



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

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2025

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2025 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

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Vice President: Martha Krop

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Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

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BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Music & Worship Committee: ~ Open ~

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Christian Ed/Sunday School: Dennis Robbins

Evangelism: Karen Slager

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

GLCW: Gail Shimala

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Trustees: Jeff Csonka

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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Childhood Memories

When I was a child, Easter was always something special. In a different way, just as it is still special to me today.

As a child, Easter was eagerly awaited. I would go into the forest with my grandpa to collect moss in the run-up to Easter. This was used to make an Easter nest in which the Easter bunny would place eggs and chocolate.

But before we were allowed to take a look, we first went to the church service. Traditionally, the service started at 5:30 in the morning. That was an early rise. But every year I had the feeling that it was worth it. The service was something very special. Because it started in the dark and by the time the service was over, it had also become light outside. We had left the time of lent and were immersed in the new world of the risen Jesus. Jesus was risen.

The light of the Risen Jesus Christ has come into our world. Easter is near. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Easter. I hope that you too will feel the light of Jesus Christ in your life.

Miriam Schmidle (S.A.M.)



Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Phyllis Darnell, health concerns ~ Evey, Breast Cancer – family friend of Stutler's ~ Mark Stutler, recovery from back surgery ~ Sue Schmidt, recovery from surgery ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~ Bob Fentress, knee surgery – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Robin Blount

We Pray for Worshippers:

Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Rich Shimala ~ Janet Malone ~ Anna Jauregui, daughter of Kari Hartog (Smith) ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Lauren Fullgraf ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Louise Oman ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ JoAnne Villa Christian Village, Crown Point ~ Russ Schroeder ~

Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell – Medical Facility Officer, stationed in Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, CA

Friends & Family:

John Spinner, cancer and Wendy & Tony Heavner, Wendy was recently diagnosed with brain tumor – friends of Lee Nedreau ~ Denise Stribbling, health issues – friend of Roy Runyan ~ Marie Cox – sister of Louise Oman ~ Lois White – friend of Louise Oman ~ Scott Carey, cancer – son of Marilyn Carey ~ Chris Shropshire – daughter of Marilyn Carey ~ Brian Wagner, cancer – grandson of Geri Larson ~ Melanie Obermeyer, health issues – daughter-in-law of Phyllis Darnell ~ Jack Berry – Cancer, friend of Annette Johanson ~ Nancy Schmidt, health issues – daughter-in-law of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ Greg Coddington, Chemo treatments – son of Elaine Kearney ~ Melinda Pepik, cancer – daughter of Janet Malone ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home, Lowell ~ Charlotte, prayers for strength – Loretta's sister ~ Lenore, sister of Karen Slager ~ Beth Wagner – granddaughter of Geri Larson ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Eloise, hospice care – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins ~

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

April 2: Rich & Gail Shimala, Celebrating 59 years.

April 8: Karen & Andrew Slager, Celebrating 53 years.

April 11: Thomas & Dawn Fleming, Celebrating 39 years.

April 27: Kyle & Sarah Buck, Celebrating 23 years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

April 3: Liana Boulles

April 5: Anna Marie Jauregui

April 8: Russ Schroeder

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: Owen Flanagan

April 26: JoAnne Villa

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	2 5p - 5:30p Pick-up Lenten "to go" Meals.	3 7p.m. Boy Scouts	4	5 9a. - 3p Quilt Workshop
6 9:30a.m. Worship Service	7 Now accepting boxed & bagged Rummage sale items	8 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	9 10a Stitched in Christ 5p - 5:30p Pick-up Lenten "to go" Meals.	10 6:30p. Evangelism Meeting 7p.m. Boy Scouts	11	12
13 9:30a.m. Worship Service 10:30a. Palm Sunday Brunch	14 6:30p.m. Cong. Council Meeting	15 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	16 10 a.m. Priscilla Circle	17 Maundy Thursday 6:30p Worship Service	18 Good Friday 1:30p Stations 6:30p Tenebrae	19 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
20 Easter 9:30a.m. Worship Service	21	22 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	23	24 7p.m. Boy Scouts	25 8a. - 2p. Rummage Sale	26 9a. - Noon Rummage Sale
27 9:30a.m. Worship Service	28	29 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	30			

BLESSING BOX UPDATE

Thank you to all who are helping to keep our Blessing Box stocked!

A generic list of most needed items include:

Canned goods; fruits, vegetables, canned spaghetti sauce

Canned protein: tuna, chicken,

Mac and cheese, Ramen, other pasta, rice or dried bean products,

Cereal, instant oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, dried fruit, etc.



Thank you.

Not Your Grandmother's Quilting Workshop

Make and complete simple charity quilts and pillowcases.

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025

8:30AM TO 3:00PM

Registration and refreshments start at 8:30am.

Lunch will be provided at 12:30pm.

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Please RSVP by April 1 to save your seat!

219-838-1626 or glc1000griffithlutheran.org

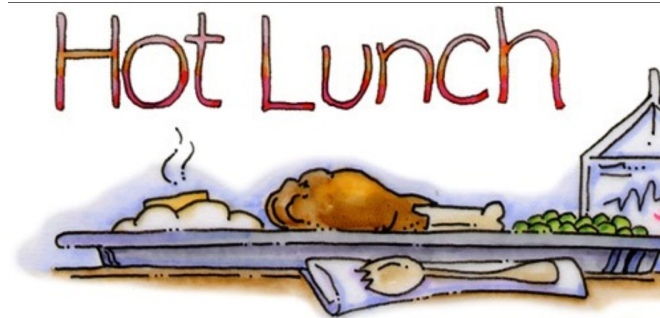
Who is invited?

Everyone! Sewers, non-sewers, quilters, non-quilters,
and youth going into 5th grade or older.

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.



Hammond City Rescue Mission

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

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

Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS!

Serving Friday, April 4: Tom & Dawn Fleming & Lisa Lemster

Serving Saturday, April 19: Nancy Carrell & Brian Batinic

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

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

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

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST POSTED IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE
A SEAT SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT.

BRUNCH MENU

SAUSAGE AND EGG CASSEROLE ~ DENVER OMELET CASSEROLE
HASH BROWN POTATO CASSEROLE ~ FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE
ITALIAN SAUSAGE CASSEROLE ~ PANCAKES W/SYRUP
PAULA DEEN'S ULTIMATE COFFEE CAKE ~ (STICKY BUNS)
FRUIT
COFFEE, MILK & JUICE



Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again! This year's annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 26 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 7th through Tuesday April 23rd. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, April 21st. 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.

2025 LENTEN DINNERS

Fellowship will be preparing Lenten **To-Go Dinners** on **WEDNESDAY**.

These meals have become a wonderful ministry for the fellowship committee as many people are being reached that wouldn't be able to attend in person. They will be prepared for takeout with the first one being Ash Wednesday, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th.

Please review our menu and place your orders with Loretta as soon as possible. **Please remember your family and friends that could use an extra dinner when you are ordering for yourself.**

If you ordered dinners, please come to the church between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to pick up your meals. Please drive up to the north side entrance under the canopy and we will bring your meal(s) out to you. You will not need to get out of your vehicle.

If you need to cancel your meal or if you wish to order additional meals, please call the church office by noon on Monday of each week.

There is no charge for the meal, but if you are able, we would ask for a donation to help defray the cost of the groceries. We will not be making enough extra for walk-ins, only pre-orders. If you would like to order and are not able to pick up, we have volunteers to deliver to the Griffith-Highland and Merrillville areas.

Our tentative menu will be:

April 2 Stuffed Pepper Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, 7 layer Salad

April 9 Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw

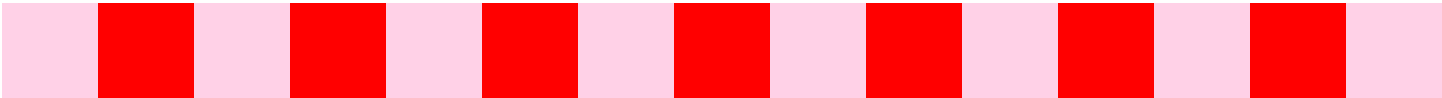
****GLC Social Media Updates****

The social media team is aware of recent issues concerning our Facebook livestreams and Youtube video postings. They are working hard to remedy these issues in a timely manner. A few updates include:

Current Facebook livestream connection and buffering issues should be fixed within a week with the help of a new software update.

Copyright and licensing issues have been resolved and meet the updated criteria so future services uploaded to Youtube should remain available to viewers indefinitely. Previous videos that have been taken down are currently being reviewed but there is no certainty they will be reinstated.

Facebook will soon no longer keep livestreams in archive for more than 30 days. If anyone wants a copy of a service, please let Deanna know as soon as possible and she will download a file for you. Services will also remain available on Youtube for viewing.



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