

2023



**Griffith Lutheran Church**  
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**Griffith, IN 46319**

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

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- ♦ Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.
  - ♦ 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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## **2023 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: Loretta Muffett**

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### **BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Elders: Carrie Sovola**

**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: Scott Muffett**

**Social Ministry: ~ Open ~**

**Stewardship: ~ Open ~**

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Here we are in the Lenten season. “What have you given up?” we are asked, or we ask. What’s the purpose of “giving up” something for lent. The answers could be numerous. Simply it is reminding us of Jesus, his birth, life, death, and resurrection. He gave up his life being with his father to be with us. This is what makes Easter so glorious. Jesus gets to go back home. And because he came to be with us, he welcomes us when it is our time to be with him.

Right now, however, always during this time of year, we spend time remembering the end of Jesus’ life here on this earth. While here, Jesus knew what was ahead. However, he kept teaching, healing, and eating with and being a companion with his disciples, and at times, thousands of others.

Jesus’ thoughts, however, of his impending crucifixion had to have been terrifying for him. Yes, Jesus was divine, but he was also human we remember. He took upon and within himself our humanness, which meant he got hungry, felt pain, felt love, felt lonely, and had to have felt fear for what he knew was soon to happen.

Yet, with that fear he must have felt a glorious anticipation of soon going back home.

During our Lenten journey, we will experience all of this with Jesus. Let us walk this Lenten journey with Jesus, knowing that joy will meet us, as it did with him, at his resurrection.

# **Prayer Requests**

## **New to Prayer List:**

Karen Slager ~ Annette Johanson ~ health issues ~

## **We Pray for Worshippers:**

Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home in Lowell ~ Pam Przybylowski ~ Maradele & Richard Koehler ~ Steven Carey ~ Shirley Comer ~ Richard and Natalie Schultze ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Cheri & Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ JoAnne Villa – Christian Village, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim Reyome ~ RoseAnn White ~ Bernice Morris

## **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 ~ Marissa Darnell, grand-daughter of Phyllis Darnell – Civil Engineer, stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

## **Friends & Family:**

Barbara Jo Liska, cousin of Geri Larson, Breast Cancer, undergoing chemo treatments ~ Dana Conover, friend of Annette Johanson – in hospital, very ill ~ Tony Lewis, neighbor of Johanson's – recovering from heart attack ~ Anne, sister of Lisa Lemster – health issues ~ Steve, co-worker of Nina Miller – throat cancer ~ Linda, sister of Annette Johanson ~ 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 ~ Haley, stage 3 Colon Cancer – daughter of Nina Millers co-worker ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~ 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 ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tones ~ Diane, Janet, Doug, Becky, Kathy, Donald, Martin & Carol – health issues, Barbara - cancer, – family of Velma Thiel

# Happy Anniversary

March 3: Scott & Loretta Muffett Celebrating 6 years.

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## Happy Birthday

March 1: Terry Bogdan

March 3: Laura Bratcher

March 4: Jasmine Kettwig

March 5: Ryan Dudliceck

March 9: Chris Shropshire

March 10: Margie Steinke

March 10: Elijah Cotton

March 13: John Aldrin

March 15: Shirley Comer

March 24: Madeline Conn

March 26: Kodie Comer

March 27: Diane Zurawski

March 30: John Mehrbrodt

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Chimes Practice</b> <b>Sundays at 7p</b>	<b>10a - 3p Quilting</b> <b>March 1st, 15th &amp; 29th.</b>		<b>1</b> 6:30p Worship Service 7:30p Choir	<b>2</b> 6p Cub Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
	<b>5</b> 9:30a.m. <b>Worship Service</b> 10:30a.m. Congregational Council Meeting	<b>6</b> 6p Frontier Girls 6:30p Evangelism Meeting	<b>7</b> 5p - 5:30p To GO Lenten Meals	<b>8</b> 6:30p Worship Service 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 6p Cub Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>
<b>12</b> Daylight Savings <b>9:30a.m. Worship Service</b> Also available on Facebook/YouTube	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5p - 5:30p To GO Lenten Meals	<b>15</b> 6:30p Worship Service 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 6p Cub Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
<b>19</b> <b>9:30a.m. Worship Service</b> Also available on Facebook/YouTube	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5p - 5:30p To GO Lenten Meals	<b>22</b> 6:30p Worship Service 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 6p Cub Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 8a - 2p Rummage Sale	<b>25</b> 9a - 1p Rummage Sale
<b>26</b> <b>9:30a.m. Worship Service</b> Also available on Facebook/YouTube	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5p - 5:30p To Go Lenten Meals	<b>29</b> 6:30p Worship Service 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 6p Cub Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter	

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:  
Veteran's Best Friend of Indiana, INC.**

***Veteran's Best Friend of Indiana, INC.***, is an organization that is dedicated to serving veteran's of any branch of the military, who have served in any capacity.

The objective of Veterans Best Friend, is to match a rescued shelter dog, and train them to be a companion to veterans that suffer from anxiety, loneliness, depression and PTSD symptoms.

Pet ownership encourages love and acceptance, companionship, responsibility, interaction, and exercise for the veterans & pets. We also place felines for individuals who might be unable to care for a dog or just prefer a cat.

There is no charge to the veteran's for receiving this service. It helps a veteran with a loving companion and a rescued pet with a loving home. For further information, please call, 317-727-0342 or [helpingvets@veteransbestfriendin.co](mailto:helpingvets@veteransbestfriendin.co).





## Lenten Dinners

**Note: Dinners served on Tuesday in 2023!**

This Lenten Season, we will have our Lenten Dinner on **TUESDAY** evenings. There will be in person services during Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. These meals have become a wonderful ministry for the Fellowship Committee as many people are being reached, that wouldn't be able to come in person for the dinners.

Dinners will be prepared for takeout on Lenten **TUESDAYS** with the first one being February 21<sup>st</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please review our menu and place your orders with Loretta as soon as possible. Please remember your family and friends that could use an extra dinner when you are ordering for yourself.

If you ordered dinners, please come to the church between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to pick up your meals. Please drive up to the north side entrance under the canopy and we will bring your meal(s) out to you. You will not need to get out of your vehicle.

If you need to cancel your meal or if you wish to order additional meals, please call the church office by noon on Monday of each week.

There is no charge for the meal, but if you are able, we would ask for a donation to help defray the cost of the meals. We will not be making enough extra for walk-ins, only pre-orders. If you would like to order and are not able to pick up, we have volunteers to deliver to the Griffith-Highland area.

Our tentative menu will be:

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| March 7 -  | Cream of Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich,<br>Tossed Salad     |
| March 14 - | Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and<br>7-layer salad  |
| March 21 - | Italian Sausage Soup, Tossed Salad, Chicken<br>Salad Sandwich     |
| March 28 - | Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw<br>and baked beans |



## **GLC Service Suggestions**

*"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*

*Galatians 6:10*

You can find more opportunities to serve throughout the newsletter 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, March 4: Jeff & Janet Csonka

Serving Saturday, March 18: Scott & Loretta Muffett

Serving Friday, March 31: Rich & Gail Shimala

**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](mailto:glc_music@yahoo.com)

***We need Usher / Greeter volunteers.***

***Please prayerfully consider giving of your time.***

***The sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard.***

***Thank you.***



### **Annual Rummage Sale**

It's that time of year again! This year's annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, March 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Please take this opportunity to clean out all of your closets, basement, attic, garage and ask your friends and family to help also. We are also accepting holiday items.

We will begin accepting bagged and boxed donations at the church on Wednesday, March 1st through Tuesday March 21st. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, March 20th. If you need help getting your items to the church, please call the church office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

The bulk of the money received from the Rummage Sale is used to buy groceries to feed our friends at the Hammond City Rescue Mission Men's Shelter. Thank you for your support of our church programs.

## *Easter Flowers Order form*

Include your name, type of flower(s) and quantity on order form. Please put order form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or turn into the church office.

**Payment Is Due When Order Is Placed.**

**Please make checks payable to Griffith Lutheran Church.**

**The deadline for placing orders is Wednesday, March 15, 2023.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SPECIFY: In Memory / Honor of:**

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	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
6" Lily (\$12.50 each):	_____	_____
6" Tulip (\$7.50 each):	_____	_____
6" Hyacinth (\$7.50 each):	_____	_____

Flowers are being ordered from Alsip Nursery in St. John.



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