



2020

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***“Growing Christ-Centered
relationships in our
communities through
love and service.”***

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Special Points of Interest

- ◆ Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.
 Welcome Back to in-person
 Worship Services!!!
- ◆ Please “like” us on Facebook to watch
 the worship service live on Facebook.

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Previously recorded GLC worship services are also available to watch on YouTube.	

2020 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: Nina Miller

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Trustees: Gig Anderson

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

2020 Board of Elders

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

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Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Family, friends and all those grieving the loss of: Sam Calabrese - Fiancé of Marilyn Carey, Joyce Schwartz - sister-in-law of Denise Buehler, and GLC member James Barron ~ Cathy Marcheschi, lung cancer – daughter of Geri Larson ~ Donna Moore, health concerns – friend of Martha Krop

We Pray for Worshippers:

Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Bev Odlivak ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Ted & Camille White ~ Dave Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Carol Schuster ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ 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 ~ Beverly Odlivak – Wittenberg Village ~ Russ Schroeder - At home ~ Diane Tomasko – St. Anthony Nursing Home ~ Ruth Schuldt - Munster Med Inn; Fmr Redeemer-member

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

Friends & Family:

Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ Lynn Bernau, cousin of Gayle Pahl ~ Randy Anderson, health concerns - relative of Velma Thiel ~ Rose, Breast Cancer/Chemo treatments - Loretta's mom ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Charles Newman, cancer - husband of Susan Newman ~ Tom - Uncle of Jeff Miller ~ Shane Conover - friend of Annette Johanson ~ Shandra Crow and Marie Carter - co-workers of Annette Johanson ~ Elizabeth - friend of Nina Miller ~ Dwain - Nephew of Annette Johanson & Sandra Lee ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Denise and Shirley, friends of Roy Runyan ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Shawn Mincig – heart attack, nephew of Roy Runyan ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Lynette - best friend of Linda Aldrin ~ Rain & Reef - daughters of Linda Aldrin's nephew ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins

Marilyn Carey would like to thank all of you for your cards, kind thoughts, and prayers in response to the loss of her fiancé Sam Calabrese.



PRAY TELL

F Freedom came with a price, the price of Christ's blood shed on the Cross.

O Our Lord Savior saved all of us from our sins.

U Unrighteous we may be, but the grace of God set us free.

R Rely on God, He will show you your path.

T The truth is in God's Word, the Bible, His Holy Book.

H Helping one another along the way.

O Obedient to what God wants us to do.

F Father, Creator, God is He.

J Jesus died for our sins.

U United one day, we believers will be in Heaven.

L Love one another as Christ loved us.

Y You are a special creation, made from God, our Heavenly Father.

Sandra Ruban

Hammond City Rescue Mission

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

We are collecting "Personal Care Kits" for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Please donate **travel size only** of the following items unless otherwise noted:

Shampoo/conditioner

Shave gel/cream

Toothbrush (Full Size)

Washcloth

Bar soap/shower gel

Disposable razors

Toothpaste (Full Size)

Hairbrush/comb

From Pastor Scales

As of this writing, we have finalized our plans for being in the Griffith, Indiana, 4th of July parade. We wanted to participate and celebrate with Griffith beginning to open up the town from it's being shut down because of the Covid-19 Virus. We thank Terry Hennig for volunteering to drive his Corvette Pace Car with the Griffith Lutheran Church banners, in the parade line-up.

Also, at the time of this writing, we are anticipating opening up our church for in-gathering of people for Sunday morning worship at 9:30a, June 28th. I have talked with some of you, and thankfully many of you have been able to worship with us each Sunday through live-streaming or you tube. We are not certain how many will join us this coming Sunday, but we plan on having more than the five of us there, who have been your worship team for the last few months.

Which brings me to thanking Deanna and Dean Johanson for their faithful service. Deanna managed the livestreaming and eventual you tube as Dean was our assisting minister and "congregation". And of course, Denny Robbins was in the background in the balcony managing the technical aspects of the service and Cheri Robbins as organist and worship leader.

Slowly we will be back to all people returning, but probably not soon. We see virus spikes and surges and they are alarming. We will continue to be careful and cautious and we will continue to pray for our good health.

**RETURN TO
IN-PERSON
WORSHIP**



Happy Anniversary

July 3: Dean & Annette Johanson Celebrating 27 years.

July 4: Steve & Pam Przybylowski Celebrating 40 years.

July 13: Tony & Natalie Martinez Celebrating 1 year.

July 17: Don & Suzanne Schmidt Celebrating 27 years.

July 29: John and Laura Kettwig Celebrating 36 years.

Happy Birthday

July 4: Emily Williams

July 6: Steve Brumley

July 11: Carole James

July 11: Paul Nicolosi III

July 12: Laura Kettwig

July 14: Steve Przybylowski

July 14: Dennis Robbins

July 15: Jim Reyome

July 15: Nina Miller

July 16: Sandy Lee

July 17: Suzanne Schmidt

July 17: Dena Castellanos

July 18: Bo Cain

July 19: Kyle Stutler

July 24: Christine Wroblewski

July 24: Alex Struebing

July 30: Clayton Wroblewski



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 GLC office Closed	4 Independence Day! Noon - Griffith 4Th of July Parade
5 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	27	28	29	30	31	

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JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Angels Wrapped in Love

This mission like all that the board chooses needs monetary donations, but this is a different type of mission that we have chosen for July. Please also consider the following items in addition to your monetary gift.

Angels Wrapped in Love is a mission that is located in the Demotte / Wheatfield area, they provide gowns to local hospitals & funeral homes for premature & full term babies, that do not make it home, this relieves the parents from having to look for a gown to bury their baby. These gowns are handmade from donated wedding gowns & are given at no charge to the hospitals & funeral homes.

Angels Wrapped in Love will accept wedding gowns, lace & ribbon in any pastel color, & will make "Angel Gowns". All donations are appreciated and needed to continue to make this a successful program. If you have any of these items, please bring them to GLC & I will get them to the appropriate drop off location.

GOWNS DO NOT HAVE TO BE CLEANED, THEY ARE GENTLY LAUNDERED AFTER THE GOWNS ARE MADE.

There are also volunteer opportunities to crochet booties, hats & casket blankets. Requirements: the ability to crochet. If you have an interest in providing this talent, please contact Darlene DeVries 219-956-3285 or angelswrappedinlove@gmail.com or www.angelswrappedinlove.com

Also needed is soft baby yarn, in soft white, off white & pastels & satin for blankets & buntings.

***Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chair***

Update from the GLC Leadership Team

Dear Members in Christ,

The survey results have continued to trickle in. The results show that most members of the congregation are not ready to come back to an in-person service yet, especially given the precautions that have been outlined. The removal of singing from the in-person gathering is part of the reason in a couple of responses, but most are simply not ready to resume participation because of their concerns about possible corona virus infection. There are members who wish to worship in person, and the church leadership has decided that we will proceed with our plans to hold the first in-person service on Sunday, June 28.

The church leadership team has developed a plan for safely managing an in-person worship service. This service will be very different from the normal service: There will be no singing by members in attendance. Entry into church, seating, and exiting the church will be controlled by the Ushers. Communion will be done using the individual cups, and there will be no sharing of the peace. Face masks must be worn throughout the service and social distancing will be required at all times.

The results of the survey make it clear that more than half of our members are NOT prepared to return to an in-person service, especially as the safety requirements being imposed upon the attendees are cumbersome and detract from the service to which we have all been accustomed. With this in mind, the on-line service will continue as-is, with no changes, so that those members worshipping from home are not affected.

Members who wish to attend the in-person worship service(s) are doing so at their own risk and freely accept the requirements being put in place as described below. We all fervently hope that in time these restrictions will be relaxed and eventually go away altogether. For those of you who are uncertain about attending, please stay home and continue to attend on-line, until such time as you are certain and comfortable in gathering together again.

The church leadership team will continue to meet weekly and will announce any changes to our planned services early each week. We continue to monitor the situations unfolding in our state and across the nation and are receiving guidance and input from the ELCA leadership, Federal and State agencies, and local updates.

Service restrictions and precautions needed for an attended service are described below. These precautions / restrictions are considered necessary given our understanding of the risks associated with COVID-19 exposure AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING and may continue to evolve in the coming weeks.

Item: Only one entrance – the West entrance at the parking lot – will be used for entry to the services. Loretta will act as door attendant and assist in establishing the required social distancing. She will use the thermometer to take individual temperatures and turn away anyone reading above 100°. Loretta will also hand out masks and gloves to those members who may need them. NOTE: Masks are required, gloves are optional. Signs or floor markings will be put down to provide visual references of the 6' distance requirement. (Scott will work on these signs / markings)

Singing during services: The guidelines state that singing should be prohibited for the time being, 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 will sing during the service, but the members in attendance seated in the pews are to be discouraged from singing even with their masks on.

Hymnals, cushions, other items kept in pews to be removed: The sanctuary has been stripped of all written materials and cushions to better protect our members and to facilitate the cleaning process. A deep cleaning of the Entry Hall, Narthex, and Sanctuary areas will be scheduled for the Thursday preceding the first attended service on June 28th. Deep cleaning these areas will then be done weekly.

The Cleaning service will not be cleaning the fellowship hall once we begin attended services. The double-doors into the fellowship hall will remain closed and locked on Sundays to prevent church members from entry.

Paper Bulletins: 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.

Masks and gloves: Facemasks are going to be a minimum requirement of protective gear for all services. Wearing gloves will be encouraged but not required.

Seating arrangements: Attendance for the first few service is expected to be small and reserved seating is not perceived to be a concern.

The Ushers will be stationed at each of the sanctuary entrances, along with tables for the offering plates, individual communion cups, bulletins, and hand sanitizer. Scott, Martha, and Denny will act as Ushers until others can be trained into the system should these precautions remain in place for an extended time.

There will be markings and signs identifying seating that will be used for services, and to prevent members from sitting in pews designated to remain empty for social distancing requirements.

The Ushers will coordinate seating, prevent "loitering" in the Narthex both before and after services, and will also be wearing gloves and face masks.

Garbage cans will be placed at the exits for disposal of gloves and masks as church members depart after services.

After Communion, the Ushers will proceed down the aisles with bowls / garbage cans for members to discard their used communion cups.

When the service has concluded the Ushers will direct the exodus from church starting with members seated in back while maintaining the appropriate social distancing. Ushers will remind members to discard their used gloves and masks and prevent socializing / loitering inside the church.

GLC Council President, Scott Muffett
and the GLC Leadership Team

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