

Lamplighter



Have you
Registered for
Sunday School?



Confirmation Meetings

September 9th

Meeting Times are as follows:

7th Grade: 6:30pm

8th-10th Grades: 7:00pm

11th Grade: 7:30pm

Parents and Students should both attend

If you are unable to attend please let Pr. Carter know



Parents are invited to join their kids for Donuts, Fruit & Juice at 9:00am.

All students remember to bring your backpacks to worship

on September 13th at 10:00am for the

Blessing of the Backpacks & Students.

See you September 13th!

Time to Make Lefse!

for Bible Camp Dinner & GLC Fall Dinner

Sun. Sept. 20

9:00am Peel & Boil Potatoes

Mon. Sept. 21

9:00am Roll & Fry

Tues. Sept. 22

9:00am Roll & Fry

Scan the QR Code to sign up



GLC Is Making HOMEMADE LASAGNA

Wednesday, September 30



Everyone is welcome to help make meals
for our local food pantry

10:00am - Join us to cook and prep the meals

6:00pm - Join us to assembly and pack meals

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00am Congregational Care Meets	7 Office Closed	8	9 9:00am Quilters Meet Confirmation Parent & Child Meetings 6:30pm 7th Grade 7:00pm 8-10th Grades 7:30pm 11th Grade	10	11	12
13 9:00am Sunday School Begins 10:00am Worship- 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	14	15 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Council	16 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30pm JuBellation 6:45pm 7-10 Grade Confirmation	17	18	19
		ELCA Fall Theological Conference				
20 9:00am Peel & Boil Potatoes 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship	21 9:00am Lefse Making 1:00pm Gather & Ruth Circles will meet at Jan 's	22 9:00am Lefse Making 5:30pm Choir Practice	23 9:00am Quilters Meet 5:30pm JuBellation	24	25	26
27 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & Fellowship LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE	28	29 5:30pm Choir Practice	30 9:00am Quilters Meet 10:00am Cook & Meal Prep for the Food pantry 5:30pm JuBellation 6:00pm Meal Assembly for the Food Pantry			

GLC Council Meeting – August 18, 2026

Present: Corrine, Stephanie, Janice, Tiffany, Nick, Ryer, Pastor Carter

Ryer brought the meeting to order at 6:42 PM

Pastor Carter opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review of June minutes (No July meeting) - Motion, Nick ; Second, Corrine. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report

VBS & Faith formation - Vacation Bible School was a wonderful way to close out the summer. About 70 different children participated over the course of VBS. Thank you to everyone who helped teach, lead, organize, and especially to those who prepared and served meals. VBS takes many hands, and I am grateful for everyone who helped make it possible.

Moving out of Summer and Back into the fall - As summer begins to wind down, one of my main priorities over the next few weeks is to reconnect with people and settle back into a fuller rhythm of pastoral care. I will be intentionally checking in with those who are grieving, visiting people who are sick, and spending time with members who are moving into nursing homes, assisted living, or other care facilities.

Communication & Office Software - We need to begin moving our church publications and office materials away from Microsoft Publisher as that program is being discontinued. Bulletins, newsletters, posters, funeral materials and other frequently used items will need to be recreated or converted into new software.

Looking Toward Our 150th Anniversary - Grafton Lutheran will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2028.

Treasurer's Review of Income and Expense

July Offering - \$15,971.17

YTD Offering - \$156,356.95

July Expenses - \$24,561.43

YTD Total Expenses - \$207,409.18

YTD Total Income - \$178,481.42

The parsonage annuity and CD have been put in place. The annuity locked in at a rate of 5.15%, and the CD locked in at a rate of 4.15%, which were higher than our initial estimate.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Employee Handbook Revision - Exec Committee
 - a. Work in progress
- B. Checking & Savings Accounts to be moved
 - a. Wanda is working on this
- C. Door Replacements
 - a. The doors are not installed yet. Ryer is working with TRF glass to get this done.

New Business:

A. Marvin Windows

- a. GLC received a Bright Squad Request from Marvin to donate a gift basket to support their 4th annual TEARS Suicide Awareness event. The mission for this event is to bring family and friends together to remember loved ones lost and to educate others in order to prevent future losses. A motion was made by Nick to donate a \$200 basket; second Pr. Carter. Motion carried. Tiffany has volunteered to put the basket together.

B. Water Fountains

- a. People often request a water fountain at large events including funerals and VBS. Our current water fountain isn't working. Ryer will talk to Jay Sevigny to see what some options would be.

A. Committee Reports

a. Parish Fellowship

- i. This committee served a meal of pizzas at VBS. There were 5 helpers, and a lot of fun was had.

b. Lay Ministry

- i. The fall dinner will be held on October 18th.

Communion Date(s) and Leaders:

- September 6 - Megan
- September 13 - Nick
- September 20 - Corrine
- September 27 - Janice

Lamplighter Deadline is August 27, 2026
The next council meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30.
Stephanie made a motion to adjourn at 7:43; Janice, Second

Minutes recorded by Stephanie Baldwin

GLC's Newest Member



Baptized August 30, 2026

Parker John Wynne

Parents:
Ryan & Megan Wynne

Sponsors:
Nick & Kristin Ziegelmann
Carter & Kayla Hill

Acolyte

Sign Up

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



August's Acolyte Schedule		
September 6		
September 13		
September 20		
September 27		
Volunteers needed		

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



FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

September 13-16, 2026
Fair Hills Resort, Detroit Lakes, MN

JuBELLATION BEGINS!

We will begin Handbell Choir
practice on Wednesday,
September 16th
at 5:30pm

All Are Welcome!



**Come to Quilting
Every Wednesday
at 9:00am
No experience
Necessary**

Choir Practice

**Begins
Tuesday, September 15th
5:30pm**

**We need you and your neighbor
new members welcome!**

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
Grafton Ministerial Support
Lutheran Sunset Home Support

Give using



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

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



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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2026-27 Confirmation Schedule

2026-27 SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

September 13 - Rally Sunday with Donuts, Fruit & Juice with the parents – Children will sing at 10am Worship, don't forget to bring your backpack to worship for the blessing of backpacks.

September 20 – Regular Classes / Acolyte Training for 5th graders

September 27 – Regular Classes / 3rd grade bible training during SS / Bibles presented at Worship

October 4 - Regular Classes

October 11 - Regular Classes / Sing in Church

(5th Grade will meet on Wednesdays for 1st Communion Training on Oct. 7 from 4-5PM)

October 18 - No Sunday School (Fall Supper)

October 25 - No Sunday School

(5th Grade will meet on Wednesdays for 1st Communion Training on Oct. 28 from 4-5PM)

November 1 – Regular Classes

(5th Grade will meet on Wednesdays for 1st Communion Training on Nov. 4 from 4-5PM)

November 8 – Regular Classes

November 15 – Regular Classes / 1st Communion for 5th Graders

November 22– Regular Classes / Sing in Church

November 29 – Regular Classes

December 6 – Regular Classes

December 13 – Regular Classes / Christmas Program-last day of SS until January 10, 2027

2027

January 10 – Return to Sunday School / Sing in Church

January 17– Regular Classes

January 25– Regular Classes

January 31– Regular Classes

February 7 – Regular Classes

Sunday School on Wednesdays during Lent from 5:30pm-6:15pm

February 10 – Lenten Classes – Ash Wednesday

February 17 – Lenten Classes

February 24 – Lenten Classes

March 3 – Lenten Classes

March 10 – Lenten Classes

March 17 – Lenten Classes

March 21 (Palm Sunday)– Meet Early @ 9:15am / Sing in Church

March 28 – Easter Sunday No Classes

April 4 – Regular Sunday Classes Begin

April 11 - Regular Classes / Sing at church

April 18 – Regular Classes

April 25 – Regular Classes

May 2 - Regular Classes / Sing at church & Recitations during Worship - Last Day of Sunday School

2027

Jan 6 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Jan 13 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Jan 20 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Jan 27 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Feb 3 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

LENT

Feb 10 6:00pm Lenten Meal

Feb 17 7:00pm Lenten Service

Feb 24 6:00pm Lenten Meal

Mar 3 7:00pm Lenten Service

Mar 10 6:00pm Lenten Meal

Mar 17 7:00pm Lenten Service

Mar 24 6:00pm Lenten Meal

Mar 31 7:00pm Lenten Service

Apr 7 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Apr 14 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Apr 21 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Apr 28 6:45pm Year End Wrap Up

Sept. 9 Confirmation Meetings

(For Parents and 7th & 11th grade Students)

6:30pm - 7th Grade

7:00pm - 8th-10th Grade

7:30pm - 11th Grade

Sept 16 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Sept 23 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Sept 30 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Oct 7 No confirmation

Oct 14 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Confirmation Photos Taken

11th Grade be at the church by 6:45pm

Oct 21 No confirmation

Oct 25 Confirmation Sunday

Oct 28 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Nov. 4 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Nov 11 No Confirmation

Nov 18 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Nov 25 No Confirmation (Happy Thanksgiving)

Dec 2 6:45pm 7th - 10th Grade

Dec 9 6:45pm Service Project Grade 7-10

Dec 16 No Confirmation

Dec 23 No Confirmation

Dec 30 No Confirmation

Memorial Gifts

Cemetery Fund:

- ♦ In memory of Connie Patrick and Jon Koehmstedt by Cindy Hagen
- ♦ In memory of Jerry Blanchard by Luann Ringsak-Oldenburg

Choir & Music Fund

- ♦ In memory of Jerry Blanchard by Elaine Broker

Deacon's Fund

- ♦ In memory of Jerry Blanchard by Dick & Susie Geiger

Quilter's Fund

- ♦ In memory of Jerry Blanchard by Larry & Jean Lindgren

VBS Fund

- ♦ In memory of Jerry Blanchard by Brian & Ranell Hanson

Capital Improvements Fund

- ♦ In memory of Jerry Blanchard by Glora Halliday

Thank you!



FAITH & CARE CIRCLE #4

OCTOBER'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.**

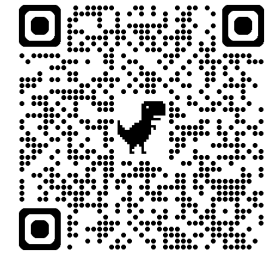
**You can either call the church office
at 352-2638 or Sign-up online.**

Just go to:

Or scan the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/FandCOct2026>

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.



OCTOBER'S FAITH & CARE GROUP #4

Lisa & Fabian Albrecht
Rod & Judy Alme
Janet & Gary Berger
Ruth Billings
Christine Martens Family
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

Circle

**Gather & Ruth
Circles will meet
Mon. Sept. 21
1:00pm at
Jan's
(1221 Western)**

**Note Time
Change**

Thank you to all the members of
August's Faith & Care Group #2 and to
Tiffany Sillers
for being the chairperson.
Your time and service to GLC
is greatly appreciated!

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GRAFTON LUTHERAN

Times of Worship & Fellowship

Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School (begins Sept 13)
10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee & Fellowship

Tuesdays:

5:30pm Choir Practice (starts Sept 15)

Wednesdays:

9:00am Quilters Meet
5:30 JuBellation (starts Sept 16)

Contact Us:

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

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