



"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

Financial Secretary: Annette Johanson

Recording Secretary: Shirley Comer

BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Ed/Sunday School: Dennis Robbins	Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop
Evangelism: Karen Slager	Altar Guild: Carol Boyle
Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow	Bookkeeper: Sue Tomes
GLCW: Gail Shimala	Music & Worship Committee: Scott Mauch
Missions: Sandra Ruban	Stephen Ministry: Loretta Muffett
Social Ministry: ~ Open ~	
Stewardship: Open	
Trustees: ~ Open ~	

For any Member Spiritual Care needs, please contact:

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HELP NEEDED: Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with the weekly worship service in any of these areas: **Tech, Greeter, Lector, Usher, Worship Assistant, Camera/Livestream, and Light Bearer.** Help in **ALL** of these skill sets is needed with a current emphasis on Tech. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time.



PRAYER REQUESTS



We Pray for Worshippers:

Eugene Hochstetler, Christine Wroblewski & family, family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Hildegard Hochstetler ~ David Schoop, post-surgery complications – brother of Martha Krop ~ Scott Muffett ~ Lisa Lemster ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Rich Shimala ~ Mary Simons ~ Sue Tomes ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Karen Slager ~ Roy Runyan ~ Annette Johanson ~ Bob Pahl ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Nicole Kettwig ~ Janet Malone ~ Dawn Fleming ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Linda Anderson ~ Mark Stutler ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ John Kettwig ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Louise Oman ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles

Friends & Family:

Christine Dunlap, health concerns: at Methodist Hospital – mother-in-law of Garrett Wright ~ Glorys Wright, health concerns – mother of Garrett Wright ~ Dawn Philips, complications after surgery – sister of Dean Johanson ~ Pastor James Swanson ~ Shelly Fentress, Breast Cancer – sister-in law to Sandra Ruban ~ Michelle, Goddaughter of Gail Shimala - complications during pregnancy ~ Richard Mounts – cancer, uncle of Shirley Comer ~ Rory, granddaughter of JoAnn Torok-Bakker ~ 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 ~ Scott Carey, cancer – son of Marilyn Carey ~ Chris Shropshire – daughter of Marilyn Carey ~ Jack Berry – Cancer, friend of Annette Johanson ~ 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

Prime Timers Reminder

Our next meeting of the Prime Timers
will be on Wednesday, November 11, at noon.

We will begin with devotions and a light lunch. After lunch we play cards or board games. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

All are welcome, and you can bring a friend. It's a fun way to spend a couple of hours with our church friends.

Please sign up or call the church office if you are planning on attending so we purchase enough food.

We hope to see you on the 11th!!!

GLC BLESSING BOX

Thank you to all who are helping to keep our Blessing Box stocked!

The most popular and frequently requested items:

Canned meat (chicken, tuna), beef jerky, peanut butter, Mac and cheese, Ramen, pasta/sauce, rice, after-school snacks, cereal, instant oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, dried fruit, coffee, tea, toilet paper, soap...



Griffith Lutheran
Church Annual Pet
Blessing
Was held on
Saturday, October
3rd at 10am.





Happy Anniversary!!!

November 16: Gig & Karen Anderson Celebrating 58 Years.

November 19: John & Gracia Dudlicek Celebrating 32 Years.

November 28: Fred & Margie Steinke Celebrating 67 Years.

Happy Birthday!!!

November 7: Carleigh Linders

November 10: Kyle Buck

November 12: Jack Blount

November 23: Eugene Hochstetler

Jeff Csonka

November 26: Laura Alexander

November 27: Susan Newman

2027 Altar Flower and Eternal Flame Charts have been posted!

Please sign up to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate or give thanks for something special in your life by sponsoring the Eternal Flame or Altar Flowers. Sponsorship is first come, first served.

Altar Flowers are \$40 per week, and Eternal Flame is \$10 per week.

Please call the office for assistance if you are unable to sign up in person.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 9:30am Worship Service	2	3 Election Day	4	5 7pm Boy Scouts	6	7 11am Serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
8 9:30am Worship Service Give Thanks Dinner	9 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 10am Quilting Group	11 Noon Prime Timers Group	12 7pm Boy Scouts	13	14
15 9:30am Worship Service	16	17 10am Quilting Group	18 10am Priscilla Circle	19 7pm Boy Scouts	20	21 11am Serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
22 9:30am Worship Service	23	24 10am Quilting Group	25	26 Thanksgiving Day GLC Office Closed	27 GLC Office Closed	28
29 9:30am Worship Service	30					

Not Your Grandmother's Quilting Workshop

Was held on Saturday October 3, 2026 from 8:30am to 3:00pm
31 people attended the quilting workshop from 11 different churches.
Those in attendance made 5 quilts and tied 7 quilts. It was a great turnout!



The 100+ quilts completed by the *Bound With Love Quilters* from October 2025 to September 2026 were blessed during the Griffith Lutheran Church worship service on October 4, 2026.

61 quilts were packed up and shipped to Lutheran World Relief and 35 quilts with pillowcases and 12 pillow animals were sent to the Department of Children and Family Services.



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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:
Fair Haven Crisis Center, Hammond, IN**

Fair Haven is a faith based non-profit organization that provides free services to women that have experienced sexual violence or human trafficking in NW Indiana.

The vision of Fair Haven is to create a caring, safe & nurturing community with zero tolerance for violence, by providing clients with trauma services, crisis advocacy services, counseling, support groups, privacy and confidentiality.

If you would like information about Fair Haven's services or volunteer opportunities, please call 219-961-4357.

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson



GLC is a donation drop off location for Toy for Tots.

Collecting now through Sunday, December 6, 2026.

Toys for Tots only accepts NEW, unwrapped toys, games, books, arts, crafts, sports equipment and personal gifts.

Gifts for children age 9 – 16 are always low. Those items are always appreciated. Thank you!

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 in the newsletter, weekly bulletin, Facebook, 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 ARE NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS!

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

If you would like to volunteer your time to deliver and / or serve the meals, a volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard outside of the church office.

Please call or email the church office if you have any questions.

Lector / Tech / Light Bearer/ Worship Asst. Schedule October 2026

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	Worship Assist
11/01/2026	Garrett Wright	Janet Csonka	Sarah Buck	Shirley Comer
11/08/2026	Scott Mauch	Nina Miller	Shirley Comer	Dawn Fleming
11/15/2026	Jeff Csonka	Mark Stutler	Lauren Fullgraf	Matt Csonka
11/22/2026	Shirely Comer	Janet Csonka	Nina Miller	Shirley Comer
11/29/2026	Sarah Buck	Dean Johanson	Lauren Fullgraf	Sarah Buck

Giving Thanks Dinner

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a “Giving Thanks” dinner on Sunday, November 8, 2026 immediately following the service. We will be serving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dinner rolls and dessert. We encourage everyone to set aside an hour to share the food, fun, fellowship and to reflect on all that we have in our lives to be thankful for. Please bring your family and friends to share in giving thanks. We need to know now many to prepare dinners for, so please:

1. sign the list on the white board across from the office, or
2. call the office to make your reservation
3. sign the sheet if you are able to bring a pie to share at the dinner
4. bring a non-perishable food item with you for our blessing box.



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.

NEW THIS YEAR: We are offering everyone the opportunity to pick up their dinner between 5-5:30, park, and bring their dinner into the fellowship hall to eat their meal, sharing fellowship with other church members. Silverware packets and drinks will be provided.

There will be Advent Worship services this year on December 2nd, December 9th, and December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

The dinners will be prepared for takeout on Advent Wednesdays, December 2, December 9, December 16 and December 23, 2026 and be ready for pickup between 5:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. We would need a total minimum number of 30 meals requested in order to prepare them.

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 5:00p.m. and 5:30p.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 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 the box 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 2 - Cream of Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, tossed salad
- December 9 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes and baked beans
- December 16 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy and 7-layer salad
- December 23 - Pulled pork (not smoked), cole slaw, macaroni & cheese





November 1st!

Online Giving
[secure.myvanco.
com/L-ZXX6](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXX6)

NOVEMBER BUCKET LIST



- Send Snail Mail Gratitude Cards
- Make A Soup From Scratch / Bake A Pie
- Say What You Are Thankful For
- Cozy Up With A Good Book
- Have A Pumpkin Drink / Drink Apple C
- Watch Football
- Watch Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Go On A Scenic Drive Or A Nature Walk
- Donate To Your Local Foodbank Or Blessing Box
- Buy A New Cozy Pair Of Socks Or A Cozy Sweater
- What is your favorite Fall thing to do?



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