



OCTOBER 2025 GRACEGRAM

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

Lead me,
guide me,
along the way;

for if you
lead me,
I cannot stray.

Lord, let me
walk
each day
with thee.

Lead me,
O Lord,
lead me.

I am weak
and I need
your strength
and power

to help me
over my
weakest hour.

~Doris Akers



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

No one elects themselves to this honored position.

Hebrews 5:4

PASTOR KEN SCHECK IS THE NEW GREATER GRAND RAPIDS DEAN



**Pastor Ken and Laura at the Brothers of Grace
Whitecaps game**

I like to have fun, even while working. I have attended all but three Greater Grand Rapids Conference meetings since being here at Grace Lutheran Church. These meetings have helped me make connections with the local clergy. What does the Dean do? The Dean puts together programs, ministers to pastors and meets with the bishop. There really was no election, as all other candidates backed out. Yet, the conference decided to vote anyway. At least this time in ministry no one voted no! I was and am humbled by the wonderful support.

We are all busy people and we need each other. I hope you can take time to rest, as we need to enjoy each other's company, and continue to build one another up in Christ,

Pastor Ken +

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

Send your articles to:
Cindy Olson

parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

Cindy's Office Hours

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

**Pastor Ken's office hours are
Monday & Wednesday 10 am - 1 pm,
and Thursday 10 am - 12 pm.**



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online giving.



The Annual Heritage Potluck

is Sunday, October 26th
after worship.

Remember to sign up on the
bulletin board
and bring a dish to pass.

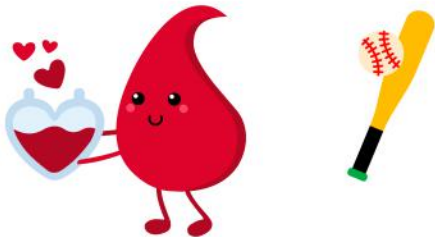
We look forward to
a time of fun and fellowship!



Our "Sports World" Blood
Drive scored big - 21 units of
blood were donated in August!

A special THANK YOU to everyone
who brought sports equipment/items
in for our display.

It really made our theme stand out!



**The next Blood Drive is
October 27th 10 am - 4 pm**

**THEME: "FALL -
LAUGHTER - FUN"**



You can sign up to give blood or encourage
someone else by calling
1-800-Red-Cross, going to redcross.org,
or the app.



You can volunteer to
help by bringing
refreshments or
helping with
registration.
Prayers for a
successful day
are always welcome!





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

**All Saints' Sunday is
November 2nd.**

If you have someone
you'd like to add to the
list of Saints, please add
them to the list in the
Gathering area by
Sunday, October 26th.



hand2hand
because a hungry child hurts

Hand2Hand helps food-insecure families and students, particularly over weekends, when regular meals are not provided. Please consider donating any of the following items:

Individual Oatmeal Packets

Granola Bars Microwave Popcorn

Fruit Snacks Ramen Noodles

Snack Pack Pudding Cups

Any donation is appreciated!



**Reformation
Sunday is
October 26th**



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



Pasty Sale

is November 1st

Details and Sign-Up

to come!



**Help
Needed**



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in America

God's work.

Our hands.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am

Childcare is available
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
& 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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OCTOBER Meetings

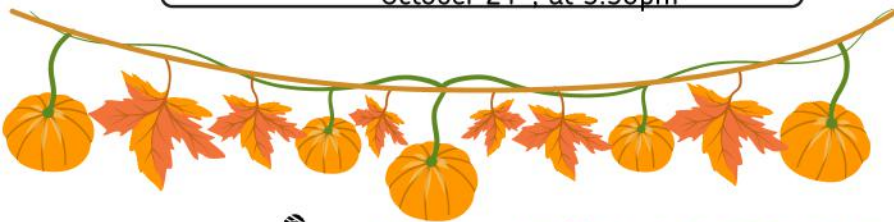
Women of Faith meets on Tuesdays at 11am
October 7, 14, 21, & 28

Brothers of Grace meets on Thursday,
October 9th, at 6pm

Outreach Committee meets on Monday,
October 13th, at 3pm

Executive Committee meets on Tuesday,
October 14th, at 5:30pm

Grace Council meets on Tuesday,
October 21st, at 5:30pm



THE 43RD ANNUAL BARRY COUNTY CROP WALK IS OCTOBER 12TH.

Green Street United Methodist Church will be the hosting
congregation again this year.

Registration begins at 1:30 pm, and the walk begins at 2:00 pm.

There is more information in the gathering area.

Donations for CROP Walk helps stave off hunger throughout the
world. In fact, 75% of all donations is distributed world wide through
and organization called Church World Services. The remaining 25% of
donations remain in Barry County!



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

Relay for Life Update

Thank you for providing
40 luminaries to the
Relay for Life walk
that took place last month.
The event was a great
success,
and we are proud to
support this ministry.
The team brought in a
total of \$1,400!

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 Freedhunds
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)



October Birthdays

Melissa Patton	10/2
Victoria Steadman	10/8
Matt Mikolajczyk	10/9
Brenda Teegardin	10/9
Ron Neil	10/9
Ed Domke	10/10
Carla Neil	10/10
Dave Heise	10/15
Joe Varkula	10/16
Kristi Winick	10/16
Ken Scheck	10/19
MacKenzie Maupin	10/19
Connor Wales	10/27
Larry Maupin	10/31



& Anniversaries

Ron & Carla Neil	10/3
Tom & Cheryl Drumm	10/6
Greg & Erin Franks	10/7
Joe Longcor & Vickey Argo	10/23
Gary & Lisa Golnek	10/28
Ethan & Kelsey Scheck	10/29



Congratulations
HAPPY
Anniversary

Happy Birthday



OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:30 am 		7 Women of Faith 11 am 	8	9 Brothers of Grace 6 pm 	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 am  Barry County CROP Hunger Walk	13 Outreach Committee 3 pm	14 Women of Faith 11 am Executive Committee 5:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 am	20 	21 Women of Faith 11 am Council 5:30 pm	22	23  Voice Recital Bob Oster Studio 7pm	24 	25 
26 Worship 9:30 am Heritage Potluck after worship	27  FALL - LAUGHTER - FUN BLOOD DRIVE 10AM-4PM 	28 Women of Faith 11 am	29 	30	31 TRUNK OR TREAT 5-7 PM  Happy Halloween 	November 1st Pasty Sale

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Pr. Ken's Office Hours:
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Thurs 10am - noon