



SEPTEMBER 2026 GRACEGRAM

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

Immortal,
invisible,
God only wise,

In light
inaccessible hid
from our eyes,

Most blessed,
most glorious,
the Ancient of
Days,

Almighty,
victorious, your
great name we
praise!

~ W. Chalmers Smith

**Deadline for the
October GraceGram is
September 17, 2026.**

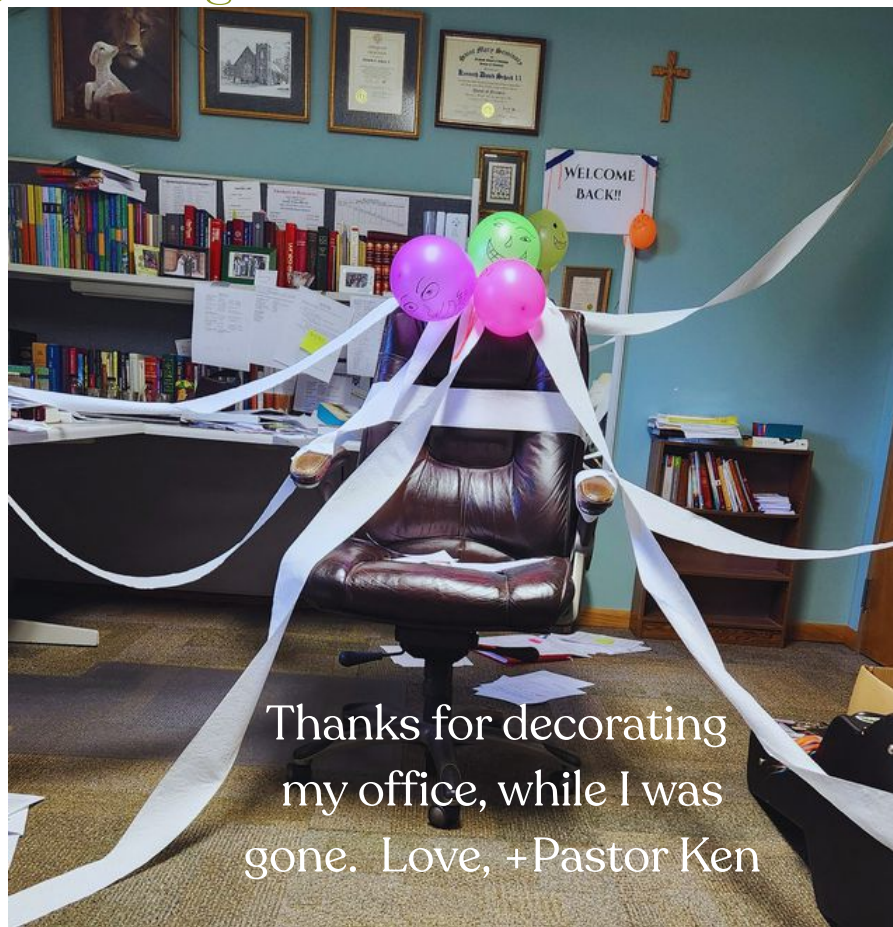
Send your articles to:
Cindy Olson

parishadmin@grace-hastings.org



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God's work. Our hands.

*The Lord gives you something you can then give away....so
that you can be generous.* Second Corinthians 9:11



Thanks for decorating
my office, while I was
gone. Love, +Pastor Ken

In the midst of having some fun, we certainly celebrate all that God has given us. I actually laughed out loud when I saw that a group had toilet papered my office and I gave God praise for allowing me to have some playtime with the congregation. We need to laugh and we must have fun! On the next page you will find pictures of our newly installed parking lot. At the time of this writing the top coat has not been applied. We give God the glory for the generous gift from the Anton Family in celebration of Pastor Michael Anton, which made the pictures on the next page possible. Giving thanks with you,

+Pastor Ken



Tearing Out
Old Asphalt



Tearing Out
Old Asphalt
near Entrance



Old Asphalt
Gone



Preparing
to
Put down
New Asphalt



New Asphalt
being laid



New Asphalt
first pass



New Asphalt
base finished

Mark YOUR Calendar

Women of Faith returns
September 15th for our weekly
Tuesday morning Bible study
11 am - Noon
at church
All women are welcome

Relay for Life
from noon Saturday, September 12th
to noon Sunday, September 13th

CAR Show Many THANKS



September Meetings



Brown Bag Bible Study

Noon to 1 pm
every Thursday



Brothers of Grace (BOG)

10 am
Saturday 9/12

Congregational Care

Committee 1 pm
Monday September 14th

Outreach Committee

3 pm
Monday September 14th

Women of Faith

11 am - noon Tuesdays
September 15th, 22nd, & 29th,

Executive Committee

5 pm
Tuesday September 15th

Congregation Council

5:30 pm
Tuesday September 15th

Social Activities Committee

will meet next 1:30 pm
Monday, October 5th

God's work. Our hands.

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 2026-2027 Executive Committee:

President: Tim Schoessel
Vice President: Erin Franks
Secretary: Anna Scheck
Treasurer: Randy Teegardin

Church Council Members/Liaisons:

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am

Childcare is available

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Notes of Thanks



We would like to express our sincere thanks to the people of Grace who prayed for, visited, called and kept in touch with mom while she was in assisted living. She always looked forward to reading the GraceGram and learning of everything happening in the church. She was born and raised in GLC and attended for 87 years before moving to assisted living. She loved and cared for you all and considered you family.

With love and appreciation,
The family of Shirley Beck



Dear Ladies & Members of the
Grace Lutheran Church,
Thank You for knitting me this
beautiful prayer shawl you
have sent me. I will think of
you and your wonderful
prayers for me when I put it
over my legs.
In Jesus Name,
Gary Teegardin



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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)



Discover Grace Zoo Blood Drive Report

Thank you all for your support and prayers in making our June 29th Blood Drive (Discover Grace Zoo) another success. Twenty donations were given (a single donation equals THREE units of blood).

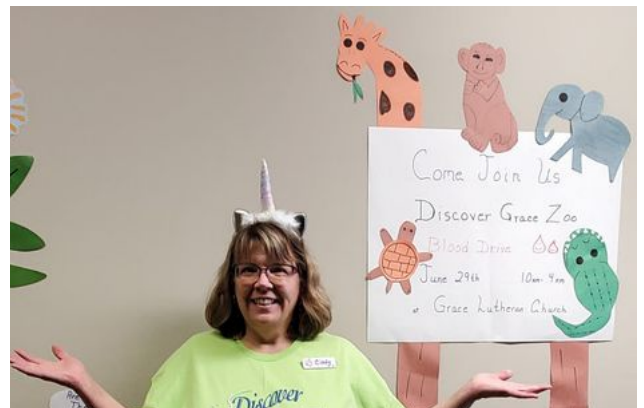
Special thanks to the following people who volunteered their time or gave refreshments:

Bill, Lorraine & Megan Freedlund,
Jeanette Kogge, Kay Marsh, Pastor Ken,
Cindy Olson, Deborah Wilke, Traci Wales,
Amy Poholski, Brenda Teegardin.
(Sorry if someone was overlooked.)

By the time you read this, we will have had another Blood Drive (Pajama Party): More information on this next month!

With your continued support and prayers,
I know it will be another success!

- Deb Watson



Special Thanks to Deb Watson for
her organization and creativity!

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is

Monday, October 26, 10 am – 4 pm

More information to come

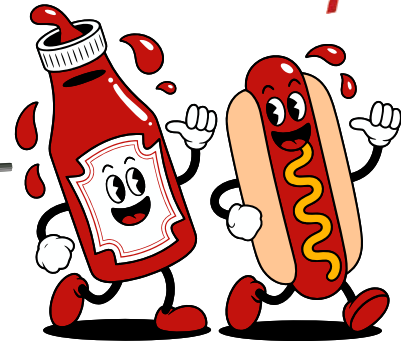


Coming in October

Your Social Activities Committee presents:

Hot Dog Roast

Sunday, October 4th -
after worship



Chihuly Glass Art Exhibit

at Meijer Gardens

*originally scheduled for
Wednesday, September 23rd*

IS NOW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th

more information to come



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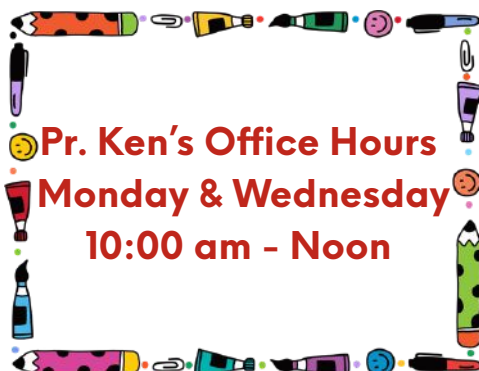
Kids

You are invited to purchase individual packaged snacks for area students. Bring them in and put them near the giving tree. Thanks for your support.



THE ANNUAL HERITAGE POTLUCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - AFTER WORSHIP



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:

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
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 & ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Thompson 9/1

Deb Watson 9/3

Steve Wales 9/11

Steve Kogge 9/14

Gavin Patton 9/16

Grayson Patton 9/16

Rob Pohl 9/22

Gabriel Barnaart 9/23

Mark Anton 9/24

Linda Melcher 9/25

Lexie Watson 9/26

Matt Markwart 9/30

Al & Claudia Throop 9/24



**Congratulations to
1st time Grandparents**

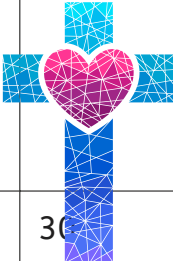
Phil & Amy Poholski!

*Their grandson,
Lincoln Theodore
arrived on July 5th,*

*born to daughter-in-law Emma
and son Luke Poholski!*



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Brown Bag Bible Study noon -1 pm	4	5
6 Worship 9:30 am	7 	8	9	10 Brown Bag Bible Study noon -1 pm		12 Brothers of Grace 10 am 
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