

DECEMBER 2025

LAMPLIGHTER

BELIEVE. BELONG. BE SENT.



GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 6th
10AM

COME GET YOUR
LEFSE, COOKIES & CANDIES
FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

143 West 5th Street - Grafton, ND



GRAFTON LUTHERAN PRESENTS

Carols & Candles



December 14

7:00pm

Fellowship to Follow
All are Welcome!

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION
DEC. 7
JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP
FOR A TIME OF
CAKE FELLOWSHIP
& CELEBRATION



Sunday School Christmas Program

10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 14th



SUNSET HOMECOMING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:00PM



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 30 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Peel Boil & Rice Potatoes for Lefse 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	1 9:00am Lefse Making	2 9:00am Lefse Making 5:30pm Choir	3 9:00 am Quilter's Meet 5:30pm Jubellation Practice 6:45pm 7-10th Grade	4 Susie will be out of the office	5 Office Closed	6 10:00am Bake Sale
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Stewardship Celebration with Cake, Coffee & Fellowship	8	9 5:30pm Choir	10 9:00 am Quilter's Meet 5:30pm Jubellation Practice 6:45pm 7-10th Grade Service Project	11	12	13
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Group—Our Saviour's in PR cookie bake & gift exchange 7:00pm Carols & Candles	15 9:00pm Gather Circle meets together with the Ruth Circle @ Susie G.s	16 2:00pm Sunset Homecoming 6:30pm Council meets	17 9:00 am Quilter's Meet No Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	22 <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE</div>	23 Ruth Circle will meet on Dec 15 with Gather Circle instead of on Dec. 23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	29	30	31 No Activities	Jan. 1 Office Closed Happy New Year		

Council Meeting Tuesday Nov 18, 2025

Meeting called to order by Preston at 6:35

Present were Preston Theile, Corrine Ralston, Megan Wynne, Ryer Stark, Janice Kern, Nick Ziegelman, Kristen Peterson, Susie Geiger, Pastor Carter Hill

Pastor opened with prayer.

Approve Minutes of October Meeting - Motion to approve by Nick, second by Megan, motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Looking forward to Christmas: Decorating for Advent will happen after worship Nov 30th (wedding on the 29th), Committees are asked to come and assist with decorating immediately following worship.

Confirmation classes will break for Christmas. Youth have been gathering with other churches in Walsh county for monthly events. First Prime Time was held after a lengthy break with good attendance for a presentation by Peyton Cole regarding wills and estates. Patrick Such presented funeral information. It is a goal to have a similar event for people younger than the Prime Time group as the information is extremely important.

Community Engagement was a goal of interest 5 years ago. Examples of GLC community engagement in the past have been God's Work Our Hands, Concession Stand at Christmas in the Park, use of our building for groups to host events such as meals for fundraising. How can we continue to show up in moments of need? It is suggested that council members meet in addition to council meeting to brainstorm and discuss.

Treasurer's Report by Nick Z

Oct Offering - \$19,023.43

YTD Offering - \$220, 816.82

Oct Expenses - \$25,922.20

YTD Expenses - \$264,164.78

YTD Total Income - \$245,595.24

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Janice, seconded by Ryer

Treasurer's Report approved

Unfinished Business

- A. Employee Handbook Revision - Exec Committee will be meeting
- B. Pictorial Directory - announcements have been made
- C. Scholarship -Discussion led to decision of Fall Semester scholarship will be paid in January, Spring semester will be paid at end of semester, and this will continue for 3 years as part of Pastor Carter's doctoral education.

New Business

Committee Reports

- A. Properties - Ryer has done some minor mortar repair on the chimney, Rock's Electric recently donated time to assist with minor leaks, Ryer makes a point of being in the church following any rain to set up fans because of incoming rain, Narthex doors have leaks, Office entrance leaks (doors are not true exterior doors), awning could be considered for south entrances. All of these things have been considered by properties committee in years past as well. Thank you to Ryer Stark for checking on the church so often.
- B. Lay Ministry - many calls being made to fill the responsibilities of worship and fellowship needs. Youth earn service points for signing up each month. A chairperson is needed for the Fall Dinner. Bake Sale will be held December 6th. Sunset Home Birthday Party will be provided in January.
- C. Worship and Music - Carols and Candles is scheduled, community people have been invited to be in choir and bell choir.
- D. Stewardship - Cards were sent welcoming new members, 88 members have had photo taken for Pictorial Directory, Dec 14th will be group photos for the directory. Stewardship appeal has had 35 returned commitment cards, council will all send their commitment cards (hard copy or online). The appeal is for 5-7% increase from last year from every member. The goal is to grow \$20,000 for next year's planning and budgeting (\$10,000 currently according to pledge cards). Commitment cards are needed for budgeting. Sunset Homecoming Christmas will be held. Lefse will be made for Bake Sale.
- E. Fellowship - Kristen will be helping Susie with Sunset Homecoming Meal, committee will be helping decorate for Advent, Serving Carols and Candles fellowship
- F. Christian Ed - working on Christmas Program Dec 14th, Sunday School needs a marketplace such as a lemonade stand to use for program

Budgets for council members - return to Wanda by Nov 25th. Budget will be discussed in December meeting and preliminary approval will be considered.

Lamplighter Deadline - Nov 26th

Communion Leaders

Dec 7th Nick

Dec 14th no communion (Megan offering)

Dec 21st Kristen

Dec 24th (2 council) Susie and Janice

Dec 28th no communion (Ryer offering)

Nick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kristen. Motion carried at 7:35

Next council meeting: December 16th @6:30

Minutes recorded by Janice Kern

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of LeRoy Nelson
by Chris & Marcia Olson

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of LeRoy Nelson by:
 - ◇ Wayne & Linda Olson
 - ◇ Kristen & Darren Demers
- ◆ In memory of Cecilia Kvande's 2 daughters

Triannual Youth Convention Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Jon Koehmstedt
by Kande Koehmstedt & Family

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Ordean Sunrud
by Elaine Broker
- ◆ In memory of Arlene Lykken
by Dick & Susie Geiger
- ◆ In memory of LeRoy Nelson by:
 - ◇ James & Jan Aasand
 - ◇ Gene & Marilyn Anderson

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of LeRoy Nelson
by Brian & Ranell Hanson

Quilter's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Harriet Dosmann
by Sheila Bjerneby

Capital Improvement Fund:

- ◆ In memory of LeRoy Nelson
by Art & June Selseth
- ◆ In memory of George Campbell
by Glora Halliday
- ◆ In memory of Arlene Lykken
by Glora Halliday

*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. 6th



Time to Make Lefse!

for GLC's Bake Sale on Dec. 6

Sun. Nov. 30

9:00am Peel & Boil Potatoes

Mon. Dec. 1

9:00am Roll & Fry

Tues. Dec. 2

9:00am Roll & Fry



Circle

Gather Circle
meets together with
the Ruth Circle
Monday,
December 15
9:00am
at Susie G.'s

YOUTH GROUP
6:00-8:00PM

Park River

December

14th: Christmas
Cookie Baking
and Decorating
+ Gift Exchange

December's
Mission of the Month
will be collected for
GLC's Deacon's Fund



2026
Calendars
are
Almost Gone!

get yours While they last
in the church office

\$9⁰⁰

Money raised will go to our
GLC youth.

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: _____

JANUARY'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #1

Brent & Stephanie Baldwin
 Marilyn Baumann
 Sheila Bjerneby
 Dr. Jerry & Karen Blanchard
 Lisa Blanchard
 Harlan & Pat Brekke
 Terry & Lori Burns
 Dawn Coffman
 Rick & Mary English
 Madison Erovick & Jordyn Lopez
 Trevor & Amy Grindahl
 Jamie & Melanie Haagenson
 Theresa Hickman
 Peter & Donna Holand
 Sharon & Shawn Kasprick
 Amy Lemieux

Paul & Linda Lemieux
 Briana & Thomas Martens
 Allen & Myrna Martinson
 Greg Martinson
 Jamie Martinson
 Jeff & Deb McKay
 Shane & Carmen Mohn
 Ashley Lopez & Jon Otterson
 Gary & Barb Schultz
 Marjorie Seeba
 Art & June Selseth
 Denise Sevigny
 Nathan & Tiffany Sillers
 Chad & Kelsey Wardner
 Paige & Darrin Wollitz
 Ryan & Megan Wynne

Thank you to all the members of November's Faith & Care Group and to Michelle Flanders for being the 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.



December Acolyte Schedule

December 7			
December 14			Christmas Program
December 21			
December 24	Ryker Thiele	Cash West	Christmas Eve
December 28			

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #1

JANUARY'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/2p8tbbpf>

**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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- 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**
- ELCA World Hunger
 - PRBC Support
 - Synod Support
 - Concordia Support
 - Christus Rex Support
 - Grafton Ministerial Support
 - Grafton Conference Support
 - Lutheran Sunset Home Support

Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

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

Tuesdays:

- 5:30pm Choir Practice

Wednesdays:

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