



MAY 2026

GRACEGRAM

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

Awake, O
Sleeper
Rise from
Death
Christ shall
Give you
Light

~ F. Bland
Tucker



**Deadline for the
June GraceGram is
May 17, 2026.**

Send your articles to:
Cindy Olson

parishadmin@grace-hastings.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. Galatians 6:7-8

Giving Glory to God

We are called to give glory to God at all times. I do not know what it was, but there seems to be an awakening. Grace Lutheran Church had its' highest attendance on Easter since COVID 19. There were 81 people in attendance. We care for ourselves by coming to worship. We are strengthened, as we give God Glory. We are then empowered to share the good news of God's love for each and every one of us.

As we grow into warm days and longer days, many of us have been energized. Many more have been energized into new life by the power of Jesus Christ.

As we focus on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, we see new life entering into dead or lifeless places. We have seen our love for one another grow. We are on a journey to embrace those who feel on the outside. Grace Lutheran Church is a place where we come to support one another, pray for each other, and give glory to God. Let us go and invite others to share in this new life we find in Christ Jesus. Let us be empowered to share the good news of God's love.



+ *Pastor Ken*

Congratulations to Liz Markwart our 2026 Graduate



Liz is graduating from Lakewood High School. She is planning to attend Olivet University and studying Sport Psychology and playing for the Olivet Comets Women's basketball team. Come and celebrate Liz's graduation here at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 17. Congratulations, Liz!



Car Show
July 26
Worship &
Picnic



Commitment Sunday

Pledge Form

May 17, 2026



Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/We commit myself/ourselves to responding to God's work and blessing by supporting the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church in 2026/2027 with my/our gifts of service, prayer and financial support as God empowers and enables me/us.

Amount Committed for 2026-2027

\$ _____

Acknowledgement - For your records

I/We _____

have pledged \$ _____

To Grace Lutheran Church for 2026-2027



**Because of your generosity
We sent Barry County Cares \$514.00**

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)



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am

Childcare is available

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

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)

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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Our hands.**

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269-945-9414

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Meetings this Month:

- Social Activities - 1:30 pm on Monday 5/4
- Women of Faith - 11 am every Tuesday
- Brown Bag Bible Study - 12 pm every Thursday
- Brothers of Grace - 10 am on Saturday 5/9
- Outreach Committee - 3 pm on Monday 5/11
- Worship Committee - after worship on Sunday 5/17
- Congregational Care Committee - 1 pm on Monday 5/18
- Executive Committee - 5 pm on Tuesday 5/19
- Congregational Council - 5:30 on Tuesday 5/19

SHREK

the Musical

7 pm Saturday, May 9th at the Dennison. Please purchase tickets online at the Thornapple Players Website. Please let Bill Freedlund know if help is needed purchasing tickets. And indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area if you need a ride to the show.



Scan this QR Code to access secure online giving.



Women of Faith is working through the book **Growing Older and Wiser**
 We meet Tuesdays, 11am-noon, at Grace
 All women are welcome to join us at any time

Notes of Thanks

(from December 2025)

Dear Grace Lutheran Friends,

The enclosed check is a "thank you donation" to the music ministry.

We are grateful for the use of your sanctuary for my recitals.

God's abundant blessings to you and yours!

Bob and Joanie Oster



The Congregational Care Committee will meet Monday, May 18, at 1 pm



Daffodils were placed in front of the church sign in honor of Frank Bolton and in celebration of Ron Hayward.



From the Gary Simon family (4/17/26)
 THANK YOU for sharing your pastor, pianist & luncheon ladies with us,
 We appreciate your generosity.



Anne Simon
 Jim Simon
 Lee Gannon

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 - GERANIUMS -

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|-----------------|--------|
| Tropical Rose | Red |
| Electric Orange | White |
| Rose | Violet |
| Purple | |



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

The Red Cross Blood Drive on April 20th drew in 19 donors who gave 20 units of "Blood Products". Thanks to all who make this effort possible throughout the year!

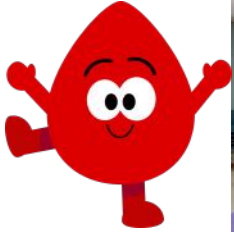


Theme: It's all Fun and Games



Game Masters

Deborah, Deb, and Holly Sue



"Jackpot" Refreshment Tables



Gallery of Games

From the Outreach Committee:



hand2hand
because a hungry child hurts

Hand2Hand We give a thank you to all who generously supported Hand2Hand this school year. May will be the last month to donate until school resumes. Due date is May 24th. Thanks for supporting this ministry. A list of items need is on the wall in the church entrance area.

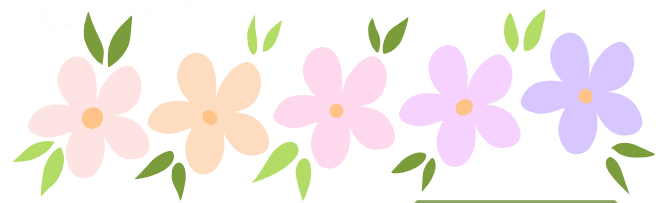


Pentecost Sunday is May 24th

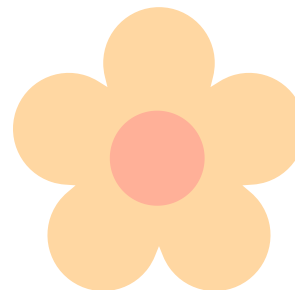
The Ascension of Our Lord is Thursday, May 14th



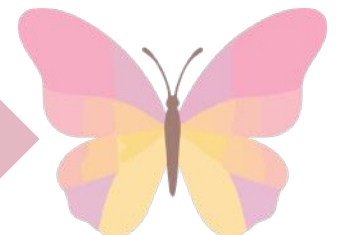
Holy Trinity Sunday is May 31st



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



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



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 c/o Hathaway Hills
New Address 1515 Meijer Drive, #19
Greenville, MI 48838

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

Sharon Varkula 5/3
Sandra Mikolajczyk 5/5
Cheryl Drumm 5/9
Kay Howell 5/13
Todd Pontius 5/15
Russ Trongo 5/17
Angela Pruitt 5/24
Ann Bolton 5/24
Tim Schoessel 5/28



Celebrating Anniversaries

Pr. Ken and Laura Scheck 5/19
Bill and Lorraine Freedlund 5/22
John and Teresa Burdick 5/24
Todd and Tina Pontius 5/30



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AT GRACE

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						 Pasty Sale	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Worship 9:30 am 	Social Activities Committee 1:30 pm	Women of faith 11 am	Last Day to Order Spring Flowers 	Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon	Spring Flower Sale Pick Up (Saturday) 9am - 12 noon	Brothers of Grace 10 am Shrek @ the Dennison 7 pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Worship 9:30 am 	Outreach Committee 3 pm 	Women of faith 11 am 		Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon The Ascension of our Lord 	 Synod Assembly		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Worship 9:30 am Graduation Celebration Worship Committee	Congregational Care Committee 1 pm	Women of faith 11 am Exec - 5:30 pm Council - 6 pm		Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon 			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 9:30 am Day of Pentecost 		Women of faith 11 am 		Brown Bag Bible Study 12 noon 			
31	Grace Office Hours Mon - Wed 10 am - 2:30 pm			Pastor Ken's Office Hours Mon & Wed 10 am - Noon			
Worship 9:30 am The Holy Trinity 							

