Lamplighter

"Believe. Belong. Be Sent"

February 2024



Ruby Schrank - 1 (Ruby Schrank is for those attending Concordia) Please turn in your applications by April 1, 2024



Feb. 14th Is Ash Wednesday and the Start of Lent Happy VaLENTine's Day



(Starting - Feb. 14)

PK-4th Grade - 5:30-6:15pm

5th-10th Grades are expected to work their assigned times during the meal and also attend the Lenten Worship Service at 7:00pm



LENTEN MEALS ARE COMING CAN YOU HELP?

Feb 14th is Ash Wednesday and this is the beginning of Lent. We are looking for volunteers to bring soup and egg salad for our Lenten meals, if you can help please follow the link below or scan the QR code:

-	3 Saturday	10	17	24	
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February	weanesaay	7 5:30 pmJuBellation Rehearsal 6:00 pm 7 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm 8-10 grade Confirmation	14 Ash Wednesday 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 5:30 pmJuBellation Rehearsal 6:00 pmSoup Supper 7:00 pmLenten Worship Service	21 9:00 am Quilters meet at GLC 5:30pm JuBellation 6:00 pmSoup Supper 7:00 pmLenten Worship Service	28 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 5:30pm JuBelation 6:00 pmSoup Supper 7:00 pmLenten Worship Service
	l uesday	6 5:30 pm Choir Practice	13 5:30 pm Choir Practice	5:30 pm Choir Practice	27 9:30 am Ruth Circle meets at Grafton Lutheran 5:30 pm Choir Practice
-	Monday	2	12 9:00am Circle #5 meets at Linda Rud's	19	26 Lamplighter Deadline
-	Sunday	4 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meet	 11 9:00 am Sunday School meets @ Sunset Home with Valentines 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 	18 Sunday School held on Wed. though Lent 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	25 No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship

Memorial Gifts

YOUR CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024

Council

Darcie Einarson—President Tom Torkelson—Vice President Ryer Stark—Properties Janice Kern—Lay Ministry Kristen Peterson—Parish Fellowship Roberta Ekman - Music & Worship Megan Wynne—Christian Ed. Stephanie Baldwin—Secretary Susie Geiger—Stewardship

Treasurer

David Peterson

Endowment Committee

Brent Baldwin Rod Alme Preston Thiele Stacie Sevigny Ranell Hanson

Cemetery Committee

Paul Mohagen Gary Rud Phil Ray Ryan Alme Keith Bjorneby Preston Thiele

Nominating Committee

Deb Mckay Seri Gerszewski Theresa Hickman Kristen Demers Dick Geiger Bucky Peterson

PR Bible Camp Delegates

Stacie Sevigny Kristin Ziegelmann Carissa Klug Ashley Mathiason

Synod Assembly Delegates

Darcie Einarson Chris West Marjorie Johnson

Sunset Home Delegates

Karen Blanchard Tammy Lunde Kathy Johnson Karen McCann Linda Rud Liz Hanson Karen Hills Kande Koehmstedt Delores McDonald Ray Rud

Youth Fund:

 In memory of Stacey Braton (daughter of Neil & Deloris McDonald) by Glora Halliday

Capital Improvements Fund:

• In memory of Harlan Thompson by Glora Halliday

Deacon's Fund:

- In memory of Harlan Thompson
 - Ron & Bev Thompson
 - ◊ Elaine Broker
 - ♦ Lloyd & Claudia Thompson
- In memory of Stacey Braton by Gene & Marilyn Anderson

Hospitality Fund:

• In memory of Stacey Braton by Brian & Ranell Hanson

Music for Worship Fund:

• In memory of Harlan Thompson by Dr. Scheflo

Quilters Fund:

- In memory of Harlan Thompson by Harlan & Pat Brekke
- In memory of Rae Desautel by Lloyd & Joyce Johnson

Sunday School Fund:

 In memory of Harlan Thompson by William & Sheryl Jahraus

Undesignated Fund:

- In memory of Harlan Thompson by
 Dave & Liz Hanson
 - ♦ Larry & Jean Lindgren
- In memory of Bruce Fagerholt by Elaine Broker
- In memory of Mark Holt by Erna Meberg



GLC Council Meeting- January 15, 2024

Present: Tom, Jenn, Susie, Deb, Darcie, Pastor Carter, Seri. Dave, Ryer

Darcie brought the meeting to order at 631pm

Pastor Carter provided a prayer

Approval of December minutes-Ryer. 2nd, Deb

Pastor's Report- the annual report is complete. It will be sent out 1/16 electronically and hard copies will be available on Sunday.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense:

December Offering- 40,505.01 YTD Offering-245,566.94 December Expenses-18 683.67 YTD Total Expenses-240,051.10 YTD Total Income-255,799.64

Treasurers report- see annual report. Budget goal reached through December by \$500. Giving has fine up each year, but expenses have gone up even more. All special funds are depleted except for the Wally Olson fund.

Motion to accept- Tom. 2nd, Susie

Unfinished Business:

- A. Logos- the new logo has been chosen, with an overwhelming vote. We get all of the files and will use them appropriately as things come up that we can use them for.
- B. Annual meeting is January 21, followed by a potluck
- C. Nominating committee update- they have presented a full ballot for council seats. Nominees are Kristen Petersen, Megan Wynne, Janice Kern, Stephanie Baldwin

New Business:

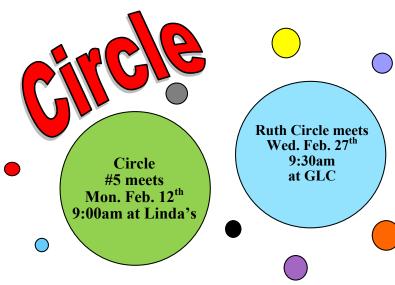
- A. Auditing Committee: the following have agreed to be on the committee following approval: Ann West, Clayton Mohagen, Rachel Ray. A motion was made by Deb to approve the auditing committee. 2nd, Ryer
- B. Excess Budget- it was proposed the a professional company with church and fundraising experience come in to help with stewardship and giving. It was asked if the company could come and visit with the council about their experience. A motion was made by Susie to have Pastor Carter move forward with having them visit the council. 2nd, Tom
- C. Stewardship Team- they are trying to keep track of membership and are trying to think of different ways to track. They have reviewed the active member roster, along with Pastor Carter. They have drafted a potential letter to send out to inactive members and may call them.
- D. The janitor has requested a new vacuum. Lay ministry will pay for it, taking it out of the funeral fund.

Communion Dates and LeadersFeb 4-Dave.Feb 11- DarcieFeb 18-RyerFeb 25-Tom

Lamplighter Deadline- January 26

Next Meeting - Feb 19 @630

Adjournment @806 followed by the Lord's Prayer



Thrivent Action Teams

Pick a project and start a team today! Approved projects receive seed money toward a fundraising event, building supplies, and other start up costs. Contact Luke Holt for more info 701-360-7080

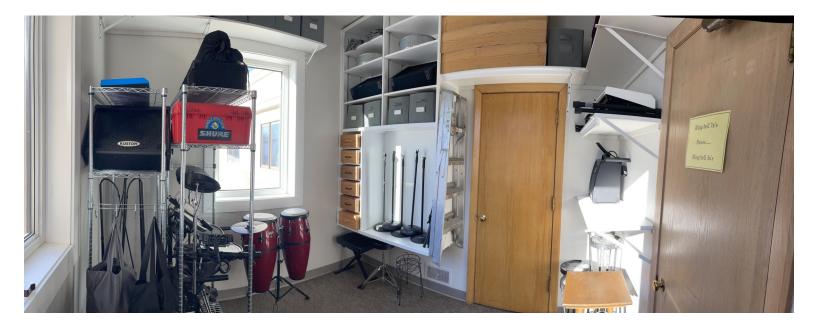
FINANCIAL



A huge shout out and thank you to Lloyd Thompson! He built us new front-row hymnal holders!

We all know many Lutherans don't sit in the front pew, so this isn't a big problem all the time, however, at funerals, family and pallbearers fill this space. Our chairs have built in racks on the back, so the front row has no hymnals, or the people have to awkwardly pass them around to find a seat if we leave them sitting there to use. Not any more! Surprise! They're under your chair in the front row now! Let's see you in the front row on Sunday to try them out.

Thanks again, Lloyd, for fixing this issue!



TAKE A PEEK AT OUR NEW MUSIC STORAGE AREA IN THE BELL TOWER.

We have another huge shout out to make to Bucky Peterson for fixing up our Bell Tower Room. Thank you for all of your hard work painting and building shelves it has never looked so good.

THE YOUTH ARE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

\$10 tickets Drawing will be held live on Facebook March 6th at 6:00 PM at www.facebook.com/Grafton.Lutheran

Prizes: White KitchenAid Standard 4.5 Qt. Mixer (\$350 value) • \$125 Simonson's Gift Card • Craftsman Tool Kit (\$200 value) from NAPA • Cornhole Game from Hansons Auto • Byrdie's Gift Basket (\$100 value) • The Summer Kitchen gift basket with \$25 Northdale gift card • Strand Twin 2 hour movie rental • \$100 gift card to Tweten's Photography • \$50 gift card to Northern Air • Skin Rehab (\$100 value) • \$50 Grafton Parks and Rec gift card • \$25 Scheels gift card

> Money goes towards the cost of the ELCA Youth Gathering

GET YOURS TODAY!





Join us every Wednesday during lent at 6:00pm for our Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper

> Followed by our Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Serving:

February 14G	athering Participants
February 21	athering Participants 5 th & 6 th Grade
February 28	7 th Grade
March 6	
March 13	
March 20	

GRAFTON LUTHERAN SKI & SNOWBOARD TRIP

Sunday, February 4 {8 am}

WHO: GLC 7-12 GRADERS

WHERE: MEET @GLC FOR PRAYER & SEND OFF COST: \$10 INCLUDES RENTALS, LIFT TICKET, SACK LUNCH & INSTRUCTION BRING: COAT, SNOWPANTS, FACE MASK, GLOVES, WARM SOCKS

SIGN UP BY JANUARY 10 USING LINK: TTPS://FORMS.GLE/ADGIJYYP1WWGJCV17



For more info, check out www.frostfireparks.org R E Contact Pastor Carter or Seri Gerszewski with questions or to sign up to drive!

March's Faith & Care Group #5

Laurie Allmaras Dean & Joanne Bjorneby Josh & Patti Bjorneby Keith & Joleen Bjorneby Matt Clapp Anne & Kameron Collette Stephanie Collette Devin & Kim Droog Darcie Einarson Seri & Jonathan Gerszewski Jeremy & Laura Glanner Inez Hall Glora Halliday Brian & Ranell Hanson Duane & Jessica Johnson Cathy & Lynn Johnson Dr. Joseph & Janice Kern Evan & Carissa Klug

Marion Lapp John & Tammy Lunde Brian & Dawn Lunski Kayla Lunski Karen McCann **Robert Oihus** Derek & Heidi Paulson Mackenzie Paulson Valerie Rice Mike & Sandy Sackett Dr. Myron Scheflo Cheryl Schrank Stacie & Edward Sevigny Dylan & Paige Sundby Chris & Jennifer Thompson Kent & Peppi Trontvet Bonnie & Dean Yantes

February's Mission of the Month will be collected for Pregnancy Help Center in Park River There mission is to be of service to women and families in Walsh County

5th & 6th Grade

We are still looking for Volunteers for the Sunday Acolyte Schedule.



February's Acolyte Schedule

February 4	Liam Sillers	
February 11	Liam Horejsi	
February 18	Laila Thiele	
February 25	Liam Horejsi	

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #5

MARCH'S MINISTRY AREAS NEEDED: Greeters, Bell Ringer, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Servers & Runners, Coffee Servers.

Your Faith & Care group will no longer have a fixed time to meet & for people to sign up.

You can either call the church office at 352-2638 or Sign-up online.

Just go to: https://tinyurl.com/k7m83b3b

Or scan the QR code:

There you can fill in the jobs you would like to help with.

If you have any questions please call Susie in the church office.



Thank you to all the members of January's Faith & Care Group and to Deb McKay & Donna Holand

for being chairpersons. Your time and service to GLC is greatly appreciated!

In need of prayers or a visit?

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the church office (352-2638) or Pr. Carter (701-425-7041)

When contacting the church, you can request a visit, public prayers, prayers from the prayer chain, or relay information and ask for prayers exclusively from the pastor.

(The specific problem does not need to be shared. Prayers can be requested for healing, strength, comfort, etc.)

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Contact Us:

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:00pm Pr. Carter Hill - 701-425-7041 pastorcarterhill@gmail.com Susan Narloch - Administrative Assistant office@GraftonLutheran.com • 701-352-2638 www.GraftonLutheran.com www.facebook.com/Grafton.Lutheran

Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School (pk-6th grade)10:00am Worship11:00am Coffee/Fellowship11:00am Radio Broadcast on KXPO 1340AM

Wednesdays:

6:00pm 7th grade confirmation6:45pm 8-10 grade confirmation

Wednesdays in Lent:

6:00pm Lenten Meal7:00pm Lenten Worship

Donations/Memorial Funds

Capital Improvements Bible Camp Camperships Choir/Music Deacon's Fund Radio Broadcast Bell Choir Youth Quilters Cemetery Kitchen Remodel Minimal Improvement Fund Synod Endowment Media Expansion Fund Sunday School World Hunger Music for Worship (Board of Music & Worship)

Mission Support Memorials

PRBC Support Synod Support Concordia Support Oak Grove Support Christus Rex Support Lutheran Social Services Grafton Ministerial Support Grafton Conference Support Lutheran Sunset Home Support