



OCTOBER 2026

GRACEGRAM

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

All who
for love of
God
forgive,

All who
in pain or
sorrow
grieve:

Christ
bears
your
burdens
and your
fears;

Make your
song amid
the tears:

~Francis of Assisi

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

Send your articles to:
Cindy Olson

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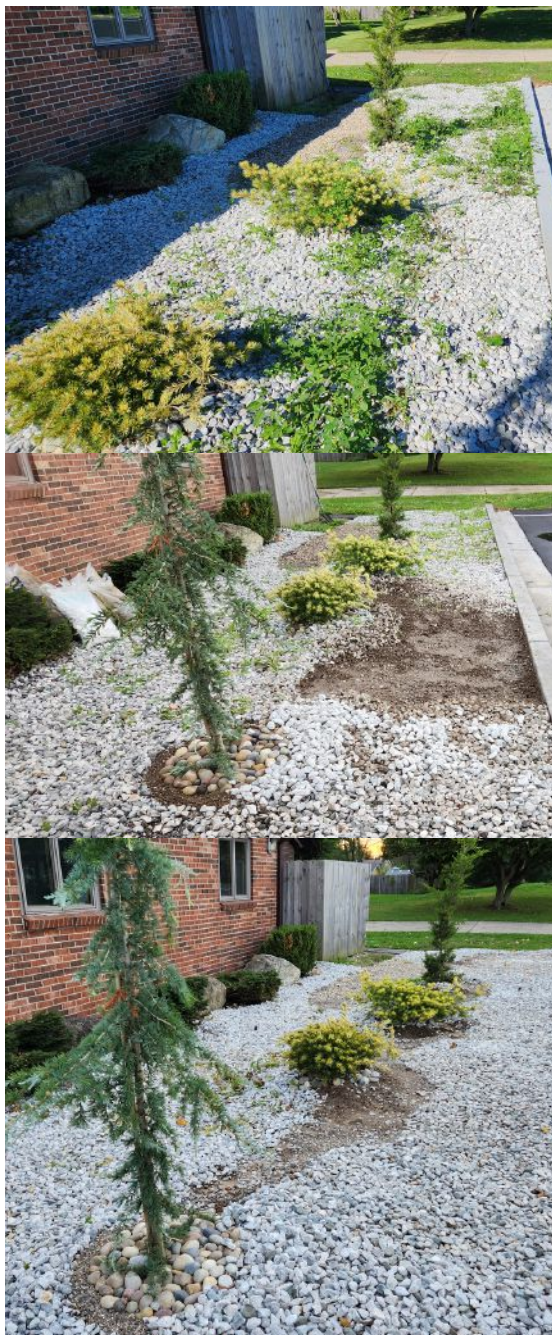
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God's work. Our hands.

The ground will sprout thorns and weeds.

Genesis 3:18

WEEDS BE GONE!



Who knew weeds would
grow so quickly?

The extended flower bed looked great for about one week, then weeds began to grow. The book of Genesis warned us of this. After moving rock around to put pea gravel in, it was evident that weeds were growing in some cases in the space between the rock with no soil.

The repair of the area reminds me of God's constant work with each of us. God is repairing our lives, our wounds, our hurts and our pains. It truly is a never ending process. The project was always going to have an extra touch of attention, as you can see in the top picture. Weeds and grass were already present, before the rock was ever put down. It took extra work to get rid of established weeds, as any gardener will tell you.

Yet, we know God works with us and makes us new. The bottom picture shows an almost finished project, but we all know, God is never finished with us.

Pastor Ken +



**Daylight Savings
Time Ends on
November 1st
Don't Forget to
Set Back your
Clock!**

**All Saints' Sunday is
November 1st.**

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 25th.



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 25th**



October 31st, 2026

TRUNK - OR - TREAT

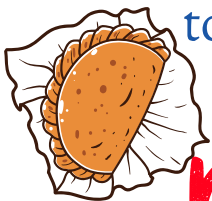
Join us in sharing the fun, by handing
out candy and some good cheer
for this annual event
5:00 until 7:00 pm

Doors open at 4 pm for decorating



Pasty Sale

is November 7th
Details and Sign-Up
to come!



**Help
Needed**



Aerial
View



Painting



Making Space for ALL!



Almost
Finished!
Thanks
Anton
Family!

God's work.
Our hands.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am

Childcare is available
Worship also On-line:
www.grace-hastings.org

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)

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 2025-2026 Executive Committee:

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

Grace Lutheran Church
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www.grace-hastings.org

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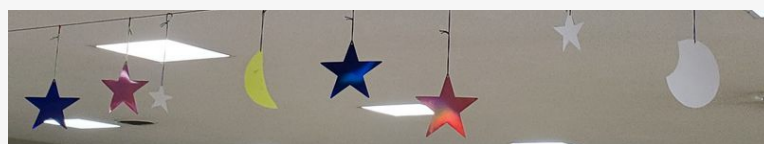
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269-945-9414
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Address Service Requested

**Special Guest:
Holly Sue**



Dreams do come true

Our Blood Drive on August 24, 2026, was well attended - 25 donors!

We had fun and stayed comfy all day in our pajamas. The theme was

Pajama Party

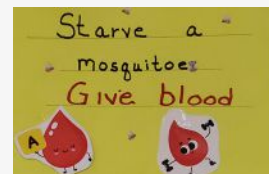
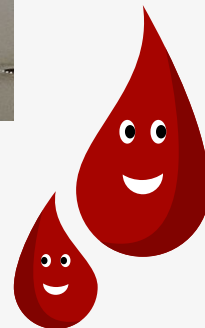
Again, Thank You to everyone at Grace who volunteer, donate refreshments (especially first time donors

Mark Anton, Laura Scheck, Joe Longcor) old and new. And all the prayers and support from our church family.

The next Blood Drive is October 26th.
Theme is **Halloween Special: Let's Get Batty!**



Join us as we support the American Red Cross in their continued need for blood donations.



October Events

Your Social Activities Committee presents:

Hot Dog Roast - October 4th
after worship (weather permitting)
bring a chair for sitting outside



Chihuly Glass Art Exhibit
at Meijer Garden - Friday, October 9th
leave church at 9am



Heritage Potluck - October 25th
after worship
bring a dish to share





Meetings this Month

Monday 10/5 at 1:30 pm -
Social Activities Committee

Saturday 10/10 at 10:00 am -
Brothers of Grace

Tuesday 10/13 at 5:00 pm
Executive Committee

Tuesday 10/5 at 5:30 pm -
Congregational Council



Weekly Meetings

Tuesdays from 11:00 am to noon -
Women of Faith

Thursdays from noon to 1:00 pm -
Brown Bag Bible Study



Picture Time

It's time for a new
photo directory!

Plans are made for a
photographer to be at
Grace after church on
Sunday, November 1st.
(Backup date:
November 22nd)

A directory will be
created from these
pictures and available
for purchase,
as desired.

More information
to come!



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Lutheran Church
in America
"God's Work
Our Hands"



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online giving.

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)



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
& Anniversaries***

Birthdays

Melissa Patton 10/2

Victoria Steadman 10/8

Ron Neil 10/9

Brenda Teegardin 10/9

Matt Mikolajczyk 10/9

Carla Neil 10/10

Ed Domke 10/10

Joe Varkula 10/16

Kristi Winick 10/16

Pastor Ken 10/19

MacKenzie Maupin 10/19

Connor Wales 10/27

Larry Maupin 10/31

Tom and Cheryl Drumm 10/6

Greg and Erin Franks 10/7

Joe Longcor and Vickey Argo 10/23

Gary and Lisa Golnek 10/28



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Grace Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday 10 am - 2:30 pm				1	2	3
				Brown Bag Bible Study noon - 1pm		
	Pastor Ken's Office Hours: Mon & Wed 10 am - 12 noon					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 9:30 am Hot Dog Roast = after worship	Social Activities Committee 1:30 pm	Women of faith 11 am		Brown Bag Bible Study noon - 1pm	Chihuly Glass Art Exhibit @ Meijer Gardens	Brothers of Grace 10 am 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 9:30 am 		Women of faith 11 am Executive Committee 5 pm Congregation Council 5:30 pm		Brown Bag Bible Study noon - 1pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship 9:30 am HERITAGE POTLUCK after worship Reformation Sunday	Halloween Special: Let's Get Batty Blood Drive 10am - 4pm 	Women of faith 11 am		Brown Bag Bible Study noon - 1pm		Trunk or Treat  Happy Halloween

