



APRIL 2026 GRACEGRAM

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



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

Jesus Christ
is Risen

Today

Our
Triumphant
Holy Day

Who did
Once upon
the Cross

Suffer to
Redeem our
Loss

ALLELUIA!

~ Latin Carol

**Come celebrate
Easter on
April 5 at 9:30 am**

**Come
hear
the choir
Come
and shout
ALLELUIA!**

*Give Praise to God
who gives us new
LIFE!*



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

Send your articles to:
Cindy Olson

parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

Congratulations to Liz Markwart!



Liz is excited to announce she will be attending the University of Olivet this fall. She will be studying Sport Psychology and has committed to play for the Olivet Comets Women's basketball team.

Thanks to Deb Watson,
Laura Scheck, Bill Freedlund
and Pastor Ken for making our
two HAMA luncheons fun!

Seeking GOD'S Way



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)

*Join Us for the
Wall of Love*

11:45 am - March 28 - Thornapple
Plaza - Hastings

**GAME
TIME**



Reconciled in Christ



*Join Us for a
Prayer Vigil*

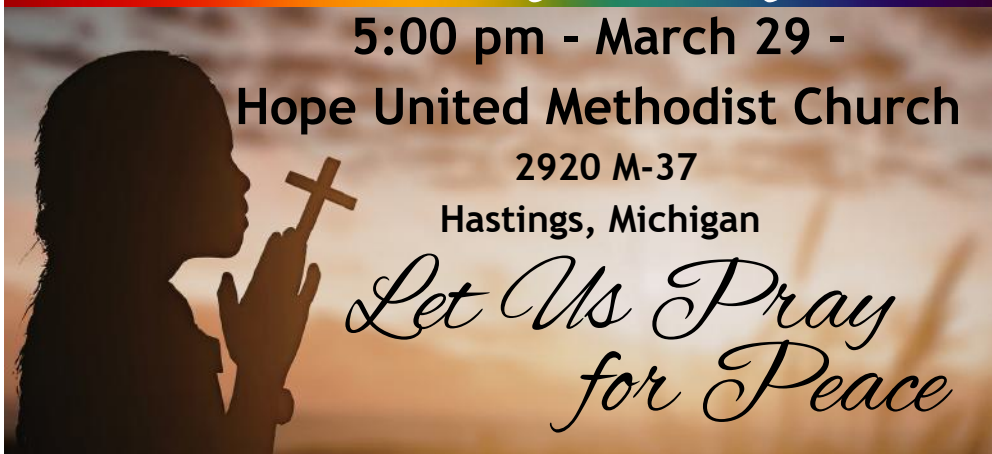
5:00 pm - March 29 -

Hope United Methodist Church

2920 M-37

Hastings, Michigan

*Let Us Pray
for Peace*

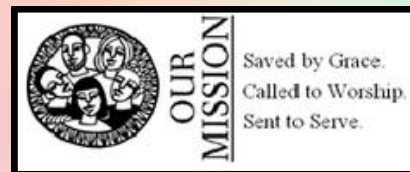


Social Activities is planning a **GAME TIME** on **Sunday, April 19**, after the worship service. Come and enjoy playing card games, such as euchre, or other games. Pizza will be available but bring a snack to share! Be on the lookout for more information. We hope you'll join us!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am



Childcare is available

Leadership for 2025-2026

Executive Committee:

President: **Tim Schoessel**

Vice President: **Vickey Argo**

Secretary: **Jamie Heise**

Treasurer: **Randy Teegardin**

Worship also On-line:
www.grace-hastings.org

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)

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*



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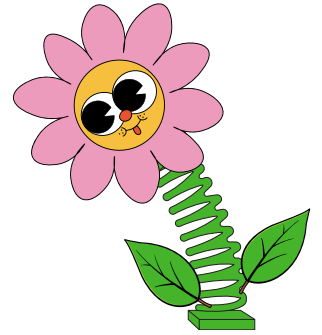
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A Note of Appreciation for the members of Thrivent who have directed their "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to Grace. Because of your thoughtfulness, we were gifted \$1230.00 this past year. Anyone with remaining 2025 Choice Dollars can direct them before they expire on March 31st.

ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE!

Grace Lutheran Church
239 E North St
Hastings MI 49058



PRE-ORDER ONLY \$6.50 per plant

by Wednesday, May 6th

Pickup on Saturday, May 9th

between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm noon

PLANTS AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING:

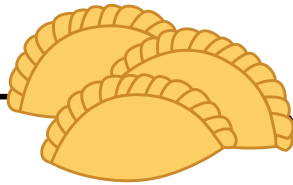
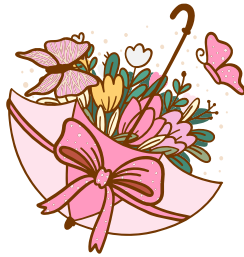
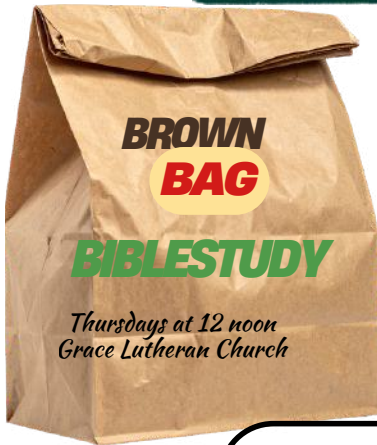
SUNPATIENS -

Tropical Rose
Electric Orange
Rose
Purple

GERANIUMS -

Red
White
Violet

Call 269.945.9414 to place your order
Monday - Wednesday, 10am - 2:30pm



Gun Safety -



If you or anyone you know has a gun that isn't sufficiently secured, there are 5 gun locks available for the taking in the church office, no questions asked.

Our next Pasty Sale is Saturday, May 2nd - stay tuned for more information. And consider lending a hand in the preparation process or sale.



Scan this QR Code to access secure online giving.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING



ELCA

Women of Faith will be starting a new topic for our Bible Study in April
Growing Older and Wiser

We meet Tuesdays, 11am-noon, at Grace
All women are welcome to join us -
don't worry if you have to miss some weeks

Meetings this Month:

- Social Activities - 1:30 pm on Monday 4/6
- Women of Faith - 11 am on Tuesdays 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, & 4/28
- Brown Bag Bible Study - 12 pm on Thursdays 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30
- Outreach Committee - 3 pm on Monday 4/13
- Brothers of Grace - 10 am on Saturday 4/11
- Executive Committee - 5 pm on Tuesday 4/21
- Congregational Council - 5:30 on Tuesday 4/21

The Crew of "A Bit of Grace"

(Pr. Ken, Cindy, Deborah, Jeanette, Bill, Megan, Paul, & Deb) would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support of our

Cruise Blood Drive held on February 23rd.

Our donors enjoyed exploring the SOS lounge, lido deck, Hope theater, & especially their favorite: the Faithful Buffet.

Again, thank you for helping make this drive a success!



Hope you look forward to the next Blood Drive on **April 20th.**

Theme: It's all Fun and Games



Upcoming Social Activities event

SHREK

the Musical

May 9th at the Dennison

Dinner to follow

Be on the lookout for more information. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon.



Please consider helping



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.

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|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Cereal Bars | Single Serving packages of | Microwave Popcorn |
| Cheez-Its | | Protein Bars |
| Fruit Cups | Applesauce | Raisins |
| Fruit Snacks | Mac & Cheese | Ramen Noodles |
| Granola Bars | Oatmeal | Trail Mix |
| | Cereal | Slim Jims |

PR. KEN'S
OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY
&
WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM - NOON

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

April 2026 at Grace

April Showers...



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Grace Office Hours Mon - Wed 10 am - 2:30 pm</p>			1	2 Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon 	3 Good Friday 6pm 	4
5 Easter Worship 9:30 am 	6 Social Activities Committee 1:30pm	7 Women of <i>faith</i> 11 am 	8	9 Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon 	10	11 Brothers of Grace 10am 
12 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:30 am	13 Outreach Committee 3pm	14 Women of <i>faith</i> 11 am 	15	16 Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon 	17	18
19 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:30 am 	20	21 Women of <i>faith</i> 11 am Executive Committee 5:00pm Congregation Council 5:30pm	22	23 Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon	24	25
26 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:30 am	27	28 Women of <i>faith</i> 11 am 	29	30 Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon 		

Pastor Ken's
Office Hours
Mon & Wed
10 am - Noon

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)

Celebrating Birthdays this Month

Jeanette Markwart 4/3
Mary Kleinbrink 4/4
Therese Maupin-Moore 4/7
Kim Markwart 4/9
Rob Pohl 4/10
John Kleinbrink 4/11
Kay Marsh 4/14
Carolyn Moffit 4/16
Clyde Watson 4/17
Phil Poholski 4/17
Cindy Olson 4/20
Carrie Duits 4/21
Linda Maupin 4/22
Barry Wood 4/28
Tanner Ogden 4/30

