

2024



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

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## **2024 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs**

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### **OFFICERS**

**President: Nina Miller**

**Vice President: Martha Krop**

**Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow**

**Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes**

**Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson**

**Recording Secretary: Shirley Comer**

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### **BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins**

**Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop**

**Altar Guild: Carol Boyle**

**Christian Ed/Sunday School: Dennis Robbins**

**Evangelism: Cheri Robbins**

**Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow**

**GLCW: Gail Shimala**

**Missions: Sandra Ruban**

**Trustees: Jeff Csonka**

**Social Ministry: ~ Open ~**

**Stewardship: ~ Open ~**

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## From Pastor Scales



Spring, it is, and still wearing winter/spring coats. Have you ever wondered why God made seasons? I know in some parts of the world, seasons do not change all that much, but in most of the world they do. Some of us love winter because of the snow, the cold, the skiing and sledding and all the winter sports and fun. Some of us love the Spring because of the flowers and the warming of our planet, being able to be outdoors more. Some of us love the summer, the heat, the outdoors, the recreation, the hot summer nights. Some of us love fall. It was my mother's favorite season. She loved the colors, the crisp morning, and evenings, the quiet nights (no more cricket sounds).

Thank you God for all the variety in our lives. The seasons, the people, the plants, the animals. Nothing is the same. All different in one aspect or another. Miracle. It's all a miracle.

# Prayer Requests

## **New to Prayer List:**

Prayers for family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Robert Wagner, – son of Geri Larson ~ Nancy Schmidt, health issues - daughter-in-law of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ Mary Hershberger and Rick Rutledge, health issues - friends of Don and Suzanne Schmidt

## **We Pray for Worshippers:**

Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Lauren Fullgraf ~ Maradele & Richard Koehler ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Cheri & Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ JoAnne Villa – Christian Village, Crown Point

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

Kurt Blount, stationed in Minot, ND with wife Mae and daughter Emma ~ Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell – Medical Facility Officer, stationed in Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, CA

## **Friends & Family:**

Wendy Arth, recovering from open heart surgery – sister of Gayle Pahl ~ Beth Wagner, recovery from car accident – granddaughter of Geri Larson ~ Greg Coddington, Chemo treatments – son of Elaine Kearney ~ Melinda Pepik, cancer – daughter of Janet Malone ~ Kodi Comer - son of Shirley Comer ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home in Lowell ~ Barbara Jo Liska, Breast Cancer – cousin of Geri Larson ~ Russ Schroeder, father-in-law of Deborah Schroeder ~ Charlotte, prayers for strength – Loretta's sister ~ Lenore, sister of Karen Slager ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins ~

# Happy Anniversary!

**April 2: Rich & Gail Shimala Celebrating 58 years.**

**April 11: Tom & Dawn Fleming Celebrating 38 years.**

**April 22: Brad & Chris Shropshire Celebrating 46 years.**

**April 23: Benjamin & Marissa Reitz Celebrating 7 years.**

**April 27: Kyle & Sarah Buck Celebrating 22 years.**

**April 28: Richard & Natalie Schultze Celebrating 12 years.**

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# Happy Birthday!

**April 3: Pamela Ringel**

**April 3: Dale Struebing**

**April 3: Liana Boules**

**April 5: Anna Marie Jauregui**

**April 8: Russ Schroeder**

**April 8: Louise Oman**

**April 9: Julie Stutler**

**April 10: Kari Hartog**

**April 11: Christen Linders**

**April 13: Lee Nedreau Sr.**

**April 14: Callie Linders**

**April 15: Lily Wroblewski**

**April 16: Janet Csonka**

**April 19: JoEllen Pilipow**

**April 23: Sandra Ruban**

**April 25: Shannon Pulkowski**

**April 25: Owen Flanagan**

**April 26: JoAnne Villa**

**April 30: Colton Jursic**

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30p Trustee Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter	<b>6</b> 8:30a-3p Quilting Workshop
<b>7</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>8</b> 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10a.m. Priscilla Circle	<b>18</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
<b>21</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Priscilla Circle	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8a. - 2p. Rummage Sale	<b>27</b> 9a.- Noon Rummage Sale
<b>28</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	<div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p><b>Accepting boxed and bagged items for Rummage Sale beginning April 8 through April 23. See page 8 of Newsletter for more Rummage Sale information or call the church office.</b></p> </div>			

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:  
Grace Beyond Borders**

Grace Beyond Borders, was founded in 2013, in East Chicago, Indiana, by Marcus Martin.

Grace Beyond Borders, is an organization that meets the physical and spiritual needs of those impacted by homelessness, and that have become addicted to drugs and alcohol. Most have lost their jobs, homes & families, due to these addictions.

Grace provides food, long term housing and a safe environment, to assist the client in getting back on their feet, using programs to end homelessness, and life changing services that transform and restore the clients lives.

The Mission of Grace Beyond Borders is to offer hope, love, care and the Good News of knowing & following, Jesus Christ.

If you would like to volunteer, or for additional information, please contact Mr. Martin at 219-392-9932.

In Christ,

Sandra Ruban

Mission Board Chairperson



## GLC BLESSING BOX

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are starting to add canned goods back to the Blessing Box. Some of the most needed items are:

Soups

Canned foods such as chili, ravioli, tuna, canned meats, etc.

Vegetables especially corn and baked beans

Cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal

Canned fruit and applesauce

Peanut butter, jelly, crackers

Mac and cheese, Ramen noodles



The Souper Bowl of Caring added \$159 toward items for the Blessing Box. Thank you to all who donated. Your support is much appreciated.



## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time of year again! This year's annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 26 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

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 Monday, April 8th through Tuesday April 23rd. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, April 22nd. If you need help getting your items to the church, please call the church office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

The bulk of the money received from the Rummage Sale is used to buy groceries to feed our friends at the Hammond City Rescue Mission Men's Shelter. Thank you for your support of our church programs.





## GLC Service Suggestions

*Galatians 6:10 ~ "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*

**You can find more opportunities to serve throughout the newsletter, weekly bulletin, or by calling the church office.**

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### **SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL FLAME**

Sponsorship for Altar Flowers is \$20 per vase, \$40 total, for regular floral bouquets prepared by the florist at Strack and Van Till in Highland. There may be an upcharge if you have a specific type of floral request. Please remember to take your flowers home with you after the worship service.

Eternal Flame sponsorship is \$10 per week.

2024 charts for the Eternal Flame and Altar Flowers are posted in the Narthex. Several dates for the coming year are still available. Availability is first come first served.

Print your name on the line next to requested date and specify what you would like your sponsorship in memory, honor, or celebration of.

Please call the church office if you are not able to attend in person and would still like the opportunity to sponsor.

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### **Worship Assistant & Lector Volunteer Opportunities**

Please contact Cheri Robbins, GLC Music Director & Organist at 219-616-9291 or [glc\\_music@yahoo.com](mailto:glc_music@yahoo.com)

***We need Usher & Greeter volunteers.***

FOR IT IS IN THE  
*giving*  
THAT WE RECEIVE.  
~ FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

The GLC will be providing a homecooked meal prepared by the Fellowship Committee twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission.

Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 40 adults.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS.**

Serving Friday, April 5: Louise Oman & \_\_\_\_\_

Serving Saturday, April 20: Sarah & Kyle Buck

Serving Saturday, May 4: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

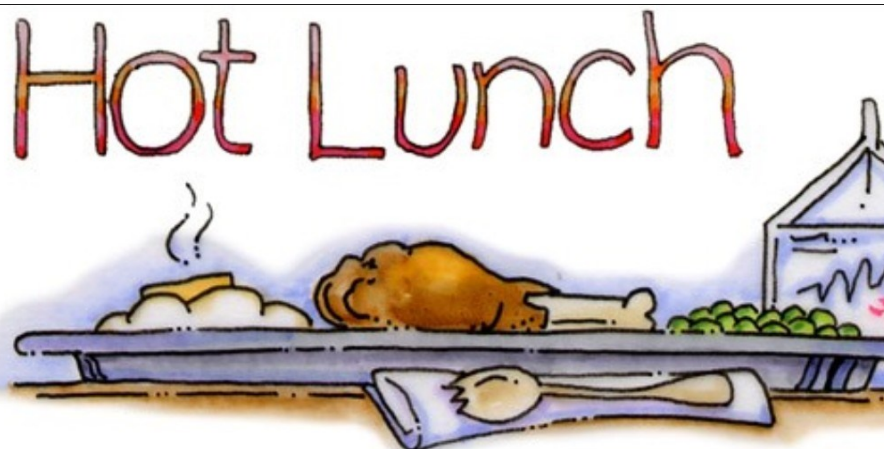
Serving Saturday, May 18: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Serving Friday, May 31: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Serving Saturday, June 15: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.**

**If you are interested in volunteering to serve meals  
please call or email the church office.**





## **Not Your Grandmother's Quilting Workshop**

**Hosted by the Griffith Lutheran Church Bound With Love Quilters**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

**Registration and refreshments start at 8:30a.m.**

**Lunch will be provided at 12:30p.m.**

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**Please RSVP by April 1, 2024 to save your seat!**

**219-838-1626 or [glc1000@griffithlutheran.org](mailto:glc1000@griffithlutheran.org)**

**All are welcome: Sewers, non-sewers, quilters, non-quilters, youth going into 5th grade or older.**

GLC will provide fabric, thread, both sewing and #10 Pearl for tying, needles, scissors, snips, sewing machines, irons, lunch and beverages.

What should you bring:

- ◆ Very small needle nose pliers if you have some (our experienced knot tiers say it helps pull the needle through the quilt).
- ◆ Thimble if you use one.
- ◆ Personal sharp snips or scissors
- ◆ Portable sewing machine if you want to sew and have one you are comfortable using.



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