



**2025**

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

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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**

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### **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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**\* Loretta Muffett: Stephen Ministry Leader @ 219-838-1626 /  
glc1000@griffithlutheran.org**



## *Christmas Poinsettia*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**6" pot @ \$9.00 each**

Quantity Red \_\_\_\_\_

= total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly to ensure the spelling is correct.

**I would like this in Honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**And / Or in Memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**All orders and payment are due by Friday, December 12, 2025.**

**Please make checks payable to Griffith Lutheran Church.**

Poinsettias are ordered from Strack & Van Til Floral, Highland, IN.

(Office use only: Paid: \_\_ Cash: \_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Rec'd: \$\_\_\_\_\_) ●

**The Board of Trustees is looking for individuals interested in assisting with the maintenance of our church building and church grounds. While a general background in overall maintenance (at work or home) is helpful it is not a requirement. In addition, the Head Trustee position will be opening at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in either of these two opportunities, please contact (talk to) Jeff Csonka or call the church office for the details.**

**Thank you, Jeff Csonka**

**Head Trustee**

***Managing the property, equipment, and investments  
God has entrusted to our ministry.***



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

Geri Larson, Pancreatic cancer - Hospice ~  
Phyllis Darnell, in home Hospice ~ Don &  
Suzanne Schmidt; Don - Cancer, Sue -  
recovering from fractured femur ~ Nicole Kettwig  
~ Janet Malone ~ Dawn Fleming ~ Bob Pahl ~  
Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Linda Anderson,  
prayers for healing and comfort ~ Frank Spear,  
health concerns ~ Mark Stutler ~ Roy Runyan –

health issues ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Rich Shimala ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ John  
Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Sandra Ruban ~  
Elaine Kearney ~ 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:**

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 ~ 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 ~ Greg Coddington, Chemo - son of  
Elaine Kearney ~ Melinda Pepik, cancer – daughter of Janet Malone ~  
Kenny, health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar  
Creek nursing home, Lowell ~ Beth Wagner – grand-daughter of Geri  
Larson ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse –  
cousins of Cheri Robbins

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!**

December 14: Jeff & Nina Miller Celebrating 29 years.

December 23: Les & Jenny Bias Celebrating 41 years.



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

December 5: Gavin Pack

December 11: Martha Krop

December 17: Roy Runyan

December 19: Don Schmidt

December 19: Suellen Cain

Ethan Buck

December 20: John Kettwig

Theresa Mirowski

December 21: Gabriel Dudliceck

December 22: Donna Clark

December 29: Linda Anderson

December 31: Pat Ignas

# December 2025

| Sun  | Mon       | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|-----------|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Reminder:</b><br>Congregational meeting<br>December 7 immediately following the worship service.                    | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>10a. - 3p.<br>Bound W/<br>Love Quilters  | <b>3</b><br>5p - 5:30p<br>Pick up Advent Dinners                             | <b>4</b><br>7p.m. Boy Scouts  | <b>5</b><br>11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter   | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b> 9:30a.m.<br>Worship Service<br>Last day to drop off Toys for Tots & Angel Tree Gifts!<br><b>2p Carol Sing</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>10a. - 3p.<br>Bound W/<br>Love Quilters  | <b>10</b> Noon<br>Prime Timers Group<br>5p - 5:30p<br>Pick up Advent Dinners | <b>11</b><br>7p.m. Boy Scouts                                       | <b>12</b><br>Last day to turn in Poinsettia orders!! | <b>13</b>   |
| <b>14</b><br>9:30a.m.<br>Worship Service   | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>10a. - 3p.<br>Bound W/<br>Love Quilters | <b>17</b><br>5p - 5:30p<br>Pick up Advent Dinners                            | <b>18</b><br>7p.m. Boy Scouts                                       | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter |
| <b>21</b><br>9:30a.m.<br>Worship Service   | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>10a. - 3p.<br>Bound W/<br>Love Quilters | <b>24</b><br>GLC Office Closed<br>7p Christmas Eve Worship Service           | <b>25</b> GLC<br>Office Closed<br>10a Christmas Day Worship Service | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>   |
| <b>28</b><br>9:30a.m.<br>Worship Service   | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>10a. - 3p.<br>Bound W/<br>Love Quilters | <b>31</b>  |   |  | <div>6</div>  |

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### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

#### **The Mission for December 2025 is Angels Wrapped in Love.**

Angels Wrapped in Love is located in Wheatfield, IN, their mission is to provide infant “Angel Gowns” to hospitals & funeral homes for premature & full term babies that do not go home. This mission relieves the parents of having to purchase a gown to bury their baby.

The gowns are made from used/donated wedding gowns & are given at no charge to hospital’s and funeral homes, solely for this purpose.

Angel’s Wrapped in Love, accepts wedding gowns, yarn, lace & ribbon, in any pastel color and will make gowns, booties, hats, casket blankets and jackets from these donations.

If you have any of these items to share, please bring them to the Griffith Lutheran Church office and I will have them delivered to Angels Wrapped in Love. Items do not need to be laundered, all fabric are laundered after the gowns are made.

Please contact Darlene DeVries  
@ 219-956-3285 or visit their website  
@ [www.angelswrappedinlove.com](http://www.angelswrappedinlove.com)  
to learn more, or if you have any  
questions

In Christ,  
Sandra Ruban  
Mission Board Chairperson





## Advent Dinners

This Advent Season, we will continue to have our Advent Dinners on Wednesday evenings. These have become a wonderful ministry for the fellowship committee as many people are being reached that wouldn't be able to come in person for the dinners. They will be prepared for takeout on Advent Wednesdays, December 3, December 10 and December 17, 2025 and be ready for pickup between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. There are only three Wednesdays in Advent this year with Christmas being on a Wednesday.

Please review our menu and place your orders with Loretta in the church office (219) 838-1626. Please remember your family and friends that could use an extra dinner when you are ordering for yourself.

Please come to the church between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to pick up your meals on the north side entrance under the canopy and we will bring your meals out to you. You will not need to get out of your vehicle. If you would like to order meals and are not able to pick them up, we have volunteers to deliver meals.

If you need to cancel your meal or if you wish to order additional meals, please call the church office by noon on Monday of each week.

If you are able, we would ask for a donation to help defray the cost of the meals. We will not be making enough extra for walk-ins, only pre-orders.

Our menu will be:

December 3 - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing and 7 layer salad

December 10 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, baked beans and cole slaw

December 17 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and 7 layer salad

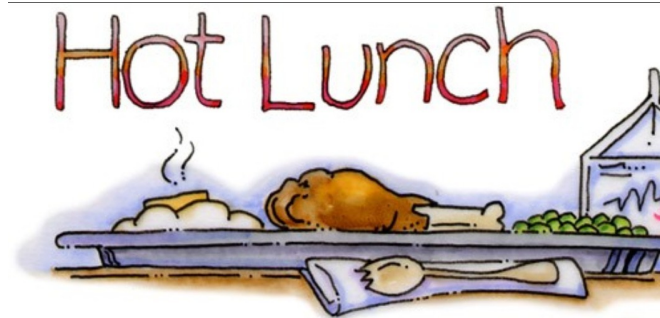
*~The Fellowship Committee*



## 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, December 5: Tom & Dawn Fleming

Serving Saturday, December 20: Kyle and Sarah Buck and Janet Malone

**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

## **PRIME TIMERS**

### **Senior Adult Fellowship**

On Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, all men and women of the church are invited to join together for a time of fun and fellowship with a new group called the “**Prime Timers**”. We will meet at noon and probably be finished by 2.

We will start with a light lunch followed by participating in a game. This will be a great way to spend an afternoon. Too many of us are spending way too much time in doctor’s offices and not enough time socializing, especially with our church family. We would like both men and women to come and feel free to ask a friend or relative to join us! If you need transportation, please call the church office and let Loretta know. We are planning these luncheons on the second Wednesday of each month.

Please sign up on the sheet across from the office or call the church office so we know how many to plan for. We really hope to see many of you!

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### **The Eternal Flame Chart and Altar Flower Chart for 2026**

have been posted in the Narthex. The cost to sponsor the Eternal Flame is \$10 and the cost to sponsor Altar Flowers is \$40 (\$20 per vase). Sponsorship is first come first served.



Sponsorship is a way to honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone like a birthday or anniversary or simply give thanks for blessings in your life. Your sponsorship also helps enhance our sanctuary with the glow and warmth of the Eternal Flame and the fresh and colorful flower arrangements, creating a more beautiful and welcoming worship service experience.

If you are not able to sign up in person, please call the office and Loretta will assist you.

## Lector / Tech / Light Beater / Worship Assistant Schedule November - December 2025

| DATE                                 | LECTOR               | TECH           | LIGHT BEARER     | WORSHIP ASSIST.      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>December 7</b>                    | Matt Csonka          | Janet Csonka   | Shirley Comer    | Matt Csonka          |
| <b>December 14</b>                   | Christine Wroblewski | Scott Muffett  | Pam Przybylowski | Christine Wroblewski |
| <b>December 21</b>                   | Dawn Fleming         | Mark Stutler   | Sarah Buck       | Sarah Buck           |
| <b>December 24<br/>Christmas Eve</b> | Chris Pilipow        | Janet Csonka   | Lauren Fullgraf  | Pam Przybylowski     |
| <b>December 25<br/>Christmas Day</b> | Dean Johanson        | Dennis Robbins |                  | Dean Johanson        |
| <b>December 28</b>                   | Sarah Buck           | Nina Miller    | Pam Przybylowski | Sarah Buck           |

Thank you for all that you do to make our worship service run smoothly.

Please contact the church office or Cheri if you are interested in volunteering to assist in the worship service.



### The Angel Tree is up!

Please put your name next to the number of the angel you choose on the clipboard.  
Please return the unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 7 with the information index card attached to the gift.  
Thank you!

# Let's Fill the Box!

## TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

**Donate new/unused toys  
and help bring a smile to  
a child this Christmas!**



**Griffith Lutheran Church is a drop off location for the  
U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots toy drive!**

**The last day to drop off new, unwrapped toy or book donations  
is Sunday, December 7, 2025.**

**The most needed items are gifts for teenagers (ages 13-17). Items  
like art supplies, books, sports equipment and gift cards.**

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PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Address