

# "Growing Christ-Centered relationships in our communities

through love and service."

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# Griffith Lutheran Church 1000 N Broad St Griffith, IN 46319

2025

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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** 

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# S.A.M. Update

Scott Muffett and Nina Miller were installed by Pastor Dan Forehand, Assistant to the Bishop for Emerging Ministers and Ministries of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod during the worship service on Sunday, August 24, 2025.



S.A.M. Scott Muffett, S.A.M. Nina Miller and Pastor Dan Forehand, Assistant to the Bishop for Emerging Ministers and Ministries of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod.





#### **New to Prayer List:**

Family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Russ Schroeder ~ Mike, recovering from stroke – friend of Nina Miller ~

#### **We Pray for Worshippers:**

Phyllis Darnell, health concerns ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~ Mark Stutler, recovery from back surgery ~ Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Denny &

Cheri Robbins ~ Rich Shimala ~ Janet Malone ~ 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 Boulles ~ 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:**

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!!!**

September 7: Jack & Amanda Blount Celebrating 6 years.

September 12: Bo & Suellen Cain Celebrating 33 years.

September 16: Michael & Laura Bratcher Celebrating 30 years.

September 20: Mark & Joanne Joyce Celebrating 39 years.

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

September 1: Les Bias

September 5: Robin Blount

September 8: Karen Slager

September 11: Nancy Carrell

September 12: Evan Masters

September 13: Elaine Kearney

September 17: Violet Pack

September 18: Hildegard Hochstetler

September 21: Paul Buck

September 24: Carol Boyle

September 24: Thomas Jursic

September 27: Christopher Pilipow

September 28: Cindy Jursic

September 30: Loretta Muffett

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day GLC Office Closed	2 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	3 10a Stitched in Christ	<b>4</b> 7p.m. Boy Scouts	5	6 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
<b>7</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	8 6:30p. Council Meeting	9 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	10	7p.m. Boy Scouts	12	13
9:30a.m. Worship Service	15	16 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	17 10 a.m. Priscilla Circle	18 7p.m. Boy Scouts	19	20 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter 10a - 2p Griffith Safety Day
9:30a.m. Worship Service	22	23 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	24	25 7p.m. Boy Scouts	26	27
28 9:30a.m. Worship Service	29	30 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters 4p. NWI Mobile Food Bank				

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#### MISSION OF THE MONTH



Phil's Friends was founded in 2005 by Phil Zeilke. As he was battling Hodgkin's Lymphoma, he received a "care package" from friends containing much needed items to help him with his personal needs, and encouraging cards and prayers.

Phil's mission is to provide Christ centered support and hope for those affected by cancer by providing care packages, cards of hope, and home & hospital visits.

When a request for a care package is received, the volunteers of the Hope Center, assembles & delivers or ships directly to the patient and each package is designed to the individual needs of that patient given by the family's knowledge of their interests.

If you have a loved one that you would like to receive a care package, you can contact Phil's Friends at 224-653-8315, or fill out the request on their website @ info@philsfriends.org

In Christ, Sandra Ruban Mission Board Chairperson

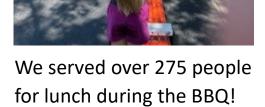


# Griffith Lutheran Church 13th Annual Community Bar-B-Q and Car Show Saturday, August 23, 2025





230 pounds of turkey and pork were smoked for the Community BBQ



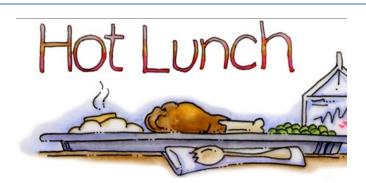
78 cars, trucks and motorcycles registered for the Car Show.



## **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**

"Growing Christ-Centered relationships in our communities through love and service." 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 Saturday, September 6: Kyle & Sarah Buck Serving Saturday, September 20: Garrett Wright &

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

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



## 2025 School Supplies Collection

Thanks to the very generous donations by the congregation, the GLCW was able to assemble and pack 34 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits are sent to areas where, because of poverty and living conditions, children often do not have an opportunity for an education.

In addition, we were able to fill 2 boxes with needed school supplies for Longfellow New Tech Elementary School in Calumet Township. We have been helping this school for several years now. Longfellow is now a K-4 school with a high rate of poverty among its students.



Thank you to all who have helped with this ministry.



Griffith Police Department's
Annual Public Safety
& Community Day
Saturday, September 20, 2025
Central Park 600 N Broad St.
10a ~ 2p

GLC Volunteers are needed during this event as well as for set-up and tear-down.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard outside of the office.

# Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities

# Lector / Tech / Light Beater / Worship Assistant Schedule September 2025

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	WORSHIP ASSIST.
9/7/2025	Matt Csonka	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Matt Csonka
9/14/2025	Christine Wroblewski	Scott Muffett	Pam Przybylowski	Christine Wroblewski
9/21/2025	Dean Johanson	Mark Stutler	Lauren Fullgraf	Dean Johanson
9/28/2025	Sarah Buck	Dean Johanson	Pam Przybylowski	Sarah Buck

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.



# **Stephen Minster Training Mondays from 9:00a - 11:30a**

Training begins Monday, September 15, 2025 and will go through the end of the 2025 calendar year.

Training will take place in Loretta's office.

Loretta and the larger office space will not be available on Mondays during the training sessions.



Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 to help with the NWI foodbank Mobile Market.

Please meet in the Griffith Lutheran Church parking lot at 3:30p. Food distribution will begin at 4p.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard outside of the church office or you can call the church office to sign up.

Thank you for volunteering!!

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