



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

All around us, we see signs of God's love and goodness. A person who has stepped away from church for many years steps back into a congregation, feeling the call of the Holy Spirit. Young adults feeling isolated in a digital-first world start gathering in person in a small group, enjoying the warmth of a hug and a new friend asking about their week. A mother plants a garden, and it yields fruits and vegetables, giving her nutritious food for her kids and extra produce to sell at the local market. Everywhere we look, we see signs of Christ's love. In Psalm 93, we read: "More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore" (4-5).

God's love is a majestic thing, and it moves us to share it in word and deed. The ministries of our congregations, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together to share God's love with people in our neighborhoods, across our country and around the world.

I am so grateful for you, dear church. Your generosity to each of these three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has bolstered the church's ability to share the message of God's love to people who are longing for it. Through your

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— Psalm 93:4-5

financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices, you've helped carry this message of God's majestic love. Thank you, dear church. As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to stand steadfast in God's promises, sure of God's love and goodness.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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Grafton Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
January 19, 2025 11:00AM
Agenda

Welcome & Call to Order

Opening Prayer – Pr. Carter Hill

Opening Remarks/State of the Church – Darcie Einarson

Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting

Old Business:

- _____
- _____

New Business:

- Reports Submitted for Review
- Kopperud Fund Distribution—pg. 16-20
- State of the Church – Pastor Carter Hill
- Budget: 2025 Proposed Budget – Dave Peterson
- 2025 Ballot and Election of Members—pg.36

Lord's Prayer

Closing of the Meeting

Grafton Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting

January 21, 2024

President Darcie Einarson called the meeting to order at 1050am. A quorum was met and noted with 46 in attendance. Pastor Carter provided a prayer.

Opening Remarks/State of the Church-President Darcie: We have been blessed with leadership. Thank you Loretta Moe and Judy Alme for their work with the funerals. And to the offering counters.

Building Updates-We have completed the updates in Sunday School wing, the narthex is modern and welcoming, and we have included Our Saviors Lutheran Church with pieces throughout the building. There have been 26 new members this year, . We are facing realities and challenges, but we have opportunity. Together we are the body of Christ.

Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting-Motion to accept minutes-Loretta Moe. Second- Elaine Broker

Old Business- None

New Business:

Reports review- Committee reports were reviewed. Motion to accept the reports- Carissa Klug. Second- Bucky Peterson

Kopperud Fund Distribution-The amount available for distribution in 2023 was 15,372.10. The Stewardship Board recommends the congregation approve the disbursal 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 Canter 4,000 | Grafton Lutheran Deacon's Fund 3,000 |Park River Bible Camp 1372.10

Motion to accept the distributions as recommended- Elaine Broker. Second-Kandi Koehmstedt

2024 Ballot and Election of Members-The nomination committee present a complete ballot. Nominations were opened to the floor, none noted. Nominations ceased. Presented nominations included: Church Council- Kristen Peterson, first 2 year term. Megan Wynne, first 2 year term. Janice Kern, first 2 year term. Stephanie Baldwin, first 2 year term. Susie Geiger, second 2 year term.

2024 Nominating Committee members: Deb McKay, Seri Gerszewski, Theresa Hickman, Kristen Demers, Dick Geiger, Bucky Peterson.

Endowment Board- Brent Baldwin

Cemetery Board- Paul Mohagen, Gary Rud

Lutheran Sunset Home Delegated- Kande Koehmstedt, Karen Blanchard, Tammy Lunde, Karen Hills, Kathy Johnson, Karen McCann, Linda Rud, Ray Rud, Delores McDonald, Liz Hanson

Park River Bible Camp Delegates- Stacie Sevigny, Kris Ziegelmann, Carissa Klug, Ashley Mathiason

Synod Assembly- Darcie Einarson, Chris West, Marjorie Johnson

A motion was made to accept the ballot as accepted by Rod Alme. Second, Dick Geiger. A unanimous ballot approved.

Budget review- Pastor Carter talked about an overage of budget due to the fact we never filled a staff position with no seminary intern. Approximately \$50K short in giving in the area for congregation our size. We are currently below the low side of giving. A need was mentioned for a Stewardship coming to help our giving grow. A congregational vote was made to earmark money for last year in ways to assist the church with stewardship.

Motion was made by Greg Johnson, Second by Mary Dvorak, to allow church council to enter conversation with company to assist stewardship committee. Discussion was opened. Bucky asked does this company include help over the 2 years for the estimated cost (\$15K)? Answer from Pastor Carter was yes.

Vote cast, 1 opposed. Motion carries.

2024 proposed budget- See treasurer's report. The budget was reviewed. The floor was opened for question/discussion. A motion to approve the 2024 budget was made by Rod Alme, second by Doug Johnson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bucky Peterson, Second by Judy Alme. (1130am)

Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jennifer Curtis

Pastor's Report

My Dear Church,

2024 has come and gone, and what a wonderful year it was for our 146th year as a congregation. The year held many new adventures and has set a firm foundation for us to begin this 147th year of Grafton Lutheran.

Stewardship for All Seasons:

At last year's annual meeting the congregation voted to use the excess offering from 2023 to go toward hiring GSB Consulting to help us with our stewardship. They walked alongside a team made up of Susie Geiger, Preston Theile, Marjorie Johnson, Carissa Klug, and Mary Dvorak to learn our story and to help us discover where we are heading in the future.

The response from all of you was phenomenal. This year we should see an increase in giving of over \$55,000 which will make 2025 the largest year of offering ever given to GLC. While many churches are watching their offering dwindle, you all have pushed us forward into a new beginning. You have created a new future that tells us and others that Grafton Lutheran is alive and well and vital in carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ in our community.

\$55,000? Now what?:

When asked if I want the good news or the bad news first I always choose the bad news. That doesn't really apply here because the words are more "do you want the boring news or the exciting news" first. I'm going to go with the boring (yet still somewhat exciting!) news first.

The amazing gift of this excess offering allows us to cover many of the rising costs around us. Our church insurance has almost doubled in the past years. Health insurance costs have also increased. With this extra offering we will be able to cover these costs with no stress while at the same time be able to offer not only cost of living wage increases but also a performance-based bump as well to our employees. We have also raised budget lines in other areas like youth programming and adult education.

The most exciting news is that \$25,000 of these gifts will be used to hire a quarter time employee for Grafton Lutheran. This person will work across the board as a ministry assistant in areas of youth and adult education, PrimeTime, and whatever else we can dream up! With the passing of this year's budget, you will be giving the council and myself permission to move forward hiring this position.

Also knowing that not every dollar pledged will come in, the council played it safe in not budgeting every dollar pledged. If it all still comes in this will allow us to continue to rebuild some of our capital improvement funds. What an amazing thing to celebrate.

My Yearly Thank Yous:

As always, I am incredibly grateful for the people who help this church along in its ministry for the gospel.

Susie Narloch continues to be the backbone of our church functioning each day. She continually steps up in new ways, and I would not be able to do the ministry here that I do without her. If you see her, please thank her for her dedication to our congregation.

Elaine Broker is a wonderful caretaker for our church in so many ways. First and foremost, she is the face of your congregation to those living at the Lutheran Sunset Home and those who are homebound. She makes sure that they are all visited and receive communion on a regular basis. Elaine also is one of the caretakers of our building, spending a few hours a week keeping this place organized and sparkling.

Ryer Stark is the ghost in the night around here, and through this keeps our building clean and ready to welcome all of you. Thank you for taking on this extra work in your already busy life to help us be a welcoming space.

Doug Johnson is a dependable icon here at Grafton Lutheran. He opens and locks the building each Sunday, makes the coffee, and runs the sound, screen, and livestream each Sunday morning and hardly ever misses.

Wanda Ensrude is a masterful keeper of financial documents and keeps meticulous track of the finances of our congregation. Linda Rud and Mary Dvorak also each week count our offering to be sure everything is organized correctly for giving statements and memorials.

Marjorie Johnson is a wonderful steward of the musical talents of this congregation and beyond. Her care for the choir along with Lisa Blanchard, and the bells is wonderful. The team of those two each year provide us with the ever-beautiful Carols and Candles service. Thank you to all of the musicians in our church who join the bell choir and choir. We are all so thankful for your gift to us.

Thank you to Steve Ekman who continues each year to schedule our amazing musicians. A massive thank you to our pianists: Steve, Lisa, Cathy Tweten, and Jack Kern who bring us wonderful music each week. Also, a shout out to the praise band: Bobbie Ekman, Joe Kern, Kent Trontvet, and Kevin Dusek.

And thank you to all of you for being a wonderful congregation to serve. Each year while I write this I pause to remember and be thankful that we are in this work together. I appreciate you.

With love,
Pastor Carter

Pastoral Acts 2024

Baptisms (8):

Natalia Ray Sundby
Declan Peter Holand
Everett Chase Flanders
Ford Lee West
Braxton Kevan Collette
Tatum John Altendorf
Brayden Aurel Martinez
Beau Jaxon Martinez

First Communion (4): November 17

Julia Harper Johnson
Ryker John Thiele
Charleigh Paige Knutson
Emsley Kay Wynne

Confirmation (8): October 20

Kruiser Burns
Kiah Coffman
Gavin Hill-Fyelling
Layla Klug
Brody Lillemoen
Gabrielle Ray
Grace Ray
Annika Sangrait

Weddings (1)

*Jaci Nieman & Chad Rudicka
*Off Site

2024 Statistics:

Worship opportunities: 63
Communion opportunities: 53
Total # of worshipers in 2024: 6874
Average Sunday Attendance: 106
Average Online Attendance: 45
Total Members: 664

Transferred Members In (10):

Natalia Sundby
Declan Holand
Everett Flanders
Ford West
Braxton Collette
Kruiser Burns
Donald Haug
Tatum John Altendorf
Brayden Aurel Martinez
Beau Jaxon Martinez

Transferred Out/Removed (9)

Casey Jones
Wyatt Jones
Lindy Misialek
Kamryn Misialek
Mya Misialek
Tracy Misialek
Kory Misialek
Alisa McKay-Leas
Nicole Holand

Funerals (19) - 9 Members

Harlan Thompson
David Klava
Thomas Olson
Gary Rud
Winten Gunderson
Chad Demers
Lyndalou Raumin
Linda Bogert
Lloyd Johnson
Violet Nelson
Connie Jensen
Sharon Johnson
Dennis Anderson
Terry Johnson
Maryetta Nelson
Bradley L. Gaudry
Roxane LaBlah Mohn
Ronald Olson
Ruth Williams

Italic—Not-Members

Properties Report 2024

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

It was another busy year of property updates for GLC. In January Bucky Peterson painted the basement, choir room and back stairway. He also painted and remodeled the bell room which turned out great. We are very lucky to have someone like Bucky in our congregation. He goes the extra mile for GLC, and it does not go unnoticed. Jay Sevigny updated all the exterior entry door lights to LED's and Lloyd Thompson installed front row hymnal holders. Both donated their time and labor.

In May the Church Council, with the help of Bucky did a spring cleaning which was much needed. We also hired David Demester to refinish the choir room floor which turned out great. The Kern family volunteered to clean and update the bottoms of all the choir room chairs. Jay Sevigny and I also completed the baseboard trim.

In July the church offices were completely emptied, and the flooring was all removed. A special thank you to Evan and Carissa Klug and Jay Sevigny for their help getting everything prepped for B&D flooring. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Carter and Susie for all the extra work decluttering and helping get the offices all back together.

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. I also continue to be the church janitor which is a great way to keep my eye on the church. I typically spend 2-3 hours a week depending on what time of year it is.

As I've stated in the past we continue to have roof issues throughout the church. It seems like once we find a leak and fix it a new one appears in a different spot which can be very frustrating. We will continue to monitor the situation, but a flat roof is a flat roof and issues like this will probably never go away.

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 to remember those who have helped.

I, along with others, have mentioned this 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 are long gone and the properties committee would very much appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Ryer Stark
Properties Committee Chair

2024 Christian Education Report

A Year in Review

75 children attended VBS August 12-15, 2024

67 kids are registered for Sunday School in grades Pre-K-6th grade

7 third graders received bibles on October 13, 2024

8 students were confirmed on October 20, 2024

4 fifth graders received First Communion on November 17, 2024

39 students are enrolled in Confirmation (7-10th grade)

17 teens attended the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

6 Wednesday Lenten meals were served by our youth.

8 children were baptized.

3 campships to ELCA Bible Camps were provided to attend summer camps.

3 Scholarship recipients:

Margaret Egeland- Nicole Johnson

Lay Ministry- Abram Sevigny and Gavin Sevigny

Many Thanks

None of our youth events would happen without the help of so many gracious and faithful people; I appreciate all of these people for their time and commitment to our youth!

We are thankful for Sunday School teachers which include: Katie Stark, Courtney Loken, Abby West, Paige Wollitz, Ashley Mathiason, Sophie Geddes, Kealyn Fraser, Anne Collette, Amy Lemieux and Gabbi Holand. Stephanie Collette leads music for Sunday School and we appreciate all she does!

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

We give thanks for the adults who helped with the Youth trip, especially Jessie Johnson who helped Pastor Carter coordinate the trip. She helped with the fundraising for the trip, including the Easter Egg fundraiser, Bingo, raffle tickets, and more! The other adults who helped chaperone were: Sharon Kasprick, Dawnielle Coffman, Carissa Klug, Jessie Johnson, Pastor Carter, Nick Ziegelmann, and Stephanie Lillemoen.

Sunday School students sang at the Lutheran Sunset Home on November 24, 2024 and performed their Christmas Program on December 15, 2024. 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,

Megan Wynne

Lay Ministry Annual Report 2024

Thank you to board members Mary Dvorak, Janet Berger, Mari Swartz, Mavis Sevigny, Michelle Flanders and Deb McKay for the time spent helping with the many church events overseen by Lay Ministry. Several planning meetings were held for the Fall Dinner, Bake Sale, Funeral Planning, and Faith and Care.

GLC members take part in worship and fellowship needs throughout their two assigned Faith and Care months and are called upon for food and to work at funerals and church events. These months are overseen by the above named board members along with monthly chairpersons. Thank you to these people for chairing their months of Faith and Care activities: Donna Holland, MaryJo Hall, Bonnie Mohagen, Megan Wynne, Wanda Ensrude and Janice Kern.

The Funeral Committee is still evolving. At this time, the Lay Ministry Board is overseeing a rotation of planners/organizers for funerals which is working well. It is important to this board that GLC continues to provide a thoughtful, caring time of fellowship for families following funeral services. Thank you to the GLC members for being part of these funeral meals and providing time and food when asked.

The Lay Ministry Board provided cake, ice cream and entertainment at the Lutheran Sunset Home for birthdays in January. This was greatly appreciated by the residents. The board provided a meal for Vacation Bible School.

The Fall Dinner was coordinated by the Lay Ministry Board as well as Stacie Sevigny and Tammy Burns. This fundraising event involved over 100 people from our church coming together for the day and days leading up to the meal. Proceeds from the Fall Dinner were used for the Lay Ministry Scholarship fund and the GLC Youth Trip Fund.

The GLC Bake Sale was held on December 7th and raised \$2,239 which was donated to local charities of Food Pantry, LSTC Christmas Gifts, Kids' Alley, Beautification Committee, Domestic Violence, PRBC, GLC Deacon Fund and GLC Youth.

Janice Kern, Lay Ministry Board Chair

Parish Fellowship Report for 2024

Members: Kristen Peterson, Jane Mohagen, Claudia Thompson, and Cindy Thompson

May: We hosted “Come Garden with Us” at Moe’s Floral with 15 people in attendance.

August: We provided an evening meal for Vacation Bible School. Serving hotdogs, Watermelon and Chips.

November: Assisted in serving a Chili supper following the Ecumenical Service Sunday the 24th.

December: Served refreshments for fellowship following Carols and Candles on Dec. 8th. Sunset Homecoming was cancelled due to COVID.

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Committee members: Susie Geiger, Elaine Broker, Bonnie and Paul Mohagen.

What a year it has been for our congregation! At the 2023 Annual Meeting it was approved to utilize extra funds towards stewardship resources. In April we contracted with Stewardship for All Seasons to assist us in developing a year-round stewardship program. Under the leadership of Pastor Carter and church council, a congregational team was formed consisting of Susie Geiger, Mary Dvorak, Marjorie Johnson, Carissa Klug and Preston Thiele. Many hours were dedicated to planning, developing materials and conducting an appeal campaign which resulted in an overwhelming outcome.

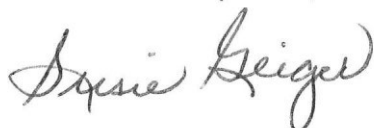
Our church continues to utilize the offering envelop system and various methods of automated giving, such as TITHE.LY/GIVE. Please call the office if you need more information.

The council stewardship committee joyfully accomplished the following activities in 2024:

- *Mission of the Month continues to be collected every Sunday of the month for a designated program/need. Schedule of recipients reviewed. We welcome your suggestions.
- *Composed articles and notifications for Lamplighter and bulletins.
- *Committee members prepared and served evening the meal for VBS on August 13th.
- *Maintain the Congregational Care Committee to send cards to members during times of loss, celebration, illness, gratitude, and care/concerns. Thank-you cards sent to those responding to stewardship appeal.
- *Cards sent to new members to welcome and encourage participation in the life of the church.
- *Cards sent to worship service visitors.
- *Assisted Fellowship Committee to serve chili meal following Grafton Community Thanksgiving Service November 24th.
- *SAS and council members prepared and served meal on Celebration Sunday, December 8th.
- *Recommendation for distribution of Kopperud Foundation Mission Funds.
- *Membership Roster continues to be reviewed to determine a plan of contact. Our major concern is to reach out to those who are for some reason not active in the life of the church and need our care and concern.

Thank you for your commitment to the ministry at Grafton Lutheran. Your financial giving and generosity are a sign that God is moving and at work among us. It is a new year of ministry and opportunities ahead!

Committee Chairperson,



Mission of the Month Offering Totals for 2024

Pregnancy Help Center	\$304.00
Domestic Violence Shelter.....	\$190.42
GLC Bible Camp Camperships.....	\$300.00
Walsh County Food Pantry	\$394.00
Salvation Army.....	\$140.00
Angel of Hope	\$115.00
Grafton Lutheran VBS	\$460.00
Walsh County Backpack Program.....	\$563.00
Life Skills & Transition Center's Christmas Gifts.....	\$322.00
Helping Kids School Fund	\$436.00
Grafton Lutheran Deacon's Fund	\$521.75

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

FINANCIAL SAFE PRACTICES AT GRAFTON LUTHERAN

Grafton Lutheran follows the safe practices for finances put out by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This means we have created a system of checks and balances that would make it hard for our money to be mishandled.

For years, GLC has kept incoming and outgoing money separate. Currently all “receivables” are tracked by our Offering Stewards, Linda Rud and Mary Dvorak. The incoming money is taken care of by two individual employees so that there is no room for embezzlement.

Wanda Ensrude is our Financial Secretary and takes care of all bills and payments from the church or “payables.” However, it is important to note that Wanda holds no signing power on any of Grafton Lutheran’s accounts. She prepares all bills and checks and they are then signed by whoever holds the church treasurer position on the council. That is currently Dave Peterson. One other member of council has signing power in case of the treasurer’s absence. That person is currently Darcie Einarson.

For additional security, the council members who can sign checks have no access to the congregation’s checks as they are locked in a safe. The only person to ever prepare checks is Wanda.

Additional security has been added this year. Previously the council person assigned to each Sunday simply put the offering in an unsealed bag to be counted. Now the council member must ask another communion assistant to help transfer the money into an unbreakable sealed bag with a double signature over the seal. We will also not add official counting slips to each cash box for events so that money must be counted, documented, and signed by two witnesses.

As you will see in the Audit Committee’s report – all of our safeguarding and wonderful employees and council members have led to an audit free of issues.

Grafton Lutheran Church Council
143 West 5th Street
Grafton, ND 58237

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, (audit committee) have reviewed the accompanying financial statement of the Grafton Lutheran Church, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2024 and the related statement of income. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company personnel. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our (audit committee) responsibility is to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We did follow the ELCA guidelines when performing our review for the general checking account. In addition to conversations with employed personnel, we did obtain evidence of bank reconciliation, petty cash, offering counting, receipt reconciliation, separation of duties, disbursement documentation and signature control, payroll reporting, federal filing and deposits, records management and the safeguarding of assets and documents.

Although our committee may be proposing recommendations, based upon our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements.

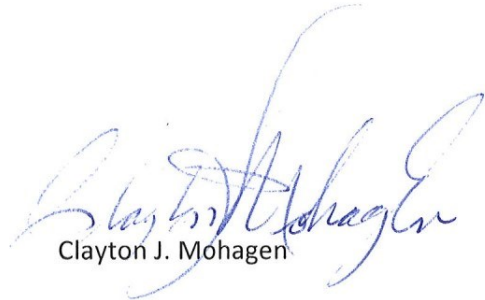
Sincerely,



Rachel Ray



Ann Poeschel-West



Clayton J. Mohagen

January 6, 2025

KOPPERUD FOUNDATION MISSION DISTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATION

The Kopperud Foundation made a year-end distribution to Grafton Lutheran Church for Missions in the amount of \$15,351.58 to be distributed in 2025.

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	\$1,000.00	
ELCA Lutheran Response	\$3,000.00	
		\$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	\$1,351.58	
		\$8,351.58
Total		\$15,351.58

KOPPERUD FOUNDATION

PO Box 415
Grafton, North Dakota 58237

May 13, 2024

Grafton Lutheran Church
Attn: Treasurer
143 5th Street West
Grafton, ND 58237

Re: 2023 Distribution - Kopperud Foundation

Dear Sir:

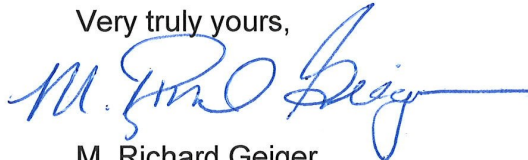
M. Richard Geiger from Grafton, North Dakota; Roberta Corrick from Drayton, North Dakota; and Lawrence D. DuBois, Attorney at Law, Cavalier, North Dakota continue to serve as trustees of the Kopperud Foundation.

The trustees have finalized the accounting for the 2023 calendar year for the foundation and have determined the amount of distribution that each entity will receive. The distribution to your entity is determined by the Articles of Incorporation of Kopperud Foundation.

According to the Articles of Incorporation of Kopperud Foundation the Grafton Lutheran Church is entitled to a distribution of net income of 22.5%. Further, according to the Articles of Incorporation of Kopperud Foundation, the gift to the Grafton Lutheran Church is restricted and is to be used for missions. Enclosed herein please find a check from the Kopperud Foundation in the amount of \$15,351.58. As in years past, I am enclosing herein an accounting for the calendar year 2023 showing the income received by the Kopperud Foundation, expenses paid, and the net income available for distribution, which determines your share. Also, I am enclosing herein a list of the entities that received a distribution of income from the Kopperud Foundation for 2023. As in years past, I am also enclosing herein a copy of the Schedule of Assets for Kopperud Foundation as of December 31, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding the matters discussed in this letter you may contact Lawrence D. DuBois at PO Box 633, Cavalier, ND 58220, telephone number (701) 265-8446; M. Richard Geiger, at 923 Kittson Avenue, Grafton, ND, 58237, telephone number (701) 520-1399; or Roberta Corrick at PO Box 13, Drayton, ND 58225, telephone number (701) 520-8868.

Very truly yours,



M. Richard Geiger
Trustee and President, Kopperud Foundation

Enc.

**Kopperud Foundation
Annual Accounting**

Period Ending - December 31, 2023

Income:		
2023 Land Rent		\$82,299.80
GENERAL INCOME BEFORE OPERATING EXPENSES.....		\$82,299.80
Operating Expenses:		
Fleming, DuBois & Fleming, PLLP - Legal Fees		\$2,360.00
Insurance		\$175.11
Post Office Box		\$82.00
Real Estate Tax		\$11,453.46
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....		\$14,070.57
RECAP		
Total Operating Income		\$82,299.80
Total Operating Expenses		(\$14,070.57)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.....		\$68,229.23

2023 DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME
Disbursed in Calendar Year 2024

Net Funds Available for Distribution \$68,229.23

Distributions Made:

Grafton Lutheran Church for Missions	-	22.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$15,351.58	
Lutheran Sunset Home	-	22.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$15,351.58	
American Cancer Society	-	12.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$8,528.65	
American Heart Association	-	12.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$8,528.65	
Unity Medical Center	-	12.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$8,528.65	
Walsh County Domestic Violence Program	-	1.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$1,023.44	
Walsh County Food Pantry	-	2.0% of \$68,229.23 = \$1,364.58	
Second Time Around	-	1.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$1,023.44	
Grafton Association of Ministerial Fund	-	1.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$1,023.44	
Ann Carlson School	-	1% of \$68,229.23 = \$682.29	
Historic Elmwood Park	-	2.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$1,705.73	
Gideon Bible Organization	-	1% of \$68,229.23 = \$682.29	
Grafton Boy Scouts	-	1% of \$68,229.23 = \$682.29	
Grafton Girl Scouts	-	1% of \$68,229.23 = \$682.29	
Wildlife	-	1% of \$68,229.23 = \$682.29	
Park River Bible Camp	-	3.5% of \$68,229.23 = \$2,388.02	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS MADE			<u>\$68,229.21</u>
BALANCE OF FUNDS AFTER DISTRIBUTION			<u>\$0.02</u>

**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, 2023.

Real Estate

599.98 tillable acres of Walsh County, North Dakota farmland at \$6,000 per acre =	\$3,599,880.00
25 non-tillable acres of Walsh County, North Dakota farmland at \$3,000 per acre =	\$75,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL REAL ESTATE	<u>\$3,674,880.00</u>

Personal Property

Checking account at First United Bank, Grafton, North Dakota	\$89,662.00
CD Ending #703 at North Star Community Credit Union, Grafton, North Dakota	\$119,829.13
CD at First United Bank, Grafton, North Dakota	\$38,430.64
CD at Bremer Bank	\$106,258.74
CD at North Star Community Credit Union, Grafton, North Dakota	\$115,116.30
CD at North Star Community Credit Union, Grafton, North Dakota	\$42,972.96
S1 Shares at North Star Community Credit Union Grafton, North Dakota	<u>\$4,354.40</u>
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY	<u>\$516,624.17</u>
TOTAL OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	<u>\$4,191,504.17</u>


Lawrence D. DuBois, Trustee and
Secretary Kopperud Foundation

Quilting Report for 2024

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 2024:

Item:	2024
Quilts	127
Health Kits	112
School Kits	56
PRBC Quilt Auction	3
Graduation Quilts	10

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.

Funeral Report 2024

Food was served for the following services:

Harlan Thompson

David Klava

Gary Rud

Winten Gunderson

Dennis Anderson

Roxanne LaBlanc

Lyndalou Raumin

Linda Bogert

Lloyd Johnson

We want to thank all who answered the call to kindly help with providing thoughtful and caring times of food and fellowship following funerals held at GLC.

Families expressed their appreciation after every meal.

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Kern, Lay Ministry Chairperson

Grafton Lutheran Cemetery Association

2024 Financial Report

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

Income for 2024

Cemetery Memorial Gifts/Donations	\$ 3,985.00
Sale of Burial Plots	\$ 2,390.00
Mission Investment Fund Interest	\$ 290.84
Checking Account Interest	\$ 40.76
Matured CD proceeds	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 6,706.60

Expenses for 2024

Lindell Mowing	\$ 6,930.00
Fertile Grow - spray weeds	\$ 475.00
David Petersen - Sexton fee (Nelson)	\$ 40.00
Auto Value - flags	\$ -
US Postal Service - postage	\$ -
Refuse Disposal	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 7,445.00

Checking account balance as of 12/31/2024 \$ 19,521.95

Assets as of 12/31/2024

	<u>Matures</u>	
Choice Bank CD - 10047637	8/7/2025	\$ 70,616.98
ELCA Mission Investment Fund - 2940	1/30/2028	\$ 14,981.69
Checking account (Bremer Bank)		\$ 19,521.95
Total Assets		\$ 105,120.62

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip H. Ray

Philip H. Ray

Treasurer

2024 SEXTON'S REPORT FOR GRAFTON LUTHERAN CEMETERY

In 2024, there were 11 burials or interment of cremated remains:

1. Larry Hooey
2. Ruth Williams
3. Marion Lunde
4. Nancy J. Callahan
5. Ramona Horter
6. Glorianne M. Bradshaw
7. Lyndalou Raumin
8. Gary Rud
9. Wayne Schultz
10. Thomas Wallner
11. Winten Gunderson

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Petersen, Sexton

January 6, 2025

GRAFTON LUTHERAN ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENTS INCOME	\$2,189.50
CAPSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP INCOME	\$4,052.62
CHOICE FINANCIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$6,330.26
DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2024	
GLC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,550.00
ELCA SYNOD MISSION FUND	\$1,550.00
WALSH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	\$ 775.00
WCP-BACKPACK PROGRAM-GRAFTON SCHOOL	\$ 775.00
GLC NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUND	\$ 775.00
PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP	\$ 775.00
TOTAL	\$6,200.00
ASSETS AS OF 12-31-2024	
CHOICE FINANCIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 6,260.62
CAPSTONE FINANCIAL GROUP	\$169,618.68
TOTAL ASSESTS AS OF 12-31-2024	\$175,879.30
PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025	
GLC-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,500.00
ELCA SYNOD MISSION FUND	\$1,500.00
WALSH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	\$ 750.00
WCFP-BACKPACK PROGRAM-GRAFTON SCHOOL	\$ 750.00
GLC NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUND	\$ 750.00
PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP	\$ 750.00
TOTAL PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS	\$6,000.00

The endowment committee, consisting of Brent Baldwin, Ranell Hanson, Preston Thiele, Stacie Sevigny, and Rod Alme voted to move the account portfolio to Capstone Financial Group on February 29, 2024.

The decision to transfer the account to Capstone Financial Group, which Ann Poeschel West is a senior financial advisor, was based on the fact that Ann was involved with the fund for several years at Bremer Investments-Raymond James and associates. There were no changes in any of the investments or any transfer fees.

GRAFTON LUTHERAN TREASURER'S REPORT – 2024

Attached to this report are several financial reports for year-end 2024, plus the proposed budget for 2025. These reports, and reports from several previous years, show again that Grafton Lutheran continues to be financially healthy. Grafton Lutheran has many faithful and generous member-givers, and we are grateful for all of you.

Grafton Lutheran is also grateful for our excellent pastor, Rev. Carter Hill. However, we are more and more aware that one pastor can not do it all, for a church of our size. At one time, we had two full-time pastors. When our giving would not support two pastors, we cut back to one full-time pastor plus a half-time pastor. After a time, Grafton Lutheran's giving did not support this either.

For this reason, the council, in 2024, instituted a new stewardship campaign seeking to increase our annual giving. Our congregation responded! 95 of our giving units, in total, pledged to increase their giving during 2025 by over \$55,000. We trust that that new level of giving will continue into the future.

Accordingly, our proposed 2025 budget includes a line-item for a new part-time pastor, and budget increases for pulpit supply ministers. The challenge for Grafton Lutheran, and our entire ELCA synod, is that there are many other congregations that are also seeking pastoral leadership. With an increase in congregational giving, we now have the financial ability to join that search. We pray that we will be successful.

David Petersen, Treasurer

Grafton Lutheran
GLC Statement Income & Expense
Level of Detail: Minor, Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Income					
Offering and Other Revenue					
Regular Offering	254,090	245,567	237,214	232,288	202,360
Interest, Transfers In, Other	23,101	10,233	8,097	158,121	47,597
Total Income	\$277,191	\$255,800	\$245,311	\$390,409	\$249,957
Expense					
Staff					
Senior Pastor	98,917	92,914	86,127	69,145	57,068
Associate Pastor	0	0	0	13,010	75,333
Office Admin/Finance	43,820	42,198	40,460	36,020	35,225
Worship and Janitorial Custodians	8,168	7,150	13,075	8,426	4,902
Visitation Ministry/Confirmation Assistants	5,265	4,494	3,163	2,809	83
Worship Staff	10,428	10,750	10,438	10,028	6,688
Payroll Overhead	4,344	4,093	3,716	3,139	2,983
Total Staff	170,941	161,598	156,979	142,577	182,280
General Admin. Expenses					
Office Expenses	16,592	15,777	13,540	18,167	12,942
Worship Supplies	1,502	2,009	1,348	1,947	1,186
Conventions/Retreats	2,743	2,258	2,100	2,228	900
Taxes & Insurance	13,039	6,813	4,861	4,626	5,171
General Admin. Expenses	33,877	26,857	21,849	26,967	20,199
Board of Church Properties					
Utilities	12,466	15,865	16,010	14,325	14,028
Building & Equipment Maintenance	21,015	7,767	10,607	25,197	11,726
Parsonage	0	0	0	9,605	5,193
Board of Church Properties	33,482	23,632	26,617	49,127	30,947
Board of Christian Education					
Sunday School	78	783	1,495	578	74
Vacation Bible School	219	1,458	56	442	0
Confirmation	452	682	445	563	371
Adult Education	0	0	147	(120)	178
Board of Christian Education	749	2,923	2,143	1,463	623
Board of Evangelism					
Board of Evangelism	427	0	0	0	2,047
Board of Evangelism	427	0	0	0	2,047
Board of Lay Ministry					
Board of Lay Ministry	0	(162)	0	0	0
Board of Lay Ministry	0	(162)	0	0	0
Board of Worship & Music					
Board of Worship & Music	1,729	2,045	1,724	2,700	1,370
Sheet Music	409	61	158	214	310
Instrument Maintenance	1,468	1,948	1,452	1,363	718
Board of Worship & Music	3,606	4,054	3,333	4,277	2,399

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Grafton Lutheran
GLC Statement Income & Expense
Level of Detail: Minor, Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Board of Parish Fellowship					
Board of Parish Fellowship	288	249	404	282	0
Board of Parish Fellowship	288	249	404	282	0
Board of Stewardship					
Board of Stewardship	10,188	0	0	159	43
Board of Stewardship	10,188	0	0	159	43
Board of Youth Work					
Board of Youth Work	0	0	0	0	0
Board of Youth Work	0	0	0	0	0
Budgeted Mission Support					
Budgeted Mission Support	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
Budgeted Mission Support	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
Total Expense	\$274,457	\$240,051	\$232,225	\$245,752	\$259,437
Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$2,734	\$15,749	\$13,086	\$144,657	(\$9,480)

GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
Statement of Income and Expense for 2024 and Budget for 2025

	<u>Budget 2024</u>	<u>Actual 2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2025</u>
INCOME				
Regular Offering	\$ 251,000	\$ 254,090	\$ 3,090	\$ 297,500
Unrestricted Interest Income from CD's	6,000	6,167	167	8,125
Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,000	413	(587)	400
Transfers from Dedicated Funds	7,700	14,914	7,214	16,500
Interest Income (Checking)	70	62	(8)	20
Interest Income (Money Market)	1,700	1,546	(154)	900
Total Income	\$ 267,470	\$ 277,191	\$ 9,721	\$ 323,445
EXPENSE				
Pastoral Staff				
Senior Pastor (inc. Sabbatical reserve)	99,162	98,917	(245)	110,771
Intern (<i>Confirmation Assistants</i>)	3,000	1,633	(1,367)	0
Part-time Minister	0	0	0	24,200
Total Pastoral Staff	102,162	100,550	(1,612)	134,971
Office Staff				
Office Administrator	36,120	36,120	0	39,000
Visitation Ministry	3,500	3,632	132	5,280
Youth Coordinator	0	0	0	0
Offering Stewards/Finance Secretary	7,700	7,700	0	7,700
Worship Custodian	1,900	2,103	203	2,400
Janitorial Services	10,000	6,065	(3,935)	7,000
Total Office Staff	59,220	55,620	(3,600)	61,380
Worship Staff				
Organist	6,000	5,800	(200)	6,000
Choir Director & Accompanist	2,200	2,100	(100)	2,100
Handbell Director	2,000	1,575	(425)	1,800
Pulpit Supply and Mileage	800	953	153	3,000
Total Worship Staff	11,000	10,428	(572)	12,900
Payroll Overhead				
	4,410	4,344	(66)	6,139
Total Staff	\$ 176,792	\$ 170,941	\$ (5,851)	\$ 215,390
General Administrative Expense				
Office Expense	15,700	16,592	892	16,400
Worship Supplies	2,250	1,502	(748)	2,300
Conventions/Retreats	2,500	2,743	243	2,800
Taxes and Insurance	9,000	13,039	4,039	15,000
Grafton Conference Dues	150	0	(150)	150
Total General Administrative Expense	\$ 29,600	\$ 33,877	\$ 4,277	\$ 36,650
Board of Church Properties				
Utilities	18,000	12,466	(5,534)	15,750
Building & Equipment Maintenance	12,400	21,016	8,616	13,000
Total Board of Church Properties	\$ 30,400	\$ 33,482	\$ 3,082	\$ 28,750
Board of Christian Education				
Sunday School	1,450	78	(1,372)	600
Vacation Bible School	1,500	219	(1,281)	1,500
Confirmation	500	452	(48)	650
Adult Education	150	0	(150)	150
Total Board of Christian Education	\$ 3,600	\$ 749	\$ (2,851)	\$ 2,900

	<u>Budget 2024</u>	<u>Actual 2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Budget 2025</u>
Board of Evangelism	\$ 200	\$ 427	\$ 227	\$ 200
Board of Lay Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Worship & Music				
Technology,Licensing,Special Events	2,450	1,729	(721)	2,450
Sheet Music	405	409	4	405
Instrument Maintenance	2,225	1,468	(757)	1,850
Total Board of Worship & Music	\$ 5,080	\$ 3,606	\$ (1,474)	\$ 4,705
Board of Parish Fellowship	\$ 500	\$ 288	\$ (212)	\$ 300
Board of Stewardship	\$ 250	\$ 10,188	\$ 9,938	\$ 11,500
Board of Youth Work	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Budgeted Mission Support				
Synod Support	18,000	18,000	0	18,000
Lutheran Sunset Home	1,050	1,050	0	1,200
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	\$ -	\$ 21,050
Total Expenses	\$267,322	\$274,457	\$7,135	\$323,445
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 148	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,585	\$ -

Grafton Lutheran
Balance Sheet
Jan 1, 2024 through Dec 31, 2024

Major Group	Balance As Of Jan 1, 2024	Balance As Of Dec 31, 2024	Current Year Change	Percent Change
<u>Fund 01 - General Fund</u>				
Assets				
00, Cash in Checking	69,260.90	58,048.73	-11,212.17	-16.19%
01, Un-Restricted Investments	301,603.41	284,315.92	-17,287.49	-5.73%
02, Restricted Investments	329,479.84	335,371.51	5,891.67	1.79%
03, Capital Improvemt Invest.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
04, Fixed Assets	1,600,697.11	1,600,697.11	0.00	0.00%
Dedicated Funds Receivable	0.00	79.50	79.50	0.00%
Total Assets	2,301,041.26	2,278,512.77	-22,528.49	-0.98%
Liabilities				
01, Payroll Liability Account	165.00	0.00	-165.00	-100.00%
Dedicated Funds Payable	174,189.21	158,949.29	-15,239.92	-8.75%
Total Liabilities	174,354.21	158,949.29	-15,404.92	-8.84%
Equity				
01, Equity Account	1,782,115.26	1,772,258.39	-9,856.87	0.00%
Subtotal Equity	1,782,115.26	1,772,258.39	-9,856.87	0.00%
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
Totals for Fund Balance	344,571.79	347,305.09	2,733.30	0.79%
Total Fund Balance/Equity	2,126,687.05	2,119,563.48	-7,123.57	-0.33%
Total Liability and Fund Balance	2,301,041.26	2,278,512.77	-22,528.49	-0.98%

**GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
CASH RECAP**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS IN CD'S</u>					
Margaret Egeland Scholarship	\$ 5,729.13	\$ 5,817.93	\$ 4,878.77	\$ 4,910.52	\$ 4,020.84
Schrank Seminary/Concordia Scholarship	95,321.50	97,246.50	100,335.57	85,842.11	86,655.30
Radio	13,084.09	13,215.88	13,348.29	-	-
Technology	5,199.69	5,223.48	5,224.92	-	-
Sale of Parsonage	-	230,256.95	232,904.59	238,727.21	244,695.37
Capital Improvements	13,084.08	13,215.88	13,348.30	-	-
Schrank Improvements	<u>81,867.18</u>	<u>45,086.47</u>	<u>45,538.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 214,285.67</u>	<u>\$ 410,063.09</u>	<u>\$ 415,578.64</u>	<u>\$ 329,479.84</u>	<u>\$ 335,371.51</u>
<u>CASH - SAVINGS - CD'S - DEDICATED</u>					
Cash in Checking	31,480.87	51,666.71	46,543.98	69,260.90	58,048.73
Savings and Investments	<u>303,420.33</u>	<u>465,924.48</u>	<u>268,020.14</u>	<u>301,603.41</u>	<u>284,315.92</u>
	<u>\$ 334,901.20</u>	<u>\$ 517,591.19</u>	<u>\$ 314,564.12</u>	<u>\$ 370,864.31</u>	<u>\$ 342,364.65</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$ 549,186.87</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 927,654.28</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 730,142.76</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 700,344.15</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 677,736.16</u></u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$ 549,186.87</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 927,654.28</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 730,142.76</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 700,344.15</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 677,736.16</u></u>
Less Restricted Funds in CD's	(214,285.67)	(410,063.09)	(415,578.64)	(329,479.84)	(335,371.51)
Less Dedicated (Restricted) Funds in Cash/Savings	<u>(207,691.31)</u>	<u>(333,915.70)</u>	<u>(133,802.56)</u>	<u>(174,189.21)</u>	<u>(158,869.79)</u>
UNRESTRICTED RESERVES	<u><u>\$ 127,209.89</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 183,675.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 180,761.56</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196,675.10</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 183,494.86</u></u>

OFFERING TRENDS - GENERAL FUND

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2024	\$20,899.78	\$17,388.54	\$26,940.87	\$12,659.00	\$20,059.15	\$19,157.49	\$12,462.21	\$14,308.25	\$22,530.41	\$17,627.20	\$23,285.19	\$46,771.43
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

Year	Total
2024	\$254,089.52
2023	\$ 245,566.94
2022	\$ 237,214.11

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

Range	Givers	Amount
0.01 to 50.00	19	\$541.96
50.01 to 100.00	6	\$565.00
100.01 to 500.00	52	\$14,321.26
500.01 to 1000.00	21	\$15,400.39
1000.01 to 3000.00	59	\$93,606.51
3000.01 to 5000.00	8	\$27,885.10
5000.01 to 7000.00	4	\$25,730.00
7000.01 to 10000.00	5	\$43,261.05
10000.01 to 15000.00	3	\$32,778.25
	177	\$254,089.52

Grafton Lutheran
"Dedicated Account - All Accounts"
 December, Fiscal Year 2024
 Fund 01 - General Fund

Account	Beginning	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current Balance
	Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses	
Major 01 - Lay Ministry						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-01-00-01 Fall Dinner	5,386.98	0.00	0.00	10,287.50	3,595.58	12,078.90
017-01-00-02 Bake Sale	4,779.63	2,539.00	2,511.34	2,539.00	4,250.87	3,067.76
017-01-00-07 Summerfest/Klub Supper	5,702.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,702.62	0.00
017-01-00-10 Hospitality	3,338.81	0.00	140.04	830.00	915.89	3,252.92
017-01-00-11 Funerals	10,741.05	625.00	0.00	6,770.00	3,166.72	14,344.33
017-01-00-12 Weddings	1,350.66	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	1,500.66
017-01-00-13 Lay Ministry Scholarship	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Totals	\$32,299.75	\$3,164.00	\$2,651.38	\$20,576.50	\$18,631.68	\$34,244.57
Major 04 - Special Offering or Gifts						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-04-00-01 Special Offering	254.76	2,382.00	2,050.00	2,824.84	2,483.16	596.44
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.	188.00	521.75	1,279.75	4,009.17	4,197.17	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-04-00-15 Community Outreach	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	854.64	645.36
017-04-00-16 Stewardship/All Seasons	0.00	8,000.00	1,288.80	23,748.54	9,913.50	13,835.04
Totals	\$2,425.73	\$10,903.75	\$4,618.55	\$30,582.55	\$17,448.47	\$15,559.81
Major 05 - Dedications						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-05-00-02 Broadcasting/Publication	11,874.20	362.40	25.00	1,769.80	1,478.47	12,165.53
017-05-00-04 Memorials-Undesignated	4,868.71	65.00	86.96	435.00	324.16	4,979.55
017-05-00-05 Womens Circles	775.03	40.00	0.00	610.40	0.00	1,385.43
017-05-00-06 Prime Time	598.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	498.56
017-05-00-13 Worship Music	3,305.11	0.00	0.00	160.00	0.00	3,465.11
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	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
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	214.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.41
Totals	\$25,264.76	\$507.40	\$111.96	\$3,015.20	\$1,902.63	\$26,377.33
Major 08 - Designated Interest Income						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-08-00-02 M. Egeland Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,110.32	610.32	500.00
017-08-00-04 Kopperud Foundation Gift	15,372.10	0.00	0.00	15,351.58	15,372.10	15,351.58
017-08-00-05 Schrank Seminary Scholar.	5,570.91	0.00	416.70	813.20	5,813.20	570.91
Totals	\$20,943.01	\$0.00	\$416.70	\$17,275.10	\$21,795.62	\$16,422.49
Major 09 - Designated Memorials						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-09-00-02 Cemetery Memorials	50.00	260.00	1,520.00	3,225.00	3,115.00	160.00
017-09-00-05 Choir/Music memorials	5,201.23	0.00	0.00	50.00	2,485.46	2,765.77
017-09-00-07 Bell Choir Memorials	895.14	0.00	0.00	10.00	905.14	0.00
017-09-00-08 Deacons Memorial & Other	2,303.24	1,356.75	190.94	6,341.33	3,142.20	5,502.37

Grafton Lutheran
"Dedicated Account - All Accounts"
December, Fiscal Year 2024
 Fund 01 - General Fund

Account	Beginning Balance	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current Balance
		Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses	
017-09-00-09 Fritz Rehwaldt Memorial	3,816.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,816.25
017-09-00-10 Mission Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	8,197.39	20.00	0.00	345.00	1,093.25	7,449.14
017-09-00-23 Grand Piano	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-09-00-26 Outdoor Sign	2,094.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00	1,144.96
Totals	\$22,558.21	\$1,636.75	\$1,710.94	\$9,971.33	\$11,691.05	\$20,838.49

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	256.07	2,800.00	0.00	5,566.93	2,850.50	2,972.50
017-10-00-03 CI - Wally Olson Estate	31,310.49	6,445.00	0.00	6,559.08	23,337.54	14,532.03
017-10-00-08 Elevator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-10-00-09 Technology	4,529.29	300.00	0.00	750.00	1,453.46	3,825.83
017-10-00-10 Kieley Lighting/Electrica	3,715.96	0.00	0.00	643.49	936.87	3,422.58
017-10-00-11 Ruby Schrank Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	\$39,811.81	\$9,545.00	\$0.00	\$13,519.50	\$28,578.37	\$24,752.94

Major 12 - Youth Ministry
Minor 00 - Ungrouped

017-12-00-01 Fundraisers	767.48	0.00	0.00	12,220.93	13,067.91	-79.50
017-12-00-04 Compassion Child	2,143.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,143.15
017-12-00-06 Youth Triannual LYO Conv	11,194.01	0.00	0.00	34,170.16	44,215.85	1,148.32
017-12-00-13 Aluminum Cans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-12-00-14 PRBC Camperships	1,826.91	20.00	0.00	550.00	745.00	1,631.91
017-12-00-17 All Youth Ministry	3,472.90	275.00	0.00	1,177.66	1,984.65	2,665.91
017-12-00-19 Youth Sponsored Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,481.36	13,481.36	0.00
017-12-00-20 Sunday School Memorials	1,770.83	20.00	0.00	315.00	20.00	2,065.83
017-12-00-21 Youth Memorial	3,077.00	204.94	204.94	1,874.94	609.85	4,342.09
017-12-00-22 Sunday School Offering	5,633.66	10.00	0.00	168.30	223.06	5,578.90
Totals	\$29,885.94	\$529.94	\$204.94	\$63,958.35	\$74,347.68	\$19,496.61

Major 13 - Ruby Schrank Estate
Minor 00 - Ungrouped

017-13-00-04 Concordia Scholarships	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	177.55	0.00	1,177.55
Totals	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$177.55	\$0.00	\$1,177.55
Fund 01 - General Fund	\$174,189.21	\$26,286.84	\$9,714.47	\$159,076.08	\$174,395.50	\$158,869.79

GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH BALLOT - 2025

CHURCH COUNCIL – TWO YEAR TERM

Elect **4** for a 2-year term (may serve 2 terms)

____ Ryer Stark ____ Preston Thiele
____ Tom Torkelson ____ Corrine Ralston
____ _____

ENDOWMENT BOARD - THREE YEAR TERM (may serve 2 terms)

Elect **2** for a 3-year term & **1** for a 1-year term

____ Ranell Hanson ____ Kristan Demers ____ _____ (1 year)

CEMETERY BOARD - THREE YEAR TERM (may serve 2 terms)

Elect **2** for a 3-year term & Elect **1** for 2 year term

____ Ryan Alme ____ Bucky Peterson (2 year)
____ Keith Bjorneby ____ _____

LUTHERAN SUNSET HOME DELEGATES - ONE YEAR TERM

Elect **6** for a 1-year term (may be re-elected)

____ Kande Koehmstedt ____ Liz Hanson ____ _____
____ Linda Rud ____ Delores McDonald ____ _____
____ Rau Rud ____ Karen McCann ____ _____

PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP DELEGATES - ONE YEAR TERM

(January 2026 annual meeting)

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

____ Stacie Sevigny ____ Carissa Klug
____ Marjorie Johnson ____ _____
____ _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ONE YEAR TERM

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

____ Janet Berger ____ David Petersen
____ Kody Stark ____ Michelle Flanders
____ Patti Bjorneby ____ Dawnielle Coffman

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

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

____ Marjorie Johnson (Female) ____ _____
____ _____ (Male)

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 organists, music directors, and musicians.

Looking back at 2024, Sunday morning worship continued 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 5:30, and JuBellation bell choir practices on Wednesdays at 5:30. Both groups encouraged new members to join. Steve continued to organize the organist schedule for worship services in 2024. 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 2025 continuing to tell of God's love through our worship services and music.

Respectfully submitted by Bobbie Ekman

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING LITURGY

Confident in God's generosity and gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us praise God and give thanks ...

God, we praise you and give you thanks.

You are good, and your mercy endures forever.

You gave us a garden with good food to eat.

We praise you for food that nourishes us.

You rescued your people from slavery.

We praise you for freedom.

You gave us prophets to correct, rebuke and encourage us.

We bless you for your justice and mercy.

You gave us your Son, Jesus, to love, redeem and save us.

We praise you for his death and resurrection.

You gave us your Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and Comforter.

We bless you for the gifts of every tribe and nation.

Strengthen your church with every spiritual gift

and commission us again to be your servant people.

Multiply in us the fruit of the spirit:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Send us in your love and mercy,

that the world may know you and praise you.

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever - more.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 840

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Cathering Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you are the giver of every good gift. Bless us with all that we need for ministry in your name, that we might be a blessing to others. In the name of the one who broke bread and fed the multitudes, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.