



2023



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

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Griffith Lutheran Church ELCA

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2023 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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President: Nina Miller

Vice President: Martha Krop

Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow

Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

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: Scott Muffett

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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From Pastor Scales

Well, here we go. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years. “Eat Drink and be Merry”, it is often said. Yes, and be thankful and grateful as we do eat, drink and be merry. We give thanks for our blessings and each other. We give thanks for Jesus and our salvation. We give thanks for being with our loved ones at the beginning of a new year.

Our churches celebrate Thanksgiving with various services. We celebrate Christmas with Christmas Eve and Christmas day services. As I grew up, I was a member of a church that celebrated New Years with a “Watch Night” service where we prayed as the new year came in. A little before the 12-midnight hour, we usually knelt at our pews, bowed our heads and whoever wanted to pray did so, and then after the midnight hour, the pastor concluded our time together in prayer.

Let us celebrate these coming days and continue to give thanks for the love and salvation we receive through Jesus.





New to Prayer List:

Kai and his family - Kai is having health issues, nephew of Laura Kettwig ~ Kodi Comer – recovery from accident, currently in ICU at University of Chicago, son of Shirley Comer ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Chris Shropshire, cancer and chemo treatments ~ 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 ~ JoAnne Villa – Christian Village, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome, health issues ~ Bernice Morris

Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Kurt Blount, stationed in Minot, ND with wife Mae and daughter Emma ~ Marissa Darnell, grand-daughter of Phyllis Darnell – Civil Engineer, stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Friends & Family:

Bob, Knee surgery – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Jeff Palazeti, recovering from liver transplant – brother of Jenny Bias ~ John Arth, blood infection – relation to Gayle & Bob Pahl ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home in Lowell ~ Barbara Jo Liska, Breast Cancer – cousin of Geri Larson ~ Steve, throat cancer - co-worker of Nina Miller ~ 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 ~ Carl Bodenhofer – Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer – co-worker of Nina Miller ~

Happy Anniversary!

November 16: Gig & Karen Anderson Celebrating 55 years.

November 19: John & Gracia Dudlicek Celebrating 29 years.

November 20: Jason & Heather Kettwig Celebrating 11 years.

November 28: Fred & Margie Steinke Celebrating 64 years.

Happy Birthday!

November 7: Carleigh Linders

November 10: Kyle Buck

November 12: Jack Blount

November 14: Taylor Reitz

November 14: JT 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 2023

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 All Saints Sunday 9:30a.m. Worship Service Giving Thanks Dinner	6 6:30p.m. Evangelism Meeting	7	8	9 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	10	11
12 9:30a.m. Worship Service	13 6:30p.m. Council Meeting	14 10a.m.- 3p.m. 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 Thanksgiving Day GLC Office Closed	24 GLC Office Closed	25
26 9:30a.m. Worship Service Christmas Card Signing	27	28 10a.m. - 3p.m. Bound W/ Love Quilters 2p.m.—3p.m. Online Advent Bible Study	29	30 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	! Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service November 22, 2023 7p.m. At Woodmar United Methodist Church Hammond, IN	

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:
Gabriel's Horn.**

Gabriel's Horn is a shelter located in Valparaiso, IN. that assists women & children experiencing homelessness. Gabriel's Horn helps women and children rebuild their lives & independence with dignity, by providing shelter, education, counseling & referrals to local community connections. Program's offered are:

- ~Counseling is offered to learn coping skills with a trained therapist.
- ~Case manager's are assigned to assist with housing, education & employment.
- ~Transportation is provided for work, appointments & school.
- ~Aftercare programs are provided so mothers can work & provide a stable home for their children.

For additional information visit the website at www.gabrielshelter.org
Or you may contact Gabriel's Horn at 219-364-8018.

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson



Giving Thanks Dinner

In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a “Giving Thanks” dinner on Sunday, November 5, 2023 immediately following the service. We will be serving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dinner rolls and dessert. We encourage everyone to set aside an hour to share the food, fun, fellowship and

to reflect on all that we have in our lives to be thankful for. Please bring your family and friends to share in giving thanks.

Please sign the list on the white board across from the office to let us know that you are coming so we have enough food to go around!

Please sign the sheet if you are able to bring a pie to share at the dinner! Please also bring a non-perishable food item with you to the dinner for our blessing box.

BLESSING BOX

We are in need of items for the Blessing Box. Some of the more popular items are:

cereal
soups
canned food such as chili, spaghetti, etc.
canned vegetables especially corn or green beans
canned fruit
mac and cheese
pasta and canned pasta sauce
peanut butter.



There is a bin under the coat rack outside the office. Anything you can contribute will be much appreciated.

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

**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.

Serving Saturday, November 4: Rich & Gail Shimala

Serving Saturday, November 18: Jeff Csonka & Louise Oman

Please meet at GLC by 11a.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

We need Usher & Greeter volunteers.

FOR IT IS IN THE
giving
THAT WE RECEIVE.
~ FRANCIS OF ASSISI

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

Griffith Lutheran Church is a drop off site for this years Toys for Tots program. Please drop off **new, unwrapped** children's toys and/or books by Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Your donated items will be distributed to local, less fortunate children in time for Christmas.



Angel Tree



The Love INC. Angel Tree will be up in time for Thanksgiving weekend! Look for additional information coming in the next few weeks in your weekly bulletin and/or email.

Christmas Stockings for the Hammond Men's Shelter.

Similar to the way the Angel Tree program works, GLC will be filling stockings for the Hammond Men's Shelter!

Suggested stocking stuffers are:

Toiletries, socks, candy, hand warmers, snacks

Look for additional information coming in the next few weeks in your weekly bulletin and/or email.



Fellowship Hour



Join us on Sunday, November 26th, immediately following the worship service for fellowship as we sign Christmas cards that will be mailed to residents of our community in need of Christmas cheer.

Light refreshments will be provided for volunteers.



Advent “to go” Dinners

This Advent Season, we will continue to have our Advent Dinners on Wednesday evenings. This has become a wonderful ministry for the Fellowship Committee as many people are being reached that wouldn't be able to come in person for the dinners. Dinners will be prepared for takeout on Advent Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, December 13 and December 20, 2023 and be ready for pickup between 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. We would need a total minimum number of 30 meals requested in order to prepare them.

Please review our menu and place your orders with Loretta. Please remember your family and friends that could use an extra dinner when you are ordering for yourself.

Please come to the church between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to pick up your meals. Please drive up to the north side entrance under the canopy and we will bring your meal(s) out to you. You will not need to get out of your vehicle.

If you need to cancel your meal or if you wish to order additional meals, please call the church office by noon on Monday of each week.

If you are able, we ask for a donation 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 menu will be:

November 29 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans

December 6 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, 7 layer salad

December 13 - Mostaccioli, garlic bread, salad

December 20 - BBQ Smoked pulled pork, pasta salad, 7 layer salad





Online Advent Bible Study

Christmas is approaching and we want to think about Advent

What is happening: A mix between an Advent-Devotion and a Bible Study

Where: Online (You will get a link from Miriam or the church office)

When: Tuesdays from 2:00pm to 3:00pm (11/28; 12/05; 12/12; 12/19)

Who: All are welcome

Sign up via email to Miriam or the church office.

