

2024



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

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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**

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### **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*

As you probably know, I will retire at the end of this coming August. It will be my third retirement. I retired, or really resigned from being Dean of the College of Nursing at Valparaiso University as I entered Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. After finishing seminary, I became Assistant Pastor at Trinity Lutheran church, Valparaiso.

After I retired from being the Assistant Pastor at Trinity, I eventually became the Interim Pastor at Griffith Lutheran Church. Now, I am retiring at the end of August from being the Interim Pastor at Griffith Lutheran Church.

God has been good to me. What wonderful places and opportunities to work and be with people of all different personalities and interests.

What am I going to do once I'm retired? I have no plans. And perhaps that is retirement. It will certainly be an adjustment, but I think I will like the adjustment. I do not sleep late now. I usually wake up sometime around 5am, make coffee, read the paper. So, that will be no different. What will be different is I will put on sweats rather than slacks and a sweater. I will read or watch TV rather than get in the car and leave. I will wander about the house wondering what I should/could be doing if anything.

One thing I will be doing is thinking of you and your welcoming of me as your pastor and our time we spent with each other. Those will be good thoughts and grateful thoughts.

As I felt God's call to be there with you, thank you for accepting God's call to be there for me.



# Prayer Requests

## **New to Prayer List:**

Ger Larson, recovery from fall / broken shoulder ~

## **We Pray for Worshippers:**

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 ~ Janice Stofcik, Rick Rutledge, Mary Hershberger and Kathy Loktu, 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 ~ Kodi Comer - son of Shirley Comer ~ 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, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins ~

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

June 7: Mike & Kristin Struebing Celebrating 32 years.

June 15: Ryan & Kristen Stablein Celebrating 11 years.

June 16: John & Debbie Lewis Celebrating 51 years.

June 16: Charles & Susan Newman Celebrating 45 years.

June 22: Carl & Karen Hochstetler Celebrating 26 years.

June 29: Dennis & Cheryl Robbins Celebrating 50 years.

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## **BIRTHDAY**

June 2: Geraldine Larson

June 2: John Hindahl

June 2: Natalie Schultze

June 7: Deborah Schroeder

June 7: LeAnn Stutler

June 8: Linda Aldrin

June 8: Ryan Stablein

June 9: Camryn Adams

June 12: Hailey Kettwig

June 17: Kurt Blount

June 18: Sara Joyce

June 19: Mark Stutler

June 20: Michael Bratcher

June 22: Lisa Lemster

June 23: Annette Johanson

June 24: Rich Shimala

June 25: Kyle Jursic

June 28: David Blount

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10a. –Noon Stitched In Christ	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>10</b> 6:30p. Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b> 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
<b>16</b> <b>Happy            Father's            Day!</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Juneteenth</b> 10:00 a.m. Priscilla Circle	<b>20</b> <b>Summer            Begins</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 2p. - 5p. Garden Tea
<b>23</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service <div> <div></div> <div> <b>30</b>            9:30a.m.            Worship            Service         </div> </div>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:  
Love in the Name of Christ.**



Love INC provides household services to the local communities of Hammond, Highland, Munster & Griffith.

The mission of Love INC is to follow Christ's example by valuing residents in need & to share the love of God.

Love INC includes, two food pantries, gently used furniture, kitchen supplies, bed & bath linens, personal hygiene, baby items & socks & underwear.

The Love INC Gap churches provide these services, through donations made from their Church families & local residents.

If you would like any information about Love INC, please contact their office @ 219-923-2775.

In Christ,  
Sandra Ruban  
Mission Board Chairperson



## 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, Ramen noodles



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

## STITCHED IN CHRIST MINISTRY KNIT ~ CROCHET ~ PRAY ~ FELLOWSHIP

Please join us Tuesday, June 4, 2024

10:00a.m. - Noon

If you know how to knit and crochet, bring your supplies and come and visit with your fellow stitchers. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet we have ladies willing to teach you. No Supplies, no worries. Call the church and make a reservation and for a small fee of \$12.00 we will supply you with yarn, a crochet hook or knitting needles and a bag to carry your supplies.

**Sponsored by Evangelism and GLCW.**

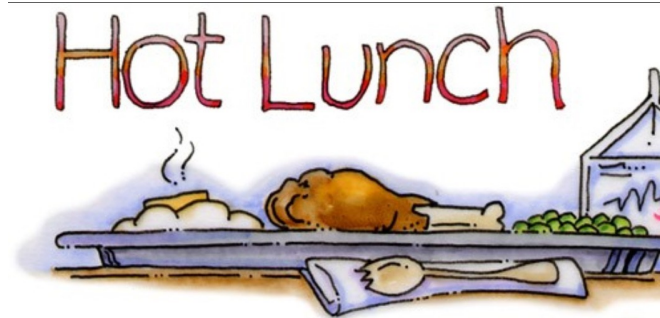




## GLC Service Suggestions

*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**

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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, June 15: Garrett & Jim & Nancy Carrell

Serving Saturday, July 6: Nina Miller & Karen Anderson

Serving Saturday, July 20: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**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

# Garden Tea



**All are welcome to gather in GLC's Prayer Garden**

**On Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**From 2:00p.m.—5:00p.m.**

**For fun, games, storytelling and fellowship.**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

***Sponsored by the GLC Evangelism and GLCW committees.***

**Temple Talk**  
**Presented during worship service Sunday May19, 2024**

**Good morning!**

**Our pastoral intern, Miriam has finished her studies and has been approved for candidacy as a rostered minister in the ELCA. As she has graduated but has not yet been ordained there was a gray area in regards to her role here at GLC during the next few months. So Pastor Dan Forehand, Assistant to the Bishop, Indiana/Kentucky Synod, met with the Congregational Council along with our Call committee chair, Scott Muffett, Miriam and Pastor Scales to discuss the plan laid out by Bishop Curry of the Metro Chicago Synod and our own Bishop Gafkjen.**

**Miriam has been designated a Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) which will allow her to stay with us in that role and also fulfill the work requirements related to her Visa. Being a SAM, Miriam has the ability to be responsible for all services of worship (including blessing of the elements), attend all meetings, make visits and attend to any crisis needs of our congregation. Miriam will continue to have office hours, visit the homebound, preach and preside alongside Pastor Scales and perform other duties as needed on a full-time basis. Miriam will officially begin this position on June 1<sup>st</sup>, once she returns from her well-deserved vacation time spent with family. We are grateful for Miriam and the time and dedication she has given to our church over the past two years and we look forward to what the future may bring.**

**Peace,**  
**Nina Miller, President of the**  
**Congregational Council**

## GLC Annual Rummage Sale

Thank you to all that gathered items from family and friends and donated their treasures to our annual rummage sale, to those that helped price items, those that helped set up tables, organize and display all the treasures and pack up after the sale was over.

We donated our leftover treasures to Etc...Thrift Store.

Special thanks to Deb Schroeder, Gayle Pahl, Karen Slager, Martha Krop, Carol Boyle, Margie Steinke, Debbie Thinnies, Debbie Lewis, Janet Csonka, Jeff Csonka, Matt Csonka, Lauren Fullgraf, Dawn Fleming, Tom Fleming, Gail Shimala, Loretta Muffett, MaryAnn Lovas, Nathan Lovas and Chris Pilipow. This would not have been such a success without all of the help of our congregation family and friends! We took in a total of \$3,444.00 and still have a few items up for sale online.

JoEllen Pilipow, Fellowship Chair



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