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

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2026 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: ~ Open ~

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S.A.M. Update

We continued the monthly anointing for healing service on Feb. 1st, with Nina presiding over the service and Scott performing the blessing and anointing. On February 8th we hosted the Scouts from Troop 264 along with their families in honor of Boy Scout Sunday. The service Cheri assembled was beautiful and included special recognition for the Eagle Scouts in attendance and a special closing blessing over the entire troop.

On that same day, February 8th we held a practice session in the afternoon for the Holden Prayer Service. Pastor Dale Zylstra of Christ Lutheran church and his wife joined us to lead us through the order of service. These Prayer services are new to Nina and I, and we look forward to opening our church during Lent to these ecumenical worship services. Pastor Dale has invited three other Pastors to join us, and to take turns delivering the homily on alternating Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday.

The Ash Wednesday service was held on the 18th at 7:00pm and was reasonably well attended. This, too, was a new service for Nina and Scott. Nina presided over the service while Scott performed as worship assistant and administered the Ashes.

Scott attended the Baptismal Ecclesiology retreat for S.A.M.'s held in Indianapolis on Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st. This retreat was hosted by Reverend Dan Forehand and Pastor Cogan Blackman. Reverend Dan spoke on the changing roles in church leadership and how the attraction model is fading away. The emerging systems are already in place in Europe and are reflective of the times after the reformation and before the industrial revolution when churches were small, local, and shared resources. Pastor Cogan conducted a workshop on storytelling and how to frame a story so it can be used in a sermon. The group of 16 attendees (12 S.A.M.s and 4 mentors) practiced storytelling by speaking in front of the group and then inviting critique. It was a great experience with useful tips and models to use when crafting a sermon.

The first holden prayer service was held on Wednesday the 25th, with Scott and Nina sharing the homily presentation, as Pastor Dale of Christ Lutheran church led the singing.

S.A.M. Scott Muffett

PRAYER REQUESTS



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We Pray for Worshippers:

Family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Geraldine (Geri) Larson, Geri passed away Monday, February 23rd ~ Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Lynne Stutler – health concerns, mother of Mark Stutler ~ Lisa Lemster – health concerns ~ Annette Johanson – health concerns ~ Rich & Gail Shimala – Gail, recovering from surgery ~ Rory, NICU – granddaughter of JoAnn Torok-Bakker ~ Paul, cancer – brother-in-law of Scott & Loretta ~ Bob Pahl, recovering from back surgery ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Nicole Kettwig ~ Janet Malone ~ Dawn Fleming ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Linda Anderson, prayers for healing and comfort ~ Frank Spear ~ Mark Stutler ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Louise Oman ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ JoAnne Villa; Christian Village, Crown Point ~

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 ~ Denise Stribbling, health issues – friend of Roy Runyan ~ Marie Cox – sister of Louise Oman ~ Scott Carey, cancer – son of Marilyn Carey ~ Chris Shropshire – daughter of Marilyn Carey ~ 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 ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

March 3: Scott & Loretta Muffett Celebrating 9 years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

March 3: Laura Bratcher

March 4: Jasmine Kettwig

March 5: Ryan Dudlicek

March 10: Margie Cotton

Elijah Cotton

March 13: John Aldrin

March 15: Shirley Comer

March 24: Madeline Conn

March 26: Kodie Comer

March 27: Diane Zurawski

March 30: John Mehrbrodt

Holy Week Worship Services

March 29 / Palm Sunday Worship Service at 9:30a.m.

April 2 / Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00p.m.

April 3 / Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at 1:30p.m.

April 3 / Good Friday Stations Worship Service at 7:00p.m.

April 5 / Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:30a.m.

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a Worship Service	2	3 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	4 7p Lenten Worship Service	5 5p - 5:30p Pick up Lenten dinners	6	7 11a Serve Lunch Hammond Shelter
8 9:30a Worship Service	9	10 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	11 Noon Prime Timers 7p Lenten Worship Service	12 5p - 5:30p Pick up Lenten dinners	13	14
15 9:30a Worship Service	16	17 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	18 7p Lenten Worship Service	19 5p - 5:30p Pick up Lenten dinners	20	21 11a Serve Lunch Hammond Shelter
22 9:30a Worship Service	23	24 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	25 7p Lenten Worship Service	26 5p - 5:30p Pick up Lenten dinners	27	28
29 9:30a Worship Service	30	31 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group				

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief has a vision of a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives.

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.

LRW works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. Partnering with communities to build and grow rural economies. Breaking the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.

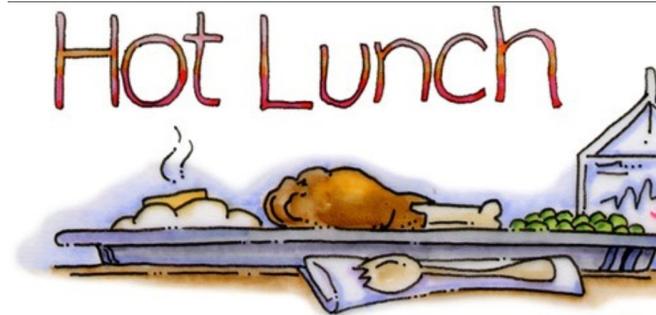
With a goal to help people build self sufficiency and create new community owned approaches to problem solving that will last long after LWR projects end.



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 Saturday, September 6:

Serving Saturday, September 20:

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

Holden Evening Prayer
Lenten Wednesdays Ecumenical Worship Services
Hosted by Griffith Lutheran Church at 7:00p.m.
Led by Pastor Dale Zylstra Of Christ Lutheran, Hammond.

Holden Evening Prayer is a vespers service written by Marty Haugen.

Lenten Dinners – Thursdays

The Fellowship Committee will be preparing Lenten **To-Go Dinners** this year on **THURSDAY** evenings. We will be having Lenten services on Wednesdays and don't want to conflict with those. These meals 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 only on the following Thursdays, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th.

Please review our menu and place your orders with the church office as soon as possible. **Please remember your family and friends that could use an extra dinner when you are ordering for yourself.**

If you order dinners, please come to the church between 5:00p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to pick up your meals. Please drive up to the north side entrance under the canopy and we will bring your meal(s) out to you. You will not need to get out of your vehicle.

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.

There is no charge for the meal, but if you are able, we would ask for a donation to help defray the cost of the groceries. We will not be making enough extra for walk-ins, only pre-orders. If you would like to order and are not able to pick up, we have volunteers to deliver to the Griffith-Highland areas.

Our tentative menu will be:

March 5: Cream Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tossed Salad

March 12: Lasagna, Bread/Roll, Tossed Salad

March 19: Stuffed Pepper Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, 7 layer

March 26: Pork Chops, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw

Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities

Lector / Tech / Light Beater / Worship Assistant Schedule March - Holy Week 2026

Lector / Tech / Light Bearer/ Worship Assit. Schedule Jan - Apr 2026

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	Worship Assist
3/1/2026	Garrett Wright	Dean Johanson	Pam Przybylowski	Shirley Comer
3/8/2026	Jeff Csonka	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Dawn Fleming
3/15/2026	Matt Csonka	Scott Muffett	Pam Przybylowski	Matt Csonka
3/22/2026	Sarah Buck	Mark Stutler	Nina Miller	Sarah Buck
3/29/2026	Shirley Comer	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fulgraf	Shirley Comer
7p. Maundy Thursday 4/2/2026	Pam Przybylowski		Sarah Buck	Pam Przybylowski
1:30p Good Friday 4/3/2026	(Nina or Scott)	Dennis Robbins	None needed	No Assistant
7p. Good Friday 4/3/2026	Chris Pilipow	Dennis Robbins		No Assistant
Easter Sunday 4/5/2026	Dean Johanson	Janet Csonka	Shirley Comer	Dean Johanson

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026. ALL ARE WELCOME. PLEASE SIGN THE LIST POSTED IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE A SEAT SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT.

BRUNCH MENU

SAUSAGE AND EGG CASSEROLE
DENVER OMELET CASSEROLE
HASH BROWN POTATO CASSEROLE
FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE



ITALIAN SAUSAGE CASSEROLE
PANCAKES W/SYRUP
PAULA DEEN'S ULTIMATE COFFEE CAKE
(STICKY BUNS)
FRUIT
COFFEE, MILK & JUICE



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