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2025

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2025 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: ~ Open ~

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Christian Ed/Sunday School: Dennis Robbins

Evangelism: Karen Slager

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

GLCW: Gail Shimala

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Trustees: Jeff Csonka

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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Kornelius and the Chocolate Easter Bunny

Some people take Lent extremely seriously. I first became aware of this when I was at elementary school and attended a Catholic youth group. In the youth group, shortly before Lent started, we made little cardboard savings boxes in which we were supposed to put our money that we wouldn't spend on sweets during Lent. At the end of Lent, we were supposed to donate it to a non-profit organization. As it was often the case, at the time I was told that this was a Catholic tradition and we did not practice it as Lutherans. It wasn't until a few years later, after I met Kornelius, that I learned that there are Lutheran Christians who also observe Lent.

Kornelius told me that a few years before we met, he took fasting very seriously and had decided to give up sugar completely for the entire fasting period. After all, it is supposed to be healthy and certainly does no harm. As a determined person, Kornelius set himself this goal and followed through. Or maybe not? It was easy for him at first. But the longer the fasting period went on, the harder it became for him. Especially because that chocolate Easter bunny of the "Kinder" brand kept looking at him. One day he could no longer control himself and greedily bit into the delicious chocolate. Frustrated that he couldn't hold out, he spoke to a friend who is a Catholic priest. He then explained to him that Lent excludes Sundays. So you are supposed to fast from Monday to Saturday, but not on Sundays. The priest explained that Lent has 40 (fasting) days plus Sundays. To be able to resist these cravings. Because God only burdens us with as much as we can bear. Lent does not mean giving up everything, but it gives us time to become aware of what is really important to us in life. It gives us time to spend with God.

Miriam Schmidle (S.A.M.)



Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Mark Stutler, recovery from back surgery ~ Sue Schmidt, recovery from surgery ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~ Bob Fentress, knee surgery – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Phyllis Darnell, health concerns

We Pray for Worshippers:

Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Rich Shimala ~ Janet Malone ~ Anna Jauregui, daughter of Kari Hartog (Smith) ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Lauren Fullgraf ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Louise Oman ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ JoAnne Villa Christian Village, Crown Point ~ Russ Schroeder ~

Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell – Medical Facility Officer, stationed in Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, CA

Friends & Family:

John Spinner, cancer and Wendy & Tony Heavner, Wendy was recently diagnosed with brain tumor – friends of Lee Nedreau ~ Denise Stribbling, health issues – friend of Jim Reyome ~ Marie Cox – sister of Louise Oman ~ Lois White – friend of Louise Oman ~ Scott Carey, cancer – son of Marilyn Carey ~ Chris Shropshire – daughter of Marilyn Carey ~ Brian Wagner, cancer – grandson of Geri Larson ~ Melanie Obermeyer, health issues – daughter-in-law of Phyllis Darnell ~ Jack Berry – Cancer, friend of Annette Johanson ~ Nancy Schmidt, health issues – daughter-in-law of Don and Suzanne Schmidt ~ 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, Lowell ~ Charlotte, prayers for strength – Loretta's sister ~ Lenore, sister of Karen Slager ~ Beth Wagner – granddaughter of Geri Larson ~ 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 ~

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

March 3: Scott & Loretta Muffett Celebrating 8 Years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

March 3: Laura Bratcher

March 4: Jasmine Kettwig

March 5: Ryan Dudlicek

March 10 Margie Steinke

& 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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
2 9:30a.m. Worship Service	3	4 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	5 10a Stitched in Christ. 5p - 5:30p Pick-up Lenten "to go" Meals. 6:30p Ash Wednesday Worship Service	6 6:30p. Evangelism Meeting 7p.m. Boy Scouts	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Spring forward 9:30a.m. Worship Service	10 6:30p.m. Cong. Council Meeting	11 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	12 5p - 5:30p Pick-up Lenten "to go" Meals.	13 7p.m. Boy Scouts	14	15 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
16 9:30a.m. Worship Service	17	18 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	19 10a. Priscilla Circle 5p - 5:30p Pick-up Lenten "to go" Meals.	20 7p.m. Boy Scouts	21	22
23 9:30a.m. Worship Service 30	24 31	25 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	26 5p - 5:30p Pick-up Lenten "to go" Meals.	27 7p.m. Boy Scouts	28	29

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The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief was founded in 1945, by several Lutheran Churches in the United States.

LWR is an international aid & development organization that partners with communities, to help develop productive & stable economies, improve & face the climate changes & respond to natural disasters.

The Lutheran World Relief Mission is "Affirming God's love to all people, to end poverty, injustice & human suffering."

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson

35th Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Event.

The annual event where communities come together, inspired by the Super Bowl, to tackle hunger in local communities.

Griffith Lutheran Church collected \$173.00 for this years Souper Bowl of Caring Event. Funds will be used to supplement GLC's Blessing Box with needed supplies.

Please visit the website for more information at tacklehunger.org.

BLESSING BOX UPDATE

Thank you to all who are helping to keep our Blessing Box stocked!

Due to the colder weather, we can no longer put out canned goods or any items that have liquid in them.

We can use dry items that only need water added to them such as:

Mac and cheese, Ramen, other pasta, rice or dried bean products, Cereal, instant oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, dried fruit, etc.



When the weather stays above freezing, we will go back to canned goods.

Thank you.

Honor and Remember Loved Ones with Sponsorship of Altar Flowers or Eternal Flame

The 2025 Eternal Flame Chart and Flower Chart have been posted in the Narthex. Please remember to sign up for sponsorship.

Altar flowers are \$40 (\$20 per vase).

Eternal Flame is \$10.

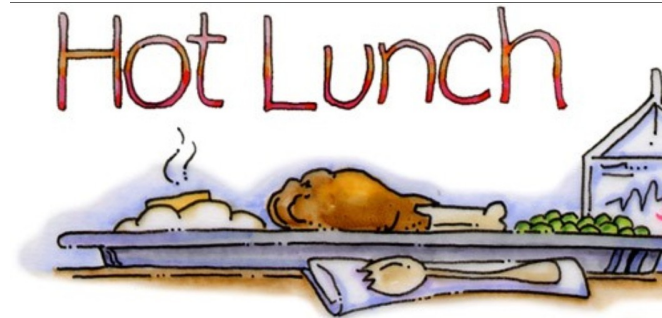
Please make checks payable to Griffith Lutheran Church with “flame” or “flowers” in memo. Thank you!



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 provides a homecooked meal prepared by the Fellowship Committee twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission.

Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS!

Serving Saturday March 1: Jeff & Garrett

Serving Saturday March 15: Brian Batinic & Lisa Lemster

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

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST POSTED IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE
A SEAT SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT.

BRUNCH MENU

SAUSAGE AND EGG CASSEROLE ~ DENVER OMELET CASSEROLE
HASH BROWN POTATO CASSEROLE ~ FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE
ITALIAN SAUSAGE CASSEROLE ~ PANCAKES W/SYRUP
PAULA DEEN'S ULTIMATE COFFEE CAKE ~ (STICKY BUNS)
FRUIT
COFFEE, MILK & JUICE



Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again! This year's annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

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 Monday, April 7th through Tuesday April 23rd. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, April 21st. 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.

2025 LENTEN DINNERS

Fellowship will be preparing Lenten **To-Go Dinners** on **WEDNESDAY**.

These meals have become a wonderful ministry for the fellowship committee as many people are being reached that wouldn't be able to attend in person. They will be prepared for takeout with the first one being Ash Wednesday, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th.

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 groceries. 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 and Merrillville areas.

Our tentative menu will be:

March 5 Italian Sausage Soup, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad

March 12 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, 7 Layer Salad

March 19 Cream of Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tossed Salad

March 26 Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Broccoli Salad

April 2 Stuffed Pepper Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, 7 layer Salad

April 9 Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw

Prayer Fasting Works of Love
40 Days



17 Happy
MARCH St. Patrick's Day

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