

2024



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

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Griffith Lutheran Church ELCA

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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

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



It is May and I am waiting for it to be warm, at least warmer than what it has been. It will eventually, and I will never complain about how hot it is. Growing up in Oklahoma, I know hot weather. But once again, I cannot help but think of the wonders of God. Some say they do not believe in God. So, how do we have weather? How do we have plants? How do we have animals? How do we have each other? How do we have love? Where did all of that come from?

Sometimes, it is almost too much to think about, what all God has provided us. We do not exist in isolation from creation and our creator. Creation just keeps going and creating. We are not in charge. We can cause adaptations and we can adapt, but we cannot create.

Spring is the time we see the blooming of a new creation all around us, including within ourselves. During the Sundays of Easter (we just had the fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, '24), we give thanks for our new creation within Christ, with thanksgiving for our baptism. "Immersed in the promises of baptism, we give thanks for what God has done for us... God's voice thundered over the deep, and water became the essence of life... We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

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:

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 ~ Wendy Arth, recovering from open heart surgery – sister of Gayle Pahl ~ 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 ~



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 10: Mae Blount

May 17: Sylvia Hedges

May 17: Richard Schultze

May 17: Kristi Cotton

May 18: Velma Thiel

May 19: JoAnn Torok

May 24: Rob Buehler

May 25: Christian Alexander

May 28: Gig Anderson

May 28: Joanne Joyce

May 30: Harolene Lamm

May 30: Deanna Johanson

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	3	4 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
5 9:30a.m. Worship Service	6	7	8	9 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	10	11
12 Mother's Day 9:30a.m. Worship Service	13 6:30p Council Meeting	14 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	15	16 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	17	18 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
19 9:30a.m. Worship Service	20	21	22	23 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	24	25
26 9:30a.m. Worship Service	27 Memorial Day GLC Office Closed	28 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	29	30 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	31 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter	

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:
The American Cancer Society, Relay For Life**

The first Relay For Life was held in 1985, in Tacoma Washington, by Dr. Gordon Klatt, a cancer survivor.

Relay For Life (RFL), is the American Cancer Society's most successful fundraiser & their signature yearly event, with over 50,000 participants worldwide.

The RFL mission "is the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and in the 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 by calling 800-227-2345.

In Christ,

Sandra Ruban

Mission Board Chairperson

GLC BLESSING BOX

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are starting to add canned goods back to the 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.

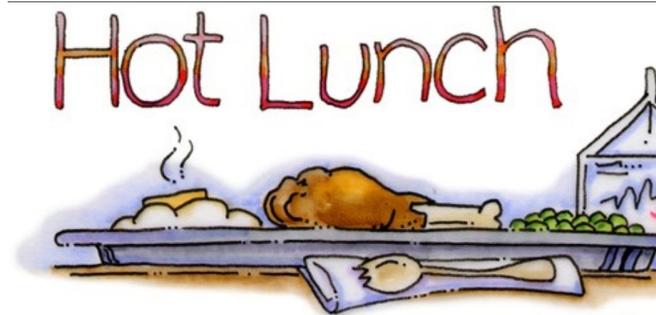
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GLC Service Suggestions

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, May 4: _____ & _____

Serving Saturday, May 18: _____ & _____

Serving Friday, May 31: _____ & _____

Serving Saturday, June 15: _____ & _____

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



To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters
and other women
in our lives that care for
us and love us
unconditionally,

Happy Mother's Day!

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