

September

2021



***“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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Caring for families: Jon & Gisele Smith - Zurawski



New to Prayer List:

Bonnie Carpenter, stroke - friend of Louise Oman ~ Velda Salima, stroke – mother of Robin Blount ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Steve & Pam Przybylowski ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Marilyn Carey ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Louise Oman ~ Cathy Marcheschi ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Sandy Lee ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ JoAnne Villa ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ Madeline Conn ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Dave & Sylvia Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Terri Bogdan ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ 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 Corps Officers School, Port Hueneme, CA.

Friends & Family:

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

September 7: Jack & Amanda Blount Celebrating 2 Years.

September 12: Bo & Suellen Cain Celebrating 29 Years.

September 16: Michael & Laura Bratcher Celebrating 26 Years.

September 20: Mark & Joanne Joyce Celebrating 35 Years.

Happy Birthday

September 1: Les Bias

September 2: Diane Tomasko

September 5: Robin Blount

September 11: Nancy Carrell

September 12: Evan Masters

September 13: Elaine Kearney

September 17: Violet Pack

September 18: Hildegard Hochstetler

September 24: Archie MacDonald

September 24: Carol Boyle

September 24: Thomas Jursic

September 25: Isla Williams

September 27: Chris Pilipow

September 28: Cindy Jursic

September 30: Loretta Muffett

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	6 Labor Day GLC Office Closed	7 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study	8 9:30a.m. Priscilla Circle 6:30p Choir	9	10	11
12 9:30a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	13 7p.m. Quarterly Congregational Meeting	14 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study	15 6:30p Choir	16	17	18
19 9:30a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	20	21 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study	22 First Day of Fall 6:30p Choir	23	24	25
26 9:30a.m. Worship Service Available via Facebook or YouTube	27	28 6p - 7:30p Soul Feast Book Study	29 6:30p Choir	30		

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SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



**The Griffith Lutheran Mission for September 2021
is Griffith Police Department, “Shop With a Cop”**

The purpose of Shop with a Cop is to foster positive relationships with area youth and the Griffith police officers.

Children are selected each year, during the end of the year holiday season to shop at a local store to purchase gifts for members of their immediate family.

Each child is given a small amount of money to spend, normally \$50.00 to \$100.00 depending on the size of the child’s immediate family. Approximately 1-2 children are matched with an officer, who will escort the child around the store to select appropriate gifts for each family member.

After shopping the children are given lunch, wrap their gifts & visit with the officers.

Shop with a Cop is a annual signature program for the Griffith Police Department, that Griffith Lutheran Church has supported for many years.

**In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board 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: Griffith Police Department, "Shop With a Cop"

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.

Our "**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**" service project will take place on Friday, September 17th at Griffith Central Market from 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM. We will need a few volunteers at our booth to greet the community. Please sign-up in the Narthex to volunteer.

EVERYONE can help by decorating buttons! Please take some of the paper circles home with you to colorfully decorate and bring back to church by September 5th. They will be turned into buttons and handed out at Griffith Central Market! See the table in the Narthex or ask Deaconess Intern Carrie Sovola for more information.

Evangelical Lutheran Church In America **Lutheran Disaster Response**

Griffith Lutheran Church will be collecting a special donation through the end of September to send to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to help with the Haiti Crisis and the Afghanistan Refugees. Please make checks payable to Griffith Lutheran Church and write "**ELCA donation**" in check memo and on offering envelope.



Technical Assistant & Lector

Volunteer Opportunities

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

SINGERS UNITE!!!!



Choir Members *Welcome!*



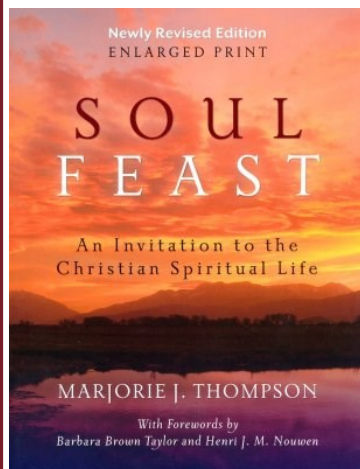
Calling all GLC past, current, and future Choir Members. Are you ready to make some music? Well, warm-up those vocal cords, sing around the house, in the shower or in the car.

With fingers crossed and no more Covid protocol we are going to try and start our choir up again. We can space ourselves in the fellowship hall, and if you prefer masks can be worn. It just feels time that we make some music. All voices are needed. If you don't know where you fit in, we'll find a spot. If you don't read music, no problem. If you just enjoy singing, we have a spot for you. If you have any questions see Denny or Cheri at church, call them on the phone: 219-616-9291, or email them at GLC_Music@yahoo.com. Rehearsals will begin on September 8, 2021 @ 6:30p.m. See you soon!

New Book Study: Soul Feast, An Invitation to the Spiritual Christian Life by Marjorie J. Thompson (Newly Revised Edition)

Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

August 24-October 26**



Led by Deaconess Intern Carrie Sovola, this book study will explore spiritual disciplines such as reading, praying, worshiping, fasting, examination of conscience, spiritual guidance, hospitality, Sabbath-keeping, and more. It will also incorporate mindful meditation and (easy) chair yoga techniques.

This book can be purchased on Amazon.com and other sites. There is also a large print version. If you need any assistance ordering the book (financially or otherwise) please contact Carrie.

The book study is Carrie's FINAL PROJECT for her deaconess formation program. Please sign-up on the sheet across from the church office if you are interested in attending.



School Supplies Update

The GLCW would like to thank all of those who donated school supplies during our recent school supply drive. We were able to pack and deliver 20 backpacks filled with supplies to Longfellow School in Calumet Township. We also packed 7 backpacks for children of Love INC clients.

Your caring and generosity is much appreciated.

9th Annual Barbecue and Car Show

The Fellowship Committee and Mark Stutler want to thank everybody that participated in the annual BBQ and Car Show! We had the highest number of autos in the show since we began this event. We also had very high attendance.

For those of you that *might* want to know . . . we shopped for days, made rubs and brines on Thursday, brined the turkeys and rubbed the pork butts on Friday and smoked 220 pounds of turkey and pork butts on Saturday, finishing Sunday morning. We did this while making 20 lbs. of potato salad,

6 lbs. of pasta salad, 10 lbs. of coleslaw. As the meats reached the proper temperature, we had to pull the meat. On Sunday, we made baked beans, decorated the tables, hung dryer sheets in the tents to keep the bees at bay and on and on and on!

This is our favorite event of the year and loved every minute of the preparation for the event and the event itself. We loved the community that came out and shared the day with our congregation. Again, thank you to everyone that made this possible, for those that donated gift cards, purchased raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt that Karen Slager made and donated, to Mark, Julie, Kyle, LeAnn and Grandma for all the work with the registrations, ticket sales, and all the other work they did.

JoEllen Pilipow, Carol Boyle and Martha Krop
Fellowship Committee

**GLC 9th Annual
Barbecue
and Car Show**



Pastor Scales and Marie



Amelia won first place in the
Hot Wheels races!



Terry and his Slingshot





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