



# MARCH 2026 GRACEGRAM

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

I want Jesus  
to walk with  
me.

In my trials,  
Lord, walk  
with me.

When my  
heart is  
almost  
breaking.

Lord, I want  
Jesus to walk  
with me.

~ Sojourner

African American Spiritual



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## Seeking GOD'S Way

### HAMA Luncheons Continue

Wednesdays at 12 noon March 4, 11, 18 and 25

March 4 at Hastings Church of the Nazarene with the topic **PASSION**  
presented by Pastor Nick Marlatt

March 11 at First Presbyterian with the topic **LOVE**  
presented by Pastor Ken Scheck II

March 18 at Grace Lutheran Church with the topic **LIFE**  
presented by Father Jeff Hanley

March 25 at Green Street United Methodist Church with the topic **JOY**  
presented by Lay Pastor Martha Ports



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

**Deadline for the  
March GraceGram is  
March 17, 2026.**

Send your articles to:  
**Cindy Olson**

parishadmin@grace-  
hastings.org





Holy Week

2026 Schedule

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday

Service at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday

Service at 6:00 p.m.



Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday Crosswalk

at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday

Service at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Worship

Service at 9:30 a.m.



# Easter Flowers available to order

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.

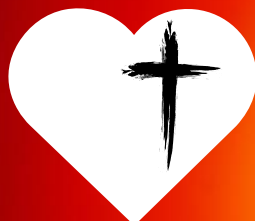
Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, race, nationalities, ethnic background, sexual orientations, gender identities, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels, and theological backgrounds.

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)

## Reconciled in Christ



Hastings High School  
Presents



*March 14th  
2:00 pm*

# Fiddler on the Roof

The Social Activities Committee  
invites you to go to dinner at  
Seasonal Grille after the musical.  
Please sign up on the bulletin board.



## *Mark Your Calendars*



Social Activities is planning a **GAME TIME** on **Sunday, April 19**, after the worship service. Come and enjoy playing card games, such as euchre, or other games. Pizza will be available but bring a snack to share! Be on the lookout for more information. We hope you'll join us!



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## 9:30 am



Childcare is available

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

### Our Staff:

Ken Scheck II *Minister of Word and  
Sacrament* [kscheckii@aol.com](mailto:kscheckii@aol.com)

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

Kim Domke, *Bell Choir Director*  
[kdomke08@gmail.com](mailto:kdomke08@gmail.com)

Aurora Collins, *Nursery*

Nathan Freedlund, *Custodian*

### Leadership for 2025-2026

#### Executive Committee:

President: **Tim Schoessel**  
Vice President: **Vickey Argo**  
Secretary: **Jamie 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)



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Our hands.**

### Grace Lutheran Church

239 E. North Street  
Hastings, MI 49058

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Address Service Requested

#### Website:

[www.grace-hastings.org](http://www.grace-hastings.org)

#### Facebook:

Grace Lutheran Church-  
ELCA Hastings, MI

#### Phone:

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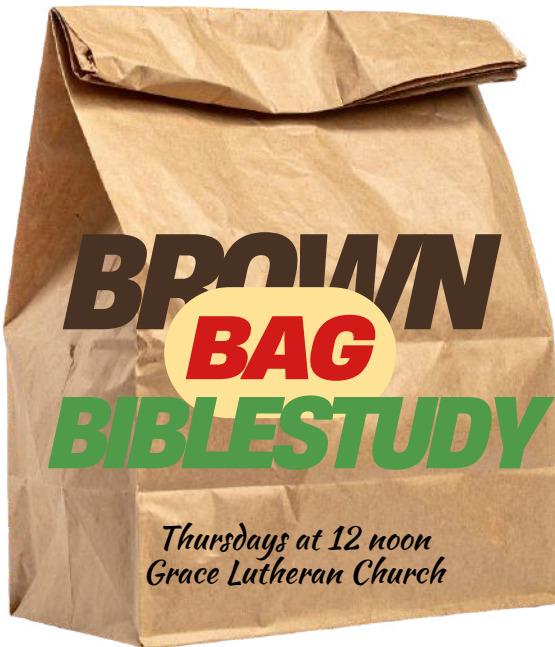
DEVOTIONS for LENT

# PLACES of the PASSION

2026 Lenten Devotional  
can be found in the  
Gathering Area at Grace



REED LESSING



**MOVE  
Forward**

I press on toward the  
goal for  
the prize of the  
heavenly call  
of God in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 3:14



Scan this QR  
Code to access  
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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.

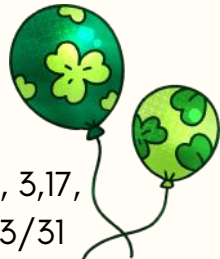
**THANK YOU  
FOR GIVING**



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## Meetings this Month:

- Social Activities - 1:30 pm on Monday 3/2
- Women of Faith - 11 am on Tuesdays 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, & 3/31
- Brown Bag Bible Study - 12 pm on Thursdays 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, & 3/26
- Outreach Committee - 3 pm on Monday 3/9
- Brothers of Grace - 10 am on Saturday 3/14
- Executive Committee - 5 pm on Tuesday 3/17
- Congregational Council - 5:30 on Tuesday 3/17



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

Pr. Ken's  
Office Hours  
Monday  
&  
Wednesday  
10:00 am - noon



The Hand2Hand program is under new leadership at Green Street Church (with whom we partner) and suggests the following items for donation. The list will stay the same each month. Please have the items at Grace by the last Sunday of each month. The Outreach Committee extends their thanks to all who donate to this program which helps feed local students in need over the weekends. **Here are the needed items:**

- Ramen Noodles
- Cheez-Its
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Microwave Popcorn
- Individual Applesauce Cups
- Cereal Bars
- Raisins
- Protein Bars
- Individual Mac & Cheese
- Fruit Cups
- Slim Jims
- Trail Mix
- Individual Oatmeal or Cereal

Thank you!

Hello Sarah Circle,  
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting Alpha Women's Center. This donation greatly helps our mission. If you would like to contribute further to our cause, or inquire about becoming a volunteer, please reach out!

Rachel Bailey, Executive Director  
rachel.bailey@alphabarrycounty.org

**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)



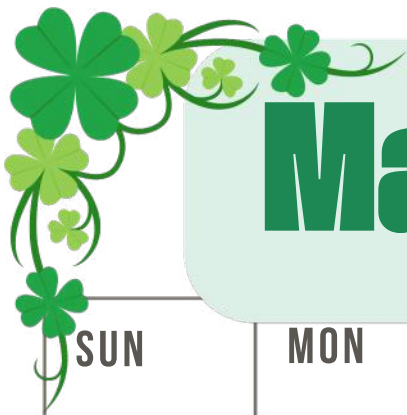
**Anniversaries**

Ed and Jeanette Markwart 3/9  
Robert and Lisa Pohl 3/23

**Birthdays**

JoLynn Leary 3/3  
Tara Schoessel 3/3  
Lance Ogden 3/8  
Jamie Heise 3/10  
Danielle Drumm 3/13  
Shayna Gibbons 3/22  
Rick Palmer 3/23  
Kim Domke 3/24  
Lisa Pohl 3/26




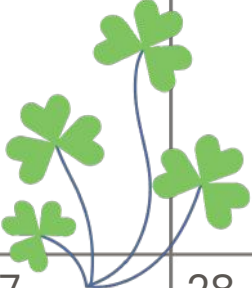






# March

# 2026

**OFFICE HOURS:** PR. KEN'S  
**MON - WED** MON & WED  
**10 AM - 2:30PM** 10AM - NOON

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 am</p> <p>Lent 2</p>	<p>2 <b>Social Activities Committee</b> 1:30 pm</p> 	<p>3 <b>Women of faith</b> 11am</p>	<p>4 <b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> at 6 pm - Dinner after worship</p>	<p>5 <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> 12 noon</p> 	6	7
<p>8 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 am</p> <p>Lent 3</p>	<p>9 <b>Outreach Committee</b> 3 pm</p> 	<p>10 <b>Women of faith</b> 11am</p>	<p>11 <b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> at 6 pm - Dinner after worship</p>	<p>12 <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> 12 noon</p>	<p>13</p> 	<p>14 <b>Brothers of Grace</b> 10 am Fiddler on the Roof HPAC 2 pm</p>
<p>15 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 am</p>  <p>Lent 4</p>	16	<p>17 <b>Women of faith</b> 11am Executive 5:00 pm Congregation Council 5:30 pm</p>	<p>18 <b>Ecumenical Luncheon here at GRACE</b> 12 noon Holden Evening Prayer 6 pm - Dinner afterwards</p>	<p>19 <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> 12 noon</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 am</p> <p>Lent 5</p>	23	<p>24 <b>Women of faith</b> 11am</p>	<p>25 <b>Holden Evening Prayer</b> at 6 pm - Dinner after worship</p>	<p>26 <b>Brown Bag Bible Study</b> 12 noon</p>	27	28
<p>29 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 am</p> <p>Holy Week begins Palm/Passion Sunday</p>	<p>30</p> 	<p>31 <b>Women of faith</b> 11am</p>	1	<p>2 <b>Maunday Thursday Worship</b> 6 pm</p> 	<p>3</p>  <p>Good Friday Worship 6 pm</p>	