



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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FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH



MEALS on WHEELS
NORTHWEST INDIANA

Since 1977, Meals On Wheels of NW Indiana has been delivering meals to NW Indiana seniors.

Senior meal deliveries are a great way for seniors to get access to healthy foods on a regular basis. Dietary needs change as we get older, and it is often difficult for senior citizens to get foods they need to remain healthy. A senior meal delivery service is the perfect solution to this problem. Meal delivery services have a variety of different options, which include healthy meals, low sodium & salt free meals or pre-portioned meals ready to cook. Senior meal delivery services ensure that seniors get properly portioned nutritious meals without the hassle of grocery shopping and the need to drive.

For more information or to volunteer at the Merrillville Indiana location, please call 219-756-3663 or visit their website at info@mownwi.org

Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chair


**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
TOGETHER**

Happy Anniversary

February 8: Jeff* & Kari Hartog Celebrating 1 year.
February 27: Eugene & Hildegard Hochstetler Celebrating 56 years.



Happy Birthday

February 2: Christopher Linders
February 4: Jackson Stablein
February 10: Maradele Koehler
February 11: Andrew Masters
February 13: Phyllis Darnell
February 14: Anna Reyome
February 20: Karen Anderson
February 21: Kathy Morris
February 23: Fred Steinke
February 23: Emily Bratcher
February 24: Gayle Pahl
February 24: Kristin Struebing
February 27: Jenny Bias
February 27: Jeffrey Reitz
February 28: Lauren Fullgraf

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Happy Valentine's Day! 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Baptism) Available via Facebook or YouTube	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday Drive-thru Ashes 11a - 12:30p & 5p - 6:30p Pick-up Lenten dinners 5p - 5:30p 7p.m. Online Worship Service	18	19	20
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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 homecooked meal about twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults.

Make a donation to any one of the Griffith Lutheran Church sponsored missions and receive a reusable face mask with GLC name & cross logo.

Current missions being sponsored by GLC are:



- ♦ **Meals on Wheels NWI**
- ♦ **Love INC.**
- ♦ **Hammond Homeless Shelter**

Mask Features: 2 ply 100% Cotton fabric. Reusable & machine washable. Sewn-in pocket for optional removable filter. Black fabric with gray stitching.

Contact the church office to receive your mask or if you have any questions.

Do you feel as if you're losing touch with your fellow worshippers?

Why not make a call while they are fresh in your mind.

Right now several are not feeling well and would appreciate a card or friendly call. The **Prayer Chain** affords you the opportunity to let your church family know they are not alone or forgotten. Please call the church office for more information on participating in the prayer chain.

~ Margie Steinke & Marilyn Carey

2020 End of Year Statements

Please call or email the church office
if you would like a 2020 End of Year Giving statement.

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Sandy Lee, recovery from stroke ~ Mark Swenson, severe Covid - friend of Love INC

We Pray for Worshippers:

Camille White - Hartsfield Village ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ JoAnne Villa ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave & Sylvia 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 ~ 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 ~ Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell - Civil Engineer Corps Officer School, Port Hueneme, CA.

Friends & Family:

Jason Sovola ~ Janet Schlosser, health issues – niece of Velma Thiel ~ Doug, health issues – son-in-law of Velma Thiel ~ John Peters – friend of Jeff and Janet Csonka ~ Michelle, rehab - daughter-in-law of Terry Hennig ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ Becky & Kathy - niece of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Charles Newman, cancer - husband of Susan Newman ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins

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Pastor Scales

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Try as I might, I try not to bring political issues into my public life, including homilies and sermons. There are those however, that believe with all their heart that Jesus would be a Democrat, because of that party's particular platform. Yet, there are republicans who would show us how Jesus would be a Republican because of their particular platform.

Thankfully, Jesus loves us all, regardless of our "platforms" and God has placed the wonderful cognitive ability to make choices within our minds. I can see Jesus either nodding or rolling his eyes as we explain to him why we adhere to one platform or another yet loving us through our entire presentation.

And of course, as followers of Jesus, we do the same as we discuss our different opinions with all different people. "Love one another as I have loved you." Sometimes that's difficult to do when we are in such disagreement at times, but looks like it's possible, or Jesus would not have told us to do so.

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In-Person Worship Services

It was decided at the Church Council meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 to re-open for in-person worship services effective Sunday, January 17, 2021.

We continue to monitor the situations unfolding in our state and across the nation and continue to receive guidance and input from the ELCA leadership, Federal and State agencies, as well as local updates.

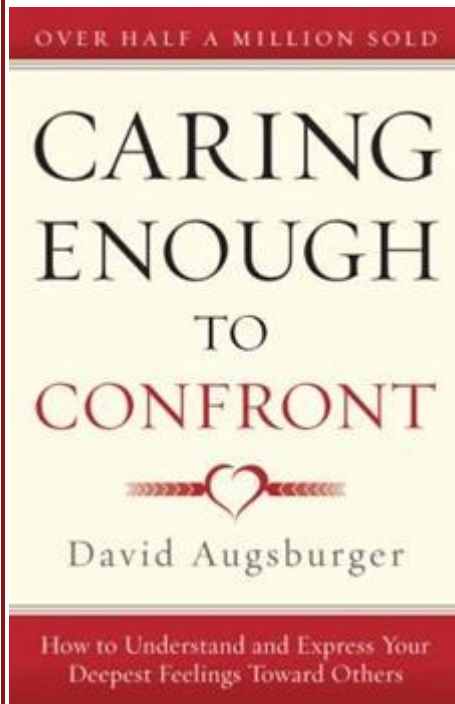
Members who wish to attend the in-person worship services are doing so at their own risk and freely accept the requirements being put in place as described below.

For those of you who are uncertain about attending, please stay home and continue to worship with us on-line, until such time as you are certain and comfortable in gathering together.

- Only one entrance – the West entrance at the parking lot – will be used for entry to the services.
- Facemasks are a minimum requirement and will be available at the entrance if you forget yours.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet or more.
- Attendees will be seated from front to back of sanctuary and will exit from back to front at the conclusion of worship service.
- No gathering in the narthex, entrance or hall before or after the worship service.
- The guidelines state that singing be prohibited even when wearing face coverings. This may have been the single most impactful issue in our decision making, as we reluctantly came to the conclusion that there will be NO singing upon the resumption of services. A small group of people leading the worship will sing during the service, but the members in attendance seated in the pews are discouraged from singing even with their masks on.
- Bulletins will be printed and placed on tables with the single service communion cups and offering plates. These tables will also have hand sanitizer stations on them, and all members will be encouraged to use them before entry into the sanctuary.

We understand that there are strong and varying emotions about the impact of gathering and the safety precautions that must accompany reopening in order to be faithful stewards of one another's health. If you have any questions or concerns you are encouraged to contact your elder, Pastor, or Carrie.

New book study coming soon!



Caring Enough to Confront: How to Understand and Express Your Deepest Feelings Toward Others

Deaconess Intern Carrie Sovola will lead a Biblically-based book study that discusses and provides tools for us to use as we live and work together, differently. Carrie will work with interested participants in deciding a format and time that works for everyone. If you would like to participate, please contact Carrie at carrie.sovola@valpo.edu or 219-201-8713.

Book Overview:

Conflict simply is. Believing that we can somehow avoid it can only damage our relationships, but when we learn to integrate our needs and wants with those of others, it can be a catalyst in our relationships for deeper loving care. Dr. David Augsburger's "Caring Enough to Confront" is a classic in Christian peacemaking. It teaches the reader how to build trust, cope with blame and prejudice, and be honest about anger and frustration. Dr. Augsburger challenges readers to keep in mind that the important issue is not what the conflict is about, but instead how the conflict is handled. He offers a Biblically-based model for dealing with conflict to teach Christians how to confront with compassion and resolve issues in a healthy and healing way. Whether in family, church or work relationships, "Caring Enough to Confront" gives readers the tools to make the most of every conflict.

Lenten Dinners

During this time of the Covid-19, it will not yet be possible for us to gather in person to share food and fellowship during the Lenten season due to safety concerns. The Fellowship Committee would like to prepare Lenten dinners for takeout. We will be preparing dinners beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17 and each of the following Lenten Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24 and have them ready for pickup between 5:00p - 5:30 p.m.

We would need a total minimum number of 30 meals requested in order to prepare them. If you would be interested, please call or email the church office and let them know that you are interested and the number of meals you would be interested in ordering.

If there is sufficient interest, we will then take orders for each week and package them for pickup. We would ask for a donation to the box to help defray the cost of the meals. We will not be making enough extra meals for walk-ins, only pre-orders. If you would like to order and are not able to pick up, we have a volunteer to deliver to the Griffith-Highland area.

Our tentative menu will be:

February 17 - Stuffed Pepper Soup, 7 layer salad, pasta salad, rolls/butter

February 24 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and tossed salad

March 3 - Cream of Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tossed Salad

March 10 - Roasted Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, 7 layer salad, veg

March 17 - Italian Sausage Soup, Rolls, Tossed Salad, macaroni salad

March 24 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw and baked beans

~ Fellowship Committee



Wednesday, February 17, 2021 ~ Ash Wednesday

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 ~ Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 ~ Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday, February 28, 2021 ~ Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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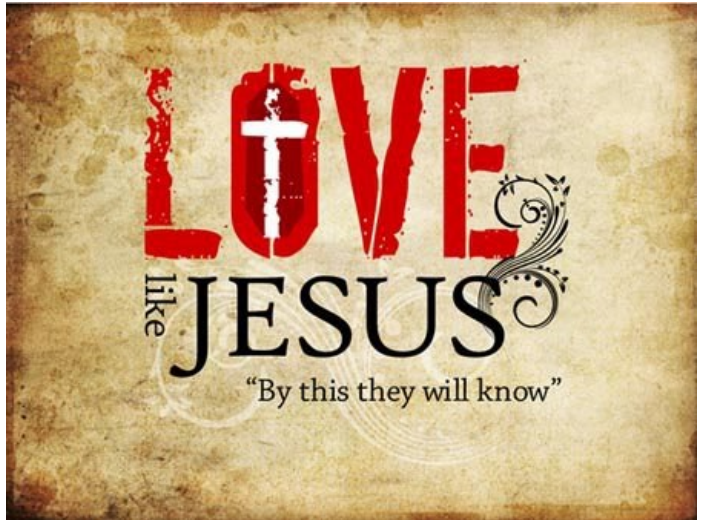


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