

# Lamplighter

**“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”**

DECEMBER 2024



**GRAFTON LUTHERAN**

## CHRISTMAS Bake Sale

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7**

Come get your Lefse, Cookies & Candies for the holidays!  
143 West 5th Street - Grafton

## Time to Make Lefse!

For GLC Bake Sale on Dec. 7

Sun. Dec. 1

9:00am Peel & Boil Potatoes

Mon. Dec. 2

9:00am Roll & Fry

Tues. Dec. 3

9:00am Roll & Fry

Scan the QR Code to sign up



**WE ARE SEEKING ITEMS TO SELL  
AT OUR BAKE SALE!**

**IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE DROP YOUR  
ITEMS AT THE CHURCH BEFORE 9:30AM**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION  
DEC. 8  
JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP  
FOR A TIME OF  
FOOD FELLOWSHIP  
& CELEBRATION



*Grafton Lutheran Church Presents*

## Carols & Candles

# *This Night of Love & Light*

**Sunday, December 8**  
**7:00 PM**

**Fellowship to Follow**  
**All are Welcome!**

143 W. 5th St.

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00am Peel Boil & rice Potatoes for Lefse 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>2</b> 9:00am Roll Lefse	<b>3</b> 9:00am Roll Lefse	<b>4</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-10 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am Bake Sale
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <i>Stewardship Celebration</i> <b>7:00pm Carols &amp; Candles</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:45pm Service Project for 7-10 grade Confirmation	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Piano Recital
<b>15</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Christmas Program 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>16</b> 9:00 Gather Circle meets @ Susie G.'s	<b>17</b> 2:00pm Sunset Homecoming	<b>18</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closed <b>Christmas Eve</b> 5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25</b> Office Closed <b>Merry Christmas</b>	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship  <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE</div>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b> Office Closed <b>Happy New Year</b>			

## Council Meeting Tuesday Nov 19, 2024

Meeting called to order by Darcie at 6:32. Pastor Carter provided prayer and devotions. Present were Dave, Susie, Janice, Darcie, Kristen, Pastor Carter, Bobbie, Megan, Tom, Ryer. Approve Minutes of October Meeting - Motion by Susie, second by Tom, motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

First Communion classes were held for 4 students with their first communion happening Nov 17th with each student surrounded by family members.

Advent planning is happening. The sanctuary will be decorated on Dec 1st following church services. Council members and congregation members will be decorating.

The offices are being re-organized following the carpet installation.

### Treasurer's Report by Dave

October Offering - \$17,627.20

YTD Offering - \$184,032.90

October Expenses - \$21,928.52

YTD Expenses - \$236,092.18

YTD Total Income - \$192,318.99

Treasurer's Report approved

### Unfinished Business

- A. Stewardship for All Seasons has been and continues to be a successful experience with a high percentage of involvement from the congregation. Thank you to the committee for their work and to the congregation for our responses. This work will continue.
  1. Celebration Sunday Meal will be planned by committee
- B. Sabbatical Policy - Motion by Tom to approve, second by Susie, discussion was had regarding how to budget for a pastor's sabbatical leave, synod guidelines were used as main discussion points, Motion carried
- C. Parental Leave - Tom made a motion to table this business, second by Bobbie, motion carried. Council will meet again specifically to finalize this policy.
- D. Audit of Books - this will be done Dec 5th

### New Business

- A. Ecumenical Service - Volunteers are needed for ushering and serving in other ways for this community service being held at GLC. Janice will be a greeter and usher. Parish Fellowship (Kristen) and Stewardship (Susie) will assist with asking members to provide/serve food following the service. Pastor Carter will provide a roaster of chili. Other churches will also provide food items for the meal.
- B. Decorating for Christmas - This will happen following worship on December 1st with the church council and church members. Last year, this took approximately an hour.
- C. Committee Reports

**Lay Ministry Report** Funeral Committee is being put together with members who will take scheduled turns planning/organizing funerals. Information was shared with council of what it entails to organize a funeral so that we can encourage people to consider being part of this very important and caring committee to provide funerals for our members and their families.

**Properties** Ryer explained some issues with rugs not staying in place in the narthex and will keep us updated. Winter is coming, snow removal is planned. GLC has a small hand held carpet cleaner, Ryer is looking into a full size carpet cleaner and will report back.

**Worship and Music** Several services are planned for the coming weeks.

**Christian Ed** Christmas Program practice has begun.

**Stewardship** Susie also oversees the Lefse making which will happen Dec 1st, 2nd, 3rd to be used for the GLC bake Sale. Celebration Sunday meal is being planned for Dec 8th as part of the Stewardship for All Seasons as a thank you to the congregation for our responses of giving. Mission of the Month recipients have been determined for coming year. Additional items were included as part of the agenda.

## Council Meeting Continued

**Parish Fellowship** Along with Stewardship committee, will be helping with the Ecumenical Service meal.

### Communion Leaders

- Dec 1st - Janice
- Dec 8th - Tom
- Dec 15th - no communion
- Dec 22nd - Darcie
- Dec 24th - Bobbie and Janice
- Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – no communion

Tom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bobbie.  
 Motion carried at 8:10  
 Next council meetings: December 17th  
 Annual Meeting January 19th  
 Minutes recorded by Janice Kern

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

### Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Delores Sevigny by Jason & Michelle Flanders
- ◆ In memory of Chad Demers by Mark & Rhonda Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Linda Bogert by Howard & Karen Ray
- ◆ In memory of Celest Flanagan by William & Sheryl Jahraus

### Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Joyce Sevigny by
  - ◇ Janet & Gary Berger
  - ◇ Michael & Mavis Sevigny
  - ◇ Layne & Wanda Ensruide
  - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Chad Demers by
  - ◇ Kenneth Halliday
  - ◇ Roger & Laurie Allmaras
- ◆ In memory of Linda Bogert by Larry & Jean Lindgren
- ◆ In memory of LeRoy McCann by Roger & Sandy Stark

### Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Monsebroten Family by Margaret Monsebroten
- ◆ In memory of Alice & Paul Torgeson by Cynthia Sillers & Pat Torgeson
- ◆ In memory of Del Hutson by Lloyd & Joyce Johnson

### Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Celest Flanagan by
  - ◇ Lana Welter & Tod Welter
  - ◇ Elaine Broker
  - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
  - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Linda Bogert by
  - ◇ Paul & Bonnie Mohagen
  - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
  - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger

## Memorial Gifts

- ◆ In memory of LeRoy McCann by
  - ◇ Elaine Broker
  - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
- ◆ In memory of Lyndalou Raumin by Paul & Bonnie Mohagen

### Quilters Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Celest Flanagan by Roger & Sandy Stark
- ◆ In memory of LeRoy McCann by
  - ◇ Jim & Norma Rystedt
  - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
  - ◇ Mike & Pam Oosterwijk
  - ◇ Janet & Gary Berger

### Capital Improvements Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Chad Demers by
  - ◇ Josh & Patti Bjerneby
  - ◇ Jim & Norma Rystedt
  - ◇ Layne & Wanda Ensruide
  - ◇ Kristi Longtin
  - ◇ Darcie Einarson
  - ◇ Kristan & Darren Demers
  - ◇ Michael & Mavis Sevigny
  - ◇ Ross & Karen Jorgensen
  - ◇ Loretta Moe
  - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
  - ◇ Amy Burianek
- ◆ In memory of Celest Flanagan by
  - ◇ Kristi Longtin
  - ◇ Rod & Judy Alme
  - ◇ Eileen Petersen
- ◆ In memory of Linda Bogert by Glora Halliday
- ◆ In memory of LeRoy McCann by Glora Halliday
- ◆ In memory of Joanne Sevigny by Glora Halliday



## KIND AND CARING FUNERAL COMMITTEE IS IN NEED OF 2 MORE PEOPLE.

GLC holds approx. 8 funerals a year. It is one of the most important things we do for families in their time of loss. A new funeral committee has been formed here at GLC to help provide thoughtful caring funeral fellowship and meals. The Committee is looking for 2 more people to join the funeral committee which currently has 8 people (thank you!) Each person would rotate (with a partner) through the year after every funeral. If you have planned a birthday party, you are able to help plan and deliver a funeral meal. If you have planned a graduation party, you're overqualified. Please consider joining this very important part of our church. Contact Deb McKay or Janice Kern to ask about the committee and consider joining us. You are needed.

# Circle

The  
Gather Circle  
(#5) meets  
Mon. Dec. 16  
9:00am  
@ Susie G.'s

The  
Ruth Circle  
Will not meet  
in December

## Meet Our Newest Member



*Baptized November 24, 2024*

**Tatum John Altendorf**

*Parents:*

*Noah Altendorf & Lydia Severson*

*Sponsors are:*

*Maddy Severson, Derek Kilichowski*

### DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

Capital Improvements  
Bible Camp Camperships  
Choir/Music  
Deacon's Fund  
Broadcast  
Bell Choir  
Youth  
Quilters  
Cemetery  
Sunday School  
Music for Worship

### MISSION SUPPORT MEMORIALS

ELCA World Hunger  
PRBC Support  
Synod Support  
Concordia Support  
Christus Rex Support  
Grafton Ministerial Support  
Grafton Conference Support  
Lutheran Sunset Home Support

welcome  
TATUM

December's  
Mission of the Month  
will be collected for  
**GLC's Deacon's Fund**

**JANUARY'S FAITH & CARE  
GROUP #1**

Brent & Stephanie Baldwin  
Sheila Bjerneby  
Dr. Jerry & Karen Blanchard  
Lisa Blanchard  
Harlan & Pat Brekke  
Terry & Lori Burns  
Dawn Coffman  
Kim Dearing  
Rick & Mary English  
Madison Erovick & Jordyn Lopez  
Jamie & Melanie Haagenon  
Theresa Hickman  
Peter & Donna Holand  
Paul & Linda Lemieux

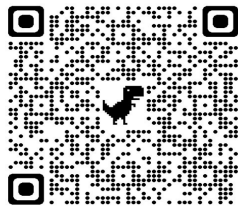
Briana & Thomas Martens  
Allen & Myrna Martinson  
Greg Martinson  
Jamie Martinson  
Jeff & Deb McKay  
Shane & Carmen Mohn  
Ashley Lopez & Jon Otterson  
Gary & Barb Schultz  
Marjorie Seeba  
Art & June Selseth  
Denise Sevigny  
Nathan & Tiffany Sillers  
Chad & Kelsey Wardner  
Paige & Darrin Wollitz  
Ryan & Megan Wynne

**5th & 6th Grade**

**Acolyte**

**Sign Up**

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



**December's Acolyte Schedule**

December 1		
December 8		
December 15		
December 22		
<b>December 24</b>		
December 29		
January 5		
January 12		
January 19		
January 26		

**FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #1**

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

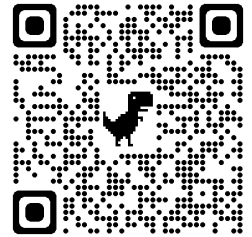
**Your Faith & Care group  
will no longer have a fixed time  
to meet & for people to sign up.**

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

Just go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8tbbpf>

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 November's Faith & Care Group and to  
Michelle Flanders  
for being chairperson.  
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.)*



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS  
TO THE FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - can of fruit
- December 7 - can of tomatoes
- December 8 - can of tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - can of sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - can of beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package of pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can of corn
- December 22 - can of mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can of carrots
- December 24 - can of green beans

Please join us Sunday,  
December 1, after  
worship to decorate  
our church for  
Advent and Christmas.  
We appreciate all ages;  
young and old!  
"Many hands  
make light work!"

Save the Date: GLC's  
Annual Meeting is January 19

*All year end reports due by  
Mon. Jan. 6, 2025*

*Please send your  
finished report to  
office@graftonlutheran.com*

*If you need some help  
with your report  
please let Susie know.*

**Thank you**

## YEAR END GIFTS

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A YEAR END GIFT FOR  
GLC IN 2024, REMEMBER ALL GIFTS MUST  
BE DATED FOR 2024, AND PUT IN THE  
OFFERING, OFFICE DROP BOX OR MAIL BY  
DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup>. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR  
CONCERNS PLEASE CALL SUSIE IN THE  
OFFICE AT 352-2638.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DEC.24-27**

## Sunset Homecoming

Our friends from the  
Lutheran Sunset Home  
will be coming  
home to worship  
Dec. 17 at 2:00pm

Light Lunch  
to Follow

**Grafton Lutheran Church**

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**Times of Worship & Fellowship**

**Sundays:**

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

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee/Fellowship

**Wednesdays:**

5:30pm Handbell Practice

6:00pm 7th grade confirmation

6:45pm 8-10 grade confirmation

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Contact Us:**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Pr. Carter Hill - 701-425-7041

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