

2020



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

Special Points of Interest

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- ♦ Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome Back to in-person
Worship Services!!!**

- ♦ Please “like” us on Facebook to watch the worship service live on Facebook.

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

2020 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: Nina Miller

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Trustees: ~ Open ~

Elders: Nina Miller

Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey

Stewardship: Dennis Robbins

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Christian Ed/Sunday School: ~ Open ~

Youth Group: ~ Open ~

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

GLCW: Gail Shimala & Debbie Lewis

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

2020 Board of Elders

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

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Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Kathy Davis - niece of Velma Thiel

We Pray for Worshippers:

Carrie Sovola ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Bev Odlivak ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Ted & Camille White ~ Dave Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Carol Schuster ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~

Shut-ins / Homebound:

Alan Bowers - Golden Living Nursing Home ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Beverly Odlivak – Wittenberg Village ~ Russ Schroeder - At home ~ 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

Friends & Family:

Donna Moore, health concerns – friend of Martha Krop ~ Cathy Marcheschi, lung cancer – daughter of Geri Larson ~ Rose, Breast Cancer - Chemo treatments and recovery from surgery - Loretta's mom ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ Randy Anderson, health concerns - relative of Velma Thiel ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Charles Newman, cancer - husband of Susan Newman ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Tom - Uncle of Jeff Miller ~ Shane Conover - friend of Annette Johanson ~ Shandra Crow and Marie Carter - co-workers of Annette Johanson ~ Elizabeth - friend of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Shawn Mincig – heart attack, nephew of Roy Runyan ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Lynette - best friend of Linda Aldrin ~ Rain & Reef - daughters of Linda Aldrin's nephew ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins



PRAY TELL

August 2020

This is my wish for you...

***Laughter to kiss your lips, Beauty for your eyes to see,
Sunsets to warm your heart, Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Smiles when sadness intrudes, Hugs when spirits sag,
Comfort on difficult days, Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt, Patience to accept the truth,
Courage to know yourself, Love to complete your life.***

Sandra Ruban

School Supplies

School will be starting soon. The GLCW would like to help out our adopted school, Longfellow New Tech Elementary in Calumet Township.

We will be collecting basic items the children will need to start the year. We would like to have the supplies at church by August 9th so they can be delivered in time for the start of the school year.

If you would like to help, you can bring any of the items listed below to church. If you would like to help, but do not wish to shop at this time, you could put a monetary donation in an envelope and mark it *school supplies*. We will use the money to help purchase needed items.

We also ask that you remember these children and their teachers in your prayers as they begin a very different experience at school this year.

#2 pencils

Package of 24 Crayola crayons

Pink erasers

Pocket folders

Spiral notebooks (**wide ruled**)

Black Expo dry erase markers

Scissors

Glue sticks and bottles of glue

Wide ruled loose leaf paper

Large boxes of tissues



From Pastor Scales

The other Sunday I mentioned how generous our congregation has been, especially during this “shut-down” and “slow-down” of not being with one another in worship and fellowship. At the July council meeting, we were informed by our Financial Secretary and our Treasurer how the members of Griffith Lutheran Church have been faithful in their giving. We have not had to apply for the Federal loan (PPP) that so many others have had to, including many churches. We have been able to pay our personnel their full salaries with our incoming offering and gifts. We have been able to continue to pay our cleaning service and lawn care service as well as all our bills. The council and I thank you for your continued support of God’s work through Griffith Lutheran Church and to tell you how blessed we are to have the congregation of souls who love their Lord with their faithfulness and generosity.



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 meal about once a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults. The Fellowship Committee spends an average of \$150.00 on groceries for these meals. Please consider a donation to help support this outreach program. Please write “*Homeless Shelter*” in memo of check. Thank you.



Happy Anniversary

August 1: Andy & Christine Wroblewski Celebrating 22 years.

August 1: Trent & Lauren Fullgraf Celebrating 5 years.

August 5: Bob & Gayle Pahl Celebrating 48 years.

August 9: Thomas & Cindy Jursic Celebrating 34 years.

August 18: Mark & Julie Stutler Celebrating 30 years.

August 19: John & Linda Aldrin Celebrating 53 years.

August 19: George & Joann Boulles Celebrating 36 years.

August 21: Jim & Anna Reyome Celebrating 35 years.

August 27: Kurt & Mae Blount Celebrating 9 years.

Happy Birthday

August 2: Natalie Martinez

August 3: Debbie Lewis

August 4: Shelle Williams

August 7: MaryAnn Lovas

August 9: Joann Boulles

August 11: Amber Clark

August 13: Ted White

August 14: Emma Blount

August 17: Gail Shimala

August 19: Diane Alexander

August 21: Denise Buehler

August 22: Pastor Scales

August 28: Matt Csonka

August 29: Dean Johanson

August 30: Mia Garibay

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	10 6pm Missions mtg. 7pm Council mtg.	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	24	25	26	27	28	29
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AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH



Sojourner Truth was established in 1997 and is a ministry of hope & help for homeless women and children, sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Sojourner Truth House (STH) helps, through hospitality, advocacy, integrative services & collaboration. STH helps participants by improving their quality of life & that of the community in a safe & trusting environment.

STH also provides a housing search, laundry facility, transportation to interviews & medical appointments, plus food & clothing to their clients. The clients will receive these services for one month, & women & children will be placed in affordable housing, with the goal of getting them to the next level of self-sufficiency.

With your help, STH served more than 200 women & children in 2019.

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairman

Update from GLC Leadership,

GLC Leadership continues to monitor COVID-19 in our state and across the nation. We are receiving guidance and input from ELCA leadership, Federal/State agencies, and local updates. Service restrictions and precautions needed for in-person worship services are described below. These precautions are considered necessary given our understanding of the risks associated with COVID-19 exposure.

In-person Worship:

Only one entrance – the West entrance at the parking lot – will be used for entry to the worship service. The door attendant will take individuals temperatures as they enter the building as well as hand out masks and/or gloves to anyone attending that may need them. **NOTE:** Masks are required. Gloves are optional. Signs or floor markings will be put down to provide visual references of the 6' distance requirement.

Singing during services:

The guidelines state that singing should be prohibited for the time being, even when wearing face coverings. 2-3 members assisting in leading the worship service will sing during the service. The congregation in attendance, seated in the pews are discouraged from singing even with their masks on.

Hymnals, cushions, other items kept in pews have been removed:

The sanctuary has been stripped of all written materials and cushions to better protect our members and to facilitate the cleaning process. A deep cleaning of the Entry Hall, Narthex, Sanctuary and Restroom areas will be done weekly.

Paper Bulletins:

Bulletins will be printed and placed on tables with the all-in-one communion cups and offering plates. These tables will also have hand sanitizer stations on them.

Seating arrangements:

There will be markings and signs identifying seating that will be used for services, and to prevent members from sitting in pews designated to remain empty for physical distancing requirements. The Ushers will coordinate seating and limit gathering in the Narthex both before and after service and will also be wearing face masks.

After Communion, the Ushers will proceed down the aisles with bowls for members to discard their used communion cups.

When the service has concluded the Ushers will direct the exodus from church starting with members seated in back while maintaining the appropriate physical distancing.

GLC Council President, Scott Muffett
and the GLC Leadership Team

Rummage Sale Update

The annual rummage sale has been put on hold until the Coronavirus numbers are much more manageable and we are able to hold a sale that is safe for all of our workers and for those that come to shop for treasures.

The proceeds from the sale have gone into the Fellowship account over the last few years and have then been shared with the Prayer Garden and GLCW. Fellowship purchases all of the paper/plastic goods that are used in the kitchen for most events and during the past 2 years, has been preparing meals for the Hammond City Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter and paying for the groceries from proceeds from the rummage sale. Those funds are beginning to run very low and are in need of replenishing until we can hold a sale.

The average meal served costs approximately \$150.00. We mix up our menu, but one that is often made is 20 lbs. meatloaf, 25 lbs. mashed potatoes with gravy, beans or corn, salad, cupcakes or cookies, 48 water bottles and 48 cans of pop.

If you would like to help support this mission, please make a donation in any amount to GLC Fellowship and mark "*Homeless Shelter*" in the memo. We have been asked several times to take an extra week when no volunteers are on the calendar to prepare meals for the men and enjoy doing so. Any financial support received will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

The Fellowship Committee



Griffith Lutheran Church in the Town of Griffith 4th of July Parade

Thank you to Mark and LeAnn Stutler, Terry Hennig, Pam Ringel and Pastor Scales for riding in the parade and representing GLC!!



thankyou



Thank you to Rich & Gail Shimala for donating the new flag.



Thank you to Lucille Brady and all other volunteers for all your work in the beautification and maintenance of GLC's Prayer Garden!

Thank you for all of your generous giving to the GLC Memorial Fund. GLC recently purchased memorial plaques in memory of Nettie Shoemaker (located in the Prayer Garden), Carol Hennig (for the processional cross), Jim Oman and Eugene Kregel (for the "lighting repair" of the inside and outside crosses) and a large memorial plaque for the Memorial Garden. Additional thanks to David Blount for providing the stand for the Memorial Garden plaque.

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Worship Services on Facebook.**

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DEAR GOD,
I KNOW THAT I'M NOT PERFECT,
I KNOW SOMETIMES
I FORGET TO PRAY.
I KNOW I HAVE QUESTIONED
MY FAITH,
I KNOW SOMETIMES I LOSE
MY TEMPER,
BUT THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME
UNCONDITIONALLY
AND GIVING ME ANOTHER DAY
TO START OVER AGAIN.

