

2023



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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.

2023 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Nina Miller

Vice President: Martha Krop

Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow

Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Elders: Carrie Sovola

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Christian Ed/Sunday School: Dennis Robbins

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

GLCW: Gail Shimala

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Trustees: Scott Muffett

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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From the Pastor

A new year, 2023, beginning on a Sunday, the first day of the year, the first day of the week. Resolutions? My resolutions are almost daily. “I will start doing this. I will stop doing this”. My continuing resolution is that I remember that Jesus is in my heart and through Him, I want to live.

Currently I am reading Martin Luther by Eric Metastas. Although Luther was a magnificent figure in history, we all can identify with him, in his struggles as well as in his longing to live a life filled with his love for Jesus. His love for Jesus is what propelled him to insist that the people be included in receiving Holy Communion. Previously only priests received communion.

Because of Luther and others within his community, not only were the people now receiving communion, but as was written in Metastas’ book, “The Wittenbergers were even going a step further by allowing the laypeople to handle the Communion chalice.”

So, for 500 years we have been “handling the chalice”, as opposed to over 1000 years since Christ, people had not.

Praise be to God for Martin Luther and all those who followed in the Reformation, bringing Jesus back within and near us. Having Jesus beside me and within me --I cannot imagine it being any different.

Happy New Year!

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Eileen Richeke ~ Lisa Lemster

We Pray for Worshippers:

Maradele & Richard Koehler ~ Steven Carey ~ Shirley Comer ~ Velma Thiel ~ Richard and Natalie Schultze ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Cheri & Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ JoAnne Villa – Christian Village, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim Reyome ~ RoseAnn White ~ Bernice Morris

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 Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Friends & Family:

Steve, co-worker of Nina Miller – throat cancer ~ Linda, sister of Annette Johanson ~ 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 ~ Haley, stage 3 Colon Cancer – daughter of Nina Millers co-worker ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousins of Cheri Robbins ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer – co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Diane, Janet, Doug, Becky, Kathy, Donald, Martin & Carol – health issues, Barbara - cancer, – family of Velma Thiel



Happy Birthday

January 1: Gracia Dudlicek

January 1: John Dudlicek

January 1: Jason Kettwig

January 4: Carl Hochstetler

January 11: Joann Vaughan

January 14: Ian Flanagan

January 18: Scott Muffett

January 18: Kristen Stablein

January 21: Luca Castellanos

January 23: Abby Wroblewski

January 23: Emily Jauregui

January 25: Sue Tomes

January 26: Dawn Fleming

January 27: Carolyn Connell

January 27: Nicole Kettwig

January 28: Marilyn Carey

January 30: George Boules

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a.m. Worship Service Available on Facebook/YouTube	2	3	4 6:30p Choir Practice	5	6	7 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
8 9:30a.m. Worship Service Also available on Facebook/YouTube	9 6:30p Council Meeting	10	11 6:30p Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 9:30a.m. Worship Service Also available on Facebook/YouTube	16	17	18 6:30p Choir Practice	19	20	21 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
22 9:30a.m. Worship Service Also available on Facebook/YouTube	23	24	25 6:30p Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:30a.m. Worship Service Also available on Facebook/YouTube	30	31		<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Chimes Practice Sundays at 7p </div>		

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The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States. LWR is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve & face the climate change & respond to national disasters.

The Lutheran World Relief mission is "Affirming God's love for all people, to end poverty, injustice & human suffering."

John 4:19 ~ *We love because He loved us first.*

Your Sister In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chair

Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who took part in our services through December. They were very meaningful. Thank you Chris Pilipow, Matt Csonka, LeAnn Stutler, and Deanna Johanson for the Dramatic readings during Advent. Thank you to our singers in the choir Andrew and Karen Slager, Dean Johanson, Pam Przybylowski and Dennis Robbins. Thank you to our Chime group Dean Johanson, Deanna Johanson, Pam Przybylowski, Jan Malone, Dennis and Cheri Robbins.

Many thanks to LeAnn Stutler for her wonderful music at Christmas and throughout the year. She has added so much to our services. Special thanks to Deanna Johanson and Matt Csonka for their efforts in Live Streaming our services.

A special thanks to Chris Pilipow for all his work throughout the year making sure that our services are on the monitor. Thank you to our Lectors, Technical help, and our ushers. You are appreciated.

Thank you to Loretta Muffett for all her efforts in making sure we have bulletins for each service, flowers for the altar, and everything else in between.

A BIG
thank
you


Thank you EVERYONE!

— End Of Year —
GIVING STATEMENTS

Please contact the church office
by January 31, 2023
if you would like a 2022 End of Year Giving statement.

GLC 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*

You can find more opportunities to serve throughout the newsletter or by calling the church office.

Hammond City Rescue Mission

**Feed the Homeless Lunch Program
at the Hammond City Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter
527 State Street, Hammond, IN**

GLC will be providing a homecooked meal twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS.

Serving Saturday, January 7: Jeff & Janet Csonka

Serving Saturday, January 21: Louise Oman and Lisa Lemster

Please meet at GLC by 11:15a.m.

**If you are interested in volunteering to serve meals
please call or email the church office.**

Worship Assistant & Lector Volunteer Opportunities

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

We need Usher / Greeter volunteers.

***Please prayerfully consider giving of your time.
The sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard.
Thank you.***



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