

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”



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 5.....10th Grade
- March 12.....5th & 6th Grade
- March 19.....7th Grade
- March 26.....8th Grade
- April 2.....9th Grade
- April 9.....Volunteers

GRAFTON LUTHERAN

Youth
SKI TRIP

MARCH 9, 2025

WE WILL LEAVE GLC AT 9:00AM
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SCAN FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL



SUNDAY WORSHIP CHANGING TIME IN MAY & JUNE TO 11AM



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Wednesday during Lent

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

Synod Guidelines suggests a minimum of 8 weeks be given to a pastor for parental leave. Pastor Carter has chosen to take his leave following Pastor Kayla finishing her 12 week parental leave in April. He will be gone during May and June. This leaves us multiple Sundays to fill the pulpit. Instead of using video sermons and people from within the church to lead worship, Pastor Brooke will lead us at 11am following her service at Zion Lutheran. This allows us the ability to have someone to serve communion and also perform baptisms if needed.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Begins 9:00am Ski Trip 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	10	11	12 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	13	14	15 1:00pm Baby Shower for Elisa Lou @ Our Saviour's in Park River
16 No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	17	18 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Council Meets	19 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	20	21	22
23 No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship (Choir sings) 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	24 9:00 am Gather Circle (#5) meets at GLC hosted by Mary D.	25 9:30 am Ruth Circle at GLC 5:30pm Choir Practice	26 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	27 2:00pm Sunset Home Annual Meeting	28	29
30	31			LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE		

GLC Council Meeting – February 17, 2025

Present: Corrine, Preston, Nick, Stephanie, Pr. Carter, Janice, Tom, Megan
Preston brought the meeting to order at 6:34 PM
Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a prayer
Review of January minutes - Motion, Tom ; Second Megan

Pastor's Report

In New Business

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

January Offering - \$24,392.28
YTD Offering - \$24,392.28
January Expenses - \$24,009.48
YTD Total Expenses - \$24,009.48
YTD Total Income - \$24,889.35

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business

New Business:

A. Committee Reports

a. Lay Ministry

- i. Janice expressed her gratitude to the GLC parishioners on Faith and Care this month. She called everyone on the list to work and/or bring food for a funeral. Everyone said yes, with many offering to do both. She also mentioned that the properties committee did a lot of setup for the funeral. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

b. Properties

- i. The temperatures in different areas of the church vary greatly and we have many different thermostats in play. Ryer has someone looking to see what it would take to fix these inconsistencies.

c. Sunday School

- i. GLC is looking for a teacher on Wednesday nights during lent for Wednesday School. A sign up genius has been created and will be posted on the website and social media. Please sign up if you are willing to help.

B. Pr. Brooke - Ministry Assistant Payment/Benefits

- a. Pr. Carter requested GLC offer some benefit to Pr. Brooke even though she isn't a full time employee. She is currently working 10 hours a week, which doesn't require a benefit payment. Would GLC be willing to include a 10% benefit through her hourly wage, pay as a stipend, or send a check to Zion to put towards her benefits? After discussion, Nick made a motion to table this conversation until the next meeting and continue to pay her hourly for hours worked and offer no benefits for the time being. Megan, 2nd.

C. Endowment Committee Replacement

- a. Nick made a motion for Kody Stark to replace Preston Thiele on the Endowment Committee. Janice, second; motion carried.

D. Employee Handbook Revision

- a. Pr. Carter mentioned that GLC's Employee Handbook has not been updated in 6 years. Synod guidelines change every year, and the GLC Employee Handbook and the Synod guidelines are not meshing. Pr. Carter mentioned that Synod guidelines should be met and his hope is that the handbook is looked at and updated. Tom asked the Executive Committee to review GLC's Employee Handbook and Synod Guidelines.

Pastor Carter Leave Options

- a. Pr. Carter will be taking his Parental Leave for 8 weeks in May and June. It was suggested for these 8 services that fellowship begin at 10:30 AM and worship begin at 11:00 AM. By moving the service time, Pr. Brooke would be able to perform all services and communion could be served. Nick made a motion; Tom second. Motion carries.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

March 2 - Megan
March 9 - Stephanie
March 16 - Nick
March 23 - Corrine
March 30 - Tom

Lampighter Deadline is February 24, 2025
The next council meeting is March 18 at 6:30.
Tom made a motion to adjourn, followed by the Lord's Prayer at 8:02 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.



GLC WANTS YOU TO APPLY FOR OUR **SCHOLARSHIPS**

4 - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Get your applications at:
graffonlutheran.com

Lay Ministry - 2
Margaret Egeland - 1
Ruby Schrank - 1
(For those attending Concordia)

Please turn in your applications by April 1, 2025

Give using

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

Memorial Gifts

Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray
 - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
 - ◇ Janet & Gary Berger

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson by Laura Borstad-Dease
- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray by Lana Welter

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray
 - ◇ Sheila Bjerneby
 - ◇ Larry & Jean Lindgren
 - ◇ Keith & Joleen Bjerneby
 - ◇ Paul Torgeson & Cynthia Sillers

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Matt Houska by Elaine Broker
- ◆ In memory of Celeste Flanagan by Loretta Moe
- ◆ In memory of Brian Gehring by Loretta Moe
- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson by Loretta Moe
- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray
 - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
 - ◇ Elaine Broker

Quilters Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray by Karen McCann

Capital Improvements Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Johnson by Sonia Midgarden
- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray
 - ◇ Glora Halliday
 - ◇ Ray & Linda Rud
 - ◇ Ed & Stacie Sevigny
 - ◇ Joyce Johnson
 - ◇ Tom & Miranda Lien
 - ◇ John & Audrey Blair
 - ◇ Mark & Michele Spale
 - ◇ Darcie Einarson

Kitchen Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Howard Ray by Warren Bogert

Thank you 

DON'T BE
Afraid
For I AM WITH
You
ISAIAH 43:5



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March 31
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1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. Click on Direct Choice Dollars section, then Direct Choice Dollars link
3. Log in, enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click "Register for account access.")
4. Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct.
5. Locate the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - 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):
Sugar Creek Bible Camp Association
6. Choose "Direct All" or enter a specific number and click "Direct Now." Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

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March's
Mission of the Month
will be collected for
Domestic Violence Shelter



Domestic Violence & Abuse Center, Inc.

Providing Hope & Healing to Walsh, Pembina and Cavalier Counties since 1982

Thrivent Action Teams

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Approved projects receive seed money
toward a fundraising event, building supplies,
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Contact Thrivent for more info.



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Circle

Gather Circle
meets
Monday,
March 24th
9:00am at
GLC hosted by
Mary D.

Ruth Circle
meets
Tue. March 25th
9:30am
at GLC

What is

LENT?

Lent is a period of 40 days during which many Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity.



TOTAL
LUNAR
ECLIPSE

March 13-14, 2025



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
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Amount: _____

**APRIL'S FAITH & CARE
GROUP #5**

Laurie Allmaras
Dean & Joanne Bjerneby
Josh & Patti Bjerneby
Keith & Joleen Bjerneby
Matt Clapp
Anne Collette
Stephanie Collette
Devin & Kim Droog
Darcie Einarson
Seri & Jonathan Gerszewski
Jeremy & Laura Glanner
Inez Hall
Gloria 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
Dr. Myron Scheflo
Cheryl Schrank
Stacie & Edward Sevigny
Dylan & Paige Sundby
Chris & Jennifer Thompson
Kent & Peppi Trontvet
Bonnie & Dean Yantes

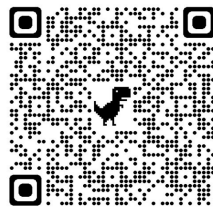
Thank you to all the members of February's Faith & Care Group and to **Susie Geiger & Krystle Thiele** for being the chairpersons. Your time and service to GLC is greatly appreciated!

5th & 6th Grade

Acolyte

Sign Up

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



March's Acolyte Schedule

March 2		
March 5	Mason Eng	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
March 9		
March 12		<i>2nd Wednesday of Lent</i>
March 16	Mason Eng	
March 19		<i>3rd Wednesday of Lent</i>
March 23		
March 26	Zola Stark	<i>4th Wednesday of Lent</i>
March 30		

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #5

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

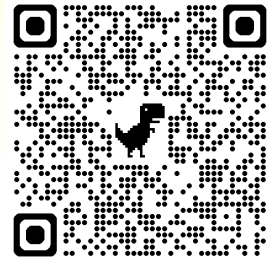
**Your Faith & Care group
will no longer have a fixed time
to meet & for people to sign up.**

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

Just go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/April2025FandC>

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.



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.)

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

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March 2025

Lamplighter

Office Hours:

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

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Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee/Fellowship

Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet

5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School

6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00pm Lenten Worship

DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

Capital Improvements

Bible Camp Camperships

Choir/Music

Deacon's

Broadcast

Bell Choir

Youth

Quilters

Cemetery

Sunday School

Music for Worship

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Christus Rex Support

Grafton Ministerial Support

Grafton Conference Support

Lutheran Sunset Home Support