



Griffith Lutheran Church
1000 N Broad St
Griffith, IN 46319

2025

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

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Worship Service: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Griffith Lutheran Church ELCA

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is Live Streaming all of our
Worship Services on Facebook.**

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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

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stephen Ministry: Loretta Muffett

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

Trustees: Jeff Csonka

**** For any Member Spiritual Care needs, please contact:**

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Because of God's Great Mercy

2026 Griffith Lutheran Church Confidential Stewardship Commitment Card.
Please fill out the front & back of card and return it by November 2, 2025.

Mail to GLC "**Attention Financial Secretary**" on outside of envelope,

email to financialsecretary@griffithlutheran.org,

OR drop card off at church in sealed envelope.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

In gratitude for God's blessings

I/We make the following commitment to the ministries of Griffith Lutheran Church:

☐ \$_____ weekly ☐ \$_____ monthly ☐ \$_____ quarterly ☐ \$_____ annually

Come and See God work through your talents, skills, and experience, as well as your financial support. Your offering to Christ and His Church can do as much as you empower it to do. We give to Christ and His Church not according to our means but according to our love for Him.

___ I/We are interested in information about Thrivent's free Simply Giving Program.

I/We would like to offer my/our time/talents to the ministries of Griffith Lutheran Church in the following areas:

Please check ✓

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|--|---|---|
| ☐ Bible Study | ☐ Stewardship | ☐ Social Media |
| ☐ Stephen Ministry | ☐ Church Choir | ☐ GLCW |
| ☐ Light Bearer | ☐ Youth Ministry/Young Adult | ☐ Gardening |
| ☐ Usher / Greeter | ☐ Fellowship | ☐ Grounds/Building Maintenance |
| ☐ Lector | ☐ Missions | ☐ Cooking |
| ☐ Communion Assistant | ☐ Trustee | ☐ Quilting / Sewing |
| ☐ Technical Assistant | ☐ Evangelism | ☐ Serve Meals |

☐ Other: _____

CONFIDENTIAL: For Authorized Church Personnel Only



New to Prayer List:

Nicole Kettwig ~ Janet Malone ~ Dawn Fleming, Breast Cancer ~ Bob Pahl, health issues ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Phyllis Darnell, health concerns ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~ Mark Stutler, recovery from back surgery ~ Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Rich Shimala ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ John

Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ 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 ~

Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell – stationed at Naval Base Port Hueneme, CA.

Friends & Family:

Mike, recovering from stroke – friend of Nina Miller ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Dick, health issues – uncle of Karen Slager ~ Reuben, lung cancer – co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Linda Anderson, prayers for healing and comfort – family of the Johanson's ~ Francesca, health concerns – family friend of Nina Miller ~ 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 ~ Beth Wagner – grand-daughter of Geri Larson ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

October 2: Jeff & Janet Csonka Celebrating 43 years.

October 7: David & Robin Blount Celebrating 47 years.

October 14: James & Nancy Carrell Celebrating 53 years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

October 6: Cheryl Robbins

October 7: Mary Buck

October 11: Thomas Fleming

October 13: Bob Pahl

October 15: Sarah Buck

Jillian Stablein

October 18: John Lewis

Jennifer Cotton

October 19: Pat Sims

October 21: Addison Flanagan

October 24: Bernice Morris

October 27: Roy Hall

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a Stitched in Christ	2 7p.m. Boy Scouts	3 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter	4 8:30a - 3p Bound With Love Quilt Workshop
5 9:30a.m. Worship Service	6 9a. Stephen Minister Training 6:30p. Council Meeting	7 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	8	9 7p.m. Boy Scouts	10	11 10a. Pet Blessing All Day Hall Rental
12 9:30a.m. Worship Service	13 9a. Stephen Minister Training	14 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	15 10 a.m. Priscilla Circle 5p - 7p GHS Track Or Treat	16 7p.m. Boy Scouts	17	18 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
19 9:30a.m. Worship Service	20 9a. Stephen Minister Training	21 10a. - 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	22	23 7p.m. Boy Scouts	24	25
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MISSION OF THE MONTH



Founded in 2013, by Marcus Martin, Grace Beyond Borders NWI, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization that meets the physical and spiritual needs of those impacted by homelessness and drug addiction. Providing food, long-term housing, and a safe space to help neighbors get back on their feet, Grace Beyond Borders provides resources for a hand up and not a hand out. As a program to end homelessness, life-changing services are given to transform and restore lives.

Please visit the Grace Beyond Borders website for more information.

<https://www.gracebeyondborders.org/>

GLCW will be collecting **travel size** personal hygiene items:

Prayer cards	Shower gel
Toothpaste	Bar soap
Toothbrushes	Combs
Toothbrush holders	Hand sanitizer
Shampoo	Washcloths
Lotion	Socks
Women's sanitary wipes	Bottles of water
Feminine hygiene soap/gel	

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson

Griffith Jr./Sr. High School's 5th Annual Trick or Treat!!!



We are collecting **individually wrapped *treats/snack size***; Goldfish, Animal Crackers and Fruit Snacks for approximately 600 kids!!!

We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to decorate the GLC table and hand out treats at the event! Costumes are optional.

Please call the church office if you have any questions.

GLC community outreach sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

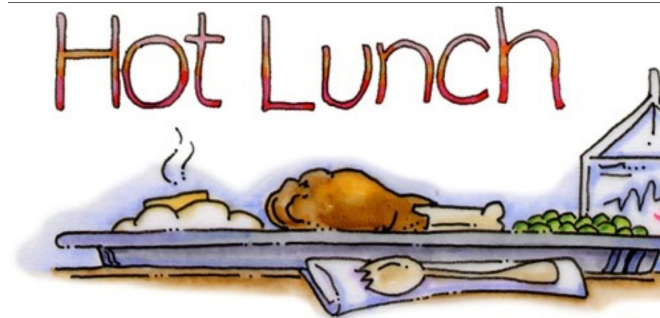
**Proceeds go to support Griffith
Unified Sports!!!**



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 Friday, October 3:

Serving Saturday, October 18:

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

**Please call or email the church office if you are interested
in volunteering to serve meals .**

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

The Quilts are coming!!!

Starting Sunday, September 28th, the many quilts that our Bound With Love Quilt Group has made during this past year will be on display for two weeks. They will be blessed on Sunday, October 5th and then packed up and shipped off to either Lutheran World Relief or to the Lake County Department of Children & Family Services for children in foster care. We would like your help with the shipping costs. It costs \$3 to ship each quilt to Lutheran World Relief. There will be a baggie attached to each quilt. We ask that you pick your favorite quilt or two or three and put \$3 into the baggie to help with shipping costs. Thank you so much for all of the support you have shown our quilting ministry.

Reminder: The Bound With Love "Not your Grandmother's Quilting Workshop" is Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 8:30a - 3p., in the GLC Fellowship Hall.

Giving Thanks Dinner

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a "Giving Thanks" dinner on Sunday, November 2, 2025 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. **We need to know now many to prepare dinners for, so please:**

1. sign the list on the white board across from the office, or
2. call the office to make your reservation
3. sign the sheet if you are able to bring a pie to share at the dinner
4. bring a non-perishable food item with you for our blessing box.

Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities

Lector / Tech / Light Beater / Worship Assistant Schedule October - November 2025

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	WORSHIP ASSIST.
October 5	Jeff Csonka	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Pam Przybylowski
October 12	Matt Csonka	Dean Johanson	Sarah Buck	Matt Csonka
October 19	Dean Johanson	Mark Stutler	Pam Przybylowski	Dean Johanson
October 26	MaryAnn Lovas	Scott Muffett	Shirley Comer	Shirley Comer
November 2	Debbie Lewis	Dean Johanson	Nina Miller	Sarah Buck
November 9	Christine Wroblewski	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Christine Wroblewski
November 16	Brian Batinic	Mark Stutler	Pam Przybylowski	Dawn Fleming
November 23	Pam Przybylowski	Scott Muffett	Sarah Buck	Pam Przybylowski
November 30	Chris Pilipow	Nina Miller	Shirley Comer	Dean Johanson

Please contact Cheri and Loretta if you have any conflicts with the schedule.
Thank you for all that you do to make our Church run smoothly on Sunday mornings.



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