

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

February 2026

GRAFTON LUTHERAN

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February 22, 2026

WE WILL LEAVE GLC AT 9:00AM
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



February 18



**Lenten
Suppers**

Starting Feb. 18th

Join us every Wednesday during lent
at 6:00pm for our
Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper
Followed by our Lenten Service
at 7:00pm



LENTEN MEALS ARE COMING CAN YOU HELP?

February 18th is Ash Wednesday and this is the beginning of Lent.

We are looking for volunteers to bring soup and egg salad for our Lenten meals, if you can help please follow the link below or scan the QR code:



<https://tinyurl.com/2026LentenMeal>



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Wednesday during Lent
(Starting - Feb. 18)

PK-4th Grade - 5:30-6:15pm
5th-10th Grades

are expected to work their assigned times during the meal
and also attend the Lenten Worship Service at 7:00pm

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	2 7:00pm Park River Bible Camp Annual Meeting	3 5:30pm Choir	4 9:00 am Quilters meet 5:30 JuBellation 6:45 pm 7 –10 grade Confirmation	5	6	7
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	9	10 5:30pm Choir	11 9:00 am Quilters meet 6:45 pm 7 –10 grade Confirmation	12 11:00am –1:00pm Giving Hearts Day Friendship Burrito Fundraiser at GLC see pg. 4	13	14
15 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	16	17 5:30pm Choir 6:30pm Council meets	18 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	19	20	21
22 9:00 am Youth Ski Trip 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	23 9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Deb M.'s	24 5:30pm Choir LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE	25 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30 pm JuBellation 5:30-6:15pm Wednesday Night "Sunday" School 6:00pm Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	26	27	28

GLC Council Meeting – January 20, 2026

Present: Corrine, Preston, Stephanie, Janice, Tiffany, Ryer, Megan, Pastor Carter

Preston brought the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review of December minutes - Motion, Ryer ; Second, Megan. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Carter's comments can be found in the annual meeting minutes. He also noted that Lent begins on February 18th.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

December Offering - \$46,991

YTD Offering - \$301,090

December Expenses - \$25,697

YTD Total Expenses - \$ 312,235

YTD Total Income - \$328,687

Unfinished Business:

A. None

New Business:

A. Installation of Council

Ryer made a motion to approve the 2026 roles on the council: Preston Thiele - President, Tom Torkelson - Vice President, Stephanie Baldwin - Secretary, Corrine Ralston - Music and Worship, Megan Wynne - Christian Education, Tiffany Sillers - Lay Ministry, Janice Kern - Parish Fellowship, and Ryer Stark - Properties. Janice Seconded. The motion passed for a unanimous ballot. Nick Ziegelmann remains the Treasurer.

The council spent time reviewing the duties of each committee. Janice has worked very hard to even out duties and find a chairperson for funerals, weddings, and the fall dinner.

B. Committee Reports

a. Christian Education

i. We are looking for Wednesday School teachers during Lent. If you are interested in helping, please let the church office or Megan Wynne know.

b. Properties Committee

i. Ryer reached out to Thief River Glass to get a quote to replace the Narthex doors with insulated doors, as the front doors leak when it rains and freeze up on the inside. The quote for the new doors is \$17,142. Council discussed the frustration with the current doors and discussed the options.

C. Gene Nygard Estate

a. Discussion was held on how to use the funds gifted from the Gene Nygard Estate. Different options were discussed including investing a majority of the liquid cash on hand and making some minor updates to the Sacristy. Council will table this until the next meeting so Nick and Wanda can do some research on our best investment options. The Council is also looking at switching banks.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

Feb 1 - Ryer

Feb 8 - Megan

Feb 15 - Corrine

Feb 18 (Ash Wednesday) - Tiffany

Feb 22 - Tiffany

Lamplighter Deadline is January 27, 2025

The next council meeting is February 17 at 6:30.

Megan made a motion to adjourn; Janice, Second, followed by the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin



Grafton Lutheran Church offers three separate scholarships for members.

If you are interested in applying applications are available in the church office or by speaking to your school guidance counselor.

Application Deadline is April 1st.

Scholarships offered are:

Lay Ministry Scholarship

2 - \$1,000 scholarships are available

Margaret Egeland Scholarship

1 - \$500 is available

Ruby Schrank Scholarship

1 - \$500 scholarship for those attending Concordia College

All scholarships are for those students Pursuing a BS or BA degree More details are available on the applications.

Thrivent members remember you have until March 31 to direct your Choice Dollars.



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FRIENDSHIP'S

GIVING HEARTS DAY BURRITO MEAL



2/12/2026 11:00AM-1:00PM BEEF BURRITO WITH GRAVY RICE JRs SALSA CHIPS COOKIE \$16 MINIMUM DONATION ALL DONATIONS ARE USED TO HELP THE PEOPLE WE SUPPORT!

DINE IN OR CURBSIDE PICK UP

GRAFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH 143 W. 5TH STREET - GRAFTON

PRE-ORDER OR DELIVERY

CALL 701-352-0060 TO SCHEDULE A DELIVERY OR PRE-ORDER (LEAVE MESSAGE AFTER HOURS)

*DELIVERIES FOR ORDERS OF FIVE OR MORE *ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FEBRUARY 10^{PM} TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY

CASH, CHECK, OR PAY ONLINE

DONATE TODAY! SCAN ME! [QR CODE]



VISIT WWW.GIVINGHEARTSDAY.ORG TO DONATE!

Memorial Gifts

Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by Karen Ray

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Maxine Larson by Donna Fisher

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by Gene & Marilyn Anderson
- ◆ In memory of Les Hofstad by Elaine Broker

Capital Improvement's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers by Kristan & Darren Demers Family
- ◆ In memory of Maxine Larson by Glora Halliday

Kitchen Project Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Maxine Larson by Sheila Bjorneby



QUILTERS ARE COLLECTING THESE ITEMS DURING LENT

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



x2 OR 3

Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars



x1

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



x1

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

 **PROJECT PROMISE**
BUILD KITS OF CARE

Give using



TITHE.LY

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"



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
Tiffany Sillers	Lay Ministry
OPEN	Stewardship
Janice Kern	Parish Fellowship
Pr. Carter Hill.....	Pastor

February's
Mission of the Month
will be collected for
Pregnancy Help Center
in Park River



GLC WANTS YOU TO APPLY FOR OUR
SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Get your applications at:
graftonlutheran.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

2026 Wednesday, Lenten Sign Up for Confirmation Students

Wednesday	Ash Wednesday 2/18/26	2/25/26	3/4/26	3/11/26	3/18/26	3/25/26
Usher 1						
Usher 2						
Communion Assist						
Communion Assist						
Communion Assist						
Acolyte						
Acolyte						
Sound/ Live Broadcast						

Those who sign up for communion
please be at the church by 6pm to help set up



<https://tinyurl.com/2026GLCInt>

Circle

Gather
Circle meets
Mon. Feb. 23rd
9:00am at
Deb's

Ruth Circle
will meet with the
Gather Circle

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

MARCH'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #3

Jim & Jan Aasand
Randy Almen
Marilyn Anderson
Mark & Rhonda Anderson
Kristan & Darren Demers
Dr. Michael & Janice Erlandson
David & Elizabeth Hanson
Mike & Mandy Hanson
Karen Hills
Scott & Barb Hills
Katie Horejsi
Doug Johnson
Greg & Marjorie Johnson
Lloyd Lee
Riley & Stephanie Lillemoen
Ashley Mathiason
Dean & Becky Mathiason

Paul & Bonnie Mohagen
Jessica & Jason Nelson
Mardell Niswonger
Dolf & Luann Oldenburg
Ina Raumin
Karen Ray
Phil & Rachel Ray
Jaci Niemann
Glen & Tena Scharmer
Jay Sevigny
Mike & Mavis Sevigny
Kody & Priscilla Stark
Roger & Sandy Stark
Ryer & Katie Stark
Charles & Mary Beth Wilson
Nick & Kristin Ziegelmann

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #3

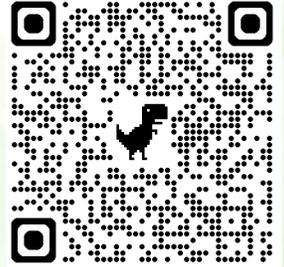
MARCH'S MINISTRY AREAS NEEDED:
**Greeters, Bell Ringer, Ushers, Lectors,
Communion Servers & Runners,
Coffee Servers.**

**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/MarchGroup3>
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 January's Faith & Care Group and to
Lori Burns & Donna Holand
for being the chairpersons.
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>February's Acolyte Schedule</i>		
February 1		
February 8		
February 15	Ryker Thiele	
February 22		
<i>Volunteers needed</i>		

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February 2026

Contact Us:

Office Hours:

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

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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

Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet

6:45pm 7-10 grade Confirmation