

2020

# JUNE

**Griffith Lutheran Church**  
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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.  
All in-person worship services and other activities are suspended indefinitely.

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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## **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:

Donna Moore, health concerns—friend of Martha Krop ~ Our GLC church family

### We Pray for Worshippers:

Roy Runyan ~ George Boulles ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Bev Oddivak ~ 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 ~ Jim Barron – Aperion Health & Rehab Center ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Beverly Oddivak – Wittenberg Village ~ Russ Schroeder - At home ~ Diane Tomasko – St. Anthony Nursing Home ~ Ruth Schuldt - Munster Med Inn; Fmr Redeemer-IL 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:

Sam Calabrese – Fiancé of Marilyn Carey ~ 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 ~ Lisa Guyse - stem cell transplant, cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ 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

***Velma Thiel would like to thank her GLC family for all the birthday cards and well wishes for her 95th birthday. It was a very special and memorable day.***

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:6-7*



## **PRAY TELL**

### **Darkness into Light**

**Life can take a turn, you never thought it would,  
Suddenly so much can change, with so little that's understood.**

**You ask so many questions, it seems without reply,  
your heart is pained with so much doubt, and unanswered  
questions, "why."**

**It's almost like we walk through life, just feeling our way around,  
we can't see the road ahead, nor our feet on the ground.**

**Darkness is all about us, we struggle to see the light.  
Just a glimmer now and then, but then fades out of sight.**

**We cry out to God again, to show us where to go,  
He say's, "just take another step, to where peace freely flows."**

**And as we keep on taking steps, guided by the Lord,  
we find in time, we walk into, the joy we knew before.**

**It's in these times of darkness, when we feel we've lost all hope,  
God can do a work in us, that brings a deeper growth.**

**So when we face the dark times, we should come before the Lord,  
for good will come if we believe, and hope shall be restored.**

**Sandra Ruban**

## GLC Leadership Update

Although we don't know when we will be able to resume in-person worship services, rest assured that the leadership at GLC are doing what they can now to prepare for the day we will be able to reopen our doors.

GLC is following the guidelines put in place by the CDC, the Bishop of the IK Synod (ELCA), and the Governor of IN.

In order for congregational members to become familiar with these new practices listed below are some of the action items the GLC leadership are setting in place. These items will remain until the church leadership announces further changes and relaxations in these policies.

- A deep cleaning of the Church sanctuary and Narthex areas will be required prior to the initial service. Follow-up deep cleaning requirements between attended services.
- Facemasks are required. If you arrive without one, we will provide you with a disposable facemask.
- Touchless temperature will be taken at each entrance.
- A seating chart will be developed to maintain the minimum social distancing requirements between seating positions inside the sanctuary. A staggered pattern was suggested and will be drawn up. Measurements will be confirmed for minimum distance requirements. An additional foot of distance will be applied to the chart to provide a small margin of error.
- Three Ushers will be stationed at each of the sanctuary entrances, along with tables for the offering plates and individual communion cups.
- Seating will be done as people arrive. The first to arrive will be directed to seating at the front of the church, and seating assignments **MUST** be followed as given. The Ushers will coordinate seating, remind members to select an individual communion cup from the table, and to place their offerings into the plates outside each entrance.
- Communion will be self administered with use of the all-in-one communion cups while everyone remains seated in their pews. After Communion the Ushers will proceed down the aisles with a container 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.

## Happy Anniversary

- June 7: Mike & Kristin Struebing Celebrating 28 years  
June 15: Ryan & Kristen Stablein Celebrating 7 years  
June 16: John & Debbie Lewis Celebrating 47 years  
June 16: Charles & Susan Newman Celebrating 41 years  
June 22: Carl & Karen Hochstetler Celebrating 22 years  
June 29: Dennis & Cheri Robbins Celebrating 46 years

## Happy Birthday

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 2: Geraldine Larson  | June 12: Hailey Kettwig   |
| John Hindahl              | June 17: Kurt Blount      |
| Natalie Schultze          | June 18: Sara Joyce       |
| June 6: Greg Joyce        | June 19: Mark Stutler     |
| June 7: Deborah Schroeder | June 20: Michael Bratcher |
| LeAnn Stutler             | June 22: Lisa Lemster     |
| June 8: Linda Aldrin      | June 23: Annette Johanson |
| Ryan Stablein             | June 24: Richard Shimala  |
| June 9: Camryn Linders    | June 28: David Blount     |

### *June*

*"Far up in the deep blue sky,  
Great white clouds are floating by;  
All the world is dressed in green;  
Many happy birds are seen,  
Roses bright and sunshine clear  
Show that lovely June is here."*

**F. G. Sanders**



# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available Online only via Facebook or YouTube	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available Online only via Facebook or YouTube	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Happy Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available Online only via Facebook or YouTube	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available Online only via Facebook or YouTube	29	30				



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**JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**Love In The Name of Christ**

Love INC was founded in 1977 in Holland, MI., currently there are 131 affiliates, representing a network of over 7,000 churches, 6,000 community-based organizations and 111,000 volunteers, Love INC annually serve more than 500,000 people in need in 30 U.S. states & Puerto Rico.

As many of you know, we support Love INC of Greater Hammond, with a "Linen Ministry", these items are shared with those that reside in Hammond, Highland, Munster & Griffith. When a call is received that a client is in need, a client intake is done by our Clearinghouse volunteers, a home visit is done by our furniture ministry volunteers, & we then provide the needed items by that information. Sadly the most needed item that we have requests for are beds!

Most clients have left a situation with nothing, there are many children that have never had a bed, sheets, blankets or their own pillow, when these are received, the response is overwhelming! It helps us to feel the joy that something that we don't even think about makes a change to a child! *This all begins with a phone call.*

**The Love INC ministries that we provide to our clients are:**

**Cradle "N" All - baby supplies.**

**Down Under - underwear distribution at Christmas time, many children attend school without socks & underwear.**

**Food Pantries - we have 2, that work with us on a once a month schedule.**

**Furniture Ministry - located at the Love INC office in Griffith, we pick up & deliver gently used items & always accept donations.**

**Karing Kitchen - kitchen supplies.**

**Linen's of Love - bedding & kitchen & bath towels - this ministry is located in our church.**

**Love's Book Nook - children's books - many children do not have books for home.**

**New Life 4U - health care & hygiene products.**

**Scrub-A-Dove - cleaning supplies.**

***Love INC Scripture:***

**"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue,  
but with actions and in truth"**

**1 John 3:18**

Sandra Ruban - Mission Board Chair

## THE OPPOSITE OF FEAR IS HOPE

As Christians, when we speak of hope, we don't just mean wishful thinking. Christian hope is something much broader, deeper and stronger. In Scripture, hope is not just a vague desire that something good in the future will turn up somewhere. Rather, the biblical understanding of hope is a confident expectation that good in the future will come. It's an assurance based on our existing experience of God's goodness, God's love and the faithfulness that God already has shown towards us.

Scripture also contains the idea that, while hope is something that comes primarily from God, it is also something in which human beings have a part to play and a contribution to make. In the letter to the Hebrews, we find the following words: "For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end" (Hebrews 6:10-11).

As Christians, we are graciously called by God to join in the work in which God will succeed in bringing hope into the world. Our work, our love and our diligence matter. The contribution we make is important in bringing into being the future that God wants for us and for which we trust and pray.

<http://www.nemnsynod.org/episcopalrelief.org/resourcelibrary>.



## ***From Pastor Scales***

Some of you may be aware of this; the intercessory prayers each Sunday are prayers written by a prayer team gathered by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). A good friend of mine, in fact, several years ago was one of the authors of the prayers for several Sundays.

The prayers are written probably half a year before they are placed in the material we get from the ELCA for a current year. The prayers for 2020, were probably written by June 2019.

For those of you who were watching our service on May 17<sup>th</sup>, you might have heard me in the “Announcements” refer to one of the petitions that had been read earlier in the service.

“Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures.”

That prayer in many ways, written a year ago, has been answered by our own lack of activity during the pandemic shutdown. In many parts of the world, the pollution has diminished significantly, not only of our water, but our air as well.

What struck me even more, however, is that God “answered” our prayers for clean water through us. It was what we have done or not done, that has cleared up our water and air. Often in our prayers, we anticipate God “doing” something to make things right or better. God actually works through you and me to make things right and better. Think about it. We pray for miracles sometimes, thinking God will reach down and make things happen. Well, it often does, but through doctors, engineers, scientists, researchers, nurses and on and on and on. God has given each of us a purpose, a purpose to be God’s instrument as an answer to prayer. An awesome responsibility.

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