



2020

**Griffith Lutheran Church**  
**1000 N Broad St**  
**Griffith, IN 46319**



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

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- ♦ Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome Back to in-person  
Worship Services!!!**

- ♦ Please “like” us on Facebook to watch the worship service live on Facebook.

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Previously recorded GLC worship services are also available to watch on YouTube.

## **2020 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs**

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### **OFFICERS**

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: Nina Miller

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

### **BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Trustees: ~ Open ~

Elders: Nina Miller

Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey

Stewardship: Dennis Robbins

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Christian Ed/Sunday School: ~ Open ~

Youth Group: ~ Open ~

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

GLCW: Gail Shimala & Debbie Lewis

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

## **2020 Board of Elders**

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

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## Prayer Requests

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

John Scales, heart surgery - brother of Pastor Scales ~ Bill Alexander ~ Family, Friends and all those grieving the loss of Helene Nickles - sister of Hildegard Hochstetler ~ Linda Jones, Cancer - family member of Sandra Ruban ~ Cathy Marcheschi, Cancer – daughter of Geri Larson ~ LeAnn Stutler, healing from surgery

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

Camille White ~ Carrie Sovola ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Bev Oddivak ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Carol Schuster ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler

### **Shut-ins / Homebound:**

Alan Bowers - Golden Living Nursing Home ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Beverly Oddivak – Wittenberg Village ~ Russ Schroeder - At home ~ 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, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell - Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island

### **Friends & Family:**

John Peters, ICU Indianapolis – friend of Jeff and Janet Csonka ~ John Frascchetti, friend of Dawn Fleming ~ Helen - Denny Robbins mother ~ Michelle, rehab - daughter-in-law of Terry Hennig ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ Becky - niece of Velma Thiel ~ Kathy Davis – niece of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Rose - Loretta's mom ~ Randy Anderson - relative of Velma Thiel ~ Mark Epstein, cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Charles Newman, cancer - husband of Susan Newman ~ Tom - Uncle of Jeff Miller ~ Shane Conover - friend of Annette Johanson ~ Shandra Crow and Marie Carter - co-workers of Annette Johanson ~ Elizabeth - friend of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tones ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins



## **PRAY TELL**

### ***THANK GOD***

**In the moments of turmoil, in the hours of trial,  
In the midst of any circumstances, you can thank God.**

**Thank Him for His Son,  
Thank Him for His forgiveness,  
Thank Him for overlooking your weakness,  
Thank Him for the promise of eternal life.**

**Thank God for the opportunity  
To be a blessing to others,  
To be a friend to the friendless,  
To encourage those who have lost hope,  
And to cheer up those who are downcast!**

### ***YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.***

**You can be on the Lord's side.  
You can be a blessing to someone!  
Be Thankful for that!**

**Sandra Ruban**

### ***From Pastor Scales***

As I write this, the Governor has just mandated more strict policies regarding COVID-19. Our state had been given a more relaxed policy, but the positive tests and outbreak of the virus has since spiked. So we, are again, in our social distant rules, masking and minimal - congregating.

There were some very interesting statistics in the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Christian Century, related to COVID-19.

“NEW SUNDAY MORNING: Thirty-two percent of Christians have not attended church – in person or online - since the pandemic shutdowns began, according to a study by Barna Research. Fifty percent of millennial Christians haven't participated in online worship. One in seven churchgoers have switched churches during the pandemic. Eighteen percent of churchgoers are watching more than one church's services.”

When this pandemic has finally passed, what will we look like, what will we be – as a church, as a church universal and as a church that currently worships at 1000 N. Broad St, Griffith, IN?



A decorative border of autumn leaves in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green) surrounds the text. The leaves are arranged in a rectangular frame with some leaves extending slightly beyond the corners.

## Advent Dinners

During this time of the Covid-19, it will not be possible for us to gather in person to share food and fellowship during the advent season due to safety concerns. The Fellowship Committee would like to prepare advent dinners for takeout.

It would be our intention to prepare the dinners on the Advent Wednesdays, December 2, December 9, December 16 and December 23, 2020 and have them ready for pickup between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. At this time, we are looking to see if there would be any interest from our congregation for these meals. We would need a total minimum number of 30 meals requested in order to prepare them. If you would be interested, please call Loretta and let her know that you are interested and the number of meals you would be interested in ordering.

If there is sufficient interest, we will then take orders each week and package them for pickup. We would ask for a donation to the box to help defray the cost of the meals. 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 a volunteer to deliver to the Griffith-Highland area.

Our tentative menu will be:

- December 2 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and salad
- December 9 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw and vegetable
- December 16 - Mostaccioli, garlic bread, vegetable, salad
- December 23 - Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, vegetable

The Fellowship Committee



Let's  
celebrate!

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

November 16: Gig & Karen Anderson Celebrating 52 Years.  
November 19: John & Gracia Dudlicek Celebrating 26 Years.  
November 20: Jason & Heather Kettwig Celebrating 8 Years.  
November 28: Fred & Margie Steinke Celebrating 61 Years.  
William & Diane Alexander Celebrating 61 Years.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

November 7: Carleigh Linders  
November 12: Jack Blount  
November 14: Jason Kettwig  
November 19: Jackie Masters  
November 23: Eugene Hochstetler  
November 23: Jeff Csonka  
November 23: Frank Spear  
November 26: Laura Alexander  
November 27: Susan Newman

# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Daylight Savings Ends <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Installation of Intern Deaconess, Carrie Sovola</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Election Day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Lunch for Hammond Homeless Shelter</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Thanks-giving Day</b>  <b>GLC Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>GLC Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	<b>30</b>					



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### **NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH**



The Downs Syndrome Association was founded in our region in 1987; the local office is located in Schererville, IN.

The constant of DSA has been to support the Down's Syndrome community, by providing awareness, support, and advocacy & to increase resources for the DSA community. Our vision is for the world to be excited to know us and to recognize our value, by providing a variety of opportunities for our growing population & to support our parents with social, emotional, educational & housing opportunities.

Like most nonprofits, DSA is feeling the changes made by the Covid 19 pandemic, the usual fundraisers have been delayed or cancelled, now is certainly a time of need.

In Christ, Sandra Ruban ~ Mission Board Chair

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Make a donation to any one of the Griffith Lutheran Church sponsored missions and receive a reusable face mask with GLC name & cross logo.

Current missions being sponsored by GLC are:

- ♦ **Down Syndrome Association of NWI**
- ♦ **Love INC.**
- ♦ **Marine Corps Toys For Tots**
- ♦ **Hammond Homeless Shelter**



**Mask Features:** 2 ply 100% Cotton fabric.  
Reusable & machine washable.  
Sewn-in pocket for optional removable filter.

Black fabric with gray stitching.

Contact the church office to receive your mask or if you have any questions.



Griffith Lutheran Church is a toy drop off site again this year for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

Please donate a **new, unwrapped toy or book** between now and Sunday, December 6th. Donations from Griffith Lutheran Church will be picked up on the following Monday, December 7 and distributed to local children in need. Monetary donations can also be made to the Toys for Tots program. Please make sure you label your donation "Toys for Tots".

For more information on the Toys For Tots program visit their website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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**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 meal about once a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults.



### **Karing Kitchen**

Love INC. Gap Ministry hosted by  
First Presbyterian Church.

Providing people in need with everyday kitchen  
essentials.

#### **Suggested donations for this ministry include:**

Microwaveable glass like Pyrex

9x13, 8x8 & round cookware

Silverware & utility knives

Measuring cups and spoons

Stovetop skillets

Cookie sheets, cutting boards, muffing tins, mixing bowls

Small appliances: blenders, toasters, hand mixers, crockpot

Drinkware and plastic drink containers (all sizes)

Pots & pans

Ceramic mugs

Dishes

Cooking utensils

For a full list of items for all Gap Ministries, please visit the Love  
INC. website at **<https://www.loveincgtrham.org/>**.

Love INC. helps residents of Hammond, Highland, Griffith, and  
Munster.

Contact First Presbyterian Church at (219) 838-6850 OR the Love  
INC office at (219) 923-2775 to coordinate your donation.



### **Eat For A Cause**

Saturday, November 7, 2020

from 3p.m. - 8p.m.

Culver's of Highland (corner of Ridge & Cline)  
will donate 20% of sales to Love INC. of Greater  
Hammond!

Simply mention "Love INC." when you place your order.

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Worship Services on Facebook.**

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