

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

March 2024



HOLY WEEK *Schedule*

24
MAR

PALM SUNDAY
AT GLC / ONLINE | 10:00 AM

28
MAR

MAUNDY THURSDAY
AT GLC | 6:00 PM

29
FEB

GOOD FRIDAY
AT GLC / ONLINE | 7:00 PM

31
MAR

EASTER SUNDAY
AT GLC / ONLINE | 10:00 AM

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PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24

BINGO
&

◆ FREE WILL OFFERING ◆

BAKED POTATO
FEED

WITH SILENT AUCTION

11AM

GRAFTON
LUTHRAN
YOUTH



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meet	4	5 5:30 pm Choir Practice	6 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 5:15pm PK-5th Grade Sunday School 5:30 pmJuBellation Rehearsal 6:00 pmSoup Supper 7:00 pmLenten Worship Service	7	8	9
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24 Palm Sunday No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Baked potato Fundraiser with BINGO and Auction	25	26 9:30 am Ruth Circle meets at Grafton Lutheran 5:30 pm Choir Practice	27 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 5:30pm JuBellation	28 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Meal	29 Good Friday 7:00pm Cantata	30
31 Easter 10:00 am Worship			LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE			

Memorial Gifts

Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Larry Hooey
by Dolf & LuAnn Oldenburg
- ◆ In memory of Rae Desautel
by Dolf & LuAnn Oldenburg
- ◆ In memory of Harlan Thompson
by Larry & Jean Lindgren

Youth Fund:

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

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Harlan Thompson by
 - ◇ Betty Feltman
 - ◇ David & Sylvia Patzlaff
- ◆ In memory of Ruth Hukji
by Liz & David Hanson
- ◆ In memory of Stacy Braton
(daughter of Neil & Deloris McDonald)
by Michael & Jan Erlandson
- ◆ In memory of Gladys Bredeson
by Tom & Debora Torkelson

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Harlan Thompson by
 - ◇ Dave & Jo Petersen
 - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
 - ◇ Loretta Moe
 - ◇ Joel & Sheryl Aslakson
 - ◇ Jessie Thompson
 - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
- ◆ In memory of Hod Hutson
by Kande Koehmstedt

Quilter's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Harlan Thompson by
 - ◇ Roger & Sandy Stark
 - ◇ Pam Oosterwijk

Capital Improvement's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Harlan Thompson by
 - ◇ Dorothy Johnson
 - ◇ Bucky & Kristen Peterson
 - ◇ Pat & Vicki Sevigny
 - ◇ Kristan & Darrin Demers
 - ◇ Friends & Family
- ◆ In memory of Hod Hutson
by Lloyd & Joyce Johnson
- ◆ In memory of Dean Skjerven
by Lloyd & Joyce Johnson

Bell Choir Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Monson
by Dolf & LuAnn Oldenburg

Thank you!



**The Youth will meet at GLC
March 10th at 6:00pm
For food and fellowship**

2024 COUNCIL

Darcie Einarson President
 Tom Torkelson Vice President
 Stephanie Baldwin .. Secretary
 Dave Petersen Treasurer
 Ryer Stark Properties
 Bobby Ekman Music Worship
 Megan Wynne Christian Ed
 Janice Kern Lay Ministry
 Susie Geiger Stewardship
 Kristen Peterson Parish Fellowship
 Pr. Carter Hill Pastor

GLC COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2024

Present: Bobbi, Megan, Dave, Janice, Susie and Pastor Carter. As the secretary was not in attendance, Darcie kept the meeting minutes.

Darcie brought the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Pastor Carter provided a prayer.

Approval of January minutes. Motion Dave, seconded by Susie.

Treasurer's Report was approved by Susie, seconded by Megan.

January Offering: \$20,899.78

YTD Offering: \$20,899.78

January Expenses: \$21,399.26

YTD Total Expenses: \$21,399.26

TYD Total Income: \$21,536.06

Unfinished Business: The audit committee was discussed. After reviewing the ELCA audit committee resources it was decided that rather than giving the committee specific instructions they should have flexibility and discretion in their work. Darcie will provide resources and ask them to meet. Dave agreed to meet with them to get them going. Wanda will assist as needed.

New Business: The council was provided resources and a presentation by Stewardship for All Seasons. Motion to Table by Dave, seconded by Bobbi. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Each council person was asked to consider names of members who might work with the Stewardship planning. A 5 – 6 person team would be trained in this work.

GLC is to have 1 Sunset Home delegate for every 100 members. We have had 10, but based upon our membership of 681, we should only have 6. It was moved by Bobbi and seconded by Janice to direct the nominating committee to only fill six positions next year.

Funeral Committee: Janice mentioned that there is currently no “funeral committee” she is working on this. The funeral home would like one contact person, Janice is considering ways to spread out the work amongst more than a few individuals and to train new committee members. The prices were discussed for funerals. It was recommended that the prices increase to \$5 per person which is what St. John's is charging. Approved.

Communion Dates and Leaders: March 3 – Tom; March 10 – Darcie; March 17 – Susie; March 24 – Dave; March 31 – Janice.

Lamplighter Deadline is February 27th.

The next meeting is March 18th at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment followed by Lord's Prayer at 8:30 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship/Evangelism - Susie Geiger

Our members met on February 15th. We are looking for one more member to complete our committee.

Will obtain list of names of families who are not members but children attend our Sunday School program and send invitations to attend services.

Discussed follow-up with new members.

Continue to develop list of in-active members and revise contact letter. Our primary purpose 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.

Mission of the Month

February: Pregnancy Help Center

March: Domestic Violence and Abuse Center

Lay Ministry – Janice Kern

Lay Ministry met Sunday Feb 18th at 7pm. Discussion continued regarding funeral committee ideas and the importance of having people involved to provide kind and caring funerals for families. It was decided to proceed with establishing a funeral committee of enough people so that each person (or group) would be responsible for approximately 1 to 2 funerals a year and continue with rotating funeral help with faith and care groups as is currently being done. Calls are being made to ask people to serve on the funeral committee.

Music Committee – Bobby Ekman

Committee members Marjorie, Lisa, Steve and Bobbie along with a Pastor Carter met to discuss upcoming Lenten season. There will be a theme song, "When It Seems the Day Will End". Worship on Ash Wednesday will Steve and Lisa providing music during imposition of ashes and communion simultaneously. Also, the Lord's Prayer will be sung. The Lenten season will end with Good Friday's service being a cantata sing by the Senior choir. Finally, we discussed using the radio/ live stream fund to cover the \$2000 cost for the 2 ambient microphones. The technology improvements have resulted in some challenges like continued static.

**TUNE INTO FACEBOOK FOR THE
GRAFTON LUTHERAN YOUTH RAFFLE**
Drawing will be held live on Facebook
March 6th at 6:00 PM at
www.facebook.com/Grafton.Lutheran
Local Permit #1080

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Will be collected during Lent

×1 One Light-weight Bath size towel (between 20"x40" & 52"x27")
Dark color recommended.
Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry

×2 Two bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.)
Of soap, any brand, in original wrapping.

×1 One adult size toothbrush in it's original packaging*

×1 One sturdy comb.
Remove packaging.

×1 One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

*Toothbrush: multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.



Circle

Circle #5 meets
Mon. March 11th
9:00am
at Claudia's

Ruth Circle meets
Wed. March 26th
9:30am
at GLC



GLC WANTS YOU TO APPLY FOR OUR
SCHOLARSHIPS

4 - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Get your applications at:
graftonlutheran.com

Lay Ministry - 2

Margaret Egeland - 1

Ruby Schrank - 1

(Ruby Schrank is for those attending Concordia)

Please turn in your applications by
April 1, 2024

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

for PK– 4th Grade

5:30-6:15pm Music & Class time

6:15pm Dismissal. Please meet your children in the narthex to accompany them through the food line.

7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

March 6

March 13 - No PK-4th grade class

March 20

Palm Sunday, March 24 - 9:15am:

Practice and sing during service

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Join us every Wednesday during lent at
6:00pm for our
Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper
Followed by our
Lenten Service at 7:00pm

Serving:

March 6 8th Grade
March 13 9th Grade
March 20 10th Grade

SPECIAL RECIPE OF THE MONTH

ELEPHANT STEW

1 Medium Elephant
1/2 Pail Pepper
2 Pails Salt
4 Bushels Onions
93 1/2 Gal. Water
6 Pails Flour
2 Rabbits (optional)

Method: Cut elephant into bite size pieces, this should take about 4 months. Cook over kerosene fire for approximately 4 weeks of until tender. Add onions, cook until done. This will feed about 3,000 hungry bikers. If more are expected, add the 2 rabbits. (But do this only if necessary), as most people don't like HARE in their stew.

This recipe was donated from the archives of Kay Kroulik

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APRIL'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #6

Ryan & Tami Altendorf
 Warren & Linda Bogert
 Shane & Tammy Burns
 Paul & Denise DeSautel
 Phyllis Eng
 Devin & Carly Flanders
 Jason & Michelle Flanders
 Jana & Jason Haats
 Ryan & Megan Hanson
 Clay Horter
 Gwyn Jacobson
 Beth & Jeff Jiskra
 Jim & Barb Kasprick
 Kande Koehmstedt
 Jon & Sadie Koehmstedt
 Kerri & Blue Lopez
 Nathan & Jamie Medbery

Clayton & Jane Mohagen
 Scott & Lori Monson
 Chris & Marcia Olson
 Blaine & Kristen Peterson
 Kelly & Derek Pffingsten
 Roger & Lynda Raumin
 Larry & Ruby Roy
 Ray & Linda Rud
 Troy & Kandi Sangrait
 Corbett Severson
 Pat & Vicki Sevigny
 Andy & Rhonda Tibert
 Wayne & Kris Tisdale
 Tom Torkelson
 Cheryl Vistad
 Robert & Sarah Wollitz

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #6

APRIL'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:
<http://tinyurl.com/223ef579>

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.



March's Mission of the Month
 will be collected for
Domestic Violence and Abuse Center

5th & 6th Grade

Acolyte

Sign Up

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



March's Acolyte Schedule

March 3	Liam Sillers		
March 10	Averi Sangrait		Daylight Savings
March 17			
March 24			Palm Sunday
March 31			Easter

Thank you to all the members
 of February's Faith & Care Group and to
Claudia Thompson
 &
Mary Jo Hall
 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

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Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School (pk-6th grade)

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am Radio Broadcast on KXPO 1340AM

Wednesdays:

6:00pm 7th grade confirmation

6:45pm 8-10 grade confirmation

Wednesdays in Lent:

6:00pm Lenten Meal

7:00pm 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