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Worship Services on Facebook.**

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2023 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Nina Miller

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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

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Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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From Pastor Scales

The last few weeks I have undertaken, again, reading the Bible through. I have done this since my teenage years. I truly do not know if I have ever accomplished it or not. I have not kept any kind of record in doing so. But here I go again. This time I am reading The Daily Life Bible. Under the book title is written “Easy to read, easier to understand.” Yet, I still sometimes do not comprehend some of the readings probably as I should.

There is a plan in the Bible to follow and after several months, I am on week 15. The readings are conceptualized accordingly: Instruction, History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophets, Gospels and Letters. This last week I read from the books of Exodus, 1 Samuel, Psalms, Job, Jeremiah, Mark and 1 Corinthians. One book each day. It has been both tedious and delightful as well as insightful.

If you are interested, you might find a “Read the Bible through” by searching on the computer or perhaps within your own Bible, especially if you have a “Study Bible”. I believe you will enjoy doing so, and as well, as I, receive a blessing with God’s companionship.





New to Prayer List:

Friends, family and all those grieving the loss of Ann Cacich, sister of Sue Tomes ~ Bob, Knee surgery – brother of Sandra Ruban ~ Kenny, ongoing health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Chris Shropshire, cancer and chemo treatments ~ John Arth, blood infection – relation to Gayle & Bob Pahl ~ Eugene Fields, Cancer – brother of Anna Reyome

We Pray for Worshippers:

Fred 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 Boules ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome, health issues ~ RoseAnn White ~ 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:

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 ~

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 5, 2023. If you have a loved one that passed between November 1, 2022 - present, please submit their name and photo to the office by October 25, 2023.

Happy Anniversary!

October 2: Jeff & Janet Csonka Celebrating 41 years.

October 7: David & Robin Blount Celebrating 45 years.

October 14: James & Nancy Carrell Celebrating 51 years.

October 19: Steve & Carolyn Connell Celebrating 44 years.

Happy Birthday!

October 3: Scottie Joyce

October 6: Cheryl Robbins

October 7: Mary Buck

October 11: Thomas Fleming

October 13: Bob Pahl

October 15: Sarah Buck

October 15: Jillian Stablein

October 16: Richard Koehler

October 18: John Lewis

October 18: Jennifer Cotton

October 19: Pat Sims

October 19: Steve Connell

October 21: Addison Flanagan

October 24: Bernice Morris

October 27: Roy Hall

October 29: Mike Struebing

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a.m. Worship Service	2 6:30p.m. Evangelism Meeting	3 6p.m. Trustee Meeting	4	5 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	6 11a.m. Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter	7
8 9:30a.m. Worship Service	9 6:30p.m. Council Meeting	10 10a.m. - 3p.m. Bound W/Love Quilters	11	12 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	13	14 10a.m. Pet Blessing
15 9:30a.m. Worship Service	16	17	18	19 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	20	21 11a.m. Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
22 9:30a.m. Worship Service	23	24 10a.m. - 3p.m. Bound W/Love Quilters	25	26 6p.m. Cub Scouts 7p.m. Boy Scouts	27	28 Trunk Or Treat
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30a.m. Worship Service	30	31 Halloween				

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The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month: Lutheran Diaconal Association

The LDA is a Lutheran organization forming & preparing people to become deaconesses or deacons through a process of education and formation.

LDA students study theology to grow in their own spiritually and become members of a lifelong community of deaconesses or deacons, to form, send and nurture communities in a Lutheran context to serve in all walks of life. They serve Christ by walking with those the world quickly forgets; the poor, powerless & sick.

The LDA vision is; Following Christ, people of God, serve those across the street and around the world.

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve...Matthew 20:28

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson



In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



Giving Thanks Dinner

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.

A decorative border of orange pumpkins with carved faces surrounds the text.

GLC 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

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 Friday, October 6:

Serving Saturday, October 21: Kyle & Sarah Buck

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.

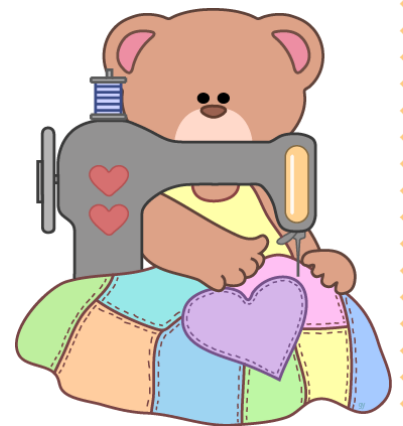
BOUND WITH LOVE QUILTERS



As Fall begins playing around the edges of our days, the Bound With Love Quilters of Griffith Lutheran Church get ready for the end of our “quilting year” which runs from October to October. On the last Saturday of the month, churches from northern Indiana will be bringing their quilts to an “ingathering” which just means they will be loaded on a semi-truck and driven to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minnesota.

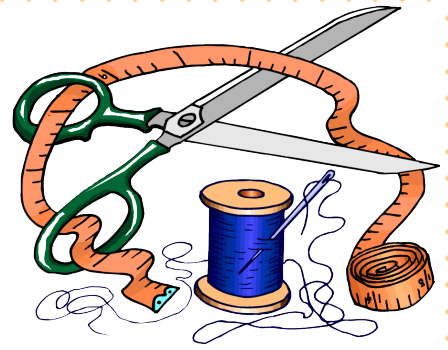
On Sunday, October 15, after the last seam has been sewn and the last knot tied for this year, we will display our labors of love for all to enjoy and to have the quilts blessed! The quilt blessing is very important because many of the quilts will be shipped to locations around the world where there are hostilities and any evidence of our Christian love could make the recipients the target of violence. We can invisibly blanket them with God's love this way. As the name of our group indicates, each quilt is made with love, not just the love of our quilters, but The Love God bestows on each one of us enabling us to labor in His service.

Not all our quilts are shipped overseas. As in previous years, part of our quilts will be packed in pillowcases we make and distributed to children in the Foster Care program, to men's shelters, women's shelters, and we are also hoping to form a relationship with the Griffith Police department's social worker for local needs.



Big Thank You to Griffith Lutheran Church for supporting our efforts and letting us use the church for our meetings so we can continue our ministry. We would also like to thank some helpers that are not local. Lenore Lee, in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, frequently sends us fabrics and beautiful quilt tops that she has started for us to finish. She has also donated items for our Quilt Raffle at the August Car Show. We also have an auxiliary quilt group in New Orleans, under

the leadership of Rachel Slager. Their ongoing efforts, combined with ours, helped us meet our goal of 100 quilts this year, actually we have completed 112!!! Thank you, special helpers!



This year The Bound With Love Quilters hosted a workshop “Not Your Grandmothers Quilting: Workshop”.

Thirty-three women from 9 different churches/denominations attended. We had one beginner sewer who was 10 years old! During the course of the day they finished tying 4 quilts and piecing 4. We all enjoyed working and learning together and getting to know folks from other area churches. By popular request, we will be having another workshop in 2024 on Saturday, April 6, 2024. We added a couple of new members to our group from the workshop.

This years Quilt Raffle brought in \$493 which will be used to purchase 3 rolls of batting. One roll will make 25 quilts and with shipping, costs about \$160 each.



During the past year, we have been asked many times if we would sell any of our quilts. After a meeting of our group members, we came up with what the cost would be if we purchased everything to assemble the quilt and decided that for a one-time donation to the Bound With Love Quilt Group in the amount of \$150, the donor would be able to pick out any quilt of their choice. These funds are used to purchase the many

items needed to continue making quilts, including what we need to donate to Lutheran World Relief to cover the cost of shipping our quilts to areas in need around the world. Our quilting members that are Thrivent clients have also applied for grants to help with expenses each year.

GLC Bound with Love Quilters: Karen Slager, JoEllen Pilipow, Debbie Schroeder, Laura Kettwig, Pam Przybylowski, Dawn Fleming, Janet Csonka, Debbie Lewis, Sue Tomes, Lauren Fullgraf, Debbie (Gloria Dei), & Maria (visitor).

God's work. Our hands.



Project ♥ Linus



*Providing
Security
Through
Blankets*

On Sunday, September 17, GLC volunteers completed 12 blankets for Project Linus as our 2023 "God's Work. Our Hands." community project.

