



# JUNE 2025 GRACEGRAM

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

Loving Spirit,  
loving Spirit,  
you have  
chosen me  
to be.  
You have  
drawn me to  
your wonder,  
you have set  
your sign  
on me.

~ Shirley Erena  
Murray



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

*Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.*

**Romans 12:11-13**

### CAN YOU GUESS?

Grace Lutheran welcomes Cindy Olson as our new Parish Administrator, as Anna Scheck transitions into full-time employment at the Barry Community Foundation.



Anna is our current PA



Cindy will be MOM and PA

Can you guess who I am talking about? Is it Anna or is it Cindy? This woman was a staff member and worked in Lutheran camping ministry. This person grew up in the Lutheran Church her entire life. This female is a musician. This lady was in a marching band; in fact, she played a woodwind instrument throughout her band career. This teenager sang in a high school choir. This person was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. This woman was born in Ohio. If you haven't guessed yet, I could have been talking about either Cindy or Anna.

As Anna (current Parish Administrator) and Cindy (current Minister of Music) have many things in common, so do all members of Grace Lutheran Church. We have a love for this place Jesus has given us to share in God's ministry. I am so thankful that we have been blessed by strong and faithful Parish Administrators. Wendy Kimble, Brenda Hess, Anna Scheck and now Cindy Olson, who have strengthened the purpose and opportunity to share God's grace abundantly here at Grace Lutheran Church.

At the time of this writing, the office hours will remain from open 2- 6 pm. When the transition is complete, there will be a change to the hours. God has blessed us with many skills and opportunities to share in being the loving people God has called us to be in the Hastings area. I am thankful that we have a seamless change in this position. The congregation will be enriched by the willing spirit of cooperation and purpose of being ready to serve our community with the joy and care we have experienced through God's grace.

Serving Christ with you,  
Pastor Ken +

**Deadline for the July/  
August GraceGram is  
June 17, 2025.**

Send your articles to:  
**Anna Scheck**

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# GRACE'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT THE POHOLSKI'S

**Sunday, June 22nd after church, with food starting at noon**

Please bring a lawn chair. A sign up sheet for sides and desserts will be on the bulletin board.

Hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be provided by Poholski's.

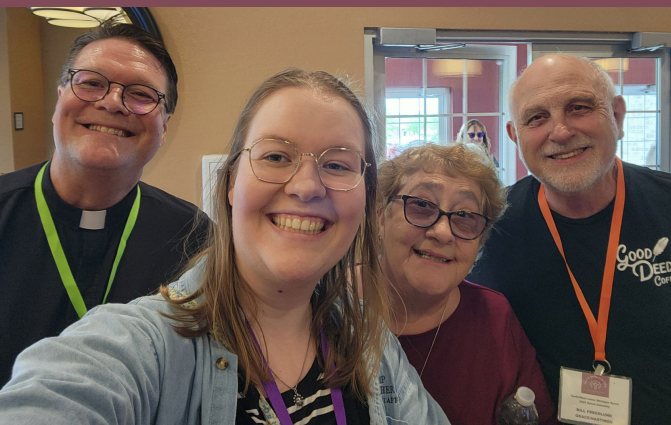


The performance of *Nunsense* at Turkeyville was enjoyed by all!



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## Synod Assembly Recap:

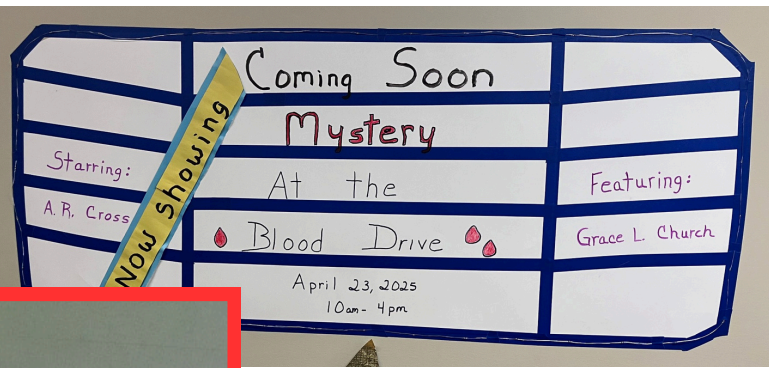


We were blessed to gather together as a synod, especially as we elected Pastor Julie Schneider-Thomas as our new Bishop. Pastor Julie is currently Co-Dean of the Grand Rapids conference (our conference). We also made many great connections with friends old and new throughout the synod!



# April's Blood Drive

PHOTOS FROM THE "THEATER"



Thank you so much to everyone who helped to decorate, contributed snacks for donors, and gave their time running the drive. We had 15 units donated, and had tons of fun!

Summer is finally here!  
Mark your calendars for the next Blood Drive:

**Fun in the Sun**

June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

A colorful illustration with a sunburst background. On the left, a red blood drop character is surfing on a blue and yellow surfboard. On the right, a red blood drop character is sitting on a beach chair under a blue and yellow umbrella. The text "Fun in the Sun" is written in large, bubbly, orange letters in the center.

# ***EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!***



The end of the year Clapper Kids concert will be on  
**Sunday, June 1st at 1:30** at the  
Woodland Meadows assisted living building.

All are welcome to come enjoy bells, chimes, Boomwhackers and other rhythm activities. We could use a few more voices when we sing some traditional hymns for the residents and staff.

Please join in the neighborhood fun! Any questions, please check with Kim Domke

***COME FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AT WOODLAND MEADOWS.***

## **MEETING TIME**



**The 2025 Annual  
Congregational Meeting**  
is scheduled for  
**Sunday, July 13, 2025**  
**after worship.**  
Please plan to attend.

*10th Annual  
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show*

At Grace  
Lutheran  
Church

July 27, 2025: 9am - 3pm

The background of this section is a photograph of several classic cars, including a prominent red one with its hood open, parked at an outdoor car show.

Do you own a classic or antique car, truck or motorcycle?

Do you enjoy checking out all the older model vehicles?

Come enjoy our 10th annual car, truck & motorcycle show!

Dash plaques for the first 45 entries  
Registration begins at 9 AM

Join us for the 10:00 AM church service under the tent  
Food and Beverage provided by Thrivent beginning at 11:30

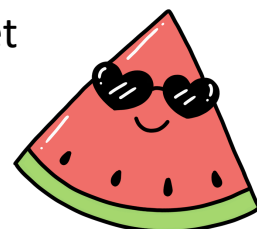


## The Women of Faith Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 11 am

They invite any women to join when they can—don't worry about missing a week here and there. The current study resource is called "Listening to God." They will finish this study on June 10. Regular Bible Study meetings will pick back up in the fall.



This Summer, Women of Faith will continue to meet for more casual discussions on Tuesdays at 11 am. These meetings may be at Grace or at Tyden Park. Please contact Deb Watson for more information.



## Thanks for Supporting Hand2Hand this School Year

We had a great year of helping to feed otherwise hungry students on the weekends! As of May, we were supporting 101 students. A highlight of the year was the success of the Thanksgiving Bags. THANK YOU! Food collection will begin again when school is back in session after summer break.



## Over 900 people visited for the Vocal Jazz Festival



"On behalf of hundreds of students and their directors who performed throughout the day at Grace as part of the annual Vocal Jazz Festival, it is with sincere appreciation that I say a BIG "Thank you!"

Your generosity in sharing your church's wonderful sanctuary acoustics, as well as the "built-in" logistical ease of moving choirs throughout the building, all contributed to the success of the festival.

We are so fortunate to be able to use your facility!"

- Robert C. Oster, TAC Vocal Jazz Festival Coordinator



# The BOC and WOF Meal was a blast!



**Save the Date:**

**August 17 at 3:00 pm**

**Lakeside Concert by the Cereal City  
Concert Band at the Kellogg Manor House**



"Join us on this special day when the Kellogg Manor House will be open for free self-guided tours. Docents will be available to answer questions as you explore the home, offering a unique opportunity to learn about the Kellogg family, their time spent in the home, and its varied history over the years. Enjoy the surrounding gardens with charming vistas overlooking Gull Lake and investigate the estate through a self-guided walking tour using maps with plant identification to enhance your experience.

After touring the Manor House, stay for our annual Lakeside Concert featuring the Cereal City Concert Band of Battle Creek. This concert is free-of-charge, courtesy of the W.K.Kellogg Conference Center and Manor House. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to accompany the picturesque views of the lake. Be sure not to miss this chance to explore all that is on offer at this tranquil and treasured location."

**Self-Guided Tours are from Noon-3 pm**

**Join the Social Activities Committee for a  
fun Sunday Afternoon**

**Thank You for  
supporting the  
Spring Flower  
Sale!**

**We will be sending  
\$500 in profit to  
Samaritas.**

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.



SAVE THE DATE:



**WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13 - 14,  
FROM NOON TO NOON  
AT TYDEN PARK**

## Synod Assembly Scavenger Hunt

Anna came in 2nd place in a digital scavenger hunt at Synod Assembly! Here's some of the friends she took photos with as part of the challenge.



Deacon Mary Ann Schwabe,  
Executive for Synod Relations  
in the ELCA



Pastor Kate Van Valkenburg,  
United Campus Christian  
Fellowship in Grand Rapids



Pastor Jake Lehman,  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
in Kalamazoo



Sandy Schlesinger,  
Vice President of  
Synod Council

## STUDY STATEMENT: SHARING GOD'S GRACE WITH ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE OUTCAST



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

## June Meetings

6/2 Social Activities Committee at 1:30 pm

6/3 Women of Faith at 11:00 am

6/9 Outreach Committee at 3:00 pm

6/10 Women of Faith at 11:00 am

6/10 Executive Committee at 5:30 pm

6/12 Brothers of Grace

6/17 Summer Women of Faith at 11:00 am


















6/17 Congregation Council at 5:30 pm

6/24 Summer Women of Faith at 11:00 am

**ATTENTION FELLAS: BROTHERS  
OF GRACE WILL BE MEETING IN  
JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST! COME  
ENJOY THE SUMMER WITH US!**

We, Grace Lutheran Church, Hastings, Michigan, 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

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:30 am <b>Clapper Kids Concert at Woodlawn Meadows</b> 1:30 pm 	2 Social Activities Committee 1:30 pm	3 Women of Faith 11 am 	4 	5 	6 	7 
8 Worship 9:30 am <b>Pentecost</b> 	9  Outreach Committee 3 pm	10 Women of Faith 11 am  Executive Committee 5:30 pm	11 	12  Brothers of Grace 6 pm	13	14
15  <b>Father's Day</b> Worship 9:30 am	16 	17 <b>Summer</b> Women of Faith 11 am  Congregation Council 5:30 pm	18	19	20 <b>First Day of SUMMER</b> 	21
22 Worship 9:30 am <b>Annual Church Picnic at the Poholski's</b> 12:00 pm 	23	24 <b>Summer</b> Women of Faith 11 am 	25	26 	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 am <i>In person and Online</i>	30 <b>Fun in the Sun Blood Drive</b> 10 am-4 pm 	<b>Grace Office Hours:</b> Monday - Thursday 2 pm - 6 pm		<b>Pastor Ken's Office Hours:</b> Mon, Wed, & Thurs 3 pm - 5 pm		



**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
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)

*Nephew and Godson of Ed and Kim Domke*

Seth Domke (Cherry Point, North Carolina)

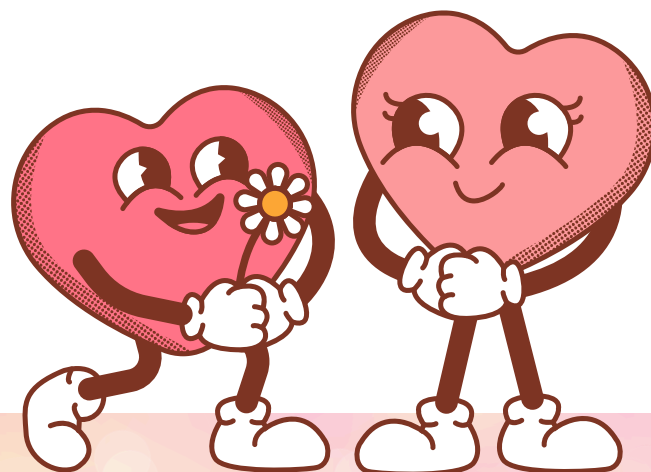
*Nephews of Ed and Jeanette Markwart*

Hudson Schick (Air Force, New Mexico)

Leopold Schick (Air Force, Germany)

## *June Birthdays*

Gwen Hansen	6/3
Opal Gillons	6/6
Bev McManaway	6/10
Jackson Barnaart	6/12
Vickey Argo	6/14
Laura Scheck	6/19
Tom Drumm	6/24
Susan Barnaart	6/30
Diana Brown	6/30



## *June Anniversaries*

Dan & Melissa Patton	6/10
Dick & Linda Melcher	6/11
Dennis & Deborah Wilke	6/11
Ed & Kim Domke	6/17
Phil & Amy Poholski	6/17
Russ & Linda Trongo	6/23
Steve & Traci Wales	6/24
Jack & Carol Vos	6/26





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Our hands.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am

Worship also On-line:  
[www.grace-hastings.org](http://www.grace-hastings.org)



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

### Our Staff:

Ken Scheck II

*Minister of Word and Sacrament*  
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Cindy Olson, *Minister of Music*

Kim Domke, *Bell Choir Director*  
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Anna Scheck, *Parish Administrator*  
*and Financial Coordinator*

**Mon-Thurs 2PM - 6PM**

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Aurora Collins, *Nursery*

Nathan Freedlund, *Custodian*

### 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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