

# Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

February 2025

## Get to know Pastor Brooke Phelps

Pastor Brooke is originally from Delphos, Ohio. Go Buckeyes! She has a Bachelor’s Degree from Capital University in Religion and a Master’s of Divinity Degree with a Children, Youth, and Family concentration from Luther Seminary. Pastor Brooke moved to Hoople, North Dakota in May of 2017 when she was called to serve First Lutheran Church. She has now taken a part-time call at Zion Lutheran in Rural Hoople opening her schedule to be the Ministry Assistant here at Grafton Lutheran. Pastor Brooke will be working at Grafton Lutheran 10 hours a week.



Pastor Brooke is married to Brady Phelps. They have 2 boys Micah (5<sup>th</sup> grader, stepson or bonus son) and Marcus (almost 3). They also have two dogs Samoset “Sammi” and Sarge. Pastor Brooke enjoys being outside, watching Vikings football, watching Orioles baseball, and relaxing at the lake.

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

the Park River Pregnancy help center is holding their annual Baby Bottle Campaign, if you would like to donate please grab a baby bottle from the Narthex and fill it with your spare change or any amount you choose, then return it here before Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.



GRAFTON LUTHERAN

# Youth SKI TRIP

MARCH 9, 2025

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO



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Lay Ministry - 2

Margaret Egeland - 1

Ruby Schrank - 1

*(For those attending Concordia)*

Please turn in your applications by  
April 1, 2025

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 amQuilters meet at GLC 5:30pm Jubellation Practice 6:00 pm 7 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm 8-10 grade Confirmation	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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			<b>LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE</b>			

## GLC Council Meeting – January 21, 2025

Present: Susie, Corrine, Preston, Nick, Stephanie, Pr. Carter, Pr. Brooke, Ryer, Janice, Tom

Stephanie brought the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Janice made a motion to nominate Preston Thiele as President, Tom Torkelson as Vice President, Nick Ziegelmann as Treasurer, Corrine Ralston as Music and Worship, and Ryer Stark as Properties. Susie Seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Stephanie turned the meeting over to the incoming President, Preston.

Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer

Review of December minutes - Motion, Ryer ; Second, Susie

### **Pastor's Report**

Next week Pr. Carter's wife is scheduled to deliver their 3rd child. Pr. Carter will be gone for two weeks following her birth. He will be working through Easter, and then take a leave for 8 weeks.

### **Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense**

December Offering - \$46,771

YTD Offering - \$254,090

December Expenses - \$20,624

YTD Total Expenses - \$ 274,457

YTD Total Income - \$277,191

### **Unfinished Business:**

A. Stewardship for All Seasons -

- a. The Stewardship committee has met with Pete, the GSB consultant. The focus for the year will be to continue to tell monthly stories from people in church, send thank yous, and keep meeting throughout the year.

### **New Business:**

A. Committee Reports

a. Properties Report

- i. Ryer and his father have completed some small projects that have been requested around the church. They built pull-out drawers for the coffee cups, they are working on the lock in the alley, and they have made rod style quilt holders. Ryer mentioned that there have been a few issues with snow removal, but he has been in contact with our contracted service and it is being monitored. A request was made for a new stepladder in the kitchen. Janice will pick one up.

B. Pr. Brooke - Ministry Assistant

- a. Tom and Pr. Carter met with Zion on how we plan to 'share' Brooke. She is excited to be here and looking forward to helping with ministry. Pr. Carter and Pr. Brook will figure out what this new role will exactly look like and it may take some time. We budgeted for paying a percentage of retirement to Zion with another option of having her open up her own account. A reminder was made that this is not an official partnership with Zion. Pr. Brooke will be starting her ministry this week teaching confirmation Jan. 22. She also plans on attending the youth ski trip. Her tentative plan is to be in the building on Mondays during the day and Wednesday evenings.

A motion was made to approve the hiring of Pr. Brooke as Ministry Assistant by Corrine; Second by Susie. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Communion Date(s) and Leaders:**

Feb 2 - Tom (No Communion)

Feb 9 - Janice (No Communion)

Feb 16 - Ryer

Feb 23 - Susie

Lamplighter Deadline is January 28, 2025

The next council meeting is February 18 at 6:30.

Nick made a motion to adjourn; Ryer, Second, followed by the Lord's Prayer at 7:17 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin

The Quilters will again be collecting Personal Care Kit items during the Lenten Season (March 5-April 20)

# PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



**x1**

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



**x2 OR 3**

Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars



**x1**

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*



**x1**

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



**x1**

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

We will have a drop box for all donated items.  
*Thank You.*

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

# Memorial Gifts

## Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson  
by Larry & Jean Lindgren

## Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson  
by Howard & Karen Ray

## Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson
  - ◇ Penny & Leland Anderson
  - ◇ Mike & Mavis Sevigny
- ◆ In memory of Celeste Flanagan  
by Penny & Leland Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Linda Bogert
- ◆ In memory of Brian Gehring  
by Jeff & Deb McKay  
by Penny & Leland Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Sharon Johnson  
by Penny & Leland Anderson

## Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson  
by Barry & Leah Kingsbury
- ◆ In memory of Linda Babinski  
by Sheila Bjerneby

## Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson
  - ◇ Larry & Jean Lindgren
  - ◇ Mike & Jan Erlandson
  - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Brian Gehring  
by Dick & Susie Geiger

## Capital Improvements Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson  
by Glora Halliday
- ◆ In memory of Brian Gehring  
by Glora Halliday

## Kitchen Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson  
by Dave & Liz Hanson

*Thank you* 



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    - Click "Direct Now" next to the organization's name, or
    - Click on the "View activity history" link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
  - b. To direct to a new organization, enter keyword(s):  
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## **2025 COUNCIL**

Preston Thiele ..... President  
 Tom Torkelson ..... Vice President  
 Stephanie Baldwin ..... Secretary  
 Nick Ziegelmann ..... Treasurer  
 Ryer Stark ..... Properties  
 Corrine Ralston ..... Music Worship  
 Megan Wynne ..... Christian Ed  
 Janice Kern ..... Lay Ministry  
 Susie Geiger ..... Stewardship  
 Kristen Peterson ..... Parish Fellowship  
 Pr. Carter Hill ..... Pastor

God is our refuge  
and strength,  
an ever-present  
help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1



## LENTEN MEALS ARE COMING CAN YOU HELP?

March 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

<https://forms.gle/F7C6WKbg5ykWSTbR8>

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: \_\_\_\_\_

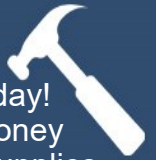
**Circle**

Circle #5 meets  
Mon. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am at  
GLC  
Claudia will host

Ruth Circle meets  
Tue. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am  
at GLC

## Thrivent Action Teams

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Approved projects receive seed money toward a fundraising event, building supplies, and other start up costs.  
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February's  
Mission of the Month  
will be collected for  
**Pregnancy Help Center**  
in Park River

## MARCH'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #3

Jim & Jan Aasand  
 Randy Almen  
 Gene & Marilyn Anderson  
 Mark & Rhonda Anderson  
 Kristan & Darren Demers  
 Dr. Michael & Janice Erlandson  
 David & Elizabeth Hanson  
 Mike & Mandy Hanson  
 Karen Hills  
 Scott & Barb Hills  
 Katie Horejsi  
 Doug Johnson  
 Greg & Marjorie Johnson  
 Lloyd Lee  
 Riley & Stephanie Lillemoen  
 Ashley Mathiason  
 Dean & Becky Mathiason

Paul & Bonnie Mohagen  
 Jessica & Jason Nelson  
 Mardell Niswonger  
 Dolf & Luann Oldenburg  
 Ina Raumin  
 Howard & Karen Ray  
 Phil & Rachel Ray  
 Jaci Niemann  
 Glen & Tena Scharmer  
 Jay Sevigny  
 Mike & Mavis Sevigny  
 Kody & Priscilla Stark  
 Roger & Sandy Stark  
 Ryer & Katie Stark  
 Charles & Mary Beth Wilson  
 Nick & Kristin Ziegelmann

## FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #3

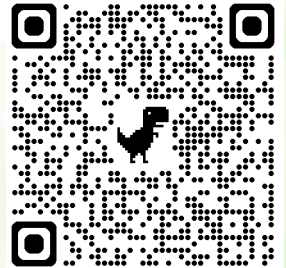
MAY'S MINISTRY AREAS NEEDED:  
**Greeters, Bell Ringer, Ushers, Lectors,  
 Communion Servers & Runners,  
 Coffee Servers.**

**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/MarchGroup3>  
 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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 team today!

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 toward a fundraising event, building supplies,  
 and other start up costs.

Contact Luke Holt for more  
 info 701-360-7080



## 5th & 6th Grade

# Acolyte

## Sign Up

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



Thank you to all the members  
 of January's Faith & Care Group and to  
**Deb McKay & June Selseth**  
 for being the 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.)*

### Volunteers needed

### February's Acolyte Schedule

February 2		
February 9		
February 16	Zola Stark	Laila Thiele
February 23		

# Grafton Lutheran Church

143 West 5th St.

P.O. Box 622

Grafton ND 58237

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February 2025

## Contact Us:

### Office Hours:

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

Pr. Carter Hill - 701-425-7041

[pastorcarterhill@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarterhill@gmail.com)

Susan Narloch - Administrative Assistant

[office@GraftonLutheran.com](mailto:office@GraftonLutheran.com) ▪ 701-352-2638

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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

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