

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

January 2026

*All year end reports due by:
Monday, Jan.5, 2026
4:00pm*

*Please bring to the office
or email it to
office@graftonlutheran.com*

Thank you.



GRAFTON LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Grafton Lutheran will be holding its Annual Meeting following worship
January 18, 2026

Following the meeting a Potluck will be held.

All members are asked to come and please stay for the meeting and potluck.



Park River Bible Camp Annual Meeting will be held

**January 26, 2026
@ 7:00pm**

Grafton Lutheran's Representatives are:

Carissa Klug
Stacie Sevigny
Marjorie Johnson
Greg Johnson

**CONFIRMATION RESUMES
January 7th**

6:45pm 7th-10th grade

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed	2	3
4 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	5 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE	6	7 9:00 am Quilters meet 6:45 pm 7 –10 grade Confirmation	8 2:00 pm Sunset Home Birthday Party	9	10
11 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 2:00pm Baby Shower	12 9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Pam O.'s	13	14 9:00 am Quilters meet 6:45 pm 7 –10 grade Confirmation	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>11:00 am Annual Meeting with potluck to follow</i>	19	20 6:30pm Council Meets	21 9:00 am Quilters meet 6:45 pm 7 –10 grade Confirmation	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	26 7:00 pm Park River Bible Camp Annual mtg	27 LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE	28 9:00 am Quilters meet 6:45 pm 7 –10 grade Confirmation	29	30	31

GLC Council Meeting – December 16, 2025

Present: Ryer, Pastor Carter, Preston, Susie, Stephanie, Janice, Nick, Megan

Preston brought the meeting to order at 6:39 PM; Prayer provided by Pastor Carter

Review of November minutes - Motion, Janice; Second Megan - Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report

The 2025 pledge drive has been completed. Letters were sent to those who made pledges, but hadn't yet fulfilled their commitment. We received about half of the commitment cards that we did last year. Discussion ensued about the importance of the commitment cards, as it helps to plan activities and budget for the upcoming year.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

November Offering - \$30,266

YTD Offering - \$254,159

November Expenses - \$22,373

YTD Total Expenses - \$286,538

YTD Total Income - \$281,180

Ryer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Megan second - motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

A. Employee Handbook Revision

- a. The Executive Committee will continue to look at and update.

B. New Pictorial Directory - Susie G.

- a. Get in to Tweten's to get your picture taken before Christmas. It takes 2 minutes. If you are on a committee, and you would like to have your group picture taken, schedule a time with Tweten's.

C. Budget

- a. Nick reviewed the 1st draft of the budget. He discussed the areas of increase and showed a balanced budget for 2026. The council discussed adding more benevolent giving to keep in line with our stewardship campaign. Janice made a motion to approve the 2026 budget with the amended changes; Megan 2nd. motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

A. Committee Reports

a. Stewardship

- i. Thank you cards have been sent out to all who made pledges this year.

b. Sunday School

- i. The Christmas Program went very well. Megan also noted that it was fun to have the Sunday School kids come back and perform at Carols and Candles.

c. Worship and Music

- i. Carols and Candles was well attended and it was awesome

d. Lay Ministry

- i. The Lay ministry committee will change the 2 Lay ministry scholarships from \$500 to \$1000 beginning in May of 2026.

B. Church Rental

- a. Friendship has requested to use the church again this year for Giving Hearts Day. A fee of \$50 will be assessed. Janice made a motion; Susie second - passed unanimously

C. Employee Reviews/Compensation

- a. Reviews will be done in the next few weeks and any increases in compensation will be noted in the 2026 budget.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

January 4 - Janice

January 11- Nick

January 18 - Stephanie

January 25 - Megan

Lamplighter Deadline is December 29, 2025

The next council meeting is January 20 at 6:30.

Nick made a motion to adjourn; Megan second, followed by the Lord's Prayer at 8:26 PM

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin



Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by Ron & Bev Thompson

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by Betty Jo Misialek

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Alice & Paul Torgeson by Cynthia Sillers & Paul Torgeson
- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by:
 - ◇ Theresa Hickman & Chad Bjorneby
 - ◇ Sheila Bjorneby

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Brett Vogsland by Dick & Susie Geiger
- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by:
 - ◇ Kande Koehmstedt
 - ◇ Elaine Broker

Memorial Gifts

Deacon's Fund Cont:

- ◆ In memory of Morris Matlock by Elaine Broker
- ◆ In memory of Teri Westmoreland by Elaine Broker

Quilter's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Donald Burns by Sheila Bjorneby

Capital Improvement's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Arlene Lykken by Phil & Rachel Ray



Baptized January 4, 2026

Amelia Gabrielle Holand

Parents:

Paul & Gabbi Holand

Sponsor: Nicole Holand

YOUTH GROUP

Grafton

January
 11th: Sledding or Broomball
 25th: Meet @ GLC



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February
 8th: Meet at Zion
 22nd: Ski Trip*

Landstad Cemetery
 is accepting donations to help cover the cost of upkeep & mowing the cemetery. If you would like to donate please send donations to:

Landstad Cemetery c/o Jeannette Feltman
 2321 57th St S. Fargo, ND 58104.

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

Give using



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Available at your App Store
 or directly at
[TITHE.LY/GIVE](https://www.tithe.ly/give)

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





Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bake sale, also to those who came and purchased at the sale. We couldn't do it without you all.
Thank You!



January's
Mission of the Month
will be collected for
Sunset Home Activities Fund

SUSIE'S FUN WORD OF THE DAY:

ABSQUATULATE

Meaning: To suddenly run away or flee

I am going to absquatulate into the new year.

Happy New Year!

Circle

Gather Circle meets
Mon. Jan. 12th
9:00am at Pam's

Ruth Circle
will meet with
the Gather Circle



GLC WANTS YOU TO APPLY FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

2 - \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
2 - \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Get your applications at:
grafftonlutheran.com

Lay Ministry - 2 (\$1,000)

Margaret Egeland - 1 (\$500)

Ruby Schrank - 1 (\$500)
(For those attending Concordia)

Please turn in your applications by
April 1, 2026

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: _____

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



THRIVENT
FINANCIAL

FEBRUARY'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #2

Beth Anderson-Molde
 Elaine Broker
 Lorraine Campbell
 Joey Demers
 Susie Demers
 Layne & Wanda Ensrude
 Stacie Ensrude
 Amy Geiger
 Dick & Susie Geiger
 Nick & Mary Jo Hall
 Albert & Katrina Haugen
 Chris & Jen Hoenke
 Bill & Sheryl Jahraus
 Dorothy Johnson
 Dan & Ann Kohler

Scott & Nicki Kraft
 Zach & Rebecca Latraille
 Cameron & Haley Lentz
 Larry & Jean Lindgren
 Brad & Courtney Loken
 George Loranger
 Bill Lykken
 Neil & Delores McDonald
 Dean & Corrine Ralston
 Bill & Karen Sand
 Don & Mari Swartz
 Preston & Krystle Thiele
 Lloyd & Claudia Thompson
 Bryan & Jane Uggerud
 Chelsea & Corey Wysocki

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #2

FEBRUARY'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/ynhh2msr>

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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Acolyte

Sign Up



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

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

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.)*

<i>Volunteers needed</i>			
<i>January's Acolyte Schedule</i>			
January 4			
January 11			
January 18			Annual Meeting
January 25			

Grafton Lutheran Church

143 West 5th St.

P.O. Box 622

Grafton ND 58237

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January 2026

Contact Us:

Office Hours:

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

Pr. Carter Hill - 701-425-7041

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Susan Narloch - Administrative Assistant

office@GraftonLutheran.com ▪ 701-352-2638

www.GraftonLutheran.com

www.facebook.com/Grafton.Lutheran

Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet

6:45pm 7-10 grade Confirmation

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