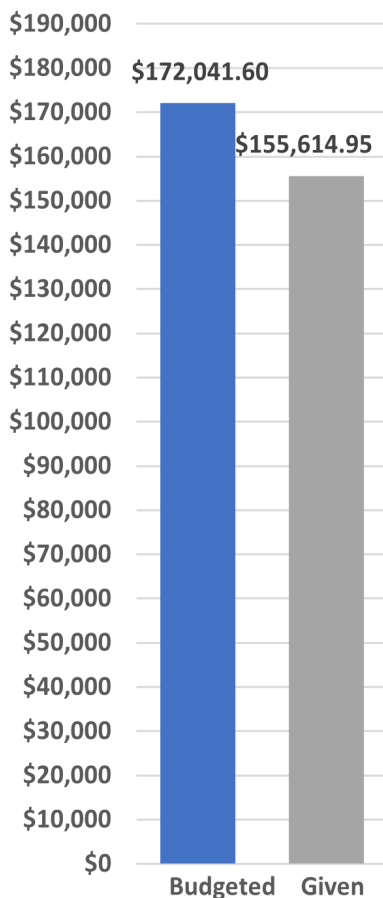
A reminder that the next GraceGram will be a combined July/August edition. Please submit all articles and events for the calendar by June 17.
Thank you.

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Lifting Up Campaign As of 5-7-2023



2022-2023 Giving as of 5-7-23



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)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS

James Burkhead	06/01
Gwen Hansen	06/03
Opal Gillons	06/06
Beulah Benedict	06/06
Beverly McManaway	06/10
Nathan Rounds	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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Grace Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.				Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i> Church Picnic following the Second Service	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Executive 6:30 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i> Youth to Cedar Point	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Social Activities 4:30 Youth to Cedar Point	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm Brothers of Grace 7 pm Youth to Cedar Point	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Flag Day 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 Father's Day 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Juneteenth 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Council 6:30 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Summer Begins 	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <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	