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

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

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**GLCW: Gail Shimala**

**Missions: Sandra Ruban**

**Trustees: Jeff Csonka**

**Social Ministry: ~ Open ~**

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## Every Summer has a Story

Do you remember your childhood? Do you remember your childhood in summer? I do. I remember going swimming, lying under a tree, and reading a book with my friend. I remember that sometimes we were allowed to leave school earlier on very hot days. Summer was always a great time. The best time of the year for me, beside Christmas.

But summer was not just fun with my friends for me. I remember working in the garden together with my grandfather. He was taking care for a huge garden, with 18 apple trees, 2 plum trees and 2 huge garden beds. I can remember how I was amazed at that time. We had tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, rhubarb, salads, kohlrabi, and a lot of other things.

And the best for me, strawberries and carrots. There was nothing better than eating them directly out of the garden bed and sometimes, but just sometimes, they got cleaned in the rain bin before it got into my mouth.

Summer was always a great time with less or no school, a time to be outside, a time of joy.

But it was not just fun, it was also a lot of work. Somebody had to take care of all the fruits and vegetables which were ripe. And for sure, I had to help, as a child. Depending on the vegetables, we had to cut it and boil it down. Even though it was work, I loved to spend time with my grandparents. It was fascinating for me how fruits and vegetables are starting to bloom in spring and are ready to harvest in summer. And the best. the whole year I could just go to the basement and get some of the stuff we either boiled down, dried or froze. The summer story continued for me.

Far away from what most of us are doing today. Today, we can buy everything the whole year round in the grocery store. It seems like there is just no need any more to prepare for the winter. We have everything we need in the time we need it. But I think we have to be careful not to lose the awareness that it is God who is providing us what we need. God is the creator of our world. He gave us our nature. He blessed us with different seasons. He blessed us with food. Food for our body and our soul.

Every summer has a story. My Summer story is not only about quality time with my grandparents, but also about the awareness that God provides us with all we need and the beauty of our nature and the creation by God. And every summer I am reminded of my childhood, and about the love of God to us as humans. I hope – beside all the heat – you can enjoy the beauty of a summer day in a garden.

Miriam Schmidle (S.A.M.)

# Prayer Requests

## **New to Prayer List:**

## **We Pray for Worshippers:**

Rich Shimala ~ John Kettwig ~ Anna Jauregui, daughter of Kari Hartog (Smith) ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome ~ 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:**

Jack Berry – Cancer, friend of Annette Johanson ~ Nancy Schmidt, health issues - daughter-in-law of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ Kathy Loktu, Janice Stofcik, Rick Rutledge and Mary Hershberger, health issues - friends of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ 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 ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home in Lowell ~ 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, hospice care – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins ~

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**August 1: Any & Christine Wroblewski Celebrating 26 Years.**

**August 1: Trent & Lauren Fullgraf Celebrating 9 Years.**

**August 5: Bob & Gayle Pahl Celebrating 52 Years.**

**August 7: Kornelius & Miriam Celebrating 3 Years.**

**August 9: Tom & Cindy Jursic Celebrating 38 Years.**

**August 18: Mark & Julie Stutler Celebrating 34 Years.**

**August 19: John & Linda Aldrin Celebrating 57 Years.**

**August 19: George & Joann Boules Celebrating 40 Years.**

**August 21: Jim & Anna Reyome Celebrating 39 Years.**

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## **BIRTHDAY**

**August 3: Debbie Lewis**

**August 4: Shelle Williams**

**August 7: MaryAnn Lovas**

**August 9: Joann Boules**

**August 14: Emma Blount**

**August 17: Gail Shimala**

**August 19: Dianne Alexander**

**August 21: Denise Buehler**

**August 22: Pastor Freda Scales**

**August 25: Pamela Przybylowski**

**August 28: Matt Csonka**

**August 29: Dean Johanson**

**August 30: Mia Reitz**

# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10a. -Noon <i>Stitched In Christ</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 2:30p.m. NWI Food Bank Mobile Market	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11a.m. GLC Bar-B-Q & Car Show
<b>11</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>12</b> 6:30p. Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 10a. - 3p. <i>Bound W/ Love Quilters</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
<b>18</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10a.m. Priscilla Circle	<b>22</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10a. - 3p. <i>Bound W/ Love Quilters</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:**



Fair Haven is a faith based non-profit organization which provides free supportive services to any woman that has experienced sexual violence or human trafficking, and serves those in the Lake, Porter & Laporte countries of NW Indiana & is a 24 hour/365 day service.

Fair Haven's vision is to create a caring, safe and nurturing community with zero tolerance for violence, with goals of providing victim centered, trauma informed services, promote prevention and education efforts that challenge social norms, and effect positive changes within the NW Indiana communities.

If you would like information on Fair Haven's services or volunteer opportunities, please call 219-961-4357.

In Christ,  
Sandra Ruban  
Mission Board Chairperson



## GLC BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing box supplies are very low. 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



Thank you to all who donate. Your support is much appreciated.

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### School Supplies

School will be starting again in August. 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 4th** 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.

We also ask that you remember these children and their teachers in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

**#2 pencils**

**Black Expo dry erase markers**

**Pink erasers**

**Large boxes of tissues**

**Pencil top erasers**

**Wide ruled loose-leaf paper**

**Pocket folders with prongs**

**Scissors**

**Spiral notebooks, wide ruled**

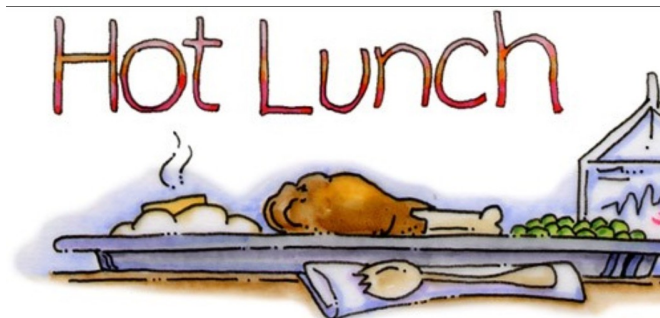
**Plastic pencil boxes**



## 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 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, August 2: Gail Shimala

Serving Saturday, August 17: Maryann Lovas & Sandra Ruban

**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



## QUILT RAFFLE

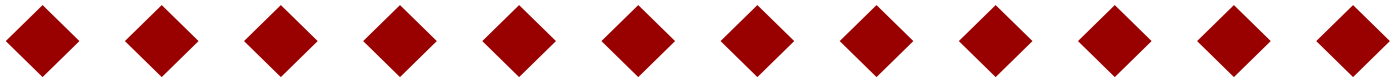
This Quilt and 2 matching pillow shams were pieced and donated by Lenore Lee and finished by the *GLC Bound With Love Quilt Group*.

The set will be re raffled at the GLC Bar-B-Q & Car Show  
On Saturday, August 10, 2024!

Raffle Tickets are now available in the GLC office. \$2.00 Each  
OR 6 tickets for \$10.00

Winner need NOT be present to win.

Proceeds from the raffle are used to fund the work of the *Bound With Love Quilters*



## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with GLC's annual Bar-B-Q and Car Show!

Sign up sheets are posted on the whiteboard across from the church office.  
Or, you can call the church office to sign up.

Volunteers are need for serving, clean up, quilt raffle and desserts.

# **Griffith Lutheran Church**

**12th Annual Community**

**Bar-B-Q & Car Show**

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

**RAIN DATE: August 11**

**Picnic: 11a.m. until food runs out**

**Car Show Registration: 10:30a.m.**

**Car Show: 11a.m.—2p.m., Awards: 1:30p.m.**

**1000 N. Broad St, Griffith, IN**

**Polish up your rides & please come out and join us  
for food, fun and games!**

- **Admission to Car Show & Picnic is FREE**
- **Children's Games, Prizes & Crafts**
- **Music & Entertainment**
- **Animals available for Adoption (Northwest IN Humane Society)**
- **1st Place Awards for Car, Truck & Motorcycle Entries**
- **Giveaways to Show Entrants**

**\$15 Pre-Registration, \$20 day of show**

**Early registration starts at 9a.m.**

**For more information contact Mark Stutler 219-776-8373**

**Or Griffith Lutheran Church 219-838-1626**



***Mobile Market***  
***Thursday, August 8, 2024***  
***GLC Parking lot ~ 2:30p –6p***  
***Volunteer Sign-up is posted on the whiteboard.***



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