

# Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

OCTOBER 2024



Grafton Lutheran's

## FALL DINNER

Sunday, Oct. 6  
11:00 - 1:30

TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS  
\$15 PER PLATE

DINE IN & DRIVE UP  
Take-out available



October 20<sup>th</sup>

## Confirmation Sunday

### CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Will be taken at the church  
October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm please be at the church  
by 6:45pm for pictures.

It is hoped that each family will order a picture.  
We ask that each participant pay that evening.

*Please make your checks payable to  
Tweten's Photography.*



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Bible Presentations

October 13<sup>th</sup>

FAITH MILESTONES  
*Celebrate the present to build the future*



Please make sure your 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
are present on  
**Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM**  
for Acolyte Training

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-10 grade Confirmation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am Fall Dinner Prep	<b>5</b> 8:00am Turkey Cleaning 9:00am Peel Potatoes
<b>6</b> No Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 am Fall Dinner	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-9 grade Confirmation No 10th Grade Confirmation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00am Sunday School Resumes 9:00am 5th Grade Acolyte Training 10:00 am Worship—Bells Play —3rd grade bible presentation 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet No Confirmation 6:45pm Confirmands arrive 7:00pm Confirmation Pictures	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Confirmation</b> No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship with the confirmands	<b>21</b> 9:00 Gather Circle meets @ Pam O.'s	<b>22</b> 9:30 Ruth Circle meets @ GLC 5:30pm Choir	<b>23</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-9 grade Confirmation No 10th Grade Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30pm Choir	<b>30</b> 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-9 grade Confirmation No 10th Grade Confirmation	<b>31</b>		

LAMPLIGHTER  
DEADLINE

## Council Meeting Tuesday September 17, 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 and guest Brad Martinson.

**Guest Greg Martinson, Walsh Co Paramedic** and manager of Valley Ambulance and Rescue Service provided a presentation on the use of AED. Grafton Lutheran has an AED and first aid kit in the hallway nearest the sacristy entrance. This was arranged by Ryer.

Motion to approve Minutes - Tom, second Janice, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** Sunday School started with Rally Sunday Ziegelmann family assisted pastor with clean up of VBS Several funerals Confirmation has started Confirmation for 8 students will be October 20th

### **Treasurer's Report by Dave**

August Offering - \$14,308.25  
YTD Offering -\$143,875.29  
August Expenses - \$22,485.23  
YTD Expenses - \$194,982.22  
YTD Total Income - \$151,119.58

Motion was made to pay debt of youth trip (Bobbie) from Klub Dinner Fund with some proceeds of the upcoming Fall Dinner be used to prepay some funds for future youth trips. Seconded Megan Motion carried Treasurer's Report approved

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Stewardship for All Seasons - Update from Pastor Carter about upcoming stewardship efforts - November 3rd will be an Appeal Sunday with bulletin inserts leading up to that Sunday
- B. Sabbatical Policy - Tom made a motion to refer this topic to executive committee for discussion and recommendations to council, Second by Bobbie. Motion carried.
  1. Discussion about including family leave policy in the executive committee meeting

### **New Business**

- A. Audit of Books - committee needs to meet before annual meeting, Pastor Carter has offered to meet with the committee (Clayton-chair, Ann, Rachel)
- B. Fall Dinner will be October 6th. Due to the many missions, events and conflicting dates of GLC, this date was selected for this year.
- C. Send reminders to nominating committee to get started finding people to become part of the GLC Council.

### **Communion Leaders**

Oct 6th Kristen  
October 13 Tom  
October 20 Darcie  
October 27 no communion

Bobbie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom. Motion carried at 8:14

### **Next council meetings:**

October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>

Minutes recorded by Janice Kern



# Memorial Gifts

## Broadcasting Fund:

**Oct 13** - This Broadcast is given by Roger & Doris Gruber in memory of Myrtle Duray whose birthday was Oct. 13th.

- ◆ In memory of Winten Gunderson by Loretta Moe

## Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gary Boettcher by Jason & Michelle Flanders
- ◆ In memory of Winten Gunderson by Bill & Sheryl Jahraus

## Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Winten Gunderson by Jeff & Deb McKay

## Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Winten Gunderson by
  - ◇ Dolf & Luann Oldenburg
  - ◇ Clayton & Jane Mohagen
  - ◇ George Loranger
  - ◇ Gunderson Family

## Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Winten Gunderson by
  - ◇ Mike & Jan Erlandson
  - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
  - ◇ Fene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Gary Boettcher by Dick & Susie Geiger

## Capital Improvement Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Winten Gunderson by
  - ◇ Glera Halliday
  - ◇ Lolly Adamsen
  - ◇ Dave & Elizabeth Hanson
  - ◇ Pat & Vicki Sevigny
  - ◇ Dorothy Johnson

## Worshi & Music Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gary Boettcher by Ed & Stacie Sevigny
- ◆ In memory of Lynne & Gary Boettcher by Steve & Bobble Ekman

## DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

*with short explanation of fund*

### **Capital Improvements**

*helps with improvements to church property*

### **Bible Camp Camperships**

*pays part of the cost of ELCA camps for GLC members*

### **Choir/Music**

*helps buy music for Senior Choir*

### **Deacon's Fund**

*helps people in our community that need a helping hand*

### **Broadcast**

*helps pay for equipment for our broadcast/live stream*

### **Bell Choir**

*helps buy music and upkeep of our Handbells*

### **Youth**

*helps pay for GLC youth activities*

### **Quilters**

*helps buy supplies for our Quilters to make quilts and kits to send overseas*

### **Cemetery**

*helps pay for upkeep of the cemetery*

### **Sunday School**

*helps pay for GLC Sunday school expenses*

### **Music for Worship (Board of Music & Worship)**

*helps pay for the music used during church*

## 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

## 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

## Pick up Sympathy Cards



**New designs available**



**in the Narthex**  
Memorial gift envelope is included



2025

Calendars are here!

Get yours today in the church office

\$9<sup>00</sup>

Money raised will go to our GLC youth.



### Uff Da

Many Thanks to all those who volunteered to help make 68 dozen rounds of delicious lefse from the 200 lbs. of potatoes donated by Keith & Joleen Bjerneby family.

Pastor Carter demonstrated that rolling lefse was yet another one of his many talents.

Lefse will be served at P.R. Bible Camp and our Fall Dinner.

Everyone who contributed their time to this project is appreciated and valued. The community enjoys our lefse!

Very Thankful,

Susie Geiger  
and  
Loretta Moe

## Kafka and the Doll

At the age of 40, Franz Kafka (1883-1924), a man who never married and had no children, was strolling through a park in Berlin when he encountered a young girl in tears. She had lost her beloved doll, and despite their efforts, the doll was nowhere to be found.

Seeing her distress, Kafka told the girl to meet him at the same spot the next day, and they would continue searching. The following day, when they still couldn't find the doll, Kafka handed the girl a letter "written" by the doll. The letter explained, "Please don't cry. I've gone on a journey to explore the world. I'll write to you about my adventures."

This began a series of letters that Kafka continued to write for the girl, each one detailing the doll's travels and experiences. The letters were filled with imaginative tales and heartfelt messages, bringing joy and comfort to the girl as she eagerly awaited each new letter.

Eventually, Kafka returned to the park with a doll he had purchased, telling the girl that her doll had finally come back to Berlin. When the girl noticed the doll didn't look the same, Kafka handed her another letter from the doll. In it, the doll explained, "My travels have changed me." With that, the little girl embraced the new doll and took it home, content and happy.

A year later, Kafka passed away.

Many years after his death, the now-grown woman discovered a tiny letter hidden inside the doll. The letter, signed by Kafka, read: "Everything you love will probably be lost, but in the end, love will return in another way."

This story reminds us to embrace change, as it is essential for growth. Life's transformations can be difficult, and loss is inevitable, but love has a way of reappearing, often in forms we never expected. It's up to us to be open to this change and to consciously create connections that transform pain into wonder and love.

**Circle**

The  
Gather Circle  
(#5) meets  
Mon. Oct. 21  
9:00am  
@ Pam O.'s

The  
Ruth Circle  
meets at  
GLC on  
Tues. Oct. 22  
9:30am

Son of God. I will  
with God and an  
us.  
God is love. If v  
ers, we will stay  
God, and he will  
we truly love oth

**WE HAVE SOME OLD GRAFTON LUTHERAN  
MEMORABILIA TO GIVE AWAY.**

If you are interested talk to  
Susie Geiger.



Or call  
the office @  
352-2638



**Grafton Lutheran Quilters  
meet on  
Wednesday mornings at  
9:00am.**

Give using



**TITHE.LY**

Available at your App Store  
or directly at  
TITHE.LY/GIVE

or visit [www.GraftonLutheran.com](http://www.GraftonLutheran.com)  
and click "Give Online"



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: \_\_\_\_\_



Sign up for our E-Newsletter today!

# Connections

EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/MOfkowW/eandsynodenews>



**EaND Synod  
Fall Gatherings**

**Grafton Conference**  
November 2,  
4:30pm-6:30pm  
Park River Bible Camp

Fall Gatherings are an opportunity to spend time in fellowship and mutual learning with other members of your conference and synod staff. Share ideas, hear updates from around the synod and your conference, and spend time in conversation with area faith leaders and ELCA members. We hope you'll join us!

**We  
are continuing  
to collect aluminum  
pop top tabs!**

**Please drop them off  
at the church.**

*Thank You!*



**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





**NOVEMBER'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 Pfingsten  
Roger & Lynda Raumin  
Gay Risky  
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

October's Mission of the Month will be collected for  
Life Skills & Transition Center  
**This money will be used to buy Christmas gifts  
for the residents at LSTC.**

**FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #6**

**NOVEMBER'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/39hs35zs>

**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 September's Faith & Care Group and  
to  
**Mavis Sevigny & Bonnie Mohagen**  
for being chairperson.  
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.**



**October's Acolyte Schedule**

**October 6** Mason Eng  
**October 13**  
**October 20**  
**October 27**

**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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**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

**Contact Us:**

**Office Hours:**

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

Pr. Carter Hill - 701-425-7041

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