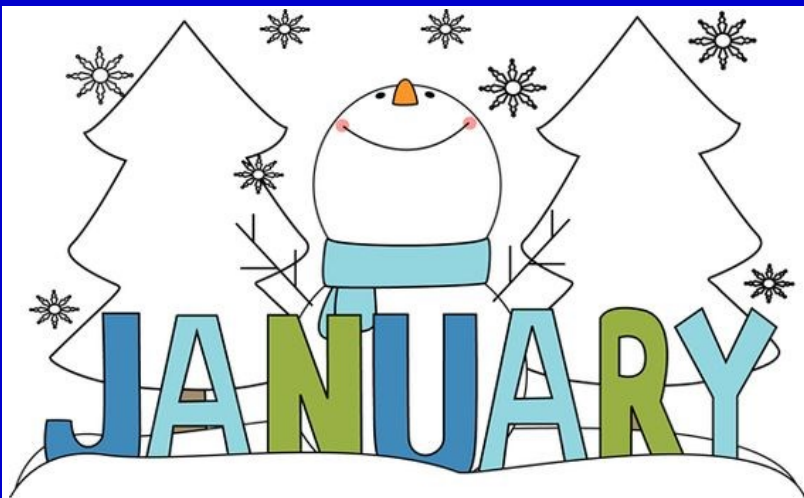


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2024 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Nina Miller

Vice President: Martha Krop

Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow

Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Shirley Comer

BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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: Jeff Csonka

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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From Pastor Scales

So, “another year, another” Fill in the blank. Or “another year, time to” First we thank God we are here for another year. And in thanking God, we can tell God we want to do God’s will during this new year. “What is it God, that you would have me do, be? Where do you want me? What do you want me doing? How do you want me to be?”

And of course, along with the questions, we say, “Be with me; let me feel your presence, your guidance.”

As probably some of you, when I was growing up in my family, each New Years Eve, we attended the “Watch Night Service” at church. We prayed as the new year came in. I most often did anything but pray, but played around on the floor or stared at other people praying or something other than what I was supposed to be doing.

But now, as the scripture says, “I put away childish things” and consider the new year more seriously, and more contemplatively. I am old enough to know that major changes in my behavior probably are not going to happen. But I also know that prayer, talking with Jesus is always there, in whatever happens. I will be retiring (for the third time) and this time it will probably be final. So, New Years Eve, I more than likely will reach back into what I did long ago, and pray the year in, thanking God for a good year past and asking for a good year to be.





New to Prayer List:

Niece of Annette Johanson who lost her son ~
Family of Tricia Ray who recently lost her
Grandfather – co-worker of Annette Johanson

We Pray for Worshippers:

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 ~ JoAnne Villa – Christian Village, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome, health issues ~ Bernice Morris

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:

Greg Coddington, Chemo treatments – son of Elaine Kearney ~ Melinda Pepik, cancer – daughter of Janet Malone ~ Kodi Comer ~ Bob, Knee surgery – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home in Lowell ~ Barbara Jo Liska, Breast Cancer – cousin of Geri Larson ~ Steve, throat cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ 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 ~ Carl Bodenhofer – Carrie Sovola's dad ~ 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 ~

Happy Birthday!

January 1: John Dudlicek

Gracia Dudlicek

Jason Kettwig

January 4: Carl Hochstetler

January 11: Joann Vaughan

Ian Flanagan

January 16: Benjamin Reitz

January 18: Kristen Stablein

Lauren Reitz

Scott Muffett

January 21: Luca Castellanos

January 23: Emily Jauregui

Abby Wroblewski

January 25: Sue Tomes

January 26: Dawn Fleming

January 27: Carolyn Connell

Nicole Kettwig

January 28: Marilyn Carey

January 30: George Boulles

January 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 GLC Office Closed | 2 | 3 | 4 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts | 5 | 6 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter |
| 7 9:30a.m. Worship Service 12p.m. Evangelism Meeting | 8 6:30p.m. Council Meeting | 9 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters | 10 | 11 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts | 12 | 13 |
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| 28 9:30a.m. Worship Service | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month: Lutheran Diaconal Association

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

LDA students study theology to grow into their own spiritually and become members of a lifelong community of deaconesses and deacons, to form, send and nurture communities in a Lutheran context to serve in all walks of life. They serve Christ by walking with those the world easily forgets; the poor, powerless & sick.

The LDA vision is: "Following Christ, people of God & serve those across the street and around the world."

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve...

Matthew 20:28

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson



BLESSING BOX

We are in need of items for the Blessing Box. Some of the more popular items are:

cereal
soups
canned food such as chili, spaghetti, etc.
canned vegetables especially corn or green beans
canned fruit
mac and cheese
pasta and canned pasta sauce
peanut butter.



There is a bin under the coat rack outside the office. Anything you can contribute will be much appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to the congregation and friends of the congregation for your very generous support for the families helped by our Angel Tree. We have had phone calls, texts, and cards from several families letting us know how much they appreciate the gifts and food that made their holiday special.

We also want to thank the Fellowship committee who shopped and organized the food as well as all those who helped wrap gifts and deliver them. It is definitely a team effort.

God bless all of you as we use our blessings to share Christ's love with others.

GLCW



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

**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 6: Lisa L. & _____

Serving Saturday, January 20: _____ & _____

Please meet at GLC by 11a.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.

FOR IT IS IN THE
giving
THAT WE RECEIVE.
~ FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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