

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

Grafton Lutheran Service Project

APRIL 8

Let's come together as community to make meals for the food pantry.

Join us at 10am to make mashed potatoes and brown hamburger.

Join us then at 6pm to put the shepherd's pies together and place labels on the containers.

We will then distribute the meals to the Walsh County and Park River Food Pantry.



in the midst of

Chaos

a retreat for women

April 25th
10am - 4pm
Grafton Lutheran Church

In the chaos of careers, motherhood, and marriage, women rarely take time for themselves. Join us for a day of self-care focused around caring for you at this stage in your life. The retreat includes worship, workshops, speakers, food, fellowship, and optional childcare. This event is aimed at women 55 and under, but all are welcome to join us.

Scan the QR code for more information and to register!

\$50



Special CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

April 26

A special meeting will be held at Grafton Lutheran, following the regular worship service, to discuss replacement of the kitchen alley door and the main narthex doors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for three volunteers to attend the Synod Assembly in June.

If interested speak to Pr. Carter or call the office at 352-2638

Waters of Promise Waters of Life

Synod Assembly

June 5-7, 2026

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 7:00pm Good Friday Service	4
5 10:00 am Easter Worship (Bells & Choir Play)	6 Office Closed	7	8 9:00am Quilters Meet 10:00am GLC Service Project 5:30pm JuBellation 6:00pm Service Project Assembly	9	10	11
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets 6:00pm Youth Activity @ GLC	13	14	15 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30pm JuBellation 6:45pm Confirmation	16	17	18
19 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship (Bells Play) 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	20 9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Linda's	21 6:30pm Council meets	22 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:45pm Confirmation Year End Wrap-up	23 2:00pm Sunset Home Annual Meeting	24	25 Woman's Retreat at GLC see Pg. 1 for more details
26 No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Meeting 6:00pm Youth Activity at Barefaced Studio	27 LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE	28	29 9:00am Quilters Meet	30		

GLC Council Meeting – March 16, 2026

Present: Corrine, Preston, Stephanie, Janice, Tiffany, Nick, Tom, Pastor Carter
Preston brought the meeting to order at 6:36 PM
Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a prayer.
Review of February minutes - Motion, Corrine ; Second, Tiffany. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report

Pr. Carter is getting ready for Easter. There will be a Palm Sunday brunch, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services.

Tiffany, Janice, and Nick will attend the Conference Meeting on March 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Edinburg at 3:00.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

February Offering - \$25,829
YTD Offering - \$44,171
February Expenses - \$43,867
YTD Total Expenses - \$70,126
YTD Total Income - \$63,014

A 13 month CD was secured at First United Bank on March 16.

Tom made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Janice, second.

Unfinished Business:

Employee Handbook Revision - Exec Committee
Plan to have something drafted by spring

New Business:

Committee Reports

Music

Corrine discussed some equipment that needed attention - the camera behind the piano which has been sent away to get fixed, and a damaged microphone. A replacement is here.

Parish Fellowship

Janice plans to work with Pr. Brooke to come up with some fun events

Narthex Door & Kitchen Alley Door Replacement Quote

Ryer got a quote to replace the kitchen door in the alley and the main Narthex door. Nick made a motion to bring these building improvements to a congregational vote. The vote will take place April 26th after the service; Tiffany, second.

Copier Contract

The 5 year contract for the photocopier expires May 31. Currently we use Advanced Business Methods (ABM). Susie and Pr. Carter received quotes from ABM and Loeffler. Janice made a motion to sign a new contract with ABM; Nick second.

Checking /Savings

The checking and savings accounts will be moved to a new bank. The council has asked Wanda to check on what benefits are offered at a couple of places and make a recommendation.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

April 5 - Megan, Janice
April 12 - Nick
April 19 - Preston
April 26 - Stephanie

Lamplighter Deadline is March 29, 2026

The next council meeting is Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30.

Tom made a motion to adjourn; Tiffany, Second, followed by the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin

SAVE THE DATE

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

MAY 17TH

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

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



April 22
Confirmation's
Year End Wrap Up

Memorial Gifts

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Pat Gillespie
by Susie Geiger

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Richard & Phyllis Bohlman
by Gail (Bohlman) Widman
- ◆ In memory of Marlene Monson
by Tom Torkelson

Choir Music Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe
by Dolf & Luann Oldenburg
- ◆ In memory of Pat Gillespie
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Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Pat Gillespie
by Mike & Jan Erlandson
- ◆ In memory of Kathy Demers
by Mike & Jan Erlandson

Media Expansion Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Kalbjorn Rommesmoe
by Mary Dvorak

Thank you!

You are invited to join us to celebrate the

75th

of the Grafton Kiwanis



Frosty Fox
43 E. 8th Street
Grafton, ND
58237

Tuesday
April 7
4:00-7:00pm

YOUTH GROUP

Grafton

April

12th: Meet @ GLC
26th: Art Night @
Barefaced

Hoople

May

10th: Northern Air *

All Youth Events are from 6-8PM
Unless otherwise Noted. *

Contact Us:

Office Hours:

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

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Circle

Gather & Ruth Circles meet Mon. April 20th 9:00am at Linda's

Meet Our Newest Member

Baptized
February 22, 2026



Grayson David Ricard-Meissner
Parents: Eric Ricard & Brianna Meissner
Sponsors: Zach Ricard, Amanda Tunks

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
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Amount: _____

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THRIVENT FINANCIAL

MAY'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #4

Jackie Adamsen
 Lisa & Fabian Albrecht
 Rod & Judy Alme
 Janet & Gary Berger
 Ruth Billings
 Jenn Curtis
 Mary Dvorak
 Jan Fallico
 Dan & Robin Holt
 Tim & Kandie Holt
 Harry & Eleanor Iverson
 Bonnie Kalbrener
 Ryan Kalbrener
 Barry & Leah Kingsbury
 Patrick & Kristle Kjemhus
 Kevin & Tammy Lee
 Kristi Longtin
 Lynn McGuire

David & Allison Muhonen
 Donna Nelson
 Sherry Nelson
 Wally Nomeland
 Kevin & Devra Olmstead
 Daniel & Samantha Onstad
 Pam Oosterwijk
 David & Jo Petersen
 Sara Suda
 Charles & Ann Thompson
 Mike J. & Cindy Thompson
 Ron & Bev Thompson
 Ben & Kris Tucker
 Amanda Tucker
 Lana Welter
 Avis West
 Chris & Ann West
 Lee & Abby West

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #4

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

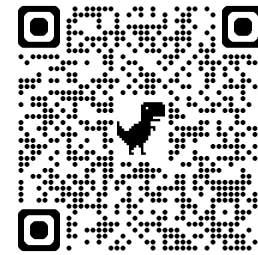
Your Faith & Care group will no longer have a fixed time to meet & for people to sign up.

You can either call the church office at 352-2638 or Sign-up online.

Just go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/MayFaithandCare>

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.



2026 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



Thank you to all the members of March's Faith & Care Group and to Mavis Sevigny 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.)

April's Acolyte Schedule

April 5	Owen Klug	Cash West	Easter Sunday
April 12			
April 19	Emsley Wynne	Ryker Thiele	
April 26			

Volunteers needed

Grafton Lutheran Church

143 West 5th St.

P.O. Box 622

Grafton ND 58237

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April 2026

Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet

5:30 pm JuBellation

6:45pm 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