



FEBRUARY 2024 GRACEGRAM

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

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**Deadline for the
February GraceGram is
February 17, 2024.**

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Words That Last Forever

Christ had no epitaph. Buried in a borrowed tomb, no words were emblazoned across his grave. Instead, during the final hours of his life, Christ mapped out his way of suffering with seven famous last words—seven final phrases, remembered and recited throughout the ages—tiny touchstones along his way of life. May we find that these last words have a lasting impact, even now, for us.

Forgiven

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Green Street United Methodist Church, Worship Service **12 noon**

7:15 pm Grace Lutheran Church

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." —Luke 23:34

Paradise

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." —Luke 23:42-43

Care

"When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" —John 19:25-27

Forsaken

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" —Matthew 27:46

Thirst

"I thirst." —John 19:28

Finished

"It is finished." —John 19:30

We are PREPARED TO BE . . .

Giving Statements

Thank you for your generosity that is shared with Grace Lutheran Church through your contributions to the Ministry of JESUS CHRIST.

2023 Giving Statements are included in this GraceGram.

If we have mistakenly left you out and have not provided you a statement, or if there is an issue with your contribution statement please contact Brenda at the church office
269-945-9414 or
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org
so she can help you.

Thank you again for your continued generosity.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

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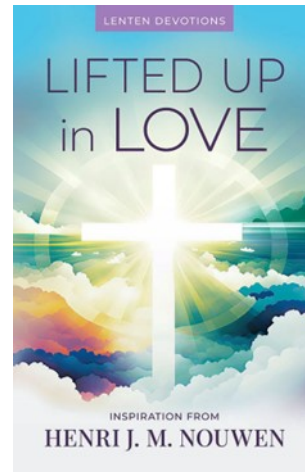
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<https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranhastings>



The Outreach Committee invites you to pick up this year's Lenten Devotional *Lifted Up in Love* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Pick up your copy in the Gathering Area.

Outreach Christmas Projects "Thank You"

On behalf of our Community Outreach Committee we want to again express our sincere "Thanks" to all of our Grace brothers and sisters who helped make Christmas just a bit better for families apart from our own. Your generous donations of grocery items, children's gifts, cash and Thrivent Action Team cards enabled us to provide ample Food, gifts, gift cards and personal care items for five Adopt-A-Family recipients and Giving Tree recipients, Hastings Women's Alpha Center, and Barry County Family Promise. Thank you for the love and gratitude represented in each of your donations.



-Mike Kemper, Chair



Please come worship with us Wednesday, February 14 at 7:15 p.m. There will be a meal beginning at 6:15

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From our friends At Family Promise...



Family Promise of Barry County

Board Members Wanted

Join us in
giving families
the promise of
a home!



2920 S M-37 Hwy
Hastings, MI 49058
(269) 256-4594

familypromisebarrycounty.org

We want you!

If you're a landlord, contractor, teacher, lawyer, financial advisor, parent, leader, coach, police officer, veteran, peer support, etc., we should talk.

Family Promise of Barry County makes it possible for families to get a fresh start by equipping them with the resources they need to find employment, stable housing, and more in finding a path to a better, more fulfilling life.

Making this happen for Barry County families takes a village and an important part of that village is our board of directors. They have a front row seat to watching our families transform their lives and there's a seat at the table for you.

For more information, contact
executive.director@familypromisebarrycounty.org

A Heartfelt Thank You



Pastor Ken, Cindy, and Brenda would like to express their deepest thanks for all the wonderful gifts received during the Christmas season. We appreciated being remembered. We are truly blessed to serve such a loving and generous congregation.

2024 Lenten Mid-Week Service and Meal Schedule

This year we will be celebrating the season of Lent by gathering on Wednesday evenings for a meal and service. This year we will gather on **February 14 for Ash Wednesday, and then again on February 21st and 28th.** In March we will gather on the **6th, 13th, and 20th.** Meals will be served at 6:15 with the services beginning at 7:15. We hope you can join us during this season of experiencing God's grace.

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Executive Committee:

President: *Tim Schoessel*
Vice President: *Vickey Argo*
Secretary: *Lisa Pohl*
Treasurer: *Linda Maupin*

Church Council Members/Liaisons:

Vickey Argo (Congregational Care)
Doug Neeb (Property)
Patti Comp (Outreach)
Jamie Heise (Youth & Family)
Bill Freedlund (Social Activities)
Greg Franks (Stewardship)
Deborah Wilke (Small Groups)
Kate Watson (Worship)
Mark Anton ("Free Agent")

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 10:45 am
Worship also online:
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

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Minister of Music

Brenda Hess
Parish Administrator

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Kim Domke,
Bell Choir Director
kdomke08@gmail.com

Aurora Collins,
Nursery

Nathan Freedlund,
Custodian

2023 Giving Statement Enclosed

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Life Line Health Screenings

Life Line Screening will be held at Hastings Free Methodist Church on Friday, February 16, 2024, offering health screenings to provide early detection for risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. For more info about how you can sign up or call toll-free **844-591-7160**, text the word **circle** to 216-279-1607, or visit <https://llsa.social/HC> for more information.



From Our Friends Bob & Joanie Oster

Once again, (we are) so thankful for this congregation and their generosity with the sanctuary. Please accept this gift (of \$100.00) as a sincere thank you!



-Bob and Joanie Oster

News from Barry County Community Mental Health

If you or a loved one are in need of mental health services there have been some improvements in access to care. The following is a letter we received from Christa Wetzel, the new community outreach specialist...

"I am reaching out to you, to inform you of some HUGE changes at our agency.

For the last two years BCCMHA has been working to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). With this certification we can provide integrated services to jointly address medical and behavioral health needs. Our care extends to all ages and is provided in a person-centered, family-driven, and youth-guided manner. Individuals, families, and youth have an empowered, decision-making role in how their care is delivered.

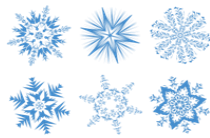
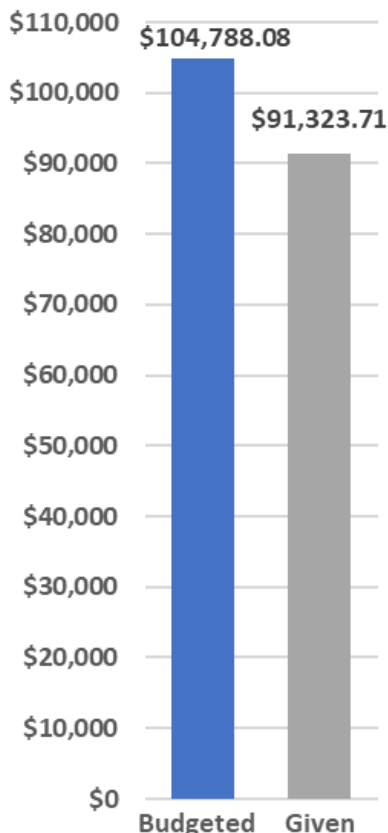
With this change, our mission has expanded to serve all individuals regardless of diagnosis, severity, residency, or insurance. We can proudly say no one will be denied care. BCCMHA accepts both insurance and self-pay patients, in addition to Medicaid/Healthy Michigan/Mi Child, and works with everyone to assist in understanding cost, services, eligibility, insurance, referrals, and payment options.

Please know there is help available for all members of the community, including those you serve. BCCMHA provides outreach crisis care, case management, community-based services, psychiatric services with adult and pediatric medication management, outpatient therapy, and numerous other services. Expanded services now include care management, care coordination, and primary care screenings."

Sincerely,
Christa Wetzel



2023-2024 Giving as of 1-14-24



The **Hand2Hand Program** provides food over the weekend to students at Hastings schools. We are collecting donations of Yoo-Hoo Chocolate Milk, pudding cups, Slim Jims, granola bars, individual size instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, and ready-to-eat mac and cheese. For January, they are in additional need of Snack Pack pudding cups.



The deadline for January is Sunday the 28th.
Please see Sunday's bulletin for information regarding February donations. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable program.

Looking for a convenient way to give?

You can use this QR code by scanning it with your smart phone's camera. It will allow you to access Grace's online giving portal. You can even sign up for repeating weekly or monthly donations if you wish.

Need assistance?

Please contact Brenda during regular office hours M-Th 9:00-1:00.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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	Thornapple Manor
Opal Gillons	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 2786 - 56th Street, SW Wyoming, MI 49418

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 (Cherry Point, North Carolina)



Happy
Birthday!

February Birthdays

Tori Schoessel	02/10
Jack Vos	02/14
Liz Markwart	02/15
Mattea Markwart	02/15
Teresa Burdick	02/16
Steve Rider	02/16
Nyla Rounds	02/16
Joe Longcor	02/19
Lorraine Freedlund	02/22
Kate Watson	02/28

FEBRUARY

Happy
Anniversary

February Anniversaries

Matt and Sandra Mikolajczyk	02/20
Frank and Ann Bolton	02/28

FEBRUARY 2024

GRACE
CALENDAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Grace Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm 269.945.9414	<i>Valentine's Day</i> is February 14th Spread some extra love this month			1	2	3
4 Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:45 <i>In-person and Online Worship</i>	5 Social Activities Committee 4:30 Outreach Committee 3:00	6 Women of Faith 11:00 Executive Committee 6:30	7	8 Brothers of Grace 6:00	9	10
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