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LAMPLIGHTER

NOVEMBER 2026





November's Mission of the Month Grafton School's Helping Hands Fund

A special thank you to all of those involved in the Grafton Lutheran Church Fall Dinner.

Thank you to the Lay Ministry members for their knowledge and time; the church members for their hours of preparing stuffing, potato peeling, turkey roasting, cake baking and dishwashing; and the confirmation teachers and kids for setting up and tearing down. To Tammy Burns for agreeing to lead this labor of love, that has been happening for more than 50 years. We thank each and every one of you that helped, donated, prayed, and ate with us. We had a successful year and we will see you next Fall.

GLC Lay Ministry

November

1Nov 2026	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care		**Election Day** 5:30pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilters meet 4:00pm 5th Grade 1st Communion Class 5:30pm JuBellation Practice 6:00pm 10th Grade Confirmation 6:45pm 7-9 grade confirmation			
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship		5:30pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilters meet 5:30pm JuBellation Practice			
15	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**
1st Communion 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles meet at Jan E.'s	5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Council Meeting	9:00am Quilters meet 5:30pm JuBellation Practice 6:00pm 10th Grade Confirmation 6:45pm 7-9 grade confirmation	5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	3:00pm Wedding	
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
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GLC Council Meeting – October 20, 2026

Present: Corrine, Stephanie, Janice, Tiffany, Ryer, Megan, Pr. Carter, Nick

Stephanie brought the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Nick made a motion for Ryer to chair the meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President; Janice second. Stephanie asked for a vote with a unanimous yes vote recorded.

Pr. Carter opened the meeting with a devotion.

Review of September minutes - Motion, Janice; Second, Tiffany. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report
Toward 150 - One of the most important things happening in our congregation right now is our Toward 150 initiative. As we prepare to celebrate Grafton Lutheran Church's 150th anniversary in 2028, we have an opportunity to reflect on where we have been and, perhaps more importantly, where God is calling us next.

Our upcoming Toward 150 gatherings will take place in the homes of congregation members, where we will share desserts, conversation, and ideas. These gatherings are meant to be welcoming and informal. We want everyone to have a voice in shaping the future of our church from all generations.

My hope is that Toward 150 will be about much more than celebrating an anniversary. It is an opportunity to ask how we can continue living out our mission to **Believe. Belong. Be Sen**t. I encourage everyone to participate, share their thoughts, and approach these conversations with openness and excitement. I hope we will approach Toward 150 not simply as another church event, but as a meaningful opportunity to listen to one another and discern God's direction for our congregation.

Christian Education & Youth Ministry - Sunday School and Confirmation programs are underway for the year. Confirmation continues to provide an important space for our young people to explore Scripture, Lutheran theology, and what faith means to their everyday lives.

Our Sunday School teachers and volunteers continue to give their time and energy to helping our youngest members grow in faith. I am grateful for their dedication and for the families who make Christian education a priority.

Information for dates on our summer trip to Seattle in 2027 should be coming out soon.

There is much to celebrate at Grafton Lutheran Church, and I believe there is much more ahead of us. As we move toward 150 years of ministry, may we continue to be a congregation that believes deeply, creates belonging, and is sent into the world to share God's love.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense
September Offering - $18,988
YTD Offering - $199,282
September Expenses - $23,927
YTD Total Expenses - $256,609
YTD Total Income - $222,981

Unfinished Business:

A. Employee Handbook Revision - Exec Committee
   a. The committee will meet and have a draft ready for November for meeting
B. Properties: Door Replacements
   a. Front doors were put in the last week of September. TRF Glass will be back to replace the door on the east side soon.

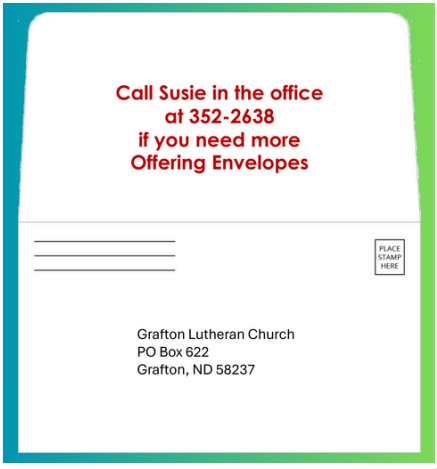
New Business:

A. **Toward 150** - Nov. 4th
   a. Invites have been sent for the November 4th event. Mark your calendars.
B. **Committee Reports**
   A. **Lay Ministry**
      a. The fall dinner was a success. 645 meals were served.
   B. **Parish Fellowship**
      a. The Council and Committees will decorate for Christmas after the November 22 church service.
   C. **Sunday Schoo**l
      a. Several new families are attending Sunday school this year. It has been fun to see some new faces! Christmas program practice will begin in 2 weeks.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:
November 1 - Megan
November 8 - Tiffany
November 15 - Ryer
November 22 - Corrine
November 29 - Nick

Lamplighter Deadline is October 27, 2026
The next council meeting is Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30.
Nick made a motion to adjourn at 7:42; Janice, Second.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin







Grafton Lutheran
has bee asked to supply
2 crockpots of chili
2 pans of cornbread
2 desserts
for the community Thanksgiving Service please call the office at 352-2638 or scan the QR code to help.





Save the Date





MEMORIAL GIFTS

Broadcast Fund

Oct. 18 Broadcast was sponsored by Michelle & Jaason Flanders & Family in memory of Kathy Larson
Oct. 25 Broadcast was Sponsored by Michael & Jan Erlandson
Nov. 22 Broadcast was sponsored in memory of Gene Anderson by Marilyn Anderson

Cemetery Fund

- Given in memory of Alice Torgeson by Pat Torgeson & Cynthia Sillers







Grafton
LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #5

Laurie Allmaras
Dean & Joanne Bjorneby
Josh & Patti Bjorneby
Keith & Joleen Bjorneby
Matt Clapp
Anne Collette
Stephanie Collette
Devin & Kim Droog
Darcie Einarson
Seri & Jonathan Gerszewski
Jeremy & Laura Glanner
Inez Hall
Glora Halliday
Brian & Ranell Hanson
Duane & Jessica Johnson
Cathy & Lynn Johnson
Dr. Joseph & Janice Kern
Evan & Carissa Klug
John & Tammy Lunde
Brian & Dawn Lunski
Kayla Lunski
Karen McCann
Barb Muckenhirn
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
December'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/FandCgroup5Dec
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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Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sunday:

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesday:

5:30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday:

9:00am Quilters Meet
5:30pm JuBellation Practice
6:00pm 10 grade Confirmation
6:45pm 7-9 grade Confirmation

Contact Us:

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

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