

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

NOVEMBER 2024

November 3



All Saints Sunday

Remembering loved ones who have gone on before us.

November's
Mission of the Month
will be collected for

Helping Kids School Fund



2025

Calendars are here!

Get yours While they last
in the church office

\$9⁰⁰

Money raised will go to our GLC youth.



**BELIEVE.
BELONG.
BE SENT.**



Stewardship For All Seasons

We invite you to pray for Grafton Lutheran Church as we boldly step into the future.

Sunday, November 3 is Commitment Sunday. During worship, you will be invited to bring forward your enclosed Commitment Card, offering your gifts to God. You may also mail your commitment card to the church office or fill out an online commitment card.

At the North Dakota Synod assembly in June of 2023, the closing worship service shared these words:

“The offering is not simply a collection so that we can pay the bills. We give “from”, not “to”. We give from the heart of love and dedication and from what God has given us in proportion to our faith and our blessings.

The offering is an act of worship. Money is not a dirty subject in the church, but a tangible means of showing your faith and love; it is an acknowledgement that all we have comes from God and it is the means by which we support the Gospel ministry.”

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



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	4	5	6 9:00am Quilters Meet 3:45-5:30pm 5th Grade First Communion Class No Confirmation 5:30 pm JuBellation 7:00 pm Choir	7	8	9
10 No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	11	12	13 9:00am Quilters Meet 3:45-5:30pm 5th Grade First Communion Class 5:30 pm JuBellation 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-9 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	14	15	16
17 1st Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	18 9:00 Gather Circle meets @ Linda R.'s	19 6:30pm Council Meets	20 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 6:00pm 7 grade Confirmation 6:45pm 8-10 grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	21	22	23
24 9:00am Sunday School @ Sunset Home 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	25	26 9:30 Ruth Circle meets @ GLC	27 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation No Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	28	29	30

LAMPLIGHTER
DEADLINE

GLC Council Meeting – October 22, 2024

Present: Janice, Darcie, Bobbie, Megan, Dave, Ryer, Stephanie, Susie, Kristen, Tom, Pastor Carter
Darcie brought the meeting to order at 6:34 PM
Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer

Review of September minutes - motion, Tom; second, Kristen

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Care - Over the past couple months there have been many illnesses, diagnoses, and death. Pastor Carter reminded us that pastoral care shows up in different ways and has many different looks. A special thank you to Ryer Stark, Jay Sevigny, and Preston Thiele for their assistance in bringing and returning our entire altar area for Chad Demers' funeral.

Confirmation - 8 students (7 juniors, 1 senior) were confirmed on October 20. Their prepared faith statements included a look into who God is to us and what God's plan is. GLC typically has 4 confirmation teachers (2 teachers per class), but we only have 2 for 8th and 9th grade as Pastor Carter was unable to find 4. Thank you to Dawnielle Coffman and Carissa Klug for their willingness to teach.

Sunday School - A survey will go out this fall regarding how Sunday School could best happen at GLC. Many churches in our area are changing how their Sunday School looks and have found success.

Online Worship - We continue to have a strong presence during our online worship. Pastor Carter shared a couple of recent donations that were generated through our online streaming. Marie, a member from Pastor Carter's former call, sent \$1,000 for our broadcasting fund. She wrote, "Grafton Lutheran - you are a blessing to me. I enjoy your services and Pastor Carter every Sunday. I know him personally and have a high respect for him from the past. God's blessings to you all." Also last week, GLC received a \$1,200 offering from a member who left in the 1970s and has recently "rejoined the congregation" via our livestream.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

September Offering - \$22,530.41
YTD Offering - \$166,405.70
September Expenses - \$19,181.44
YTD Total Expenses - \$214,163.66
YTD Total Income - \$174,145.21

Unfinished Business:

Stewardship for All Seasons - GLC Members will be receiving letters from the Stewardship committee and all recipients are asked to return the Statement of Intent card.

A draft of a Sabbatical Policy using the ELCA guidelines was created by the Executive Committee and brought to Council for review. A motion by Dave and second by Ryer tabled the discussion to the next meeting.

Audit of the Books - The Audit committee will be meeting with Pastor Carter. He will ask if they can have a report available prior to the annual meeting

Parental Leave - The Executive Committee put together recommendations for a parental leave policy using ELCA guidelines. They presented recommendations to the Council. Dave moved to table parental leave until the next meeting.

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New Business:

Discussion on looking into parking lot lines for the north parking lot as there has been confusion and congestion during large events. Council will look into options next spring. Signage for people who park in the back was also discussed.

The enrollment date is coming due on Pastor Carter’s medical insurance. Motion to continue the insurance was made by Tom, second by Megan.

The Council and Pastor Carter are working on staff performance reviews.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

- Nov. 3 - Kristen
- Nov. 10 - Ryer
- Nov. 17 - Megan
- Nov. 24 - Darcie

Lamplighter Deadline is October 29

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30

Adjournment (motion by Tom; Second, Janice) followed by the Lord’s Prayer at 8:05 PM

Circle

The Gather Circle (#5) meets Mon. Nov. 18 9:00am @ Linda R.’s

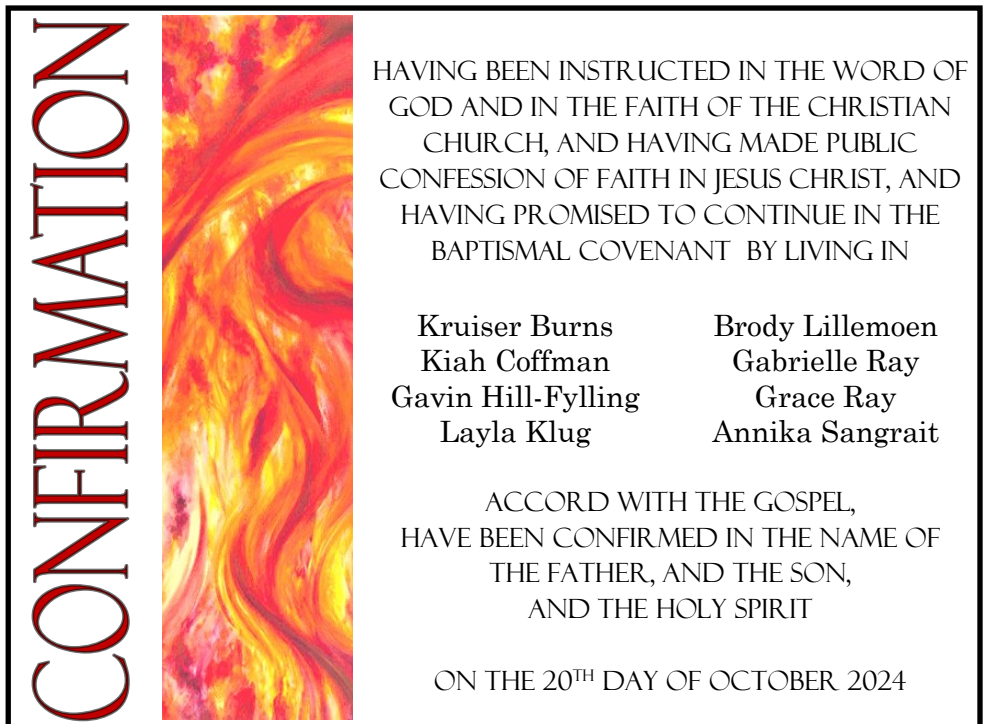
The Ruth Circle meets at GLC on Tues. Nov. 26 9:30am



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



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.



CONFIRMATION

HAVING BEEN INSTRUCTED IN THE WORD OF GOD AND IN THE FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND HAVING MADE PUBLIC CONFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, AND HAVING PROMISED TO CONTINUE IN THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT BY LIVING IN

Kruiser Burns	Brody Lillemoen
Kiah Coffman	Gabrielle Ray
Gavin Hill-Fyelling	Grace Ray
Layla Klug	Annika Sangrait

ACCORD WITH THE GOSPEL,
 HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND THE SON,
 AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

ON THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

Memorial Gifts

Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Chad Demers
by Art & June Selseth

Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Chad Demers by
 - ◇ Gary & Janet Berger
 - ◇ Brian & Ranell Hanson
 - ◇ Ron & Bev Thompson
 - ◇ Glora Halliday
 - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Billy Molde
by Gary & Janet Berger
- ◆ In memory of Dennis Anderson
by Karen & Howard Ray

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Elmer & Josephine Sondeland
by Lewis & Connie Sondeland
- ◆ In memory of Dennis Anderson
by Lloyd & Joyce Johnson
- ◆ In memory of Alice Torgeson
by Cynthia Sillers & Pat Torgeson

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Chad Demers by
 - ◇ Mike & Jan Erlandson
 - ◇ Jerry & Karen Blanchard
 - ◇ Kande Koehmstedt
- ◆ In memory of Donald Thompson
by Paul & Bonnie Mohagen
- ◆ In memory of Dennis Anderson
by Gene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Korydon Chervestad
by Elaine Broker

Worship & Music Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Gary Boettcher
by Nick & Mary Jo Hall

Thank You



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. 7th

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

DISH SOAP



DEODORANT



ALL SOUP



JELLO/PUDDING



LIQUID SOAP



SHAMPOO



PASTA



CANNED MEAT



BAR SOAP



CEREAL





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!



37TH ANNUAL
Quilt AUCTION
QUILTS • WOODWORK • HANDCRAFTS

NOVEMBER 3, 2024
11:30 LUNCH - 12:30 VIEWING
1:30 AUCTION BEGINS
106 SOLID ROCK CIRCLE, PARK RIVER

SPENCER SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT HISTORIC ELMWOOD ~ STEPHEN & 2ND ST



Tuesday, November 5th
4:30-6:30pm
\$15 a plate
Age 5 & Under Free

Dine in & Drive up To-Go Available

**We
are continuing
to collect aluminum
pop top tabs!**
**Please drop them off
at the church.**
Thank You!

KEVIN BASHER Benefit

November 6, 2024
4 to 7 pm at the
Frosty Fox • 43 East 8th Street
in Grafton, North Dakota

**Meatball Dinner • Silent Auction
Bake Sale • 50/50 Board**

Proceeds go directly to Kevin for help with his cancer battle.
Tickets can be purchased at the door for **\$15**



Kevin was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer with mets to spine, leg muscle and abdomen. He is a single parent with a 7-year-old daughter.

Donations can also be made at
Choice Bank
645 Hill Ave, Grafton, ND 58237
c/o Kevin Basher Benefit



November 7-9 at 7:00 PM
November 10 at 1:30 PM
Grafton Performing Arts Center
1548 School Road, Door 27

THE GARDAR COMMUNITY
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
AT THE GARDAR HALL FOR

Klub Dinner

Sunday, November 10th
At Gardar Hall in Garder, ND

Klub or baked potato, ham and corn
To go orders call Shelly at 701-331-9747

Dinner prepared by John Evenson, Dale Sondeland and crew. Proceeds of this Free Will Donation event goes to support the Gardar Hall, Gardar Church, and Pioneer church.

CHI Friendship 1st annual Baked Potato FUNRAISER

All proceeds go towards Friendship's local recycling program that services Grafton and the surrounding communities.

Choose your flavor!

1. **PLAIN JANE**
Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter, Bacon, Green Onions
2. **TEX MEX**
Taco Meat, Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter, Pico
3. **COWBOY**
Pork, Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter, Pico



NOVEMBER 19, 2024

11:00am-1:00pm
Heritage Village
Highway 17, Grafton, ND



**\$10
Minimum**

Potatoes donated by
APGI

PICK UP OR DINE IN
Reserve your meal today
701.352.0060

**DECEMBER'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

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #5

**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/ry22ye5s>

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

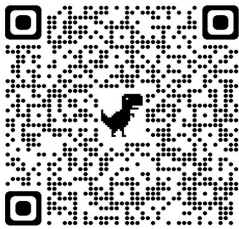


5th & 6th Grade

Acolyte

Sign Up

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



**Thank you to all the members
of October's Faith & Care Group and to
Mary Dvorak
for being chairperson.
Your time and service to GLC is
greatly appreciated!**

November & December's Acolyte Schedule

November 3			
November			
November			
November			
December 1			Thanksgiving Weekend
December 8			
December 15			
December 22			
December 24			
December 29			

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:

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

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