



2022

**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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## **2022 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: Paul Nicolosi III**

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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: Marilyn Carey**

**Stewardship: ~ Open ~**

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## Pastor Scales

It is good to be back worshipping together and having Bible study together. There is something to say about “community”. As I have mentioned before, I come from a family of introverts, with the exception of my mother. Our first inclination is to be by ourselves rather than with others. My mother’s first inclination was to be with others and if she was by herself, she had the telephone, which was active throughout the day.

Scripture shows through story after story that we draw near to God and close to Christ when we are together, with others, in community. What is the first thing Jesus did? Draw together a community of believers -to share, to question, to praise, to worship, to love, to mourn.

We are back with one another, back gathered in the Narthex sharing, back in the sanctuary worshipping, sharing, communing, and praising, back in the Fellowship Hall, sharing and laughing.

How good it is to be back with one another.





### **New to Prayer List:**

Donna Bartley and family of Timothy Bartley –  
family of Shirley Comer ~ Russ Schroeder

### **We Pray for Worshippers:**

Elaine Kearney ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Cheri

Robbins ~ Pam Przybylowski ~ Liana Boulles ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson –  
Residences of Deer Creek ~ Bob Pahl ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Marilyn Carey ~  
Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Sandy Lee ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ JoAnne  
Villa – Colonial Rehab, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~  
George Boulles ~ Madeline Conn ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~  
Phyllis Darnell ~ David & Sylvia Hedges, David is in the memory care unit at  
Cedarhurst ~ Velma Thiel ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~  
RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ 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 Kailua,  
Hawaii

### **Friends & Family:**

Tom McDarrah – Sandra Ruban's niece's husband ~ Charlotte; prayers for  
strength – Loretta's sister ~ Lenore, sister of Karen Slager ~ Chad Aldrin, son of  
John & Linda Aldrin ~ Rose Philips, Stroke – family friend of Annette Johanson ~  
Haley, stage 3 Colon Cancer – daughter of Nina Millers co- worker ~ Georgia,  
Cancer – friend of Velma Thiel ~ Diane – daughter of Velma Thiel ~ Sara Piepho -  
granddaughter of Terry Hennig ~ Barbara Harden, cancer – niece of Velma  
Thiel ~ Carol Minich, many health issues – sister of Velma Thiel ~ 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 ~ Janet Schlosser – 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



# Happy Anniversary

**May 29: Terry & Joann Vaughan Celebrating 29 Years.**

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## Happy Birthday

**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 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 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Homeless Shelter
<b>8</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>9</b> 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 10a - 3p Bound With Love Quilters	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Homeless Shelter
<b>22</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10a - 3p Bound With Love Quilters	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial            Day</b> <b>GLC Office            Closed</b>	<b>31</b>				

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:**

**The American Cancer Society ~ Relay For Life**

In May 1985, Dr. Gordon Klatt, formed the first Relay for Life in Tacoma Washington, to raise money for The American Cancer Society, & 37 years later, his legacy lives on.

The RFL, is the American Cancer Society's most successful fundraiser & is their signature yearly event, there are over 5000 events over the globe.

The Relay For Life mission is *"the hope that those lost to cancer, will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer, will be supported, and in the near future, cancer will be eliminated."*

Relay For Life works to unite communities, to celebrate those who are fighting cancer, survivors, & remembering those that we have lost.

For additional information, you may contact RFL @  
<http://www.relayforlife.org> / or 800-227-2345

In Christ, Sandra Ruban; Mission Board Chair





**The Evangelism Committee is collecting items for Lakeshore PAWS, the Hammond City Rescue Mission and for the Women's Shelter. A tub is located outside the church's office for your donated items.**



**Lakeshore PAWS:**

**Paper Towels, Canned Pumpkin, Bleach, Peanut Butter, Clorox wipes, Dog Treats and Trash bags**

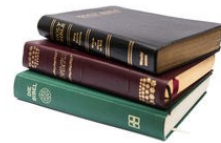
Please visit the Lakeshore PAWS website for more information. <https://lakeshorepaws.org/>



**Hammond City Rescue Mission:**

**Antibacterial household cleaning supplies; Pine Sol, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose surface cleaner.**

**New or gently used Bibles.**



**Women's Shelter:**

**Shampoo/Conditioner, body wash/bar soap, toothpaste/ toothbrush, deodorant, body lotion, shaving razor & gel.**



**MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE  
TOGETHER**





## **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.**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Jeff & Janet Csonka**

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Scott & Loretta Muffett**

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rich & Gail Shimala**

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>: Steven Carey & Lisa Lemster**

**Please meet at GLC by 11:15a.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)

## **Eternal Flame & Altar Flowers Sponsors**



May 1: Pam Przybylowski

May 8: Nina Miller

May 15: Louise Oman

May 22: Sandra Ruban

May 29: Terry Hennig

June 5: \_\_\_\_\_

June 12: JoEllen Pilipow

June 19: Pam Przybylowski

June 26: Dennis & Cheri Robbins

## **Eternal Flame**

May 1: Nina Miller

May 8: Bob & Gayle Pahl

May 15: Pam Ringel

May 22: Sandra Ruban

May 29: Bob & Gayle Pahl

June 5: Nina Miller

June 12: \_\_\_\_\_

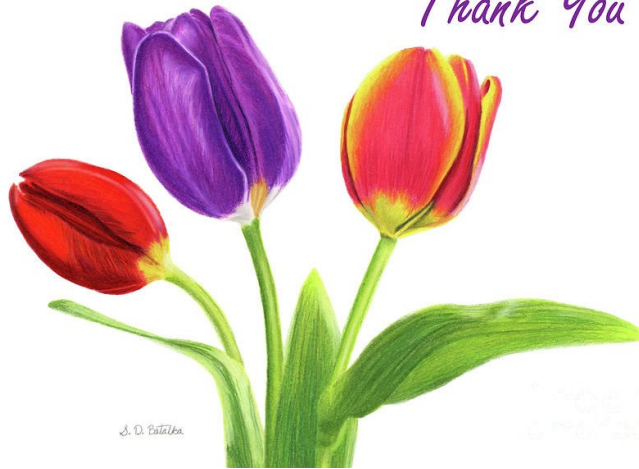
June 19: \_\_\_\_\_

June 26: Bob & Gayle Pahl



Please call the church office @ 219-838-1626 if you would like to sponsor the Eternal Flame or Altar Flowers. Eternal Flame sponsorship is \$10 and Altar Flower Sponsorship is regularly \$30.

Thank You



***"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3***

I appreciate the love and support I have felt from you throughout my diaconal student formation. My consecration day celebration was beyond anything I could have expected. It was special and moving to have so many friends and family with me. Thank you for all of the cards and kind wishes, the green liturgical stole, and the donations to my selected organizations. I look forward to serving alongside you as we live our mission to grow Christ-centered relationships in our communities through love and service.

Peace and love—Deaconess Carrie



Deaconess Candidate Amy Smessaert leading prayers and LDA Director Lisa Polito presiding over the consecration.



Carrie's student formation mentor Deaconess Debbie Spear.

# MAY



Mothers' Day  
*Happy Mothers' Day*

MEMORIAL  
Day



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GLC is a charitable organization  
on amazonsmile!

Remember, always start at

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

and Amazon will donate 0.5%  
of the price of your eligible  
AmazonSmile purchases.

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