



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

Over the past year we have continued to experience changes in the world around us. Even as our church finds ways to adapt to this changing world, we find hope in the unchanging and always present promise of God's love through Jesus Christ. We change and adapt not to conform to the world but because we believe that the gift of God's Son is for the world, and that our congregations and worshiping communities are places to gather and be sent into the world, where we will tell the story of God's love in word and deed.

The ministries of our congregations, our synods and the churchwide organization provide ways for the church to move beyond the boundaries of structures and geography and to share God's love with people in our neighborhoods, our cities, our country and beyond. We engage in this ministry knowing that our church walks by faith, trusting in God's promise in the gospel, and that we exist by and for the proclamation of this gospel word. In John 15:5, Jesus reminds us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." We are connected by the promise that we do all through Christ and can do nothing apart from him.

God gives the Holy Spirit, who uses gospel proclamation — in preaching and sacraments, in forgiveness and in healing conversations — to create and sustain this faith. Just as we rely on God to sustain our faith, we rely on each other to sustain the ministries that offer God's love to the world. Through your generosity to each expression

of this church — your congregation, your synod and your churchwide organization — you add to our collective voice proclaiming God's love for all.

I am grateful for your generosity over this last year. My gratitude spreads far beyond your generous financial gifts. You've shared your gifts of time through countless hours of volunteering, serving and accompanying. You've shared the gifts of your voices as we've tried to discover and learn how God is calling us to be the church now and into the future. And, finally, dear church, you have shared the gift of the realness of God's love with the world around you. Be well, dear church, and stand steadfast in the promise of God's love and grace as you take that promise with you into the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” —John 15:5

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Grafton

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grafton Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
January 21, 2024 11:00AM
Agenda

Welcome & Call to Order

Opening Prayer – Pr. Carter Hill

Opening Remarks/State of the Church – Darcie Einarson

Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting

Old Business:

- _____
- _____

New Business:

- Reports Submitted for Review
- Kopperud Fund Distribution—pg. 14
- 2024 Ballot and Election of Members
- Budget:
 - 2023 in Review – Pastor Carter Hill
 - 2024 Proposed Budget – Dave Peterson

Lord's Prayer

Closing of the Meeting

Grafton Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2023

President Bucky Peterson called the meeting to order at 1054am. A quorum was met and noted with 50 in attendance. Pastor Carter provided a prayer.

Opening Remarks/State of the Church-Bucky Peterson described the state of the church as strong, with all sharing a love for the church.

Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting: Motion to accept minutes-Elaine Broker. Second-Carissa Klug.

Reports Review: Committee reports were reviewed. Motion to accept the reports-Ann West. Second-Ryer Stark

Kopperud Fund Distribution: The amount available for distribution in 2022 was \$17,317.21. The Stewardship Board recommends the congregation approve the disbursement of these funds as follows:

International and National

Central African Republic (Mission Church) \$3,000

ELCA World Hunger \$3,000

ELCA Lutheran Response \$1,000

Local

Walsh County Domestic Violence and Abuse Center \$5,000

Grafton Lutheran Deacon's Fund \$4,000

Park River Bible Camp \$1,217.21

Motion to accept distributions as recommended - Paul Mohagen. Second - Carissa Klug

2023 Ballot and Election of Members: The nomination committee was chaired by Bonnie Mohagen. This year includes an incomplete ballot, with one nomination spot unfulfilled. Nominations were opened to the floor, none noted. Presented nominations included:

Church Council-Ryer Stark, Properties Board, first 2 year term. Darcie Einarson, President, second 2 year term. Bobbie Ekman, Board of Worship and Music, second 2 year term. Tom Torkelson, Vice President, first 2 year term. Deb McKay (1 year) Parish Fellowship. Dave Petersen, Treasurer, second 2 year term. 2023 nomination members-Lori Burns, Bonnie Kalbrener, Michelle Craig, Kristle Kjemhus, Dawnielle Coffman and Donna Holand. A motion was made to accept the ballot as presented, with the vacancy-Lisa Blanchard. Second-Carissa Klug.. Unanimous ballot approved.

Budget- Pastor Carter talked about the overview of the budget within 2022 and what/where/how our funds mean to GLC. Dave Petersen presented the budget for discussion. Motion to accept the 2023 Budget-Rod Alme. Second-Deb McKay.

Constitution and Bylaws Updates-The amendments made to the constitution were presented for discussion. Motion to accept changes, Carissa Klug. Second-Richard Geiger

Radio Broadcast- Was presented for discussion. Radio vs online streaming discussed, including ease of access, nursing home and homebound members, cost. Motion made to discontinue radio broadcast and move on with livestreaming made by Greg. Second- Jo Peterson.

Motion to adjourn (12pm) by Carissa Klug
Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jennifer Curtis

My Dear Church,

If you can believe it — three years have passed since you called me to be your Lead Pastor. During these past three years, we have done much holy work together. First and foremost, we dived deep into our identity as Grafton Lutheran Church. We acknowledged and celebrated our strengths, owned up to our growing areas, and then were sent forth in God's mission. We summed this all up in our Mission and Vision Statement passed at the 2022 annual meeting.

Believe. Belong. Be Sent.

Grafton Lutheran Church is a worship centered community grounded in the love of God, creating a place of belonging for God's people, and sent out into our community and beyond to do God's work within a world in need of God's grace, hope, and love.

This has been a guiding light in my ministry among you, and with you. One of the overarching themes of a healthy congregation is that the church has a guiding mission and lives into it in all they do. I give thanks that we are together on this journey. I give thanks for your openness and willingness to try new things and accept change with grace as we further live into believing, belonging, and sending in the name of God.

As we move into 2024, I hope to work with you all to dive even further into who we are as Grafton Lutheran Church. There is life here. There is hope. There is a strong future. Now, let us join together to boldly move into that future — trusting God with all our hearts, souls, and minds.

A Section of Gratitude

Church Council: I give thanks for the church council and the support they offer in ministry and the hard work they do to keep our church a vital place. I give thanks especially this year to those who have completed their terms and will finish their service on church council: Deb McKay, Jenn Curtis, and Seri Gerszewski.

Church Staff: As always, the staff here at Grafton Lutheran make ministry here flourish.

Our Office Manager, Susie Narloch, has for over ten years now been a vital part of our church. She is always willing to assist me in all things here from regular office work to making huge cardboard cutouts for Vacation Bible School. She has taken over many duties in the last few years as we transition to being a one pastor church again. I confidently can say, without Susie, the ministry I do here would not be possible.

Elaine Broker continues to be our Visitation Minister and offers her presence to all of our homebound, assisted living, and nursing home members. Elaine is a weekly presence among these people bringing them communication from their congregation and the gift of Holy Communion. She also keeps things tidy around the church a few hours a week. Her attention to detail in the care of this building is a blessing to us all.

Marjorie Johnson and Lisa Blanchard continue to bless us with their gift of choir, and Marjorie taking on the bells as well. This year they stepped up in one of our new ways of “Be sent” from our mission statement. We began the process of making our Carols and Candles service open to musicians throughout community and surrounding communities. This was an amazing thing to watch, and I give thanks for all the extra work it took them to pull this off. I also give thanks to Steve Ekman for volunteering to find our piano players each week. Thank you to Steve, Lisa, Cathy Tweten, and Jack Kern for their gift of their piano talent to us.

Ryer Stark has taken over the church custodian position and has been a great asset to us all. I appreciate most that he is a member who knows this church well and is able to help get things back in their place and restored to normal with great ease.

We give thanks for the service of Loretta Moe and Judy Alme for their years as the Funeral Committee. They have helped a countless amount of people feel peace in the midst of grief through offering this fellowship. You have blessed your church and those grieving immensely.

This last year, Pat Brekke and Eleanor Iverson, stepped aside from their duties as our faithful offering counters. We give thanks for their nearly two decades of service to our congregation. We rejoice that Linda Rud and Mary Dvorak have filled this role.

You All: As stated above, none of this would be possible without any of you. In a world where pastors are resigning in droves and leaving ministry, you all have stepped up and created an environment where I feel supported and valued as a leader here, but also honoring my life outside the church. I also give thanks for the countless number of you who give of your time and talents to help make ministry here possible.

Thank you for being you. Thank you for being light within my life. You are a blessing.

With Love,
Pastor Carter

Pastoral Acts 2023

Baptisms (6):

Callan Graham Wynne
Braylee Mae Martens
Maren Kay Collette
Gordon Roger Stark
Dawson James Erovick
Simon Joseph Muhonen

First Communion (10): November 19

Aviana Chapman
Mason Eng
Harper Koehmstedt
Kylan Kraft
Nathan Latraille
Maxx Otterson
Stella Paulson
Averi Sangrait
Zola Stark
Laila Thiele

Confirmation (7): October 29

Molly Lynn Bjorneby
Savannah Marie Blackcloud
Kyler Lee Droog
Danielle Kathleen Flanders
Kade Jeffrey Jiskra
Liam Anne Medbery
Paityn Michelle Ziegelmann

Weddings (3)

*Zachary & Kaelyn Peterson
Darian & Brittany DeSmith
Jason & Jana Haats

*Off Site

Funerals (17)

Noel Kenneth Moe
Avis Birkeland
Marvin John Dvorak
Murial Irene (Behl) Folson
Kathleen "Kay" M. Kroulik
Luella Mildred (Wellen) Mohagen
Ann Marie (Larson) Thompson
Frances Beverly (Martineau) Sather
Laura L. (Johnson) Selliken
Marlin Warren Torkelson
Mark W. Holt
Tobin Wayne Prigge
Connie Mae (Zeller) Kjoes
Diana Sylvia (Roth) Kitchens
Lloyd Monson
Clark R. Mckinnon
Leroy Glaser

Italic—Not-Members

Transferred Members In (26):

Mike Sackett	Allen Martinson	Jordyn Lopez
Sandy Sackett	Myrna Martinson	Madison Erovick
Jackie Adamsen	Rebecca Latraille	
Robert Wollitz	Zachary Latraille	
Sarah Wollitz	Nathan Latraille	
Bryan Uggerud	Ashlyn Latraille	
Jane Uggerud	Maxwell Latraille	
Todd Huderle	Christine Curry	
Daniel Onstad	AmyLee Curry	
Samantha Onstad	Luke Curry	
Dylan Sundby	Priscilla Stark	
Phyllis Eng	Carly Flanders	

Transferred Out/Removed (9)

Ryan Willis Puppe
LeAnne Theresa Puppe
Kayla Diane Puppe
Connor Ryan Puppe
Seth Benjamin Suda
Drew William Suda
Ellie Grace Suda
Kelly Holand
Darcy Eszlinger

2023 Statistics:

Worship opportunities: **63**
Communion opportunities: **53**
Total # of worshipers in 2023: **7541**
Average Sunday Attendance: **122**
Average Online Attendance: **45**
Total Members: **678**

Properties Report 2023

Committee Members: Preston Thiele, Jay Sevigny, Dylan Sundby & Ryer Stark.

2023 was a continuation of the renovations and updates from 2022. The narthex project has been mostly completed with just a few small punch list type items remaining. A special thanks to the Decorating Committee (Bobbi Ekman, Carissa Klug, Pastor Carter and Ryer Stark) for their work organizing the updates. Another thank you to all of those who helped with the remodeling. Evan & Carissa Klug, Jay Sevigny, Dylan Sundby, Lloyd Thompson, Steve Ekman and Pastor Carter.

Elaine Broker continues to do some cleaning that was not included in the custodial duties. She puts in a few hours a week and also takes care of the flowers outside in the summertime. We greatly appreciate Elaine and all that she does.

Krystle Kjemhus resigned from the church janitor position in February. We hired Spencer Potts to replace her and unfortunately, he had to resign in November. After some discussion and approval by the church council Ryer Stark took over the janitor position in December of 2023. We would like to thank both Krystle and Spencer for their hard work.

With the closing of Our Savior's, we were lucky to inherit the beautiful picture that is now hanging in the sanctuary. A special thank you to Bucky Peterson, Preston Thiele, Devin Droog and Phil Ray for their work on that project.

Our Savior's was also gracious enough to donate their alter to GLC. After some discussion Pastor Carter came up with the idea that it could be used as a war memorial. A special thank you to Rod & Judy Alme, Paul & Bonnie Mohagen, Denise Sevigny, Roger Stark and Kody Stark for helping with the project.

The roof over the narthex and balcony continues to have some water leakage issues. With the heavy snow and melting in the spring we had some issues and had The Insulation Place come take a look at the roof. They were able to pinpoint the issue over the balcony but unfortunately, we are still having issues over the narthex and had to have them come back this fall again. We will continue to monitor the situation, but a flat roof is a flat roof and issues like this will probably never go away.

This fall the window in the youth room was also broken. We aren't 100% sure of what happened but think that a rock might have hit it from the outside. A new window has been ordered but they are 3 months out. Once the window comes in Shane Flanders has been hired to install and Bucky Peterson has agreed to touch up any interior painting that might need to be done.

If I forgot to thank anyone above, please know that it was not done purposely. At times there can be a lot going on and I try my best remember those who have helped.

I, along with others, have mentioned this item several times in the past and once again ask everyone to please clean up after any event you have. The days of having a custodian to do those duties is long gone and the properties committee would very much appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Ryer Stark

Board of Worship and Music

Board members: Bobbie Ekman, Steve Ekman, Marjorie Johnson, and Lisa Blanchard

The board's goal is to facilitate worship services while enhancing worship experiences through music and other media forms. We aim to provide meaningful worship that will strengthen, inspire, and uplift our GLC members. In addition, the board is responsible for the needs of those who have music ministries within this congregation, and works with the pastor, the organist, music directors, and musicians.

Looking back at 2023. Sunday morning worship continues to be live streamed on Facebook for those unable to attend in person. Improvements to both audio and visual were completed by adding additional camera angles and ambient congregational microphones.

Both Worship choir and JuBellation continued to bless us with musical selections during worship. Worship choir meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm, and JuBellation bell choir practices on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Both groups encouraged new members to join. Steve continues to organize the organist schedule for worship services in 2023. GLC is fortunate to have several talented musicians and organists who share their talents.

The Christmas holiday season offered several well-attended worship experiences such as our GLC Sunday School program, Carols and Candles, and Christmas Eve worship services. Candles were used at Christmas Eve worship for the first time in several years! Many GLC members from near and far shared their talents of music, participated in readings, and provided goodies following worship.

With much gratitude for all who participate in leading worship and music at GLC, we look forward to 2024 continuing to tell of God's love through our worship services and music.

Respectfully submitted by Bobbie Ekman

Lay Ministry Annual Report 2023

Thank you to board members Mary Dvorak, Janet Berger, Mari Swartz, Stacie Sevigny, Mavis Sevigny, Deb McKay and Michelle Flanders for your time and talents. We had five planning meetings in 2023 in addition to monthly faith and care meetings and special events like hosting the January Lutheran Sunset Birthday Party. Special thanks to the faith and care groups for their continued service and commitment to our church community. Faith and Care members take part in worship and fellowship throughout their two assigned months and are called upon for food and to work at funerals and church events.

A big thank you to the following faith and care monthly chairpersons who served in 2023: Ann Kohler, Deb McKay, Jamie Medbery, Malisa McKay, Mavis Sevigny, Bonnie Mohagen, Stacie Sevigny, Janice Kern, Janet Berger, Jane Mohagen, Kristen Petersen, Lori Burns, Laurie Allmaras, Elaine Broker, Stacie Ensrude, Bonnie Kalbrener, Bev Thompson, Jenn Curtis, Tami Altendorf and Donna Holand. We appreciate your time and willingness to carry out this vital role.

Funeral committee co-chairs Judy Alme and Loretta Moe planned and served lunches after eight funerals in 2023. A big thank you to them for their time and faithful service; as well as to the GLC members who work at the funerals. There were two weddings held at GLC this past year. Lay ministry members prepared and served a meal to the kids and adults on one evening of VBS and donated \$250 toward VBS snacks and supplies.

The fall dinner was coordinated by Donna Holand and Deb McKay, along with help from the entire lay ministry committee and Tammy Burns. Almost 700 meals were prepared and served, with about 400 of them being take-out meals. Thank you to Pastor Carter, our wonderful Susie Narloch and so many of our members who stepped up to help and support our major fundraiser and fellowship event of the year. Proceeds from the fall dinner were \$7,639.00. \$1,000 was donated to each of the following charities: GLC Deacons Fund, GLC Youth, Grafton Ministerial Association, Park River Bible Camp, Walsh County Food Pantry, Life Skills, and Transition Center Christmas Program and to the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center. Special thank you to Susie Geiger, Loretta Moe and the lefse crew who made dozens of lefse for the PRBC meal, the fall dinner, and the bake sale. Your time and talents are so appreciated!

The GLC Bake Sale was held on December 2, 2023, and raised \$2499.00. Thank you to our faithful bakers and makers who make this event possible. Lay Ministry also served fellowship after our Carols and Candles Service on December 17, 2023.

We are very thankful for the opportunities we have to join together to do God's work!

Deb McKay, Lay Ministry Board Chair

2023 Christian Education Report

A Year in Review

- ◆ 71 children attended (including 22 guests) VBS August 7-10, 2023
- ◆ 66 registered for Sunday School (Pre-K-6th grade) on Rally Sunday: August 17, 2023
- ◆ 9 third graders received bibles on October 8, 2023
- ◆ 7 Students were confirmed on October 29, 2023
- ◆ 10 fifth graders received First Communion on November 19, 2023
- ◆ 36 students are enrolled in Confirmation (7-10th grade)
- ◆ 17 teens are fundraising and preparing for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.
- ◆ 6 Wednesday Lenten meals were served by our youth.
- ◆ 6 children were baptized.
- ◆ 6 camperships to ELCA Bible Camps were provided to attend summer camps.
 - ◇ 5 attended Camp Metigoshe in Bottineau and 1 attended PRBC.
- ◆ 3 Scholarship recipients:
 - ◇ Margaret Egeland- Lydia Stark
 - ◇ Lay Ministry-Madi Jo Altendorf and Gavin Matcha

Many Thanks

None of this would happen without the countless hours of help from so many faithful people!

We are thankful for Sunday School teachers which include: Katie Stark, Courtney Loken, Abby West, Paige Wollitz, Megan Wynne, Nicole Johnson, Claire Olson, Ashley Mathiason, Sadie Koehmstedt, Heidi Paulson, Amy Geiger, Jamie Medbery, Sophie Geddes, Kealyn Fraser, Ruby Gerszewski, Layla Klug, Annika Sangrait, and Callie Johnston. Stephanie Collette leads music for grades Pre-K through 4.

We give thanks for Pastor Carter overseeing and planning confirmation and the confirmation teachers who teach with him: Dawnielle Coffman, Janice Kern, Carissa Klug, and Devin Droog.

We give thanks for Jessie Johnson who assists Pastor Carter as the Trip Coordinator for the National Youth Gathering. She oversees fundraising like Bingo, Raffle Tickets and more! Be on the lookout for an Easter Egg fundraiser, Bingo, and Trip Stock option fundraisers.

Our monthly Youth Group is led by two college students from UND who work at Camp Metigoshe in the summers. They were hired this fall and have been doing well. We give thanks for Kristen Sundbakken and Kaleb Wintermute.

Sunday School students sang at the Lutheran Sunset Home on November 5, 2023 and led the Worship service along with the Christmas Program on December 17, 2023. We look forward to continuing this relationship!

Thanks for the support of the congregation for your donations of time and financial support to make our youth programming successful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seri Gerszewski

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Committee members: Susie Geiger, Elaine Broker, Bonnie and Paul Mohagen, Kim Droog and Loretta Moe.

At the Eastern North Dakota Synod assembly in June of 2023, the closing worship service shared these words:

“The offering is not simply a collection so that we can pay the bills. We give “from”, not “to”. We give from a heart of love and dedication and from what God has given us in proportion to our faith and our blessings.

The offering is an act of worship. Money is not a dirty subject in the church, but a tangible means of showing our faith and love; it is an acknowledgment that all we have comes from God and it is the means by which we support the Gospel ministry.”

We wish to thank all our faithful members for sharing their gifts to do God’s work. Our church continues to utilize the well-organized offering envelope system and various methods of automated giving, such as TITHE.LY/GIVE. Please call the office if you need more information.

Our committee joyfully accomplished the following activities in 2023:

- *Mission of the Month continues to be collected every Sunday of the month for a designated program/need. We selected a new schedule of recipients. We welcome your suggestions.
- *Composed articles for Lamplighter on welcoming new members, missions and remembering our service men and women and to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.
- *Committee members helped serve evening meal for VBS on August 7th, 2023.
- *Maintain the Congregational Care Committe to send cards to members during times of loss, celebration, illness, gratitude, and care/concerns.
- *New Members Reception organized and served on All Saints’ Sunday on November 5th, 2023. 26 new saints joined our congregation.
- *Organized and served with Prime Time the Sunset HOMEcoming for Christmas on December 21st, 2023.
- *Membership Roster reviewed, and plans will continue to be developed with assistance of Council to proceed with process to contact inactive members. Our major concern is to reach out to those who are for some reason not active in the life of the church and are in need of our care and concern.

Thank you for sharing your love and blessings with Grafton Lutheran.

Committee Chairperson,



Mission of the Month Offering Totals for 2023

January—Pregnancy Help Center	\$326.00
February—Sunset Home Activity Fund	\$281.00
March—Domestic Violence Shelter	\$302.00
April—GLC Bible Camp Camperships	\$351.84
May—GLC Quilters	\$325.00
June—Salvation Army.....	\$191.00
July—Angel of Hope	\$198.00
August—Grafton Lutheran VBS	\$164.00
September— Walsh County Backpack Program	\$198.50
October—Life Skills & Transition Center’s Christmas Gifts	\$144.00
November—Helping Kids School Fund.....	\$208.50
December—Grafton Lutheran Deacon’s Fund.....	\$188.00

Thank you all for joining us in supporting these local programs.

KOPPERUD FOUNDATION MISSION DISTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATION

The Kopperud Foundation made a year-end distribution to Grafton Lutheran Church for Missions in the amount of \$15,372.10 to be distributed in 2024.

The Stewardship Committee recommends the congregation approve the disbursal of these funds as follows:

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL

Central African Republic (Mission Church)	\$3,000.00	
ELCA World Hunger	\$3,000.00	
ELCA Lutheran Response	\$1,000.00	
		\$7,000.00

LOCAL

Walsh County Domestic Violence & Abuse Center	\$4,000.00	
Grafton Lutheran Deacon's Fund	\$3,000.00	
Park River Bible Camp	\$1,372.10	
		\$8,372.10
Total		\$15,372.10

Quilting Report for 2023

Five to eight ladies gather weekly and have been working hard sewing and assembling the needed supplies for our Lutheran World Relief Projects. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM.

All are welcome. Sewing experience is great. For those who do not sew, we need individuals to cut squares for quilt tops; cut batting; iron fabric; measure and cut fabric for quilt bottoms; arrange squares for quilt tops; assembling/tying the quilts; and packaging completed quilts for shipping. Help is also welcome when we are assembling the special kits during the year.

Below is a summary of the completed projects for 2023:

Item:	2023
Quilts	71
Health Kits	60
School Kits	43
PRBC Quilt Auction	2
Graduation Quilts	8

We want to thank the congregation for their continued support for our various projects. Without this support, we could not participate in Lutheran World Relief.

As a tradition, we provide a quilt to Park River Bible Camp and a quilt to each of the GLC high school graduating seniors.

Supplies required for the GLC Quilters Projects:

Health: 1 bath towel; 2 bars of soap; 1 toothbrush; 1 nail clipper; 1 large-tooth comb.

School: 4 notebooks; 5 pencils; 5 pens; 24 count crayons; 1 eraser; 1 scissors; 1 ruler; 1 bag (these are ordered).

Quilts: Size 60 x 80 inches. Required: fabric for top and bottom, batting for middle, thread for sewing, and yarn for tying. Flat, twin-size sheets work best for quilt bottoms, but all sizes are welcome and used.

Submitted by Karen Blanchard on behalf of the Quilters.

GRAFTON LUTHERAN ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENTS INCOME	\$6,173.09
CHOICE FINANCIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$5,865.66
DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2023	
GLC- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,400.00
GLC - NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING	\$1,400.00
ELCA SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$1,400.00
WALSH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	\$ 700.00
WCFP - BACKPACK PROGRAM -Grafton	\$ 700.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,600.00
ASSETS AS OF 12/31/2023	
CHOICE FINANCIAL BANK CHECKING	\$ 6,330.26
RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENTS	\$174,605.39
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 12-31-2023	\$180,935.65
PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024	
GLC - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,550.00
ELCA SYNOD ENDOWMENT - MISSION FUND	\$1,550.00
WALSH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	\$ 775.00
WCFP - BACK PACK PROGRAM - GRAFTON SCHOOL	\$ 775.00
GLC NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUND	\$ 775.00
PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP	\$ 775.00
TOTAL PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS	\$6,200.00

FUNERAL REPORT 2023

Lunch was served for the following services:

Noel Moe

Avis Birkeland

Kerry Martinson

Marvin Dvorak

Sonia Ganyo

Kay Kroulik

Luella Mohagen

Ann Thompson

Frances Sather

Tobin Prigge

Diana Kitchens

We want to thank all who answered the call to help. Thank you for bringing food, setting up, serving, cleaning up, and running the dishwasher.

Families were very appreciative and our hearts were warmed when they came into the kitchen to express their gratitude.

Respectively,

Loretta Moe and Judy Alme

Grafton Lutheran Cemetery Association

2023 Financial Report

Checking account balance as of 12/31/2022 \$ 23,129.16

Income for 2023

Cemetery Memorial Gifts/Donations	\$ 1,915.00
Sale of Burial Plots	\$ 2,364.83
Our Saviors Lutheran - maintenance	\$ -
Mission Investment Fund Interest	\$ 290.05
Checking Account Interest	\$ 52.52
Matured CD proceeds	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 4,622.40

Expenses for 2023

Lindell Mowing	\$ 6,930.00
Fertile Grow - spray weeds	\$ 450.00
Auto Value - flags	\$ 81.21
US Postal Service - postage	\$ -
Refuse Disposal	\$ 30.00
Total Expenses	\$ 7,491.21

Checking account balance as of 12/31/2023 \$ 20,260.35

Assets as of 12/31/2023

	<u>Matures</u>	
Choice Bank CD - 10059434	8/13/2025	\$ 50,526.21
Choice Bank CD - 10047637	2/4/2024	\$ 19,739.06
ELCA Mission Investment Fund - 2940	1/30/2028	\$ 14,981.69
Checking account (Bremer Bank)		\$ 20,260.35
Total Assets		\$ 105,507.31

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip H. Ray

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Treasurer

2023 SEXTON'S REPORT FOR GRAFTON LUTHERAN CEMETERY

In 2023, there were 16 burials or interment of cremated remains:

1. Noel Moe
2. Lowell Anderson
3. Mernice L. Jacobson
4. Marvin Dvorak
5. Mary Nelson
6. Jeanette Egeland Russell
7. Ward Uggerud
8. Sonja Ganyo
9. Wayne Peterson
10. Hazel Tabu Ranta
11. Luella Mohagen
12. Ann Thompson
13. Frances Sather
14. Irene Carpenter
15. Laura Selliken
16. Marlin Torkelson

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Petersen, Sexton

January 9, 2024

KOPPERUD FOUNDATION REPORT

2022 DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME

Disbursed in Calendar Year 2023

Net Funds Available for Distribution \$68,320.46

Distributions Made:

Grafton Lutheran Church for Missions	-	22.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$15,372.10
Lutheran Sunset Home	-	22.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$15,372.10
American Cancer Society	-	12.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$8,540.06
American Heart Association	-	12.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$8,540.06
Unity Medical Center	-	12.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$8,540.06
Walsh County Domestic Violence Program	-	1.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$1,024.81
Walsh County Food Pantry	-	1.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$1,024.81
Second Time Around	-	2%	of \$68,320.46 = \$1,366.41
Grafton Association of Ministerial Fund	-	1.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$1,024.81
Ann Carlson School	-	1%	of \$68,320.46 = \$683.20
Historic Elmwood Park	-	2.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$1,708.01
Gideon Bible Organization	-	1%	of \$68,320.46 = \$683.20
Grafton Boy Scouts	-	1%	of \$68,320.46 = \$683.20
Grafton Girl Scouts	-	1%	of \$68,320.46 = \$683.20
Wildlife	-	1%	of \$68,320.46 = \$683.20
Park River Bible Camp	-	3.5%	of \$68,320.46 = \$2,391.22
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS MADE			<u>\$68,320.45</u>

BALANCE OF FUNDS AFTER DISTRIBUTION \$0.01

**Kopperud Foundation
Annual Accounting**

Period Ending - December 31, 2022

Income:		
2022 Land Rent		\$82,299.80
GENERAL INCOME BEFORE OPERATING EXPENSES.....		\$82,299.80
Operating Expenses:		
Fleming, DuBois & Fleming, PLLP - Legal Fees		\$2,649.45
Insurance		\$140.46
Dues & Subscriptions		\$74.00
Real Estate Tax		\$11,115.43
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....		\$13,979.34
RECAP		
Total Operating Income		\$82,299.80
Total Operating Expenses		(\$13,979.34)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.....		\$68,320.46

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
OF KOPPERUD FOUNDATION**

Lawrence D. DuBois, secretary of Kopperud Foundation, does hereby state that the following is a list of all of the assets owned by Kopperud Foundation, whose post office address is PO Box 415, Grafton, North Dakota 58237 as of December 31, 2022.

Real Estate

599.98 tillable acres of Walsh County, North Dakota farmland at \$5,000 per acre =	\$3,299,890.00
25 non-tillable acres of Walsh County, North Dakota farmland at \$3,000 per acre =	\$75,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL REAL ESTATE	<u>\$3,374,890.00</u>

Personal Property

Checking account at First United Bank, Grafton, North Dakota	\$92,068.52
CD Ending #703 at North Star Community Credit Union, Grafton, North Dakota	\$115,865.04
Savings Account at First United Bank, Grafton, North Dakota	\$112,642.47
CD Ending #7659 at Bremer Bank	\$21,058.90
CD Ending #7332 at Choice Financial	\$9,760.99
CD Ending #8041 at North Star Community Credit Union, Grafton, North Dakota	\$111,574.04
CD Ending #1077 at North Star Community Credit Union, Grafton, North Dakota	\$41,584.49
51 Shares at North Star Community Credit Union Grafton, North Dakota	<u>\$4,511.90</u>
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY	<u>\$509,066.35</u>
TOTAL OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	<u>\$3,883,956.35</u>


Lawrence D. DuBois, Trustee and
Secretary Kopperud Foundation

GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH BALLOT - 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL – TWO YEAR TERM

Elect **5** for a 2-year term (may serve 2 terms)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Peterson | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Baldwin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Megan Wynne | <input type="checkbox"/> Susie Geiger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Janice Kern | |

ENDOWMENT BOARD - THREE YEAR TERM

Elect **1** for a 3-year term (may serve 2 terms)

- Brent Baldwin

CEMETERY BOARD - THREE YEAR TERM

Elect **2** for a 3-year term (may serve 2 terms)

- Paul Mohagen
 Gary Rud

LUTHERAN SUNSET HOME DELEGATES - ONE YEAR TERM

Elect **10** for a 1-year term (may be re-elected)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kande Koehmstedt | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen McCann |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Blanchard | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda Rud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Lunde | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Rud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Hills | <input type="checkbox"/> Delores McDonald |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Liz Hanson |

PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP DELEGATES - ONE YEAR TERM

(January 2025 annual meeting)

Elect **4** for a 1-year term (may be re-elected)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stacie Sevigny | <input type="checkbox"/> Carissa Klug |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kris Ziegelmann | <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Mathiason |

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ONE YEAR TERM

Elect **6** at the Annual Meeting for a 1-year term (may not be re-elected)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deb McKay | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Demers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seri Gerszewski | <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Geiger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theresa Hickman | <input type="checkbox"/> Bucky Peterson |

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Elect **3** for a 1-year term (may be re-elected) (June 1-2 in Fargo)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Darcie Einarson | <input type="checkbox"/> Marjorie Johnson (Female) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris West (Male) | |

TREASURER'S REPORT – 2023

Attached to this report are several financial reports for year-end 2023, plus the proposed budget for 2024. In every measurable way, Grafton Lutheran Church financially continues to be very healthy.

Offerings have increased every year since the 2020 COVID year. These offerings, plus several significant donations over these years, have enabled us to increase our pastor's and staff compensation each year, and to complete seven special improvements to our church building and properties over these years.

In addition to these improvements, GLC has also been able to maintain our level of support for the many benevolent and mission purposes detailed throughout this annual report.

Now that these building improvements are largely completed, it is my hope and anticipation that Grafton Lutheran's benevolent and mission contributions can begin increasing each year. With your continued generosity, I am confident that this can happen. Thank you all.

David Petersen

GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
Statement of Income and Expense for 2023 and Budget for 2024

	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2024</u>
INCOME				
Regular Offering	\$ 245,000	\$ 245,567	\$ 567	\$ 251,000
Unrestricted Interest Income from CD's	1,850	1,906	56	6,000
Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,200	871	(329)	1,000
Transfers from Dedicated Funds	7,700	5,000	(2,700)	7,700
Interest From Special Event	0	707	707	0
Interest Income (Checking)	25	72	47	70
Interest Income (Money Market)	400	1,678	1,278	1,700
Total Income	\$ 256,175	\$ 255,800	\$ (375)	\$ 267,470
EXPENSE				
Pastoral Staff				
Senior Pastor	92,101	92,914	813	99,162
Intern (<i>Confirmation Assistants</i>)	12,500	1,236	(11,264)	3,000
Total Pastoral Staff	104,601	94,150	(10,451)	102,162
Office Staff				
Office Administrator	34,398	34,398	0	36,120
Visitation Ministry	4,200	3,258	(942)	3,500
Youth Coordinator	0	0	0	0
Offering Stewards/Finance Secretary	7,700	7,800	100	7,700
Worship Custodian	1,900	1,617	(283)	1,900
Janitorial Services	12,500	5,533	(6,968)	10,000
Total Office Staff	60,698	52,606	(8,093)	59,220
Worship Staff				
Organist	6,000	6,150	150	6,000
Choir Director & Accompanist	2,200	2,100	(100)	2,200
Handbell Director	2,000	1,575	(425)	2,000
Pulpit Supply and Mileage	800	925	125	800
Total Worship Staff	11,000	10,750	(250)	11,000
Payroll Overhead	4,480	4,093	(387)	4,410
Total Staff	\$ 180,779	\$ 161,598	\$ (19,181)	\$ 176,792
General Administrative Expense				
Office Expense	14,750	15,777	1,027	15,700
Worship Supplies	2,150	2,009	(141)	2,250
Conventions/Retreats	2,400	2,258	(142)	2,500
Taxes and Insurance	5,100	6,813	1,713	9,000
Grafton Conference Dues	150	0	(150)	150
Total General Administrative Expense	\$ 24,550	\$ 26,857	\$ 2,307	\$ 29,600
Board of Church Properties				
Utilities	18,000	15,865	(2,135)	18,000
Building & Equipment Maintenance	12,400	7,767	(4,633)	12,400
Total Board of Church Properties	\$ 30,400	\$ 23,632	\$ (6,768)	\$ 30,400
Board of Christian Education				
Sunday School	1,400	783	(617)	1,450
Vacation Bible School	900	1,458	558	1,500

	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>Actual 2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Budget 2024</u>
Confirmation	500	682	182	500
Adult Education	0	0	0	150
Total Board of Christian Education	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,923	\$ 123	\$ 3,600
Board of Evangelism	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ (200)	\$ 200
Board of Lay Ministry	\$ -	\$ (162)	\$ (162)	\$ -
Board of Worship & Music				
Technology,Licensing,Special Events	2,320	2,045	(275)	2,450
Sheet Music	400	61	(339)	405
Instrument Maintenance	1,850	1,948	98	2,225
Total Board of Worship & Music	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,054	\$ (516)	\$ 5,080
Board of Parish Fellowship	\$ 500	\$ 249	\$ (251)	\$ 500
Board of Stewardship	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ (250)	\$ 250
Board of Youth Work	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Budgeted Mission Support				
Synod Support	18,000	18,000	0	18,000
Lutheran Sunset Home	1,050	1,050	0	1,050
Park River Bible Camp	1,300	1,300	0	1,300
Grafton Ministerial	550	550	0	550
Total Budgeted Mission Support	\$ 20,900	\$ 20,900	\$ -	\$ 20,900
Total Expenses	\$264,949	\$240,051	(\$24,898)	\$267,322
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (8,774)	\$ 15,749	\$ 24,523	\$ 148

Grafton Lutheran Church
Statement of Income & Expense - 5 Year Comparison
 Level of Detail: Minor, Responsibility: All

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Income					
Regular Offering					
Regular Offering	\$ 245,567	\$ 237,214	\$ 232,288	\$ 202,360	\$ 255,712
Interest, Transfers In, Other	10,233	8,097	158,121	47,597	27,705
Total Income	\$ 255,800	\$ 245,311	\$ 390,409	\$ 249,957	\$ 283,417
Expense					
Staff					
Senior Pastor	92,914	86,127	69,145	57,068	81,357
Associate Pastor	0	0	13,010	75,333	76,070
Office Admin/Finance	42,198	40,460	36,020	35,225	33,780
Worship and Janitorial Custodians	7,150	13,075	8,426	4,902	10,633
Visitation Ministry/Intern	4,494	3,163	2,809	83	0
Worship Staff	10,750	10,438	10,028	6,688	10,531
Payroll Overhead	4,093	3,716	3,139	2,983	3,354
Total Staff	161,598	156,979	142,577	182,280	215,724
General Admin. Expenses					
Office Expenses	15,777	13,540	18,167	12,942	12,564
Worship Supplies	2,009	1,348	1,947	1,186	1,364
Conventions/Retreats	2,258	2,100	2,228	900	3,155
Taxes & Insurance	6,813	4,861	4,626	5,171	6,293
General Admin. Expenses	26,857	21,849	26,967	20,199	23,377
Board of Church Properties					
Utilities	15,865	16,010	14,325	14,028	13,806
Building & Equip. Maint.	7,767	10,607	25,197	11,726	9,439
Parsonage	0	0	9,605	5,193	7,734
Board of Church Properties	23,632	26,617	49,127	30,947	30,979
Board of Christian Education					
Sunday School	783	1,495	578	74	1,050
Vacation Bible School	1,458	56	442	0	1,552
Confirmation	682	445	563	371	614
Adult Education	0	147	-120	178	-7
Library	0	0	0	0	0
Board of Christian Education	2,923	2,143	1,463	623	3,209
Board of Evangelism					
Board of Evangelism	0	0	0	2,047	0
Board of Evangelism	0	0	0	2,047	0
Board of Lay Ministry					
Board of Lay Ministry	-162	0	0	0	0
Board of Lay Ministry	-162	0	0	0	0
Board of Worship & Music					
Board of Worship & Music	2,045	1,724	2,700	1,370	851
Sheet Music	61	158	214	310	268
Instrument Maintenance	1,948	1,452	1,363	718	1,344
Board of Worship & Music	4,054	3,333	4,277	2,399	2,463
Board of Parish Fellowship					
Board of Parish Fellowship	249	404	282	0	384
Board of Parish Fellowship	249	404	282	0	384

Grafton Lutheran
Statement of Income & Expense as of December
 Level of Detail: Minor, Responsibility: All

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Board of Stewardship					
Board of Stewardship	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>676</u>
Board of Stewardship	0	0	159	43	676
Board of Youth Work					
Board of Youth Work	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Board of Youth Work	0	0	0	0	0
Budgeted Mission Support					
Budgeted Mission Support	<u>20,900</u>	<u>20,900</u>	<u>20,900</u>	<u>20,900</u>	<u>24,800</u>
Budgeted Mission Support	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	24,800
Total Expenses	<u>\$240,051</u>	<u>\$232,225</u>	<u>\$245,752</u>	<u>\$259,437</u>	<u>\$301,612</u>
Income Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$15,749</u>	<u>\$13,086</u>	<u>\$144,656</u>	<u>-\$9,480</u>	<u>-\$18,195</u>

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Grafton Lutheran
Balance Sheet by Major Group
Jan 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023

Major Group	Balance As Of Jan 1, 2023	Balance As Of Dec 31, 2023	Current Year Change	Percent Change
<u>Fund 01 - General Fund</u>				
Assets				
00, Group 00	46,926.28	69,260.90	22,334.62	47.60%
01, Un-Restricted Investments	268,020.14	301,603.41	33,583.27	12.53%
02, Restricted Investments	415,578.64	329,479.84	-86,098.80	-20.72%
04, Fixed Assets	1,343,665.45	1,600,697.11	257,031.66	19.13%
Dedicated Funds Receivable	68,507.21	0.00	-68,507.21	-100.00%
Total Assets	2,142,697.72	2,301,041.26	158,343.54	7.39%
Liabilities				
01, Liability Accounts	0.00	165.00	165.00	#####%
02, Cafeteria Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Dedicated Funds Payable	202,692.07	174,189.21	-28,502.86	-14.06%
Total Liabilities	202,692.07	174,354.21	-28,337.86	-13.98%
Equity				
01, Equity Account	1,611,182.40	1,782,115.26	170,932.86	0.00%
Subtotal Equity	1,611,182.40	1,782,115.26	170,932.86	0.00%
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
Totals for Fund Balance	328,823.25	344,571.79	15,748.54	4.79%
Total Fund Balance/Equity	1,940,005.65	2,126,687.05	186,681.40	9.62%
Total Liability and Fund Balance	2,142,697.72	2,301,041.26	158,343.54	7.39%

**GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
CASH RECAP**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS IN CD'S</u>					
Mabel Johnson Radio	\$ 17,881.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Margaret Egeland Scholarship	6,131.12	5,729.13	5,817.93	4,878.77	4,910.52
Schrank Seminary/Concordia Scholarship	93,305.96	95,321.50	97,246.50	100,335.57	85,842.11
Radio	6,771.56	13,084.09	13,215.88	13,348.29	-
Technology	5,107.50	5,199.69	5,223.48	5,224.92	-
Sale of Parsonage			230,256.95	232,904.59	238,727.21
Capital Improvements	18,956.26	13,084.08	13,215.88	13,348.30	-
Schrank Improvements	81,116.04	81,867.18	45,086.47	45,538.20	-
	<u>\$ 229,269.97</u>	<u>\$ 214,285.67</u>	<u>\$ 410,063.09</u>	<u>\$ 415,578.64</u>	<u>\$ 329,479.84</u>
<u>CASH - SAVINGS - CD'S - DEDICATED</u>					
Cash in Checking	51,884.20	31,480.87	51,666.71	46,543.98	69,260.90
Savings and Investments	279,211.94	303,420.33	465,924.48	268,020.14	301,603.41
	<u>\$ 331,096.14</u>	<u>\$ 334,901.20</u>	<u>\$ 517,591.19</u>	<u>\$ 314,564.12</u>	<u>\$ 370,864.31</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 560,366.11</u>	<u>\$ 549,186.87</u>	<u>\$ 927,654.28</u>	<u>\$ 730,142.76</u>	<u>\$ 700,344.15</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 560,366.11</u>	<u>\$ 549,186.87</u>	<u>\$ 927,654.28</u>	<u>\$ 730,142.76</u>	<u>\$ 700,344.15</u>
Less Restricted Funds in CD's	(229,269.97)	(214,285.67)	(410,063.09)	(415,578.64)	(329,479.84)
Less Dedicated (Restricted) Funds in Cash/Savings	(194,406.19)	(207,691.31)	(333,915.70)	(133,802.56)	(174,189.21)
<u>UNRESTRICTED RESERVES</u>	<u>\$ 136,689.95</u>	<u>\$ 127,209.89</u>	<u>\$ 183,675.49</u>	<u>\$ 180,761.56</u>	<u>\$ 196,675.10</u>

OFFERING TRENDS - GENERAL FUND

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2023	\$18,785.99	\$22,675.21	\$17,004.42	\$23,749.00	\$16,093.98	\$13,117.61	\$16,564.97	\$15,539.46	\$20,478.43	\$21,192.20	\$19,860.66	\$40,505.01
2022	\$19,024.23	\$18,065.70	\$19,572.49	\$16,768.16	\$21,029.34	\$15,634.05	\$17,293.47	\$14,549.67	\$17,042.90	\$23,821.26	\$16,059.23	\$38,353.61
2021	\$16,779.29	\$16,859.95	\$18,865.41	\$17,131.82	\$16,816.24	\$14,359.75	\$16,739.04	\$14,742.89	\$20,396.71	\$19,901.38	\$16,718.62	\$42,976.85

Year	Total
2023	\$ 245,566.94
2022	\$ 237,214.11
2021	\$ 232,287.95

2023 Contribution Giving Range

Range	Givers	Amount
0.01 to 50.00	14	\$409.00
50.01 to 100.00	13	\$1,170.00
100.01 to 500.00	45	\$12,344.20
500.01 to 1000.00	24	\$17,502.00
1000.01 to 3000.00	54	\$88,385.24
3000.01 to 5000.00	10	\$37,546.53
5000.01 to 7000.00	4	\$24,900.00
7000.01 to 10000.00	6	\$50,959.97
10000.01 to 15000.00	1	\$12,350.00
	171	\$245,566.94

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Grafton Lutheran
"Dedicated Account - All Accounts"
 December, Fiscal Year 2023
 Fund 01 - General Fund

Account	Beginning Balance	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current Balance
		Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses	
Major 01 - Lay Ministry						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-01-00-01 Fall Dinner	15,308.75	0.00	2,084.95	11,545.00	21,466.77	5,386.98
017-01-00-02 Bake Sale	6,120.37	2,499.00	558.87	2,499.00	3,839.74	4,779.63
017-01-00-07 Summerfest/Klub Supper	5,702.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,702.62
017-01-00-10 Hospitality	2,754.90	50.00	0.00	1,806.36	1,222.45	3,338.81
017-01-00-11 Funerals	8,693.34	375.00	200.00	4,400.00	2,352.29	10,741.05
017-01-00-12 Weddings	1,285.66	0.00	235.00	300.00	235.00	1,350.66
017-01-00-13 Lay Ministry Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Totals	\$39,865.64	\$2,924.00	\$3,078.82	\$22,550.36	\$30,116.25	\$32,299.75
Major 04 - Special Offering or Gifts						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-04-00-01 Special Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	746.10	491.34	254.76
017-04-00-04 Offering Envelop Offering	108.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.85
017-04-00-05 Missionary Envelop Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-04-00-07 Mission of the Month Off.	214.00	188.00	208.50	2,877.84	2,903.84	188.00
017-04-00-08 World Hunger	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-04-00-09 Mission Support	374.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	374.12
017-04-00-10 Altar Guild	57.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.08	0.00
017-04-00-15 Community Outreach	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Totals	\$2,254.05	\$188.00	\$208.50	\$3,623.94	\$3,452.26	\$2,425.73
Major 05 - Dedications						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-05-00-02 Broadcasting/Publication	6,861.19	0.00	0.00	14,295.68	9,282.67	11,874.20
017-05-00-04 Memorials-Undesignated	8,038.57	291.43	0.00	1,082.86	4,252.72	4,868.71
017-05-00-05 Womens Circles	0.00	48.00	0.00	775.03	0.00	775.03
017-05-00-06 Prime Time	608.52	0.00	0.00	63.00	72.96	598.56
017-05-00-13 Worship Music	3,230.11	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	3,305.11
017-05-00-19 Men in Mission	628.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	628.74
017-05-00-20 Bibles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-05-00-21 Missions	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
017-05-00-22 Childcare - Church Events	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
017-05-00-23 Veteran's Honor Wall	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	385.59	214.41
Totals	\$22,367.13	\$339.43	\$0.00	\$16,891.57	\$13,993.94	\$25,264.76
Major 08 - Designated Interest Incom						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-08-00-02 M. Egeland Scholarship	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	31.75	1,031.75	0.00
017-08-00-04 Kopperud Foundation Gift	17,317.20	15,372.10	0.00	15,372.10	17,317.20	15,372.10
017-08-00-05 Schrank Seminary Scholar.	-5,000.00	0.00	416.74	15,570.91	5,000.00	5,570.91
Totals	\$13,317.20	\$15,372.10	\$416.74	\$30,974.76	\$23,348.95	\$20,943.01
Major 09 - Designated Memorials						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-09-00-02 Cemetery Memorials	75.00	300.00	2,390.00	3,345.00	3,370.00	50.00
017-09-00-05 Choir/Music memorials	3,921.52	20.00	0.00	2,195.00	915.29	5,201.23
017-09-00-07 Bell Choir Memorials	895.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	895.14
017-09-00-08 Deacons Memorial & Other	1,201.26	464.00	373.54	7,234.00	6,132.02	2,303.24
017-09-00-09 Fritz Rehwaldt Memorial	3,816.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,816.25

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Grafton Lutheran
"Dedicated Account - All Accounts"
 December, Fiscal Year 2023
 Fund 01 - General Fund

Account	Beginning Balance	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current Balance
		Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses	
017-09-00-10 Mission Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
017-09-00-18 MS - Grafton Ministerial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-09-00-20 Quilting Memorial & Other	6,886.44	0.00	69.38	1,770.00	459.05	8,197.39
017-09-00-23 Grand Piano	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-09-00-26 Outdoor Sign	2,819.96	0.00	0.00	25.00	750.00	2,094.96
Totals	\$19,615.57	\$784.00	\$2,832.92	\$14,594.00	\$11,651.36	\$22,558.21

Major 10 - Capital Improvements

Minor 00 - Ungrouped

017-10-00-01 Memorials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-10-00-02 Capital Improvements	-16,129.62	50.00	0.00	16,385.69	0.00	256.07
017-10-00-03 CI - Wally Olson Estate	67,399.55	0.00	0.00	711.21	36,800.27	31,310.49
017-10-00-08 Elevator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-10-00-09 Technology	4,921.35	100.00	0.00	8,692.84	9,084.90	4,529.29
017-10-00-10 Kieley Lighting/Electrical	7,934.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,219.00	3,715.96
017-10-00-11 Ruby Schrank Improvements	-47,377.59	0.00	0.00	47,377.59	0.00	0.00
Totals	\$16,748.65	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$73,167.33	\$50,104.17	\$39,811.81

Major 12 - Youth Ministry

Minor 00 - Ungrouped

017-12-00-01 Fundraisers	175.24	2,035.01	0.00	9,728.61	9,136.37	767.48
017-12-00-04 Compassion Child	2,181.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.00	2,143.15
017-12-00-06 Youth Triannual LYO Conv	780.67	118.00	717.06	14,730.40	4,317.06	11,194.01
017-12-00-13 Aluminum Cans	1,509.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,509.12	0.00
017-12-00-14 Camperships	1,243.45	20.00	0.00	2,100.96	1,517.50	1,826.91
017-12-00-17 All Youth Ministry	2,884.71	0.00	74.80	2,233.54	1,645.35	3,472.90
017-12-00-19 Youth Sponsored Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,421.00	5,421.00	0.00
017-12-00-20 Sunday School	2,150.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	379.80	1,770.83
017-12-00-21 Youth Memorial	2,651.00	0.00	0.00	426.00	0.00	3,077.00
017-12-00-22 Sunday School Offering	5,440.65	33.25	208.97	401.98	208.97	5,633.66
Totals	\$19,016.62	\$2,206.26	\$1,000.83	\$35,042.49	\$24,173.17	\$29,885.94

Major 13 - Ruby Schrank Estate

Minor 00 - Ungrouped

017-13-00-04 Concordia Scholarships	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Totals	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00

Fund 01 - General Fund	\$134,184.86	\$21,963.79	\$7,537.81	\$196,844.45	\$156,840.10	\$174,189.21
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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Son of God, Eternal Savior

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 655

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