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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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2022 Council Officers, Board/Committee Chairs

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OFFICERS

President: Nina Miller

Vice President: Martha Krop

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Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Paul Nicolosi III

BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Elders: Carrie Sovola

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

Trustees: Scott Muffett

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Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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For the past few weeks, I have been going to cardiac rehab at nine each morning. At one point, I am sitting at a sit-down bicycle type of exercise equipment and usually sit next to the same person. So, we have been having conversations. She is a Lutheran and attends church in Portage. She's mentioned how they no longer have children in attendance, or families. She said that most of those who attend or are members who look like her and she is probably around 80 years old. This seems to be more usual than unusual in churches. She and I talked about how some churches are thriving with families, young people, and children, but most, it seems are not.

There have been all kinds of articles written about how churches can bounce back after the "pandemic", but most agree that churches were not thriving before the pandemic. Is this a "phase" and one day churches will be back in the mainstream, or is this the future, where churches and attending church is almost an afterthought. Only time will tell, probably no matter how hard we try to "bring them in", to quote an old hymn.

Regardless, God does not change. God gave us Jesus, who through the Holy Spirit is with us, regardless. We go to God with our petitions, our wants, our needs, our thanksgivings. We ask God to direct the path and mission of our church and other churches. We are here for the mission of spreading the news about Jesus and His salvation and His love for us all and we will continue to spread the love and salvation of Jesus, whether we are large or whether or are small.

Pastor Scales

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

John Jones, heart transplant - brother of Loretta Muffett ~ Velma Thiel ~ Richard and Natalie Schultze ~ Madeline Conn

We Pray for Worshippers:

Sandra Ruban ~ John Kettwig ~ Pastor Scales ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Cheri Robbins ~ Pam Przybylowski ~ Liana Boullis ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Bob Pahl ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Marilyn Carey ~ Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ LeAnn Stutler ~ JoAnne Villa – Colonial Nursing Rehab, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boullis ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Velma Thiel ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ Archie MacDonald ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ Bernice Morris

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 Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Friends & Family:

Steve, co-worker of Nina Miller – throat cancer ~ Linda, sister of Annette Johanson ~ 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 ~ Rose Philips, Stroke – family friend of Annette Johanson ~ Haley, stage 3 Colon Cancer – daughter of Nina Millers co- worker ~ Georgia, Cancer – friend of Velma Thiel ~ Sara Piepho - granddaughter of Terry Hennig ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousins of Cheri Robbins ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer – co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Diane, Janet, Becky & Kathy, Barbara Harden, cancer, Martin & Carol Minich, many health issues, Doug, health issues, Donald Obert – family of Velma Thiel

Happy Anniversary

September 7: Jack & Amanda Blount Celebrating 3 years.

September 12: Bo & Suellen Cain Celebrating 30 years.

September 16: Michael & Laura Bratcher Celebrating 27 years.

September 17: Earl & RoseAnn White Celebrating 58 years.

September 20: Mark & Joanne Joyce Celebrating 36 years.

Happy Birthday

September 1: Les Bias

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 21: Zoe Schultze

September 21: Paul Buck

September 24: Archie MacDonald

September 24: Carole Boyle

September 24: Thomas Jursic

September 25: Andrew Martinez

September 25: Isla Williams

September 27: Chris Pilipow

September 28: Cindy Jursic

September 30: Loretta Muffett

September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
4 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30a.m. Worship Service Sunday School Rally Day	12	13 10a - 3p Bound With Love Quilters	14	15	16	17 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
18 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube 10:30 a.m. Quarterly Congregational Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30a.m. Worship Service available via Facebook or YouTube	26	27 10a - 3p Bound With Love Quilters	28	29	30	



The Evangelism Committee is collecting items for The Hammond City Rescue Mission and the local women's shelter.

A tub is located outside the church's office for your donated items.

Hammond City Rescue Mission:

Bottled water, snacks (chips, cookies, power bars etc.), face masks, Antibacterial household cleaning supplies: Pine Sol, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose surface cleaner.

We are still collecting and are in need of New or Gently used Bibles for the Hammond City Rescue Mission



BOUND WITH LOVE QUILTERS

The Bound With Love quilting group meets in the GLC Fellowship Hall the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10a.m – 3p.m. Bring your own sack lunch and beverage for a break and devotions at 12:30.

There is room in the wonderful world of quilting for anyone who wants to join the fun, regardless of their skill. Our goal for 2022 is to complete 100 quilts. We could use your help! We would love to have you working with The Bound With Love Quilters. It takes many hands doing lots of different things to make our quilts.

Please contact Karen Slager or the GLC office with questions or for more information.



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 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.

Please meet at GLC by 11:15a.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.

***Please prayerfully consider giving of your time. The sign-up
sheet for July is posted on the whiteboard.***

Thank you.

Sunday School

Opportunities for Adults

Calling all Adults to join a Sunday School class. It's never too late to learn. We have two classes ready to start Sept. 18, 2022, immediately after the Council Meeting. Please prayerfully consider joining with other adult learners to seek more knowledge in the word of God.

Class led by Deaconess Carrie: ***Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*** by Rachel Held Evans

Class led by Dennis Robbins - A study on Psalm 23. There is a book and study guide that will be provided for the class.

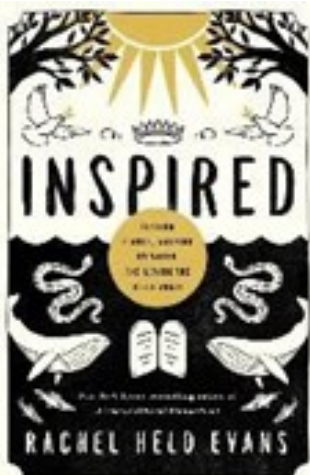
Please sign up for these classes on the bulletin board across from the office so that materials can be ordered.

We are still looking for teachers and leaders for the younger students. If you are interested please see Dennis Robbins.

REMEMBER: Sunday School Rally day September 11, 2022, and classes start September 18, 2022.

FALL BOOK STUDY

***Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water,
and Loving the Bible Again***
by Rachel Held Evans



Deaconess Carrie will lead a book study during the Sunday school hour beginning September 18th through November 13th at 10:45 AM in the fellowship hall. We will read and discuss the book and associated Scriptures using the study guide created by the author to guide the discussion. A copy of the book and study guide will be provided to you. Please sign-up if you would like to participate and see Deaconess Carrie with any questions.

BBQ/CAR SHOW

Thank you to ALL that helped with the annual BBQ/Car Show. We had an awesome turnout this year. We fed approximately 237 individuals! We had 76 cars registered for the show, with 86 on display for people to view!

We sold \$547.00 in Quilt Raffle Tickets, which will all be going to the Bound With Love Quilt group for expenses. The Quilt was won by Debbie Thinnes (one of our quilters), second place (6 quilted placemats) went to Nina Miller, third (quilted table runner) to Pam Przybylowski, fourth (6 quilted placemats) to Carrie C. And 5th (4 quilted mug rugs) to Jaime from Hammond.

We took in \$795.75 from the food donation box and \$1,140.00 from the Car Show, for a total of \$1,935.75. Our expenses for both the BBQ and Car Show were \$1,477.83. We took in \$457.92 over what we spent. This money will continue to be used to feed the Men's Shelter in Hammond. We also had a \$250.00 Thrivent grant which was obtained by Karen Slager to use for expenses of the car show.







MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.

• **SAVE THE DATE**

For this year’s “God’s Work.
Our Hands.” day of Service.

GLC will assist with the setup and distribution of food during the Food Bank of NWI Mobile Market on Thursday, September 8th from 4p to 6p in the GLC parking lot.



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