



NOVEMBER 2024 GRACEGRAM

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

Praise and thanks
and adoration.

Son of God,
to you we give,

for you chose
to serve creation,
died that sinners
all might live.

Dear Lord Jesus,
guide my way;
faithful let me
day by day

follow where your
steps are leading,
find adventure,
joys exceeding!

~ Thomas H. Kingo



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God's work. Our hands.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Give Thanks

We count ourselves blessed on so many levels that we are strengthened in our faith. The love that is shown: hugs, laughter, smiles all point to the things we cannot see. The value of each person who gives of themselves in ministry here at Grace is a testimony of the care God continues to provide, even in times of difficulty. There are hurting people among us, and we need to continue to lift them up in prayer, word and deed. Our loving God says to each of us in Psalm 91 verse 14, “I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.”

Our faith is strengthened by the good we do and the love we share, but mostly because God comes to us and loves us even when we are unlovable. We have an opportunity to share our thanks to God in a unique way in the coming weeks here at Grace. We are hosting a THANKS – giving event, as our sisters and brothers in Christ come from across our community to play a major part in our worship experience. I invite you to come to this special worship opportunity, so that we can show our Christian unity throughout our community.



Thanksgiving Community Service

There will be a greater Hastings area
Community Thanksgiving Service at **6:00 p.m.**
on **Sunday, November 24** here at Grace.



I am so thankful how God continues to show us grace. As we welcomed Walker James Heise, as a baptized brother in Christ on October 13, 2024. We realize God’s love that comes to us. We pray for David, Jamie, and ourselves as we raise Walker in our Christian faith. We will share in the times of trial, joy, grief, laughter, hardship and plain ordinary days, as we celebrate our lives in the care of Jesus. Let us give God thanks for all that is given us. I hope that we can join in a time of thanks everyday, but also on this special day of Sunday, November 24 at 6:00 pm.

Pastor Ken +

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**Deadline for the
December GraceGram is
November 17, 2024.**

Send your articles to:
Anna Scheck
parishadmin@grace-
hastings.org

All Saints Day November 3



We will remember the saints, especially those mentioned on the list that has been in the gathering area.

PASTY SALE

Saturday November 9
Order your pasties on the bulletin board or call 269-945-9414
Unbaked are \$7 and Baked are \$8
Pickup on Nov 9: **10:30am-1:30pm for unbaked and 11am-1:30pm for baked**



Scan this QR Code to access secure online giving.



Social Activities invites you to **Movie Night**

November 16th, 6:00- 8:30pm

We will be watching

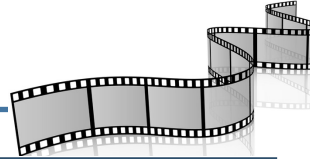
Inside Out 2

a Disney Pixar movie for all ages.

It is the highest grossing animated movie of all time. Please feel free to bring a snack to share.

Sign up on the bulletin board!

Come and enjoy the fellowship.

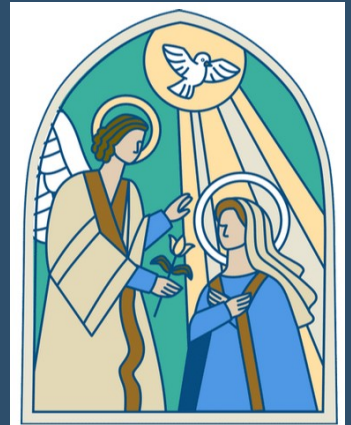


Midweek Advent Services

Mark Your Calendar

This year we will be celebrating the Advent season by gathering on Wednesday evenings on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Wednesday Advent meals will take place in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6 pm.

The worship service will follow beginning at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, using Holden Evening Prayer. We hope you can join us.



STUDY STATEMENT

We believe we are all created in God's image and are all called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, and called to unite all people in God's love. We welcome and affirm all people. We invite those who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join us in our common journey, which includes the **LGBTQIA+** community. Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, race, nationalities, ethnic background, sexual orientations, gender identities, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels, and theological backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will continually strive to "Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)



LGBTQIA+ = Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Aromantic.

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Christmas Family Adoptions

Once again this year the Outreach Committee is planning to adopt five families from the Hastings area to receive family food baskets and gifts for each child in the family. Watch for the **grocery list** to be posted on the bulletin board and the **children's gift chart** to be set up in the gathering area later this month. The deadline for gift drop off is December 15.

Social Activities is sponsoring a Christmas fellowship

Jesus Birthday

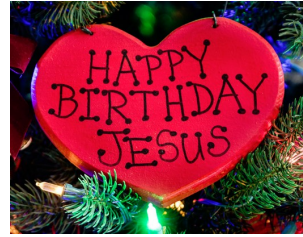
December 8 after the 10:45 service

There will be a variety of snacks and things to eat. We

also will have the opportunity of a

White Elephant Exchange

for those wishing to participate. Those wishing may prepare Christmas gift bags for the home bound. Be sure to mark December 8th on your calendar for a joy



filled fellowship time. On December 15, you're invited to bring out the Christmas decorations. Watch for more information in the December Gracegram!

Lessons & Carols

The choirs of Grace Lutheran and Emmanuel Episcopal Church will present a service of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 1 at 4 PM.

All are warmly welcomed!
Cookie Reception to Follow

Join us at Emmanuel Episcopal
315 W. Center St. in Hastings
Please utilize street parking

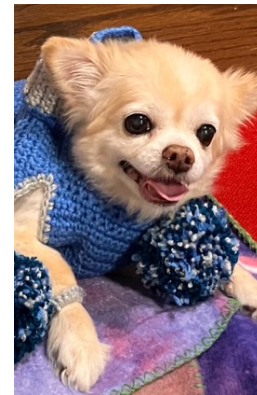
emmanuelhastings.org
grace-hastings.org

A Note From Deb Watson

Thank you for all the cards, hugs, prayers, and support you gave me.



Deb Watson



P.S. I always said and believed Tina was everyone's dog. I just took care of her.

In Memory of Tina

Coming in December: Ecumenical Advent Lunches

During advent, we will be sharing in midday meals with worship or Bible study.

Please consider joining in this time of fellowship and community.



Lunches will be at **noon on Wednesdays**, with the following schedule:

December 4th at Green St UMC

December 11th at Nashville UMC

December 18th here at Grace



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THANK YOU!

To the Grace Lutheran Church Family ~
On behalf of the Food Pantry we send a note of THANKS!

We appreciate all of your donations and the generosity of all. Thank you for taking the time to collect all of the food and to drop it off here at Green Street Church ~

May God Bless Each of You!

Becky Wright, Ministry Assistant at
Green Street Church and Bill McKenna

Give now for hurricane response

Are you looking for a reliable organization to give to for hurricane relief?

Go to www.elca.org and click the red donate button.

DONATE

Lutheran Disaster Response is the disaster ministry of the ELCA, carrying out the church's model of accompaniment in deep relationship with organizations and churches throughout the United States and around the world. They stay in a community long after disaster strikes, working to make it stronger than before.

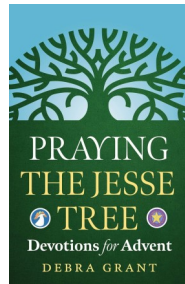
2025 Calendars

God's Creation Calendars are available for \$5.00 in the Gathering Area. Payment envelopes can be put in the offering plate or placed on the Parish Administrator's desk.



Advent Devotionals

Will be available again for the 2024 Advent season. Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.



Mark your calendars!

Brothers of Grace Annual Christmas Dinner Night Out will be on Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

This year we are celebrating at the Riverdog Tavern in Middleville.



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NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Social Activities Committee Meeting
is Monday, November 4 at 4:30 pm.

Women of Faith



The Women of Faith Bible Study meets **Tuesdays at 11 am** (no meeting November 26th)
They invite any women to join when they can—don't worry about missing a week here and there. The current study topic is the women of the New Testament.

Outreach Committee Meeting
is Monday, November 11 at 3:00 pm.

Executive Committee Meeting
is Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 pm.

Brothers of Grace

Meets on Thursday,
November 14
at 6:00 pm. All men
are welcome.



Congregation Council Meeting
is Tuesday, November 19 at 5:30 pm.

Crop Walk Update

The Crop Walk raised over \$5,500.
Four local food pantries will receive \$325 each!



Hand2Hand

The **Outreach Committee** invites you to help the Hand2Hand Program. We are collecting Yoo Hoo chocolate milk, individual pudding cups, Slim Jims, granola bars, individual instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, and individual mac and cheese. Check the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for November's additional needed items. Please place all donations in the box at the front entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Comp. Thank you for helping otherwise hungry children on the weekends at our local schools.



Grace is looking to have people share in ministry



Grace is currently looking for servants of God to share the ministry of Jesus Christ by finding a Stewardship Chair, an Outreach Chair, and a "fulltime" Treasurer. We are thankful that Deborah Wilke has come forward to do the Kitchen Manager ministry position. If you are interested in sharing ministry in any capacity, please let Tim Schoessel know.



The *Giving Tree* will be set up in the gathering area after the Thanksgiving holiday.

What is needed most are individually packaged snack products for students. These are items often purchased out-of-pocket by the teachers themselves.

Tags will be placed on the tree listing donation suggestions.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<p>Grace Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm</p>		<p>Pastor Ken's Office Hours Mon-Thurs 10am-12pm</p>			1	2	
<p>3</p>  <p>All Saints Sunday Worship Services 8 & 10:45am</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Social Activities Committee 4:30pm</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Women of Faith 11am</p> 	6	<p>7</p> <p>Pasty Dough Making 9-11am</p> <p>Bell Choir 2:30-5:30pm</p> 	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p>  <p>Pasty Sale 7:30am-1pm</p> <p>Pickup: 10:30-1:30 unbaked 11-1:30 baked</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>Worship Services 8 & 10:45am <i>In person and Online Worship</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Outreach Committee 3pm</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Women of Faith 11am</p> <p>Executive Committee 5:30pm</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Bell Choir 2:30-5:30pm</p> <p>Brothers of Grace 6pm</p> 	15	<p>16</p>  <p>Movie Night 6-8:30pm</p> 	
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<p>24</p> <p>Worship Services 8 & 10:45am</p> <p>Thanksgiving Service 6 pm</p>	25	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day <i>Office Closed</i></p> 		<p>29</p> 	30

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

Our Homebound Friends:

Opal Gillons	Thornapple Manor 2700 Nashville Road Hastings, MI 49058
Elsie Merrow	Woodlawn Meadows 1825 East Street Hastings, MI 49058
Doris Allerding	Woodlawn Meadows #15
Beverly Brown	Woodlawn Meadows
Shirley Beck	Hope Landing 1252 North Cochran #116 Charlotte, MI 48813
Karl Golnek	c/o Medilodge 2786 - 56th Street, SW Wyoming, MI 49418

Loved Ones Serving in the 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)

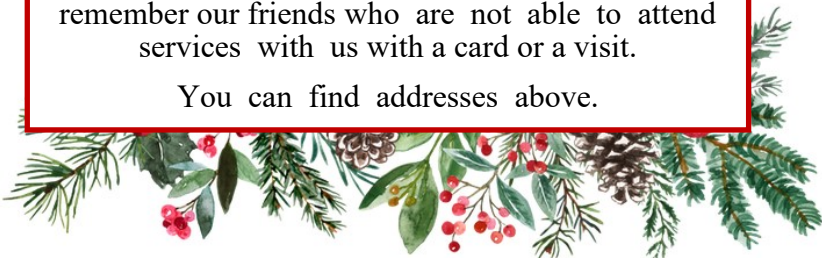
Ed and Jeanette Markwart
Nathen Schick



Remembering Our Homebound Friends

As the holidays approach it's a great time to remember our friends who are not able to attend services with us with a card or a visit.

You can find addresses above.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Dean & Nyla Rounds	11/12
Barry & Margaret Wood	11/15
Joe & Sharon Varkula	11/28



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Doug Neeb	11/05
Sean Benedict	11/11
Steve Carr	11/15
Dan Patton	11/23
John Burdick	11/25



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 10:45 am
Worship also On-line:
www.grace-hastings.org

Our Staff:

Ken Scheck II
Minister of Word and Sacrament
kscheckii@aol.com
Cindy Olson, *Minister of Music*
Kim Domke, *Bell Choir Director*
kdomke08@gmail.com

Anna Scheck, *Parish Administrator*
Mon–Thurs 9AM - 1PM
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org
Brenda Hess, *Financial Coordinator*
Aurora Collins, *Nursery*
Nathan Freedlund, *Custodian*



OUR
MISSION

Saved by Grace.
Called to Worship.
Sent to Serve.

Leadership for 2024-2025

Executive Committee:

President: *Tim Schoessel*
Vice President: *Jamie Heise*
Secretary: *Lisa Pohl*
Treasurer: *Randy Teegardin*

Church Council Members/Liaisons:

Erin Franks
(Congregational Care)
Doug Neeb (Property)
Patti Comp (Outreach)
Mark Anton (Youth & Family)
Bill Freedlund
(Social Activities)
Greg Franks (Stewardship)
Deb Watson (Small Groups)
Gary Golnek (Worship)



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