

JANUARY

2021

**Griffith Lutheran Church
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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

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

2021 Board of Elders

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

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JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Lutheran Diaconal Association.

The LDA is a Lutheran organization forming and preparing people to become deaconesses or deacons through a process of education and formation.

LDA students study theology, practice hands-on ministry, grow in their own spirituality and become members of a lifelong community of deaconesses & deacons.

Griffith Lutheran Church recently installed Intern Deaconess Carrie Sovola. We have all known Carrie for years as a member of our church family, and it will be a blessing to watch the continued growth of Carrie in her journey. What a blessing for each of us!

***I Have Called You by Name
But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.***

Isaiah 43:1

**Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chair**

Happy Anniversary

January 16: David & Sylvia Hedges Celebrating 39 Years.

Happy Birthday

January 1: Gracia Dudlicek

John Dudlicek

& Jason Kettwig

January 4: Carl Hochstetler

January 11: Joann Vaughan

January 14: Ian Flanagan

January 16: Benjamin Reitz

January 18: Scott Muffett

Kristen Stablein

& Lauren Reitz

January 21: Luca Castellanos

January 23: Abby Wroblewski

& Emily Jauregui

January 24: Alan Bowers

January 25: Susan Tomes

January 26: Dawn Fleming

January 27: Carolyn Connell

& Nicole Kettwig

January 28: Marilyn Carey

January 30: George Boules

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year! GLC Office Closed.	2
3 9:30 a.m. Online Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. Online Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	11 7p.m. GLC Council Mtg.	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 a.m. Online Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Online Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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.

The Fellowship Committee is grateful for your most generous contributions to help us continue preparing meals for the Homeless Shelter. We are able to prepare two meals per month. We are truly blessed with the love we feel from our church family. Thank you. God's Blessings to all.

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:



- ◆ **Lutheran Diaconal Association**
- ◆ **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.



GLC sponsored Missions throughout 2020!!

Thank you Griffith Lutheran Church for all of your above and beyond generous donations to the **Toys for Tots** toy drive, the **Love INC Angel Tree**, **Christmas Cards for the Troops**, and **ALL** of the

thank you!

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Dave Hedges, hip surgery ~ Friends, family and all those grieving the loss of William Alexander ~ Jason Sovola ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

JoAnne Villa ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ Camille White ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ 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 ~ 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 - Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island

Friends & Family:

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

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, beautiful cards, and kind notes remembering my mom, Beverly Oddivak. They are such a help and mean so much.

You were her church family that she was always so very blessed and thankful for. Her words of comfort to us would be from one of her favorite hymns, 'God be with you till we meet again.'

With sincere gratitude & love, Joann, George and Liana Boules

January 2021

Pastor Scales

Something was missing this year. Can you guess? What have we done for several years on New Year's Eve through New Year's Day? Pray. We missed our prayer vigil, taking out the old and bringing in the new with prayer. We did have a prayer vigil on the evening of the election. Even though it was for a shorter time period, all of the times were not taken, so I don't know how successful we would have been for a 24-hour period on New Years Eve/New Years Day?

It is as if we keep waiting for things to get better and we don't want to do anything that is different, just in case we might miss our world's recovery. I keep thinking things are going to get better, with vaccines along with social distancing and masks, but one of our elected leaders said the other day, that our winter was going to be deadly, and that things were going to get worse before they get better. I don't want to think that, nor do I want to believe it.

What I'm going to believe is that God has provided us with knowing how to take care of our selves during this time and has provided our scientists with brilliance that is being used for the betterment of humankind. I look forward to our being together, healthy, and giving thanks for all God has provided.

Reminder from Intern Deaconess Carrie Sovola

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR VIA ZOOM

Please join us on the 2nd Friday of each month from 10a-11a, and the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6p-7p.

This will be a twice-monthly online gathering time to check-in. There is no specific topic, just a time to visit with each other!

GLC Fellowship Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89841508516?>

pwd=VERYMXJQR05hNGdHYW9Dc2tyN3E4UT09

Meeting ID: 898 4150 8516

Passcode: 593473

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