

Lamplighter

July 2026

"Believe. Belong. Be Sent"

JOIN US FOR VBS

August 10th-13th

Meal 5:30-6:00pm

VBS 6:00-7:45pm

VBS is free and open to all children
4 years old - 6th grade

Grafton Lutheran Church
143 West 5th Street
Grafton, ND 58237



GOD'S
LOVE
IS
OUT OF
THIS
WORLD

Circle

Gather & Ruth
Circles will meet
Mon. July 13
9:00am at
Claudia's
(14924 County Rd 9)



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am Quilters Meet	2	3 Office Closed	4 
5 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	6	7	8 9:00am Quilters Meet	9	10	11
12 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	13 9:00am Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Claudia's	14	15 9:00am Quilters Meet	16	17	18
19 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	20	21	22 9:00am Quilters Meet	23	24	25
26 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship	27	28 LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE	29 9:00am Quilters Meet	30	31	

GLC Council Meeting – June 16, 2026

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

Preston brought the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Pastor Carter opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Review of May minutes - Motion, Janice ; Second, Megan. Motion passes.

Ann Poeschel West from Capstone was in attendance to present options for the Parsonage Annuity. Megan made a motion for Ann to present first; Nick second. (See New Business)

Pastor's Report

Summerfest is next week. Once again GLC has entered a float in the parade and the Summerfest grill out will also be held on Saturday.

The youth gathering is being held in Minneapolis at the US Bank Stadium next summer. Initially, only 4 kids showed interest in attending. Later, a survey was sent with a total of 10 kids responding. The experience is always a good one, but interest is low because of the location being so close. There is interest in going on a different trip somewhere else, which would be a longer trip.

Pr. Brooke has been busy organizing, cleaning, and looking at supplies in the Sunday School rooms. Susie and Pr. Carter have been going through the church to find housekeeping items that need to be done or fixed.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

May Offering - \$21,516.51

YTD Offering - \$116,264.75

May Expenses - \$37,362.06

YTD Total Expenses - \$154,019.55

YTD Total Income - \$138,139.58

Nick received notice from the Kopperud Foundation that the 2025 distribution is \$21,705.74.

Tom made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Tiffany second. Motion passes.

Unfinished Business:

A. Employee Handbook Revision - Exec Committee

a. Work in progress

New Business:

A. Parsonage Annuity

- a. When the parsonage was sold, \$227,224 was put into a 5 year annuity on June 17th, 2021 at an interest rate of 2.5%. The current accumulated value is \$256,961.40 as of 6/10/26. This annuity is up for renewal, and it was noted that this money be kept in an account to grow as a parsonage may need to be purchased again.

Ann Poeschel West from Capstone went through the details and offered some options based on our goals. Ann mentioned that the parsonage always has access to 10% of the funds, and no withdrawals were made in the last 5 years. She went through the pros and cons of brokered CDs and fixed annuities and proposed a few options:

- i. Cash out or renew the current annuity at 2.5% for 5 years
- ii. Brokered CD
 1. 0-11 months 3.4% - 4.0%
 2. 1 year 3.9% - 4.1%
- iii. Fixed Annuity
 1. 3 year term 4.95%-5.05%

After discussion, Ryer made a motion to put 50% of the funds in a 1 year brokered CD and 50% in a 3 year fixed annuity. Tom second. The motion passes unanimously.

A. Committee Reports

a. Music

- i. Vaya Stark is practicing to be an accompanist for church. We are thankful for her, and we encourage others who are interested in sharing their talents for prelude, special music, etc. to contact the office to get signed up.

b. Parish Fellowship

- i. A fun group event is planned for July 15th at Frostfire. The group will take in lunch and a musical. A \$50 fee will cover the meal, box office ticket, and transportation. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office.

c. Properties

- i. The carpets are cleaned and the parking lot striping will take place this week, weather permitting.

d. Sunday School

- i. Susie is working on VBS registration and a note to send home to families. VBS will be held on August 10-13.

e. Lay Ministry

- i. The faith and care lists have been getting updated and an extra help list is being made. People have been stepping up to help.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

July 5 - Tiffany S.

July 12 - Ryer S

July 19 - Nick Z.

July 26 - Megan W.

Lamplighter Deadline is June 28, 2026

The next council meeting is Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30.

Nick made a motion to adjourn at 7:11; Ryer, Second

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin

GLC's Newest Member

Baptized June 28, 2026

Calen Kenneth Onstad

Parents:

Daniel & Samantha Onstad

Sponsors:

Isak Johnson, Hope & Adam Faul



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

Memorial Gifts

Baptism Boxes Fund:

- ♦ In memory of Dolf Oldenburg by:
 - ◊ Ron & Bev Thompson
 - ◊ Marilyn Anderson

Youth Fund:

- ♦ In memory of Marilyn Baumann
by Kande Koehmstedt

Undesignated Fund:

- ♦ In memory of Loretta Moe
by Jean Johnson

Cemetery Fund:

- ♦ In memory of Paul Torgeson
by Pat & Cynthia Sillers
- ♦ In memory of Mike Johnson
by Dawn Johnson
- ♦ In memory of Dolf Oldenburg by:
 - ◊ Sheila Bjerneby
 - ◊ Art & June Selseth
 - ◊ Pat & Harlan Brekke

Deacon's Fund:

- ♦ In memory of George Campbell by:
 - ◊ Jim & Norma Rystedt
 - ◊ His Family
- ♦ In memory of Dolf Oldenburg by:
 - ◊ Mary Dvorak
 - ◊ Paul & Bonnie Mohagen
 - ◊ Dick & Susie Geiger
- ♦ In memory of David Rusness
by Glora Halliday

Thank you!

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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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPA ☆
SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS CO.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!



JULY 11-14



JULY 18-21

A couple of the GLC youth are participating in this years Summer Performing Arts musicals.

Tickets are now on sale for our 39th season!

"Seussical"

July 11-14

at Grand Forks Central High School

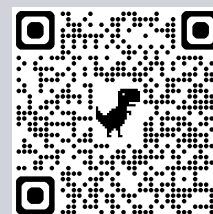
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Disney's "Frozen"

July 18-21

at Red River High School.

Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code:



Box office is open 10-2 daily and is located in the Red River High School Performance Hall lobby.
Please enter door #22.

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: _____

OFF THE CHARTS 2026

Tenth Ave North

OFF THE CHARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL OFF THE CHARTS

Terrian Gio Claire Leslie

Citizen Way

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 15TH

Cavalier, ND

Acolyte

Sign Up

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



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



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TITHE.LY/GIVE

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



Sign up for our E-Newsletter today!

Connections

Eastern North Dakota Synod
United in Christ, we dare to invite, connect, and act.



AUGUST'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #2

Beth Anderson-Molde
Elaine Broker
Lorraine Campbell
Joey Demers
Susie Demers
Layne & Wanda Ensrude
Stacie Ensrude
Dick & Susie Geiger
Albert & Katrina Haugen
Chris & Jen Hoenke
Bill & Sheryl Jahraus
Dorothy Johnson
Dan & Ann Kohler
Scott & Nicki Kraft
Zach & Rebecca Latraille

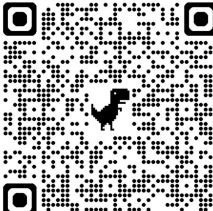
Cameron & Haley Lentz
Larry & Jean Lindgren
Brad & Courtney Loken
George Loranger
Bill Lykken
Neil & Delores McDonald
Amy & Brett Petersen
Dean & Corrine Ralston
Bill & Karen Sand
Don & Mari Swartz
Preston & Krystle Thiele
Lloyd & Claudia Thompson
Bryan & Jane Uggerud
Chelsea & Corey Wysocki

**Thank you
to all the members of
June's Faith & Care Group #1 and to
Michelle Flanders
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

July's Acolyte Schedule

July 5			
July 12			
July 19			
July 26			

Volunteers needed

FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #2

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

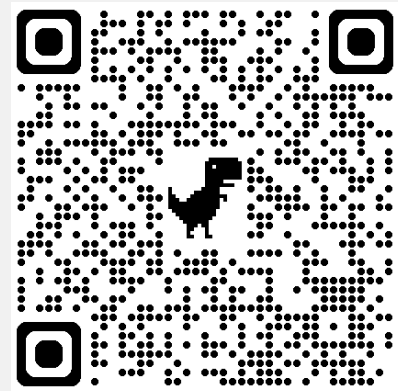
**Your Faith & Care group
will no longer have a fixed time
to meet & for people to sign up.**

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

Just go to:

Or scan the QR code:
<https://tinyurl.com/Augustgroup2>

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.)*

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SUNDAYS

Worship @ 10:00am

Facebook Livestream @ 10:00am

Coffee & Fellowship @ 11:00am

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DONATIONS/MEMORIAL FUNDS

Baptism Boxes

Capital Improvements

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Music for Worship

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PRBC Support

Synod Support

Grafton Ministerial Support

Lutheran Sunset Home Support