

Lamplighter

“Believe. Belong. Be Sent”

May 2026

HARLAN BREKKE
IS TURNING

90!

JOIN US
SATURDAY, MAY 9

1-3PM

FAIROAKS
GOLF COURSE

Your presence
is the only gift needed
Just come and enjoy
the afternoon with us!

FUN, FELLOWSHIP
& FLOWERS

TUESDAY, MAY 12 @ 6:30PM
AT GRAFTON FLORAL



Join us for a relaxed, hands-on evening creating your own beautiful summer planter! Whether you bring a favorite pot from home or pick one out here, you'll leave with something you'll enjoy all season long. Cost varies based on your pot and flower choices (approximately \$50) Class size is limited scan QR code or Call the office to sign up.



Grafton Lutheran
Graduate Recognition

May 17th

Seniors, please email your photo to the
church office at:

office@graftonlutheran.com

by May 11th

Thank you

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
OPEN HOUSE FOR

Ray
&
Linda Rud

Saturday, May 23

1-4 PM

AT GRAFTON LUTHERAN
No gifts please

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—Flanders Baptism 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	4	5	6 9:00am Quilters Meet 7:00pm Youth Gathering Informational Meeting	7	8	9 10:-00am Demers Bably Shower 1:00pm Harian Brekke's 90th Birthday Open House @ Fair Oaks
10 9:00am Last day of Sunday School 10:00 am Worship—SS Sings 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	11 9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Caribou Coffee Senior Picture Deadline	12	13 9:00am Quilters Meet	14	15 2:00pm Baumann Funeral	16 Piano Recital
17 GRADUATION RECOGNITION 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 4:00pm Youth Activity leaves for Northern Air	18 9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Caribou Coffee	19 6:30pm Council meets	20 9:00am Quilters Meet	21	22	23 1:00-4:00pm Ray & Linda Rud Anniversary Open House
24 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	25 Office Closed for Memorial Day	26 <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE</div>	27 9:00am Quilters Meet	28	29	30
31 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship						

Grafton Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Tuesday April 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Preston Theile at 6:40pm.

Members Present:

Preston Theile, Megan Wynne, Ryer Stark, Janice Kern, Nick Ziegelman, and Pastor Carter Hill

Pastor Carter Hill opened the council meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Ryer Stark and seconded by Nick Ziegelman. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Carter Hill reported on the completion of the Lenten season including services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. The Good Friday service, written by Pastor Carter, featured participation from several young adults who presented perspectives from individuals present at the crucifixion.

Confirmation wrap-up events will take place next week at teachers' homes. Most students are up to date on service points and worship reflections.

Planning is underway for Vacation Bible School in August, with "Outer Space" as the theme. The church will also participate in the summer fest parade with a float to promote VBS.

An informational meeting will be scheduled soon to encourage participation in the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in summer 2027. Eligible participants include current 7th through juniors. The event will be held at US Bank Stadium.

Janice Kern, Tiffany Sillers, and Nick Ziegleman attended the NE Region Synod Assembly in Edinburg to participate in voting for candidates to move forward in the bishop election process. Pastor Carter Hill has been nominated for consideration as synod bishop.

The Synod Assembly will be held June 5-7. GLC can send three representatives. A new bishop will be elected at that time.

Nick Ziegelman presented the Treasurer's Report

March Offering - \$24,412
YTD Offering - \$68,583
March Expenses - \$22,949
YTD Expenses - \$93,076
YTD Total Income - \$87,494

A motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Megan Wynne, seconded by Ryer Stark. The motion carried and the report was approved.

Unfinished Business

- A. **Employee Handbook Revision** - Exec Committee has begun discussions and will meet again to continue revisions.
- B. **Checking and Savings Accounts**- Discussion ongoing
- C. **Congregational Meeting** A congregational meeting and vote will be held on Sunday April 26 following worship. Notice has been provided for four consecutive weeks through the Lamplighter, weekly bulletins, the church website, and worship announcements. A quorum of 40 members is required.

New Business

A. Committee Reports

- B. **Properties** - (Ryer Stark) The roof will be evaluated by a flat-roof specialist once snow has melted. A new quote for parking lot striping has been received at approximately half the cost of last year's estimate. Carpet cleaning is planned.
- C. **Lay Ministry** - (Tiffany absent)

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- D. Worship and Music - (Corrine absent but sent report) Camera at piano area is awaiting a replacement part and is expected to be operational soon.
- E. Stewardship - No report. The Stewardship position remains unfilled. Members of the congregation are encouraged to consider serving in this important role.
- F. Fellowship - (Janice) Planning continues for upcoming fellowship opportunities, including a plant potting event in May. In addition, a July outing is being organized featuring a shared meal at Frostier Lodge and attending the musical Come from Away at the Walla Theater.
- G. Christian Ed - (Megan) Graduation Sunday is May 17th. Cake will be served during fellowship. Sunday School has returned to Sundays. Planning is underway for Mother's Day and scholarship efforts are in progress.

B. Sabbatical Policy Review

The council reviewed the sabbatical policy for members who were not serving when it was originally adopted. Funds have been budgeted for sabbatical leave. Pastor Carter has applied for Clergy Renewal Grant through the Lilly Endowment.

Additional Information

Lamplighter Deadline is the last week of April. Please send any info to Susie N to be included in the church monthly newsletter.

Communion Leaders Schedule

- May 3rd Nick
- May 10th Janice
- May 17th Ryer
- May 24th Tiffany
- May 31st Ryer

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Ziegelman and seconded by Ryer Stark. The motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

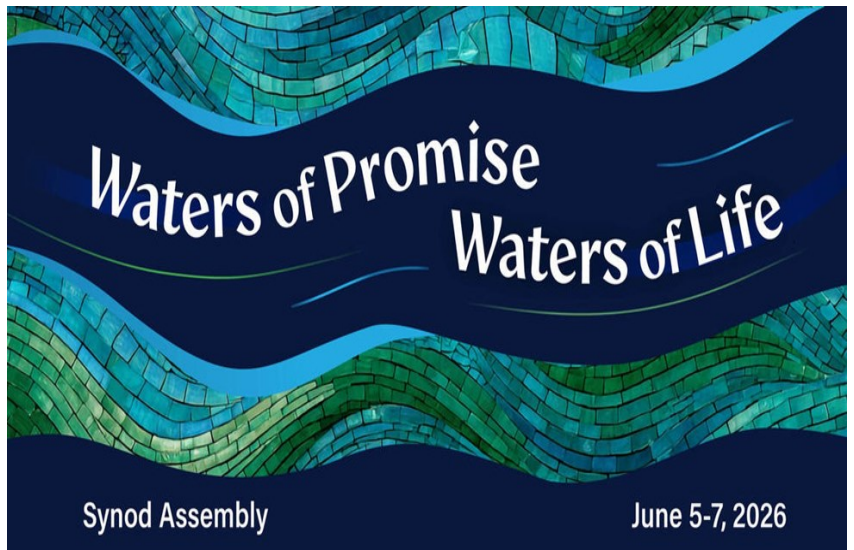
Next council meeting: **May 19th @6:30**

Minutes submitted by Janice Kern

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



Memorial Gifts

Baptism Boxes Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe
by Brian & Ranell Hanson

Sunday School Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Pat Gillespie
by Bill & Sheryl Jahraus
- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe
by Darcie Einarson

Youth Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Dennis Barker
by Brian & Ranell Hanson

Cemetery Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe by:
 - ◇ Pat & Harlan Brekke
 - ◇ Carol Burke
 - ◇ Barry & Leah Kingsbury

Choir Music Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe by:
 - ◇ Rod & Judy Alme
 - ◇ Dennis & Denise Sevigny
 - ◇ Pam Oosterwijk
 - ◇ Gary & Janet Berger
 - ◇ Marilyn Anderson
 - ◇ Jerry & Karen Blanchard
 - ◇ Lisa Blanchard
 - ◇ Kristi Longtin
 - ◇ Mark & Rhonda Anderson
 - ◇ Larry & Jean Lindgren
 - ◇ Sheila Bjerneby
 - ◇ Bill & Sheryl Jahraus
 - ◇ Chad Bjerneby
 - ◇ Kim Droog

Deacon's Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Lena Grzadzielewski
by Elaine Broker
- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe by:
 - ◇ Elaine Broker
 - ◇ Mike & Jan Erlandson

Capital Improvements Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe
by Glora Halliday

Worship & Music Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe by:
 - ◇ Mary Dvorak
 - ◇ Ron & Bev Thompson
 - ◇ Roger & Sandy Stark
 - ◇ Philip & Rachel Ray
 - ◇ Karen Ray
 - ◇ Dave & Jo Petersen
 - ◇ James & Jan Aasand

Undesignated Fund:

- ◆ In memory of Loretta Moe by:
 - ◇ Greg & Marjorie Johnson
 - ◇ Lana Welter
 - ◇ Janice Fallico
 - ◇ Ross & Karen Jorgensen
 - ◇ Dennis & Shauna Erickson
 - ◇ Tom Torkelson
 - ◇ Jason & Michelle Flanders
 - ◇ Jim & Norma Rystedt
 - ◇ Chris & Jennifer Thompson
 - ◇ Dick & Susie Geiger
 - ◇ Tom & Jan Nermyr
 - ◇ Bryan & Jan Uggerud
 - ◇ Jeff & Deb McKay
 - ◇ Keith & Joleen Bjerneby
 - ◇ Darryl & Arlys Sander
 - ◇ Sheila Bjerneby
- ◆ In memory of Gene Anderson by:
 - ◇ Joseph Lawson
 - ◇ Beverly Honkola
 - ◇ Emogean Sundeen
- ◆ In memory of Rick Engelman by:
 - ◇ Heidi & Travis Sanger
 - ◇ Philip & Rachel Ray
 - ◇ Karen Ray
 - ◇ Merle Fedje
- ◆ In memory of Dennis Barker
by Susie Geiger



Mark your calendar for **July 15!**
Enjoy lunch at Frostfire Lodge and then take in
the inspiring musical *Come From Away*
at 2:00 p.m. at the Walla Theater.
Watch for more details soon
we hope you'll join us!

Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP

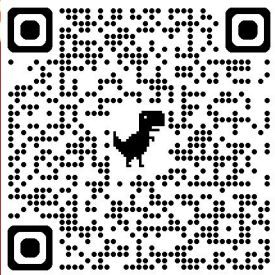
ALL YOUTH INVITED TO

NORTHERN AIR

MAY 17, 2026

WE LEAVE GLC @
4PM

Register
Today!



GLC's

Newest Member

Baptized May 3, 2026

Soren Scott Flanders

*Parents:
Devin & Carly Flanders*

*Sponsors:
Danika Flanders & Mary Grace Kalal*



Circle

Gather
& Ruth
Circles meet
Mon. May 11th
9:00am at
Caribou
Coffee

Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet

Contact Us:

Office Hours:

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

Pr. Carter Hill - 701-425-7041

pastorcarterhill@gmail.com

Susan Narloch - Administrative Assistant

office@GraftonLutheran.com ▪ 701-352-2638

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May's
Mission
of the Month
will be collected
for the
Walsh County
Food Pantry



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



JUNE'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #6

Ryan & Tami Altendorf
 Warren Bogert
 Shane & Tammy Burns
 Paul & Denise DeSautel
 Phyllis Eng
 Devin & Carly Flanders
 Jason & Michelle Flanders
 Jana & Jason Haats
 Clay Horter
 Gwyn Jacobson
 Beth & Jeff Jiskra
 Jim & Barb Kasprick
 Kande Koehmstedt
 Kerri & Blue Lopez
 Sadie Lovejoy
 Nathan & Jamie Medbery

Clayton & Jane Mohagen
 Scott & Lori Monson
 Jon Nowacki
 Chris & Marcia Olson
 Blaine & Kristen Peterson
 Kelly & Derek Pffingsten
 Roger Raumin
 Gay Risky
 Larry & Ruby Roy
 Ray & Linda Rud
 Troy & Kandi Sangrait
 Pat & Vicki Sevigny
 Wayne & Kris Tisdale
 Tom Torkelson
 Cheryl Vistad
 Robert & Sarah Wollitz

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #6

JUNE'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.**

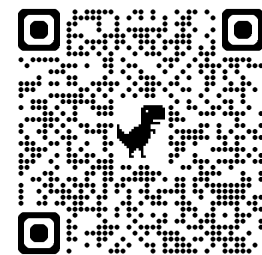
**You can either call the church office
 at 352-2638 or Sign-up online.**

Just go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/FaithandCare6>

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.



Thank you
 to all the members of
 April's Faith & Care Group #5 and to
Janice Kern
 for being the chairperson.
 Your time and service to
 GLC is greatly appreciated!

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

May's Acolyte Schedule

May 3		
May 10	Emsley Wynne	
May 17	Owen Klug	
May 24		
May 31		



Volunteers needed

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.)*

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Lamplighter

May 2026



We have a new Donation/Memorial Gift category.
 If you would like to donate to the cost of making the
 Baptism Boxes, given to the babies baptized at GLC.
 Just put Baptism Boxes on the memo line of your check.

Thank You

DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

- Baptism Boxes
- 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