

2020

September

Griffith Lutheran Church
1000 N Broad St
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***"Growing Christ-Centered
relationships in our
communities through
love and service."***

Special Points of Interest

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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:

Larry Miller

We Pray for Worshippers:

Carrie Sovola ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ Suzanne Schmidt ~ Madeline Conn ~ Bev Oddivak ~ Louise Oman ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Ted & Camille White ~ 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

Friends & Family:

Kathy Davis – niece of Velma Thiel ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Cathy Marcheschi – daughter of Geri Larson ~ Rose - Loretta's mom ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousin of Cheri Robbins ~ 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 Tomes ~ Chad Aldrin - son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Lynette - best friend of Linda Aldrin ~ Rain & Reef - daughters of Linda Aldrin's nephew ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Paul, stomach cancer - brother of Dennis Robbins



PRAY TELL

Dare to Be

When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully.
When there is darkness, dare to be the first to shine a light.
When there is injustice, dare to be the first one to condemn it.
When something seems difficult, dare to do it anyway.
When life seems to beat you down, dare to fight back.
When there seems to be no hope, dare to find some.
When you're feeling tired, dare to keep going.
When times are tough, dare to be tougher.
When love hurts you, dare to love again.
When someone is hurting, dare to help them heal.
When another is lost, dare to help them find their way.
When a friend falls, dare to be the first to extend a hand.
When you cross paths with another, dare to make them smile.
When you feel great; dare to help someone else feel great too.
When the day has ended, dare to feel you've done your best.
Dare to be the best you can – At all times, Dare to be!

Sandra Ruban

Matthew 5:1-16

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

From Pastor Scales

Those of you over 65 know that our health care provider is to have a “wellness check” with us each year, promoted and financed by Medicare. I recently had mine and all went well. Then my health care provider looked at me straight in the eye and said, “How are you emotionally.” Normally, I would say, “ok”. This time I stammered a bit. The world is not ok, so how can I be ok. I admitted I have felt some things emotionally that I don’t ever remember feeling before. I told her that I finally identified what I had been feeling as anxiety. Something is just not right in the world and that affects me, and we know it must affect others as well.

My anxiety is not overwhelming. It is just an emotion that I have not had very much. My health care provider assured me that she is hearing this a lot and each person is different and works with their anxieties in various and different ways.

The way in which I primarily deal with being anxious is through prayer, usually short sentence prayers asking for calmness. I know of many who find help through someone else, a friend, a doctor, a therapist. I know now, I can reach out to my health care provider if needed. We find ourselves reaching out of ourselves when we find turmoil within ourselves.

And of course, that reminds me of how blessed I am, and we all are, to have each other within a community of God’s love, compassion and strength.

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. The Fellowship Committee spends an average of \$150.00 on groceries for these meals. Please consider a donation to help support this outreach program. Please write “*Homeless Shelter*” in memo of check. Thank you.



Happy Anniversary

September 7: Jack & Amanda Blount Celebrating 1 Year.

September 12: Bo & Suellen Cain Celebrating 28 Years.

September 16: Michael & Laura Bratcher Celebrating 25 Years.

September 17: Earl & RoseAnn White Celebrating 56 Years.

September 20: Mark & Joanne Joyce Celebrating 34 Years.

Happy Birthday

September 1: Les Bias

September 2: Diane Tomasko

September 5: Robin Blount

September 6: William Alexander

September 11: Nancy Carrell

September 12: Evan Masters

September 13: Elaine Kearney

September 17: Violet Pack

September 18: Hildegard Hochstetler

September 21: Zoe Schultze

September 24: Carol Boyle

September 24: Thomas Jursic

September 25: Andrew Martinez

September 25: Isla Williams

September 27: Chris Pilipow

September 28: Cindy Jursic

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	7 Labor Day GLC Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	14 7p.m. Quarterly Cong. Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Available Online via Facebook or YouTube	28	29	30			

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SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Lutheran World Relief



As we all know Beirut was bombed on August 4th, 2020. Thousands were injured & now homeless and the area is in total devastation, plus they are dealing with Covid 19.

The blast destroyed homes, quilts, school supplies & baby needs, & the estimate was given as 25,000 men & women who are without the essentials needed for everyday survival.

The mission board is asking that we help our neighbors in Lebanon, even in times of trial, we know that love never fails and we are asking that we share that love by helping to replenish the lost items. Our gifts will be a lifeline to the families so desperately in need.

In Christ, Sandra Ruban ~ Mission Board Chair



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Season of Creation 2020, a series of weekly devotions for Sept. 1-Oct. 4, is now available! The season, which begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, is a time to join with the global Christian community in renewing, repairing and restoring commitments to God, to one another and to all creation. For the four churches that prepared the resource — the ELCA, The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada — this is also a time for strengthening relationships with one another. Through Scripture, hymns, advocacy and action, these weekly devotions, which begin Sept. 6, invite people to live out their vocations as stewards of creation.

www.elca.org

No New changes to in-person worship service.

GLC Leadership continues to monitor COVID-19 in our state and across the nation. We are receiving guidance and input from ELCA leadership, Federal/State agencies, and local updates. Service restrictions and precautions needed for in-person worship services are described below. These precautions are considered necessary given our understanding of the risks associated with COVID-19 exposure.

In-person Worship:

Only one entrance – the West entrance at the parking lot – will be used for entry to the worship service. The door attendant will take individuals temperatures as they enter the building as well as hand out masks and/or gloves to anyone attending that may need them. **NOTE:** Masks are required. Gloves are optional. Signs or floor markings will be put down to provide visual references of the 6' distance requirement.

Singing during services:

The guidelines state that singing should be prohibited for the time being, even when wearing face coverings. 2-3 members assisting in leading the worship service will sing during the service. The congregation in attendance, seated in the pews are discouraged from singing even with their masks on.

Hymnals, cushions, other items kept in pews have been removed:

The sanctuary has been stripped of all written materials and cushions to better protect our members and to facilitate the cleaning process. A deep cleaning of the Entry Hall, Narthex, Sanctuary and Restroom areas will be done weekly.

Paper Bulletins:

Bulletins will be printed and placed on tables with the all-in-one communion cups and offering plates. These tables will also have hand sanitizer stations on them.

Seating arrangements:

There will be markings and signs identifying seating that will be used for services, and to prevent members from sitting in pews designated to remain empty for physical distancing requirements. The Ushers will coordinate seating and limit gathering in the Narthex both before and after service and will also be wearing face masks.

After Communion, the Ushers will proceed down the aisles with bowls for members to discard their used communion cups.

When the service has concluded the Ushers will direct the exodus from church starting with members seated in back while maintaining the appropriate physical distancing.

GLC Council President, Scott Muffett
and the GLC Leadership Team

School Supplies 2020 Recap

The GLCW was unsure if we would be able to have a school supply collection this year because of the pandemic. We weren't sure if people would feel comfortable shopping. We decided we would just deal with whatever we received.

Well, true to form, the GLC congregation came through with enough supplies for us to pack 25 backpacks for the students at Longfellow Elementary School in Calumet Township!

We also received several very generous monetary donations to help with this project. As a result, we were able to also buy supplies and backpacks to send 24 backpacks to Lutheran World Relief. With the money that remained, we purchased backpacks for next year's supply drive.

The students at Longfellow will be starting virtual learning in September. We delivered the backpacks to the school so they will be used when the children return. The staff was very grateful that we helped them once again.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated items or money for school supplies. Your loving generosity to our local and world community is a blessing.



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Worship Services on Facebook.**

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Happy Labor Day!*



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This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made,
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad it in it.

Psalm 118:24

