



2021



**Griffith Lutheran Church
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***“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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2021 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Elders: Nina Miller

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

GLCW: Gail Shimala & Debbie Lewis

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey

Stewardship: Dennis Robbins

Christian Ed/Sunday School: ~ Open ~

Trustees: ~ Open ~

Youth Group: ~ Open ~

2021 Board of Elders

“Growing together in faith -
caring for and loving one another in Christ”

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MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is a movement, a community of like-minded survivors, caregivers, volunteers, and participants who believe that the future can be free from cancer.

For 40 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and to take action for lifesaving change. Even when facing the challenges of Covid-19, Relayers have found ways to fundraise for a future free from cancer. Funds raised through RFL directly supports breakthrough research, support for cancer patients and survivors, access to lifesaving screenings, and much more.

Sadly, each of us knows someone that has been affected by cancer. Our support has made a difference in many of those lives and will continue in the future.

Your Sister in Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chair



Hammond City Rescue Mission
Feed the Homeless Lunch Program
at the City Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter;
527 State Street, Hammond, IN,

GLC will be providing a homecooked meal about twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults.



Happy Anniversary

May 29: Terry & Joann Vaughan Celebrating 28 years.



Happy Birthday

- May 3: Carol Schuster
- May 9: David Hedges
- May 10: Mae Blount
- May 17: Sylvia Hedges
- May 17: Kristi Cotton
- May 18: Velma Thiel
- May 19: JoAnn Torok
- May 24: Rob Buehler
- May 24: Camellia Bogdan
- May 25: Christian Alexander
- May 27: Paul Nicolosi II
- May 28: Gig Anderson
- May 28: Joanne Joyce
- May 30: Harolene Lamm
- May 30: Deanna Johanson

MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	3	4	5	6 12p Book Study	7	8
9 Mother's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	10 7pm Council Mtg.	11	12	13 12p Book Study	14 8a - 2p Rummage Sale	15 9a - 1p Rummage Sale
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	17	18	19	20 12p Book Study	21	22
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Pastor Scales

The other day I attended a NWIN Ministerium which consists of ELCA pastors and Deaconesses in the region. We were to tell the group what we were doing during this pandemic that helped us live in and through it. I shared with the group several books that I was reading. I have always been a reader, but I've increased my reading over the last year. My mother was hardly ever without a book in her hand, so I come by it honestly. I read mostly "thrillers" and "mysteries", but those were not the ones I shared with the ministerium.

The books I shared included one I'm reading by Shannon Bream and one by Tish Warren. In fact, I referenced the book by Warren in my sermon on April 18th. There are many, many books written about women in the Bible. The one by Bream, *The Women of the Bible Speak*, is more unique than others. Bream has paired the women in her chapters. The first chapter pairs Sarah and Hagar, *Women of the Covenants*. The next chapter is Rachel and Leah, *Sisters and Rivals*. One chapter is Mary and Martha of Bethany, *Two Pathways*. The last chapter, which I am eager to read, and no, I am not one of those who reads the last chapter first, is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene: *Witnesses of the Gospel*. This book has been delightful, and the way Bream has intertwined the characters makes them come alive and makes each story unique.

Prayer in the Night by Warren is a good book to read now in the unsurity of our world. The "night" is the darkness in our lives and in our world. She centers each chapter around the prayer of Compline, which is Night Prayer in our ELW. Warren writes that the words of Compline, Night Prayer, gave words to her anxiety, light to her darkness. A reviewer wrote that the book offered them a "prayerful and frank approach to the difficulties in their ordinary lives at work, at home, and in a world filled with uncertainty."

This is how I'm filling some of my time, trying to counter anxieties stirred in the world. My prayer is that, if needed, you are able to find something to calm and soothe any anxieties that you may have, as well.

The Lord be with you.





New to Prayer List:

Karen Slager ~ Eloise, health issues & Skip, recovery from stroke – friends of Karen Slager ~ Diane – daughter of Velma Thiel ~ Tom Fleming, recovery from surgery ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson ~ Bruce Marcheschi ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Sandy Lee, recovery from stroke ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ JoAnne Villa ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Madeline Conn ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave & Sylvia Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ Alan Bowers - Golden Living Nursing Home ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Russ Schroeder ~ Diane Tomasko – St. Anthony Nursing Home

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 Corps Officers School, Port Hueneme, CA.

Friends & Family:

Sara Piepho, health issues - granddaughter of Terry Hennig ~ Janet Schlosser, health issues – niece of Velma Thiel ~ Doug, health issues – son-in-law of Velma Thiel ~ Michelle, rehab - daughter-in-law of Terry Hennig ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousins of Cheri Robbins ~ Becky & Kathy - nieces of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins

Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again!

This year's Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 15 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.

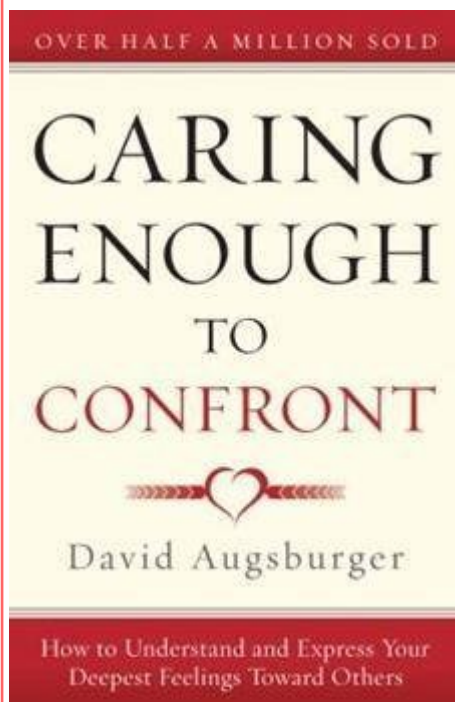
We will begin accepting bagged and boxed donations at the church on Tuesday, April 6th through Monday May 10th. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, May 10th. If you need help getting your items to the church, please call the church office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

Thank you for your support of our church programs.

New book study!

Caring Enough to Confront: How to Understand and Express Your Deepest Feelings Toward Others by David Augsburger.

Please join us for a Biblically-based book study that discusses and provides tools for us to use as we live and work together, differently.



When: Thursdays beginning April 29 through May 27 (5 weeks)

Time: Noon

Where: GLC Fellowship Hall *

(Masks and social distancing are required.)

****Please let Carrie know if you would like to join via Zoom.***

If you would like to participate, please contact Carrie at carrie.sovola@valpo.edu or call the church office: 219-838-1626. **Books will be provided free of charge to participants.**

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