

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

January 2025

All year end reports due by:

**Monday, Jan. 6, 2025
4:00pm**

*Please bring to the office
or email it to
office@graftonlutheran.com*

Thank you.

Grafton Lutheran
will be hosting the
Sunset Home's monthly
Birthday Party on
January 9th @ 2PM.
Everyone is encouraged
to join their loved ones
at the party.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Grafton Lutheran
will be holding its Annual Meeting
following Worship on

JANUARY 19TH

A Potluck will be held following the
meeting.

**All members are asked to come and
please stay for the meeting and potluck.**

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	6 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE	7	8 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 6:00 pm 7 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm 8-10 grade Confirmation	9 2:00 pm Sunset Home Birthday Party	10	11
12 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 2:00pm Baby Shower	13	14	15 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 6:00 pm 7 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm 8-10 grade Confirmation	16	17 2:00 pm Lanstad Cemetery board meeting	18
19 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Annual Meeting with potluck to follow	20 9:00am Cirele #5 Meets	21 6:30pm Council Meets	22 9:00 am Quilters meet at GLC 6:00 pm 7 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm 8-10 grade Confirmation	23	24	25
26 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	27 7:00 pm Park River Bible Camp Annual mtg	28 9:30 am Ruth Circle at GLC	29 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC No Confirmation LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE	30	31	

Council Meeting – December 17, 2024

Present: Tom, Susie, Ryer, Darcie, Pastor Carter, Stephanie, Megan, Dave, Janice (via FaceTime)
Darcie brought the meeting to order at 6:38 PM
Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer
Review of November minutes - motion, Tom ; second, Susie

Pastor's Report

Pastor Carter had nothing new to report. What he had is discussed in the business section.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

November Offering - \$23,285.19
YTD Offering - \$207,318.09
November Expenses - \$17,741.13
YTD Total Expenses - \$ 253,833.31
YTD Total Income - \$237,892.76

Unfinished Business:

A. Stewardship for All Seasons - The campaign was very successful, bringing in 95 pledge cards totaling \$56,006.10, adding 8 new giving units that were previously giving \$0, and reporting only 2 of the cards giving less.

Audit of the Books - The committee has met and gathered all the information needed. They are working on finding a day to come in to do a full audit.

New Business:

Committee Reports

A. Education Committee - Sunday School was held on Sunday, December 15th. The Program went well.

Lay Ministry - The committee held the Christmas bake sale on Saturday, December 7th. They raised \$2,000 and donated the funds to a few local charities and to some areas at Grafton Lutheran.

Family Leave Recommendations

The Executive Committee performed Pastor Carter's performance evaluation and looked at the current leave policy. The following recommendations were made and presented to the council:

The GLC Employee Handbook should be reviewed. We recommend that the incoming President appoint a committee to compare the handbook with the ELCA recommendations to suggest appropriate revisions moving forward. This committee could also update binders for the council to inform incoming council members.

B. The Pastor's request for eight weeks of paternity leave should be approved. The council has overwhelmingly expressed this approval as well. To accomplish this, the following recommendations are made:

- a. It is recommended that 4 weeks paternity leave be given
- b. It is recommended that he be allowed to carry over his unused vacation time this year only for the purpose of using it towards his paternity leave
- c. After the application of four weeks of paternity leave and the use of vacation time otherwise lost, Pastor Carter can allocate any remaining leave between medical and vacation time
- d. Pastor Carter can use his days at his discretion. His current plan is to not take them all at once.

These recommendations are for this Pastor, and this child, and are not to be considered a new policy moving forward.

A motion was made to approve the recommendations by Tom; 2nd - Megan

Budget

If the December offering comes in as projected, we will be at budget for the 2024 year. Due to parishioners pledging more offerings, the 2025 budget has increased. The following items were recommended by the Executive Committee:

- A. Salary increases for office administration, worship custodian, and visitation ministry
- B. New item budgeted - minister part time added
Additional money allocated to youth instead of taking from dedicated funds

Ryer made a motion to approve to submit the budget to congregation at the annual meeting; 2nd Megan

Offering on Non-Communion Sundays/Offering Practices - Council members will sign up on Non-Communion Sundays to take care of the offering. Two people will be required to collect, seal in a tamper proof bag, and sign off on offerings each Sunday.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

Jan 5 - Janice

Jan 12 - Susie

Jan 19 - Stephanie

Jan 26 - Ryer (no communion)

Lampighter Deadline is December 29

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The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 19, 2025 following church.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30.

Megan made a motion to adjourn followed by the Lord's Prayer at 7:35 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin



Memorial Gifts

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of LeRoy McCann
by Layne & Wanda Ensrude

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Del Hutson
by George Loranger
- ◆ In memory of Brian Gehring (Pr. Carter's Dad)
By Barry & Leah Kingsbury

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Ron Houska
 - ◇ Elaine Broker
 - ◇ Lloyd & Joyce Johnson
- ◆ In memory of Linda Bogert
by Kande Koehmstedt
- ◆ In memory of LeRoy McCann
by Kande Koehmstedt
- ◆ In memory of Brian Gehring
by Rod & Judy Alme
- ◆ In memory of Millie Houska
by Kande Koehmstedt
- ◆ In memory of Del Hutson
by Kande Koehmstedt
- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson
by Elaine Broker
- ◆ In memory of Georgia Udby
by Kande Koehmstedt

Quilter's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson
by Ron & Bev Thompson

*Thank
you* 

SUSIE'S FUN WORD OF THE DAY:

HURKLE-DURKLE

A 200 year-old Scottish term meaning to lounge in bed long after it's time to get up.

I hope you all have a chance to do some Hurkle-Durkling this year. Happy New Year!

IT'S TIME FOR A CLEAN OUT AGAIN!

Are you missing any kitchen items like pans, bowls, or plates? If so we have 2 tables downstairs in the Social Hall filled with items that have been left here. Please check to see if any of the items may belong to you.

Any items not picked up and not labeled with a name will be donated to the Second time around so please check to make sure you picked up all your items.

Thank you

Park River Bible Camp
Annual Meeting will be held

**January 27, 2025
@ 7:00pm**

Grafton Lutheran's
Representatives are:

**Stacie Sevigny
Kristin Ziegelmann
Carissa Klug
Ashley Mathiason**

2024 COUNCIL

Darcie EinarsonPresident
Tom Torkelson.....Vice President
Stephanie BaldwinSecretary
Dave PetersenTreasurer
Ryer StarkProperties
Bobby Ekman.....Music Worship
Megan WynneChristian Ed
Janice KernLay Ministry
Susie GeigerStewardship
Kristen Peterson.....Parish Fellowship
Pr. Carter HillPastor

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TITHE.LY/GIVE

or visit www.GraftonLutheran.com
and click "Give Online"



CONFIRMATION RESUMES January 8th

6:00pm 7th Grade

6:45pm 8th-10th grade



GLC WANTS YOU TO APPLY FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

4 - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Get your applications at:
grafftonlutheran.com

Lay Ministry - 2

Margaret Egeland - 1

Ruby Schrank - 1

(For those attending Concordia)

Please turn in your applications by
April 1, 2024

January's
Mission of the Month
will be collected for
Sunset Home Activities Fund

This year we are asking that you let Susie in the office know if you want more offering envelopes by calling 352-2638 or stop by and she will make them up while you wait.

Your Name
000

Amount: _____

JANUARY

Circle

Circle #5 meets
Mon. Jan. 20th
9:00am at Deb's

Ruth Circle meets
Wed. Jan. 28th
9:30am
at GLC

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



THRIVENT
FINANCIAL

FEBRUARY'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #2

Beth Anderson-Molde
 Elaine Broker
 Lorraine Campbell
 Joey Demers
 Susie Demers
 Layne & Wanda Ensrude
 Mitch & Stacie Ensrude
 Amy Geiger
 Dick & Susie Geiger
 Nick & Mary Jo Hall
 Albert & Katrina Haugen
 Chris & Jen Hoenke
 Bill & Sheryl Jahraus
 Dorothy Johnson
 Dan & Ann Kohler

Scott & Nicki Kraft
 Zachary & Rebecca Latraille
 Cameron & Haley Lentz
 Larry & Jean Lindgren
 Brad & Courtney Loken
 George Loranger
 Bill Lykken
 Neil & Delores McDonald
 Dean & Corrine Ralston
 Bill & Karen Sand
 Don & Mari Swartz
 Preston & Krystle Thiele
 Lloyd & Claudia Thompson
 Bryan & Jane Uggerud
 Chelsea & Corey Wysocki

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #2

FEBRUARY'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/ynhh2msr>

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.



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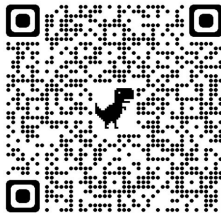
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5th & 6th Grade

Acolyte

Sign Up

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



Thank you to all the members
 of December's Faith & Care Group and to
Janice Kern
 for being the 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.)*

Volunteers needed

January's Acolyte Schedule

January 5		
January 12		
January 19		
January 26		

Grafton Lutheran Church

143 West 5th St.

P.O. Box 622

Grafton ND 58237

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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

Wednesdays:

6:00pm 7th grade confirmation

6:45pm 8-10 grade confirmation

DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

- Capital Improvements
- Bible Camp Camperships
- Choir/Music
- Deacon's
- 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