

2021



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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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2021 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Scott Muffett

Vice President: Carrie Sovola

Treasurer: JoEllen Pilipow

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Loretta Muffett

BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild: Carol Boyle

Elders: Nina Miller

Evangelism: Cheri Robbins

Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow

GLCW: Gail Shimala & Debbie Lewis

Missions: Sandra Ruban

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins

Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop

Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey

Stewardship: Dennis Robbins

Christian Ed/Sunday School: ~ Open ~

Trustees: ~ Open ~

Youth Group: ~ Open ~

2021 Board of Elders

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

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New to Prayer List:

Steve & Pam Przybylowski ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Dennis Robbins ~ Marilyn Carey ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Louise Oman ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Sandy Lee ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ Madeline Conn ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave & Sylvia Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ JoAnne Villa – Colonial Rehab, Crown Point ~ Alan Bowers - Golden Living Nursing Home ~ Bernice Morris – Lincolnshire Health Care Center ~ Russ Schroeder ~ 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, grand-daughter of Phyllis Darnell – Civil Engineer, stationed in Kailua, Hawaii

Friends & Family:

Bonnie Carpenter, rehab from stroke - friend of Louise Oman ~ Velda Salima, stroke – mother of Robin Blount ~ 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 ~ Bob Fentress – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~ Eloise, health issues & Skip, recovery from stroke – friends of Karen Slager ~ Diane – daughter of Velma Thiel ~ Janet Schlosser, health issues – 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 ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins



Happy Anniversary

October 2: Jeff & Janet Csonka Celebrating 39 Years.

October 7: David & Robin Blount Celebrating 43 Years

October 14: James & Nancy Carrell Celebrating 49 Years.

October 19: Steve & Carolyn Connell Celebrating 42 Years.

Happy Birthday

October 3: Antonio Martinez III

Scottie Joyce

October 6: Cheri Robbins

October 11: Thomas Fleming

October 12: Terry Hennig

October 13: Bob Pahl

October 15: Jillian Stablein

October 16: Richard Koehler

October 18: Jennifer Cotton

October 19: Pat Sims

Steve Connell

October 24: Bernice Morris

October 27: Roy Hall

October 29: Mike Struebing

October 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|-----------|--|---|---|
| 3 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube) | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 Hammond Homeless Shelter Lunch <hr/> 8 | 2 10a.m. Pet Blessing <hr/> 9 |
| 10 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube) | 11 ** 6:30p.m. GLC Council Meeting | 12 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Hammond Homeless Shelter Lunch |
| 17 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube) | 18 | 19 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube) | 25 | 26 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9:30a.m. Worship Service (Also available via Facebook or YouTube) | | | |  | | |

***“Growing Christ-centered relationships
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The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission for October 2021 is;



St. Jude House ~ Family Violence Prevention Center and Shelter.

St. Jude House is a safe emergency shelter and provider of services for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. St. Jude provides housing, advocacy and compassionate assistance.

Through educational programs, St. Jude works to teach clients how to recognize the cycle of domestic violence, to empower them to break the cycle and to offer support and follow up. St. Jude House is committed to offering love and hope in a healing and caring environment to each person that seeks shelter or services, regardless of creed, gender or race.

Our Values ~ Reflect God in all we do.

Dedication ~ Passionately carry forward this ministry entrusted to us.

Stewardship ~ Responsibly, use the gift of our resources.

Joy ~ Giving from our hearts.

St. Jude believes that they are a catalyst in transforming the lives of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, by empowering their client's lives.

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Chair





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*

Here are some opportunities to serve. You can find more information in the newsletter or by calling the church office.

Mission of the Month: St. Jude House ~ Family Violence Prevention Center and Shelter.

Hammond Homeless Shelter - Volunteers are needed to serve meals.
Collecting: Mouthwash (16oz – 34oz), Toothpaste (3oz – 6oz) and Toothbrushes.

Christmas Cards for the Troops

Ronald McDonald House - We are collecting pop-tops and other items.

Technical Assistant & Lector

Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact Cheri Robbins,
GLC Music Director & Organist
at 219-616-9291 or glc_music@yahoo.com

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to lector and help with tech assistance. We can use some help with the light bearer and usher spots too. The sign-up sheets are on the board across from the church office.

God's Work. Our Hands.: Thank you to Pastor Scales, Nina Miller, Cathy Marcheschi, Debbie Schroeder, Carrie Sovola, and Cheri & Dennis Robbins for representing GLC at the Griffith Central Market for our God's Work. Our Hands. event. A special thank you to everyone who decorated buttons to hand out at the event! There are a few leftover buttons in the Narthex. Please free to help yourself!



A graphic featuring a musical staff with five notes in purple, green, blue, pink, and yellow. Below the staff, several stylized figures of choir members in blue and red robes are shown singing. The text "Choir Practice" is written in a large, black, serif font, partially overlapping the musical staff and the choir members.

Choir Practice

Choir practice remains on hold for now. Please watch your email for further updates. Please contact the church office (219-838-1626) If you are not currently receiving emails from GLC, if you do not have email, or if you prefer to be called regarding any Choir Practice updates.

~ Cheri Robbins

GLCW Memorial Brunch

Thank you, GLCW for the Memorial Brunch held on Sunday, September 26th following the worship service, recognizing those who have died during the pandemic. It was such a success!



**Saturday,
October 2nd**
**Blessing of
the Animals**
@ 10a.m.

Remembering 9-11-2001

My daughter Christine was expecting her first baby in about four months. (Turned out she was going to have a girl named Abby.) Christine wanted to go on a trip before she would give birth. We chose a cruise to Alaska and went through a travel agent and were going to go in late September, on the Holland American ship the Volendam. Received a good deal. However the ship's company would not take mothers who were too far along in their pregnancies and Christine fell in that category. We were notified we could go a few weeks earlier on September 10 for an extra \$100.

September 10th we went to O'Hare airport and boarded our Canadian Airline plane to Vancouver B.C. where the ship was docked. The first morning we arose a little early because of the three-hour difference from Chicago time. We turned on the television and saw the horrible news. Watched for awhile and saw one of the Towers collapse and said, "Oh My GOD". The sunken lounge had a big television which kept showing the news and each time we passed we would pause for a few minutes. The ship offered a Christian service to remember the tragedy and pray for the victims and responders.

The ship continued on its cruise. The first day was the inside passage, then stops at Juneau, Skagway, cruised Glacier Bay, and last Ketchikan. Then back to Vancouver B.C. via the inside passage.

We enjoyed the cruise as best we could under the circumstances knowing what was happening across the United States. We wondered how or when we would get home since many airports were closed and planes were not flying all week.

Before leaving the ship on September 17, everyone was informed if their flight was more than two hours away to go to a hotel and not the airport. Our flight was in about two hours, so we joined the long line at the airport. After a long hour and a half we did not get very far. God answered our prayers and was good to us. Our names were called, and we were taken out of line to board the waiting Canadian airliner. I believe we were the last ones to board and did not get our original assigned seats but each of us had an aisle seat across from each other toward the back of the plane. We received a meal on our flight back to O'Hare Airport. Eugene and Andy were waiting for us in the huge empty airport, it seemed unreal. We thanked the Lord that we were safely back home in Indiana.

As to the baby girl, she now attends Valparaiso University on a scholarship.

In a way, we are three generations: unborn daughter, mother and grandmother.

~ Hildegard Hochstetler



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