



NOVEMBER 2025

GRACEGRAM

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

At last
the march
shall end;
the wearied
ones shall
rest;
the pilgrims
find their
home at last,
Jerusalem
the blest.

Rejoice!
Rejoice!
Rejoice, give
THANKS
and
SING!

~Edward H.

Plumtre

**Deadline for the
December GraceGram
is November 17, 2025.**

Send your articles to:
Cindy Olson

parishadmin@grace-hastings.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

You who sit in the God's presence, abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1



**The Gathering Space has a new look thanks to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids**

Grace Lutheran Church has been blessed by generous and gracious people over the years. A few weeks ago, the Congregation Council accepted the gift of chairs from St. Luke Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids. Many of you have already experienced these comfortable chairs. Not only are the chairs in our Gathering Area, but they are also located in the sanctuary, overflow room, money counter room and the conference room.

We are blessed with the kindness of others. We rejoice that we are able to sit back and take a rest in these comfortable chairs. We rejoice in the generosity of God's people and the partnership within the body of Christ. I hope you can take a load off your feet and enjoy fellowship in these new chairs. Let us sit in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor Ken +

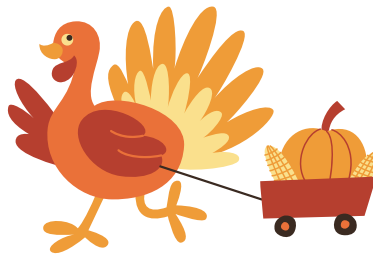


Yehiel Curry
installed as
Presiding Bishop of the ELCA



We celebrate that Grace Lutheran Church
continues in partnership with the
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HAPPY
Thanks Giving



BE THANKFUL.
BE
Grateful
&
BE BLESSED.

Thanksgiving Community Service

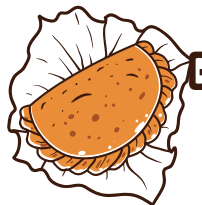
THERE WILL BE A GREATER HASTINGS AREA
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

6:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

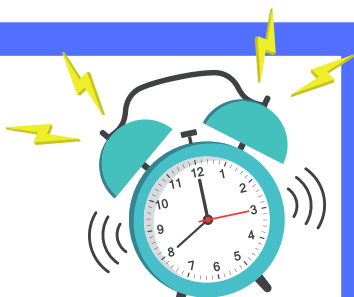
AT HASTINGS NAZARENE CHURCH





GET YOUR PASTIES NOVEMBER 1ST
HELP MAKE THEM IF YOU CAN!

**Daylight
Savings
Time**



Ends on November 2nd
**Don't Forget to Set Back
your Clock!**



Scan this QR
Code to
access secure
online giving.

October 31st, 2025

TRUNK - OR - TREAT

Join us in sharing the fun, by
handing out candy and some
good cheer for this annual event

5:00 until 7:00 pm

Doors open at 4 pm for decorating



Cindy's Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
10:00 am - 2:30 pm



hand2hand
because a hungry child hurts

Hand2Hand helps 77 needy local
students over weekends when meals are
not provided by the school. Please
consider donating any of the following:



Fruit Snacks



Individual Macaroni & Cheese

Snack Pack Pudding Cups



Individual Oatmeal Packets

Ramen Noodles



Granola Bars



Microwave Popcorn

Any updates will be posted on the bulletin board.

Thank You,
Outreach

**Pr. Ken's Office
Hours**

Monday &

Wednesday

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

&

Thursday

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



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Our hands.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am

Childcare is available
Worship also On-line:
www.grace-hastings.org



OUR
MISSION

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

Our Staff:

Ken Scheck II *Minister of Word and
Sacrament* kscheckii@aol.com

Cindy Olson, *Minister of Music
& Parish Administrator*
Mon-Weds 10AM- 2:30PM
parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

Kim Domke, *Bell Choir Director*
kdomke08@gmail.com

Aurora Collins, *Nursery*

Nathan Freedlund, *Custodian*

Leadership for 2024-2025 Executive Committee:

President: **Tim Schoessel**
Vice President: **Vickey Argo**
Secretary: **Jami e Heise**
Treasurer: **Randy Teegardin**

Church Council Members/Liaisons:

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

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

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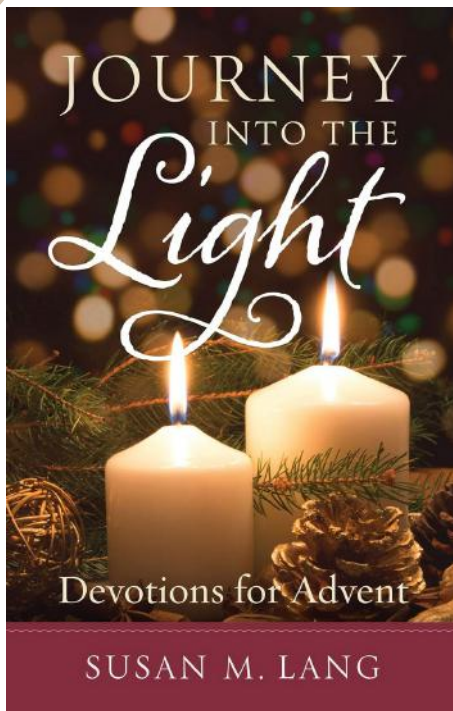
NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Social Activities Committee – 1:30 pm Monday, 11/3
Women of Faith – 11:00 am Tuesdays 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, & 11/24
Brothers of Grace – 6:00 pm Thursday 11/6
Worship Committee – after worship Sunday 11/9
Outreach Committee – 3:00 pm Monday 11/10
Executive Committee – 5:30 pm Tuesday 11/11
Congregation Council – 5:30 pm Tuesday 11/18

The *Giving Tree* will be set up in the gathering area after the Thanksgiving holiday. What is needed most is individually packaged snacks for students. These items are often purchased out-of-pocket by the teachers themselves.



Advent Devotionals will be available for the 2025 Advent season. Details to come.



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 3rd at St. Rose
December 10th here at Grace Lutheran
December 17th at First Presbyterian



Join the Hastings Womens Club at Culvers Tuesday, November 4th from 5 - 8 pm.
A portion of the proceeds that evening will benefit their Scholarship Fund.

SHARING GOD'S GRACE WITH ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE OUTCAST



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

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



Social Activities Committee
is sponsoring
Jesus' Birthday
December 14th after worship.
There will be a variety of
snacks available .



There will also be the opportunity for a
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
for those wishing to participate.
There will also be Christmas gift bags
to prepare for the homebound if you'd
like to help with those.



Be sure to mark your calendars for December 14th
& join us for a joy-filled time of fun & fellowship!

2026 Calendars



God's Creation calendars
area 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.



Midweek *Advent* Meals and Worship

Join us in celebrating this Advent
season on Wednesday evenings,
December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.



Meals will be in the Fellowship Hall
starting at 6 pm. Worship will follow in
the Sanctuary at 7 pm, using
Holden Evening Prayer as our format.



Adopt a Family



The Outreach Committee is once again planning to adopt five
families from the Hasings 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 14th.



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

Our Homebound Friends:

Shirley Beck	Hope Landing 1252 North Cochran #116 Charlotte, MI 48813
Karl Golnek	c/o Medilodge 2786 - 56th Street, SW Wyoming, MI 49418
Kay Howell	2950 McKeown Rd, Apt 820 Hastings, MI 49058
Diana Brown	703 W Woodlawn Ave Hastings, MI 49058
Jeanette Ulrich	3887 S M-37 Hwy Hastings, MI 49058

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)

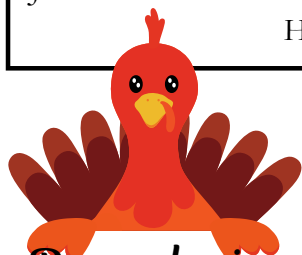
Nephew and Godson of Ed and Kim Domke

Seth Domke (Cherry Point, North Carolina)

Nephews of Ed and Jeanette Markwart

Hudson Schick (Air Force, New Mexico)

Leopold Schick (Air Force, Germany)



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. Consider sending a card or offering to pay a visit.

You can find addresses above.



November Birthdays

Doug Neeb
Steve Carr
Erin Franks
Dan Patton
John Burdick



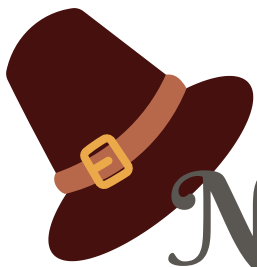
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

& Anniversaries

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

Happy Anniversary





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Pasty Sale
2 Worship 9:30 am All Saints' Day	3 Social Activities Committee 1:30 pm	4 Women of Faith 11:00 am	5	6 Brothers of Grace 6:00 pm	7	8
9 Worship 9:30 am	10 Outreach Committee 3:00 pm	11 Women of Faith 11:00 am Executive Committee 5:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 9:30 am Worship Committee after church	17	18 Women of Faith 11:00 am Council 5:30 pm	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:30 am Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00 pm	24	25 Women of Faith 11:00 am	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Worship 9:30 am Advent 1		IN ALL Things GIVE Thanks				