

# April

2021



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***"Growing Christ-Centered  
relationships in our  
communities through  
love and service."***

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♦ Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

♦ Please "like" us on Facebook to watch  
the worship service live on Facebook.

Previously recorded GLC worship services  
are also available to watch on YouTube.

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## **2021 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs**

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### **OFFICERS**

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

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### **BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Elders: Nina Miller

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

GLCW: Gail Shimala & Debbie Lewis

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey

Stewardship: Dennis Robbins

Christian Ed/Sunday School: ~ Open ~

Trustees: ~ Open ~

Youth Group: ~ Open ~

## **2021 Board of Elders**

“Growing together in faith -  
caring for and loving one another in Christ”

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### **APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH**

The GLC mission for April is ***ELCA World Vision & World Hunger***. ELCA was founded in 1988 by three Lutheran churches, The American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Church & Lutheran Church of America. ELCA is a group churches that shares a living confidence in God’s grace & believe that we are freed in Christ to serve & love our neighbor as ourselves.

ELCA does God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ’s name throughout the world. 1 out of 10 people, over 60 million people, just in the U.S., do not have access to their daily food needs, our donations will aid in assisting those that live in poverty, earning less than \$25,000.00 annual income, for a family of 4.

ELCA ***World Vision & World Hunger***, has been a GLC mission for years. Let’s do our part & help those that are less fortunate than ourselves.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sandra Ruban  
Mission Board Chair

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**Hammond City Rescue Mission**  
**Feed the Homeless Lunch Program**  
**at the City Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter;**  
**527 State Street, Hammond, IN,**

**GLC will be providing a homecooked meal about twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults.**



# Happy Anniversary

April 2: Richard & Gail Shimala Celebrating 55 Years.  
April 11: Thomas & Dawn Fleming Celebrating 35 Years.  
April 22: Brad & Chris Shropshire Celebrating 43 Years.  
April 28: Richard & Natalie Schultze Celebrating 9 Years.

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# Happy Birthday

April 3: Pam Ringel  
April 3: Dale Struebing  
April 3: Liana Boulles  
April 5: Anna Marie Jauregui  
April 8: Russell Schroeder  
April 8: Louise Oman  
April 9: Julie Stutler  
April 10: Kari Hartog  
April 13: Lee Nedreau Sr.  
April 15: Lily Wroblewski

April 16: Janet Csonka  
April 19: JoEllen Pilipow  
April 22: Sonny Santana Jr.  
April 23: Sandra Ruban  
April 25: Shannon Pulkowski  
April 25: Owen Flanagan  
April 26: JoAnne Villa  
April 29: RoseAnn White  
April 30: Colton Jursic

# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 Maundy Thursday</b> 7p.m. Worship Service ~ Also, available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>2 Good Friday</b> 1:30p.m. & 7p.m. Worship Service ~ Also, available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Easter</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Also, available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>5</b> GLC office closed	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Also, available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>12</b> 7p.m. Council Mtg.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Also, available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ~ Also, available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

# *Easter Flowers*

♦Dennis & Cheri Robbins ~ In memory of parents Bill & Helen Robbins and Cliff & Virginia Huber. In honor of children and grandsons.

♦Jeff & Janet Csonka ~ In memory of parents.

♦Pam Ringel ~ In memory of Dick Ringel.

♦Marilyn Carey ~ In memory of Don Carey and Sam Calabrese.

♦Scott & Loretta Muffett ~ In honor of mothers; Sharon and Rose. In memory of Uncle Leo.

♦Martha Krop ~ In Thankfulness for family & friends. To the Glory of God.

♦Kettwig Family ~ In memory of George & Mary Nicol and Herman & Hellen Kettwig.

♦Phyllis Darnell ~ In memory of Diane Darnell, Sister-in-law.

♦Joanne Joyce & Family ~ In memory of Gene and Barbara Kregel.

♦Johanson Family ~ In honor of Dean E. Johanson and Sandy Lee. In memory of Eva Johanson, Anna Johanson, Astrid Anderson, Fred and Helen Pehlgrim, Beverly Hook & Oscar Anderson.

♦Joann and George Boulles ~ In memory of parents; Beverly & Joseph Oddivak, Evangeline & Costa Boulles and brother; Carl Oddivak

♦Rich & Gail Shimala ~ In memory of loved ones.

♦Madeline Conn ~ In memory of John & Mary Laska (parents). In memory of all those who lost their lives to Covid. In honor of all those in our congregation who keep things going so well.

♦Theresa Mirowski ~ In memory of Ed Mirowski and In memory of Linda Barraia, Ronnie Reh & Millie Schur

\*\*Remember to take your flowers home with you after the Easter Sunday worship service or call the church office Tuesday, April 6 to arrange a time to pick them up.





### **New to Prayer List:**

Tom Fleming ~ Geri Larson ~ Bruce Marcheschi ~

### **We Pray for Worshippers:**

Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Sandy Lee, recovery from stroke ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ Camille White – Wittenberg Village ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ JoAnne Villa ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Madeline Conn ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave & Sylvia Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ Alan Bowers - Golden Living Nursing Home ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Russ Schroeder ~ Diane Tomasko – St. Anthony Nursing Home

### **Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:**

Kurt Blount, stationed in DeForest, WI with wife Mae and daughter Emma ~ Doug Vaughan, grandson of Lucille Brady - stationed in New York, Fort Durum ~ Marissa Darnell, grand-daughter of Phyllis Darnell – Civil Engineer Corps Officers School, Port Hueneme, CA.

### **Friends & Family:**

Sara Piepho, health issues - granddaughter of Terry Hennig ~ Jason Sovola ~ Janet Schlosser, health issues – niece of Velma Thiel ~ Doug, health issues – son-in-law of Velma Thiel ~ Michelle, rehab - daughter-in-law of Terry Hennig ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ Becky & Kathy - niece of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins



## Pastor Scales

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) presented a document, "Future Church, ELCA". Along with the document, a podcast featuring Bishop Eaton, Bishop of the ELCA, was presented. For this month's pastor's entry to the April Newsletter, I would like to give the three areas Bishop Eaton presented as "The Future Church, ELCA".

The Future Church, ELCA is to be:

A Welcoming Church: engaging new, young and diverse people.

A Thriving Church: rooted in tradition and radically relevant.

A Connected, Sustainable Church: Raising the bar together  
(I am the vine; you are the branches).

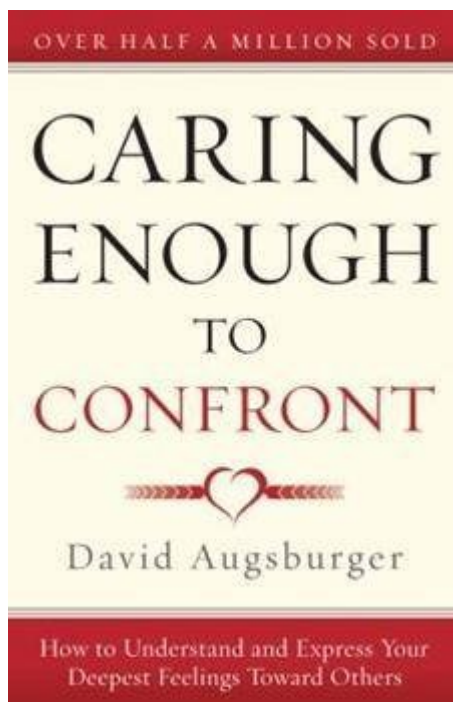
Why come to church? To engage in relationships in order to be the Body of Christ in the World.

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## New book study!

Caring Enough to Confront: How to Understand and Express Your Deepest Feelings Toward Others

Please join us for a Biblically-based book study that discusses and provides tools for us to use as we live and work together, differently.



When: Thursdays beginning April 29 through May 27 (5 weeks)

Time: Noon

Where: GLC Fellowship Hall \*

(Masks and social distancing are required.)

***\*Please let Carrie know if you would like to join via Zoom.***

If you would like to participate, please contact Carrie at [carrie.sovola@valpo.edu](mailto:carrie.sovola@valpo.edu) or call the church office: 219-838-1626. **Books will be provided free of charge to participants.**

## Reminders for In-person Worship Service

Members who wish to attend in-person worship services are doing so at their own risk and freely accept the requirements being put in place as described below. For those of you who are uncertain about attending, please stay home and continue to worship with us on-line, until such time as you are certain and comfortable in gathering together.

- Facemasks are a minimum requirement and will be available at the entrance if you forget yours.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
- Attendees will be seated from front to back of sanctuary and will exit from back to front at the conclusion of worship service.
- No gathering in the narthex, entrance or hall before or after the worship service.
- The guidelines state that singing be prohibited even when wearing face coverings. A small group of people leading worship will sing during the service, but the members in attendance seated in the pews are discouraged from singing even with their masks on.
- Bulletins will be printed and placed on tables with the single serve communion cups and offering plates. These tables will also have hand sanitizer available.

We understand that there are strong and varying emotions about the impact of gathering for in-person worship services and the safety precautions put in place in order to be faithful stewards of one another's health. If you have any questions or concerns you are encouraged to contact your elder, Pastor, or Carrie.



### **Judge me not Oh, Lord**

Should I judge my brother by the color of his skin,  
by the way he walks, or the way he grins?  
By the clothes he wears, or the things he's done?  
By the things he's lost or the things he's won?  
If God judged me would I pass the test?  
Would He think I've always done my best?  
Would He open my heart, and look inside,  
and find there only foolish pride?  
It matters not if we're fat or thin,  
it only matters what we have within.  
For God doesn't look at our outer part,  
He only looks within our heart.

*Matthew 7:1 Judge not, and thou shalt not be judged.*

***By Velma Thiel***  
**1981**

### **AGAPE LOVE**

Agape love, what does that mean?  
Does God want that from me?  
Is that what He meant, when his mind was bent  
on dying on the tree for you, for me?  
How can I prove my agape love if I don't love my brother?  
If I don't care and I don't share, will He ever find another?  
Happy am I that up in the sky the angels are singing with glee.  
One sinner repents, and our time is well spent.  
Thank God, God sent someone to me.

***By Velma Thiel***  
**1981**

## Griffith Lutheran Church ELCA

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is Live Streaming all of our  
Worship Services on Facebook.**

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1177458>

## Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again!

This year's Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Please take this opportunity to clean out all of your closets, basement, attic, garage and ask your friends and family to help also. We are also accepting holiday items.

We will begin accepting bagged and boxed donations at the church on Tuesday, April 6th through Monday May 10th. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, May 10th. If you need help getting your items to the church, please call the church office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

Thank you for your support of our church programs.

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