



JULY/AUGUST 2023 GRACEGRAM

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

Joy

I've got joy,
down in my heart.
Deep.

Deep.
Down in my heart.

J-O-Y
Down in my heart.
Deep.

Deep.
Down in my heart.

JESUS put it there,
and nothing can
destroy.

I've got joy,
down in my heart.
Deep.

Deep.
Down in my heart.

~ Anonymous



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit! — taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble. 1 Thessalonians 1:6

Spring & Summer Fun!



It's time for some Fun!



The **Social Activities Committee** went to Meijer Gardens and saw some great sights.

Brothers of Grace went to the Shack



for a men's retreat near White Cloud.



The same weekend of the men's retreat **Laura and Anna Scheck** volunteered to cook for the staff at Camp Luther during staff training.

Cedar Point Trip. A good time had by all!



I stand in awe of the goodness that God brings us everyday. I had a person try to steal away my **joy** while I was at Cedar Point. Though I was determined to have a good time, I thought about how trouble often comes. And yet, there is MORE JOY than trouble. The above bible verse helps me stay focused on the goodness of God and the joy that Jesus brings. Let us always follow Jesus and love the rejects of the world. Sharing grace with you as partners in spreading joy,

Pastor Ken +

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**Deadline for the
September GraceGram
is**

August 17, 2023.
Send your articles to
Brenda Hess at:
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

Make
Today
Amazing

Church Emails

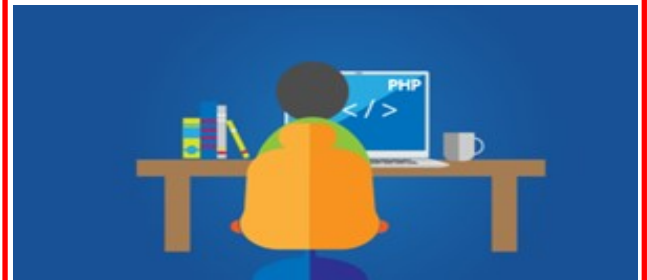
Some emails being sent to Gmail accounts from the parish administrator account have been bouncing back to the spam folder. To solve this problem, the grace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com account has been reactivated. If you see emails from this account, they are not spam and your replies will come through. If you feel as if you are still not receiving emails, please let Brenda know by contacting the church office at 269.945.9414. Thank you.



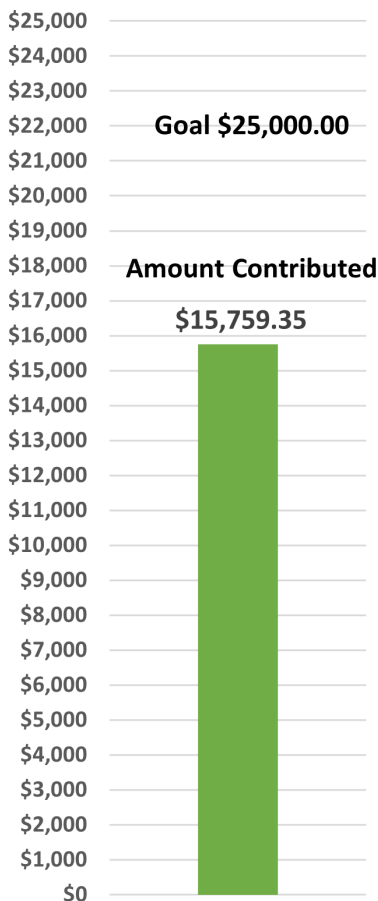
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Grace Website Update

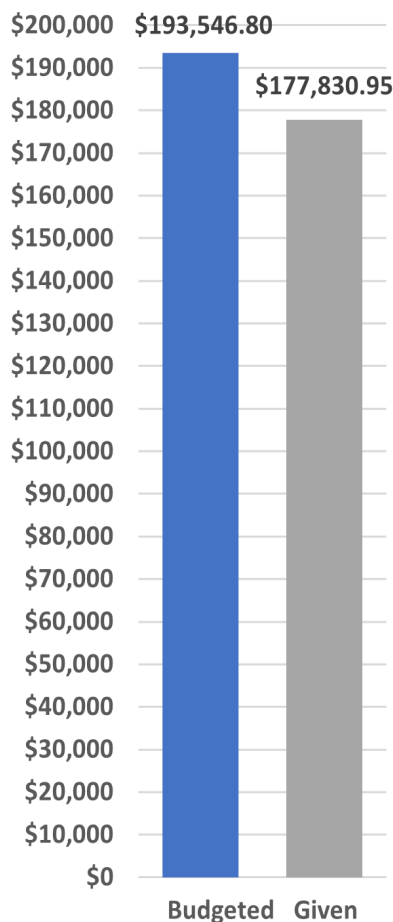
We are in the process of updating the website to fix broken links, update information/photos, and making sure everything works as it should. Additionally, access has been restored to our Grace Gmail account so once again calendar entries can be added to the website. These updates and changes will occur over the next few weeks. If you happen to notice any issues, or if you have content you would like posted to the website, please email Brenda. Thank you.



Lifting Up Campaign As of 6-11-2023



2022-2023 Giving as of 6-11-23



A reminder that this GraceGram is a combined edition for both July and August. If you'd like anything added to the September GraceGram, please submit it to the office by August 17.

Thank you.

Mortgage for Grace Lutheran Church is
\$6,777.27 as of 6/11/23.
Payments are set at \$1,234.00 per month.

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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:

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)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Terry Bushee	7/03
Jan Schreiner	7/03
Robert Bolton	7/07
Linda Trongo	7/07
Molly Patton	7/08
Michael Kemper	7/09
Sharon Palmer	7/12
Joseph Pruitt	7/14
Phyllis Lietz	7/16
Lisa Golnek	7/17
Anna Scheck	7/17
Frank Bolton	7/25
Kim Ogden	7/25
Luke Poholski	7/29
John Poholski	7/30
Lydia Markwart	7/30



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Doris Allerdig	8/1
Erika Wood	8/4
Joyce Proksch	8/7
Randy Teegardin	8/8
George Lietz	8/12
Ethan Scheck	8/15
Joberta Converse	8/19
Gannon Markwart	8/24
Dick Melcher	8/24
Carol Vos	8/24
Diane Neeb	8/27
Virginia Henion	8/28



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Doug and Diane Neeb	07/08
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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Clyde and Kate Watson	8/10
Randy and Brenda Teegardin	8/16
Rick and Sharon Palmer	8/18

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



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
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*

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Annual Church Picnic A Success

A big THANK YOU to the Pohlskis for hosting the annual church picnic. The weather was beautiful as was the fellowship. Thanks again for having us.



SAVE THE DATE

The Barry County Relay for Life will be held on September 16th, From 10am to 10pm, at Tyden Park in Hastings.



GAME NIGHT!

Saturday, September 16

Sponsored by the SAC

Details to follow.

Note Received 5/30/23

It is always great to hear from former members. This special note arrived with a \$500.00 donation. Thank you, Melissa.



Please accept this donation for the church's general funds.

I remember playing after church children's choir practice and accidentally breaking the Pastor's office window. This bothered me that I never said anything - wanted to make good on it after all of these years.

Thanks & God bless.

Melissa

Paper Gator

Don't forget our youth earn money from donations to the Paper Gator. The collection container is located in the back corner of the parking lot and you can drop off your contributions any time.






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JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Grace Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online worship</i>	Office Closed	Independence Day  Office Closed	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 Annual Meeting 9:30 am <i>In-person and Online worship</i>	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Outreach 5:30	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
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	Pastor's office hours 10am-12 Council 6 pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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 Flute Choir 6:00-8:30pm	Pastor's office hours 10am-12	Pastor's office hours 10am-12		
30	31					
Combined Worship Service and Car Show 10:00 a.m.	Pastor's office hours 10am-12					

AUGUST 2023

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Please join us for our
50th anniversary
PARTY

Paul and Mary Kuhlman

SATURDAY | **12** | AUGUST
5:00 to 8:00 PM

2665 Lower Lake Rd | Hastings, MI 49058

RSVP by August 1, 2023 pastorpk59@gmail.com or
269-908-7168.

50th anniversary

Time-and-Talent Survey Now Available

Every year, we provide a Time and Talent form for Grace members to fill out which helps leadership and committees know in what capacity you'd like to serve.

Perhaps you would be willing to be Assisting Minister or Lector? Maybe you want to participate on the Congregational Care or another Committee (or both)? Are you willing to bake communion bread or make something for a funeral luncheon? We have MANY opportunities for you to share your time and talents.

There are new members involved in Council and on Committees and they may not realize you are already serving in various capacities. That's why it's important to fill this form out on a yearly basis. This year's edition is on the table by the water cooler in the Gathering Area.

The Stewardship Committee will take the information and provide it to Council and Committee leadership. Then we'll put people to work: God's work, our hands!

Please turn in your answers by July 1 to the folder in the Gathering Space.

Thank you.



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

THE 8TH ANNUAL GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CAR, TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Please plan to attend this year's annual car show and church service under the tent on Sunday, July 30th.

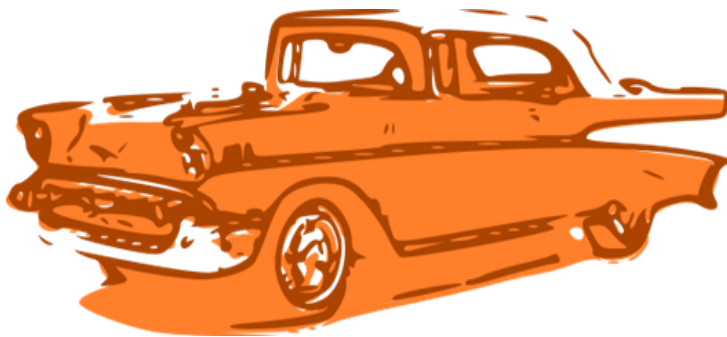
During the show, the people of Grace will gather on the front lawn for worship, inviting anyone and everyone to join us in the Word of God for one service, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The invitation is to anyone with a classic or antique car, truck or motorcycle to show their vehicle. The car show begins at 9:00 a.m. and runs until about 3:00 p.m.

After worship we will gather with our neighbors for a lunch brought to you by Thrivent Financial and our own Social Activities Committee, sharing a variety of foods from the grill beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Remember to mark your calendar for one service at 10:00 a.m. with an open invitation for car show attendees and spectators to join us in our worship service.

We hope to see you there for a fun time, fellowship, good food, and sharing the Word with our neighbors.



REMINDER:

**The Grace Annual Meeting
will take place on
Sunday, July 9th at 9:30 a.m.
We look forward to seeing you.**

Books for Students

The Community Outreach Committee is planning to once again receive donations that will be given to Shayna Gibbons to purchase *Scholastic Books* for students in her class at SE Elementary School. While some parents may be able and willing to purchase a book for their child once a month, others are not able. Our donations will relieve some of the students from the embarrassment of being "too poor" to get a book. The cost/book is \$2.50 and Shayna will have 25 students. Thus, our goal for this outreach project will be \$550 this year. Donations may be made using a pew envelope and indicating "Books for Students" on the outside. Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church. We encourage donations to be made before the start of the school year in September. Thank you for your generosity.



Vacation Bible School

Green Street United Methodist Church has graciously invited our youth to attend their VBS this year July 10-12 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. The theme this year is "Hero Hotline". If you have questions or are able to help by being a volunteer, please contact Salina at kidzone.greenstreetumc@gmail.com.



Brothers of Grace

The Brothers of Grace are taking off the months of July and August. They will resume meeting in September and meetings will be held every second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (not only Tuesdays as they have done in the past). Please join them for their meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Thank you.

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