



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

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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New to Prayer List:

Kenny Pehlgrim - brother of Annette Johanson ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ Steve Przybylowski ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Bob Pahl ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Pam Przybylowski ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Marilyn Carey ~ Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Sandy Lee ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ JoAnne Villa – Colonial Rehab, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Madeline Conn ~ 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, stationed in Kailua, Hawaii

Friends & Family:

Candice Charboneau – granddaughter of John Kettwig ~ Rose Philips, Stroke – family friend of Annette Johanson ~ Haley, stage 3 Colon Cancer – daughter of Nina Millers co- worker ~ Georgia, Cancer – friend of Velma Thiel ~ Diane – daughter of Velma Thiel Bonnie Carpenter, rehab from stroke – friend of Louise Oman ~ Velda Salima, stroke – mother of Robin Blount ~ Sara Piepho - granddaughter of Terry Hennig ~ Barbara Harden, cancer - niece of Velma Thiel ~ Carol Minich, many health issues – sister of Velma Thiel ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Bob Fentress – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~ Eloise, health issues & Skip, recovery from stroke – friends of Karen Slager ~ Janet Schlosser – 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 - cousins of Cheri Robbins ~ Becky & Kathy - nieces of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer – co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tones ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins



Happy Anniversary

December 1: Richard & Maradele Koehler Celebrating 3 Years.

December 14: Jeff & Nina Miller Celebrating 16 Years.

December 23: Les & Jenny Bias Celebrating 37 Years.

Happy Birthday

December 11: Martha Krop

December 17: Lucille Brady

December 17: Roy Runyan

December 19: Don Schmidt

December 19: Suellen Cain

December 20: John Kettwig

December 20: Theresa Mirowski

December 21: Carrie Sovola

December 21: Gabriel Dudliceck

December 22: Donna Clark

December 29: Linda Anderson

December 31: Pat Ignas

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5p - 5:30pm Advent Dinner Pick-up (Pre-orders Only)	2	3 6:30pm GLC Tree Decorating	4
5 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube)	6	7	8 5p - 5:30pm Advent Dinner Pick-up (Pre-orders Only)	9	10 Hammond Homeless Shelter Lunch	11
12 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube)	13 ** 6:30p.m. GLC Quarterly Congregational Meeting	14	15 5p - 5:30pm Advent Dinner Pick-up (Pre-orders Only)	16	17 Hammond Homeless Shelter Lunch	18
19 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube)	20 7p.m. Blue Christmas Worship Service	21	22 5p - 5:30pm Advent Dinner Pick-up (Pre-orders Only)	23	24 Christmas Eve GLC Office Closed 7p.m. & 10p.m. Worship Service	25 Christmas Day 10a.m Worship Service
26 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube)	27	28	29	30	31 	

Pastor Scales

What a privilege I have had being at Griffith Lutheran Church and while being here, to celebrate my 20th anniversary of being ordained. Some would call that serendipitous. I call being here on that anniversary, a gift. Thank you for your celebrating with me a decision I made over 20 years ago to follow a call, that sometimes was rough but most times glorious.

As we enter Advent, we anticipate; we wait. Yet, we do that on a daily basis in our lives and in our church. Somethings are the same; but not all. Somethings we can anticipate, but not all.

For certain, we know Jesus loves us and saved us, but we are never quite sure what all Jesus has in store for us. We look to another year, 2022, and where is it that we are being led? We never know for sure, but we do know who is leading and guiding us. I look back on 20 years, and would have never predicted before then that I would become a pastor. But guess what, I am.

What does Jesus have planned for each one of us and our church for this coming year? Whatever it is, with Jesus as our companion and guide, we're ready.



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The December 2021 GLC Mission of the month is:

Haven House of Northwest Indiana

Haven House of NWI is located in Northwest Indiana, and a non-profit agency. Established in 1987, it is a 24 hour emergency shelter providing a safe house for domestic violence survivors that accepts women, children, as well as the homeless.

The Mission of Haven House is an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, the services provided are: safe & temporary emergency shelter, crisis intervention, advocacy & court liaison, support groups, referrals services, & community education.

They have developed an individualized service plan to assist the cycle of domestic violence. This approach provides survivors with the means to establish a new direction and take back their lives.

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Chair

Angel Tree

Please return Angel Tree gifts, **unwrapped** by **December 4th** so we can sort and wrap the gifts for delivery.

Remember to **return the index card** that has the list and a number on it with your gift(s).

We will need that number to match the item to the proper person.

If you would like to participate but don't want to purchase gifts, you could help by donating gift bags, tissue paper, gift tags, candy canes, instant cocoa, etc. There are many ways to give and all are appreciated. We also would like you to remember these children and their families in your prayers.





Service Suggestions

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

Galatians 6:10

Here are some opportunities to serve. You can find more information in the newsletter or by calling the church office.

Mission of the Month: Haven House of Northwest Indiana

Toys For Tots: Collecting new, unwrapped children's books and toys Now - through December 9th.

Angel Tree: donate by Friday, December 4th: gift bags, tissue paper, gift tags, candy canes & instant cocoa.

Hammond Homeless Shelter: Volunteers are needed to serve meals. Collecting: Men's socks, T-shirts and underwear (boxers or briefs) size Large / X-Large. (New and in original packaging).

Holiday Food Baskets: Collecting monetary donations

Food Bank Advent Calendar: See list printed in Newsletter and on table in Narthex.

Humane Indiana & Lakeshore Paws: canned kitten / adult cat food (Friskies or Fancy Feast), non-clumping cat litter, canned **PURE** pumpkin, canned chicken, dog treats, canned spray cheese and toys.

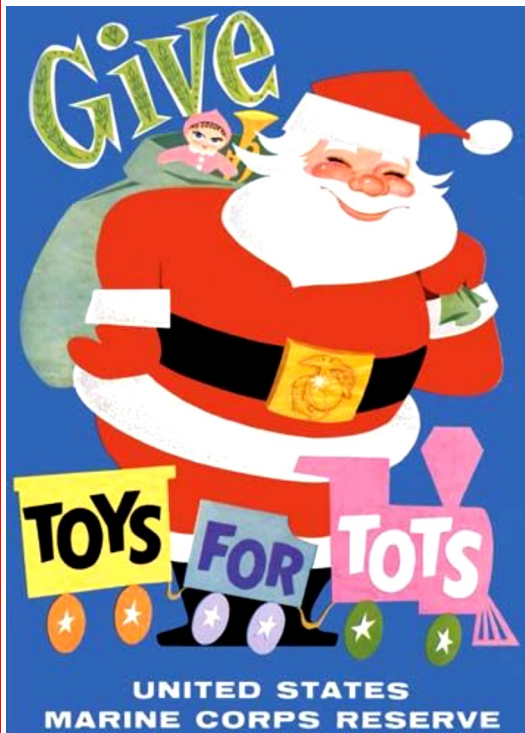
Ronald McDonald House - We are collecting pop-tops and other items.

Worship Assistant & Lector Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact Cheri Robbins,
GLC Music Director & Organist
at 219-616-9291 or glc_music@yahoo.com



Thank you to those of you who have signed up to lector and help with tech assistance. We can use some help with the light bearer and usher spots.
The sign-up sheets are on the board across from the church office.



The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and children's books during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the local community in which the campaign is conducted.

Please drop off **new, unwrapped toys and/or books** by Thursday, December 9th, 2021.

Visit www.toysfortots.org for more information about the Toys for Tots program.

2021 Council and Board Chair/Committee reports are due by Monday, January 17, 2022.

The 2022 Altar Flower & Eternal Flame Charts have been posted in the Narthex.

GLC put together Thanksgiving food baskets for sixteen Love INC. families! Many thanks to the GLC congregation and Boy Scout troop 264 for all of your donations!





Advent Dinners

Due to the continuing COVID protocol at GLC, Fellowship will again prepare **Advent dinners for take-out only.**

Dinners will be available on Advent Wednesdays: December 1, December 8, December 15 and December 22, 2021, for pickup between 5:00 - 5:30p.m.

- Please place your orders with Loretta, including dinners for family and friends. There will be no extras available for walk-ins
- 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.
- If you would like to order and are not able to pick up, we have a volunteer to deliver to the Griffith-Highland area.

Thank you ~ JoEllen Pilipow and the Fellowship Committee

Our menu will be:

December 1 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw & vegetable

December 8 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable & salad

December 15 - BBQ Smoked pulled pork, pasta salad, 7 layer salad

December 22 - Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, 7 layer salad

The Blessings Of
Christmas
PEACE★HOPE★JOY★LOVE

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Food Bank Donation

Fill a Box for the Food Bank! Starting the 1st of December help us to stock a Food Bank. Keep the box at home and when it's filled bring it to church on Dec. 26, 2021, we will bless the food and then Evangelism will take it to the Food bank. If you'd like to participate and are unable to get the box to church call the church office and let us know and we will pick it up.

- Dec. 1 – box of cereal
- Dec. 2 - peanut butter
- Dec. 3 – stuffing mix
- Dec. 4 – boxed potatoes
- Dec. 5 – mac & cheese
- Dec. 6 – canned fruit
- Dec. 7 – canned tomatoes
- Dec. 8 – canned tuna
- Dec. 9 – desert mix
- Dec. 10 – jar of applesauce
- Dec. 11 – canned sweet potatoes
- Dec. 12 – cranberry sauce
- Dec. 13 – canned beans
- Dec. 14 – box of crackers
- Dec. 15 – package of rice
- Dec. 16 – package of oatmeal
- Dec. 17 – package of pasta
- Dec. 18 – spaghetti sauce
- Dec. 19 – chicken noodle soup
- Dec. 20 – tomato soup
- Dec. 21 – can of corn
- Dec. 22 – can mixed vegetables
- Dec. 23 – can of carrots
- Dec. 24 – can green beans



**Congratulations Pastor Scales
on your 20th Ordination Anniversary!**





*Merry
Christmas*

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