



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

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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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The ministry continues

Recently, we suffered with Jesus and mourned for him on the cross. Three days later, we celebrated his resurrection. 2000 years later, we know the events. The betrayal, the grief, the hopelessness, the incomprehension, and unwillingness to believe, the joy of the resurrection.

Good Friday is therefore not only a day of mourning, but also a day of hope. So, is it a coincidence that Easter takes place in spring? Probably not. Or is it?

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate Easter in spring? Why we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples in spring and mourn him together with friends and family? It's actually quite simple, because the ministry continues. Out of the dark winter, we enter a time of hope and new life. In a time when everything looks dead, not only the trees and flowers blossom into new life. Everybody seems to be in a better mood as the sun is coming out and the temperature warms up.

But most important. Jesus is risen. On Easter we remember his resurrection. After three days. He brings new life. He shows us that death is not the end of everything. Just like the trees that sprout again after the long winter and blossom into new life, Jesus suddenly stands before his disciples. Not as a spirit, but as a living human being. A man and a Son of God who has returned from the dead to give us all hope and a new life. Jesus makes it clear that his ministry continues.

My wish for the Easter season is that you feel the hope of new life and that our ministry continues.

I wish you a blessed time of Easter.

Miriam Schmidle (S.A.M.)

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Francesca, health concerns - family friend of Nina Miller ~ Phyllis Darnell, health concerns ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Roy Runyan – health issues ~ 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:

Evey, Breast Cancer – family friend of Stutler's ~ Bob Fentress, knee surgery – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Denise Stribbling, health issues – friend of Roy Runyan ~ 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!!!

May 29: Terry & Joann Vaughan Celebrating 32 years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

May 17: Sylvia Hedges

May 17: Kristi Cotton

May 18: Velma Thiel

May 19: JoAnn Torok-Bakker

May 24: Rob Buehler

May 25: Christian Alexander

May 28: Gig Anderson

May 28: Joanne Joyce

May 30: Harolene Lamm

May 30: Deanna Johanson

GLC friend and former GLC member, Velma Thiel, celebrates her 100th Birthday on May 18!!!

Velma Thiel

Cedar Creek Health Campus

18275 S. Burr St #108

Lowell, IN 46356

May 2025

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

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Mission of the Month

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

Established in 1985 in Tacoma, Washington, the Relay aims to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Its core mission is to honor those who have lost their battle with cancer, support current cancer patients, and work towards the ultimate goal of eliminating cancer.

Relay For Life unites communities globally, celebrating cancer survivors, supporting those currently fighting the disease, and memorializing those who have passed. With approximately 5,000 events worldwide, the organization continues to make a significant impact.

For more information, please contact Relay For Life:

Website: <http://www.relayforlife.org>

Phone: 800-227-2345

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board
Chairperson



2025 Lenten Dinner Thank you

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone that ordered meals for the 2025 Lenten Season. The in-person dinners that we hosted on Wednesdays during Lent changed into To-Go Meals during Covid out of necessity. It has become a wonderful ministry for us to prepare meals for our members and friends and their family and friends. These meals are available for **anyone** to order. Many meals were delivered and shared each week with people who may not cook much any more, are lonely, can't afford a nice warm meal and for many other reasons. We prepared an average of 82 meals per week. Of those, 38 meals went to members and the remaining dinners were ordered for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances. Many have said that they feel blessed to be sharing these meals with family and friends and those in need. We feel blessed to be able to provide the meals.

Your Fellowship Committee

JoEllen Pilipow, Debbie Schroeder, Carol Boyle, Martha Krop and our newest member, Janet Csonka

Rummage Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all that gathered items from family and friends and donated their treasures to our annual rummage sale, to those that helped price items, those that helped set up tables and display all the treasures and pack up after the sale was over. We donated our leftover treasures to Etc. Thrift Shop. Special thanks to Deb Schroeder, Gayle Pahl, Karen Slager, Martha Krop, Carol Boyle, Debbie Thinnies, Debbie Lewis, Janet Csonka, Jeff Csonka, Matt Csonka, Lauren Fullgraf, Dawn Fleming, Gail Shimala, Loretta Muffett, MaryAnn Lovas, John Hindahl, Lee Nedreau and Chris Pilipow. This would not have been such a success without all of the help of our congregation family and friends!

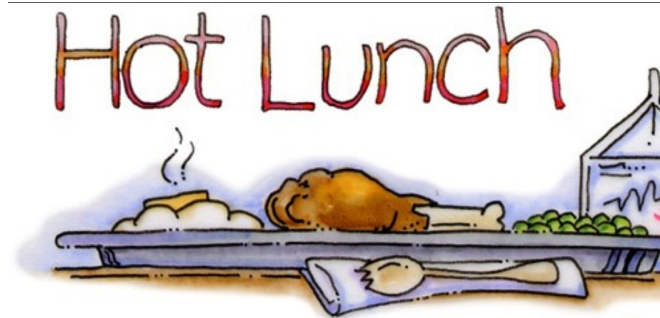
We took in a total of \$2,903.00.

JoEllen, Fellowship Chair

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, May 3: Brian Batinic & Garrett Wright

Serving Saturday, May 17: Brian Batinic & Tom & Dawn Fleming

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



Armed Forces Day



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