



2024

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

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Griffith Lutheran Church ELCA

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Worship Services on Facebook.**

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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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This comes to you as a goodbye and thank you. June 30th is my last day at Griffith Lutheran Church. You have been a most gracious and welcoming congregation and I thank you and give thanks to God for placing me here these years. It was supposed to be a short stay, but it became a substantially longer stay. I look forward to your ministry with Miriam in the next year and know you will continue to grow in faith and in God's grace. Thank you again for your welcome. God's blessings be with you.

Pastor Scales

Saying goodbye is a sad affair. An end and a new beginning at the same time.

As we say goodbye to Pastor Scales, I welcome you all anew. Now in a new role. The farewell to Pastor Scales is also my farewell as an intern, the farewell to my student life. But it is also a new beginning. Authorized by the Synod to lead this church. I am grateful that God has called me to this wonderful church and community. I am excited to see what we will experience together in the coming year, how we will grow in our faith, but also how we will transform. The German poet Hermann Hesse once wrote in one of his poems: "There is magic in every beginning." Let us discover this magic together.

Miriam Schmidle (SAM)

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Fred Steinke, scheduled angiogram July 3 ~ Rich Shimala ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Geri Larson ~ Anna Jauregui, daughter of Kari Hartog (Smith) ~ Pam Ringel ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ 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 ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ JoAnne Villa – Christian Village, Crown Point

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:

Jack Berry – Cancer, friend of Annette Johanson ~ Nancy Schmidt, health issues - daughter-in-law of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ Kathy Loktu, Janice Stofcik, Rick Rutledge and Mary Hershberger, health issues - friends of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ Beth Wagner, recovery from car accident – granddaughter of Geri Larson ~ Greg Coddington, Chemo treatments – son of Elaine Kearney ~ Melinda Pepik, cancer – daughter of Janet Malone ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home in Lowell ~ 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 ~ Eloise, hospice care – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins ~



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

July 3: Dean & Annette Johanson Celebrating 31 years.

July 17: Don & Suzanne Schmidt Celebrating 31 years.

July 29: John & Laura Kettwig Celebrating 40 years.

BIRTHDAY

July 1: Joshua Mirowski

July 4: Emily Williams

July 12: Laura Kettwig

July 14: Dennis Robbins

July 15: Jim Reyome

July 15: Nina Miller

July 16: Beau Joyce

July 17: Suzanne Schmidt

July 17: Dena Castellanos

July 18: Bo Cain

July 19: Kyle Stutler

July 24: Christine Wroblewski

July 24: Alec Struebing

July 30: Clayton Wroblewski

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10a. –Noon <i>Stitched In Christ</i>	3	4 Independence Day GLC Office Closed	5	6 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
7 9:30a.m. Worship Service	8 6:30p. Council Meeting	9 10a. - 3p. <i>Bound W/ Love Quilters</i>	10	11 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	12	13
14 9:30a.m. Worship Service	15	16	17 10a.m. Priscilla Circle	18 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	19	20 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
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28 9:30a.m. Worship Service	29	30	31			

A word cloud featuring various Christian-related terms. The most prominent words are 'WORSHIP' in large red letters, 'FAITH' in large red letters, and 'LOVE' in large red letters. Other significant words include 'believe' in green, 'pray' in blue, 'serve' in yellow, 'hope' in green, 'forgive' in blue, 'help' in black, 'study' in green, 'follow' in yellow, 'do' in green, 'renew' in blue, 'equip' in yellow, 'trust' in yellow, 'restore' in black, 'Jesus' in blue, 'go' in green, 'teach' in yellow, 'encourage' in blue, 'care' in green, 'engage' in black, 'unify' in black, 'work' in black, 'strengthen' in blue, 'be a friend' in green, 'evangelize' in black, 'build relationships' in yellow, 'confidence' in yellow, 'purpose' in black, 'influence' in black, 'learn' in black, 'act' in green, 'mission' in yellow, 'comfort' in blue, 'give' in green, 'defend the weak' in black, 'seek' in green, 'study the Bible' in black, and 'renew' in blue. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some overlapping.

GLC BLESSING BOX

Some of the most needed items are:

Soups

Canned foods such as chili, ravioli, tuna, canned meats, etc.

Vegetables especially corn and baked beans

Cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal

Canned fruit and applesauce

Peanut butter, jelly, crackers

Mac and cheese, Raman noodles



Thank you to all who donate. Your support is much appreciated.

School Supplies

School will be starting again in August. The GLCW would like to help out our adopted school, Longfellow New Tech Elementary in Calumet Township.

We will be collecting basic items the children will need to start the year.

We would like to have the supplies at church by August 4th so they can be delivered in time for the start of the school year.

If you would like to help, you can bring any of the items listed below to church.

We also ask that you remember these children and their teachers in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

#2 pencils

Pink erasers

Pencil top erasers

Colored pencils

Plastic pencil boxes

Pocket folders with prongs

Spiral notebooks, wide ruled

Black Expo dry erase markers

Large boxes of tissues

Wide ruled loose-leaf paper

Package of 24 Crayola crayons

Glue sticks and bottles of glue

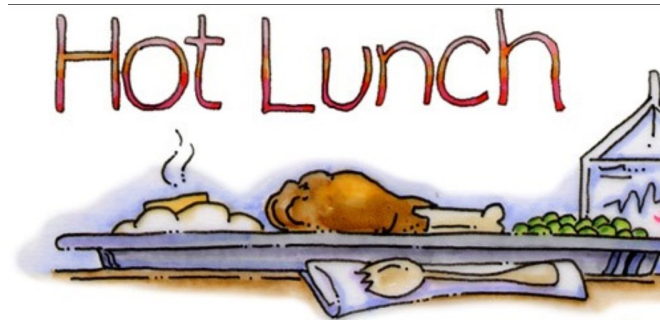
Markers

Scissors

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

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

The GLC will be providing a homecooked meal prepared by the Fellowship Committee twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission.

Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert
for approximately 40 adults.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS.

Serving Saturday, July 6: Nina Miller & Karen Anderson

Serving Saturday, July 20: Kyle & Sarah Buck

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

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

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

Announcement given during Worship Service on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

As an interim Pastor, the natural progression of the role is to take one's leave when a new Pastor is called. Miriam is not yet ordained but as a Synod Authorized Minister is fully functional in the pastoral role. Therefore, Pastor Scales has decided it is time to take her leave from us at the end of June. She very graciously gave us until the end of summer to get things in order and now that we are well on our way it is the logical step to take. This is how she wants it to be and is as it should be. She wants this to be a good, smooth transition for the church, one we very much need.

To say we are grateful for what she has given us is an understatement. Pastor Freda was appointed to us by the Bishop nine years ago as the best person to lead us through what was a difficult time for us. And she was just what we needed. When she came to us, we were in a state of emotional turmoil. We didn't know how we were going to pull through the present or what lie ahead for us as a church. Pastor Freda was a matter-of-fact, calming presence, letting us find our way while gently guiding and coaching us throughout. She is our pastor, mentor and friend. On a personal note, I would not be where I am in my faith journey without her.

I am glad that Pastor Freda will be enjoying her retirement, she very much deserves a respite from the many years of service she has given the Church. We will love her always and miss her terribly.

We would like everyone to join us on Sunday, June 30th immediately following the service for a light brunch and a time of fellowship and gratitude for Pastor Scales.

In Peace,
Nina Miller
GLC Church Council President

Griffith Lutheran Church
12th Annual Community
Bar-B-Q & Car Show
Saturday, August 10, 2024

RAIN DATE: August 11

Picnic: 11a.m. until food runs out

Car Show Registration: 10:30a.m.

Car Show: 11a.m.—2p.m., Awards: 1:30p.m.

1000 N. Broad St, Griffith, IN

**Polish up your rides & please come out and join us
for food, fun and games!**

- Admission to Car Show & Picnic is FREE**
- Children's Games, Prizes & Crafts**
- Music & Entertainment**
- Animals available for Adoption (Northwest IN Humane Society)**
- 1st Place Awards for Car, Truck & Motorcycle Entries**
- Giveaways to Show Entrants**

\$15 Pre-Registration, \$20 day of show
Early registration starts at 9a.m.

For more information contact Mark Stutler 219-776-8373
Or Griffith Lutheran Church 219-838-1626



QUILT RAFFLE

This Quilt and 2 matching pillow shams were pieced and donated by Lenore Lee and finished by the *GLC Bound With Love Quilt Group*.

**The set will be re raffled at the
GLC Bar-B-Q & Car Show
On Saturday, August 10, 2024!**

**Raffle Tickets are now available in
the GLC office. \$2.00 Each
OR 6 tickets for \$10.00**

Winner need NOT be present to win.

**Proceeds from the raffle are used
to fund the work of the
*Bound With Love Quilters***

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