



"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: Martha Krop & Loretta Muffett	Trustees: ~ Open ~

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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;

Greeter

Lector

Usher

Tech

Worship Assistant

Camera/Livestream

Light Bearer



PRAYER REQUESTS



We Pray for Worshippers:

Hildegard Hochstetler ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Rich Shimala ~ Mary Simons ~ Sue Tomes ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Karen Slager ~ Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Lisa Lemster – health concerns ~ Annette Johanson – health concerns ~ 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 Boules

Friends & Family:

Prayers for the family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Eloise Cashman – friend of Karen Slager ~ 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, NICU – 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, October 14, at noon.

We will begin with a devotional and a light lunch. After lunch we play card 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 14th!!!

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...



Saturday, October 3, 2026
At 10:00am
Rain or Shine



Thursday, October 22, 2026
At 4:00pm
Where: GLC Parking Lot

There is a signup sheet posted on the whiteboard. Volunteers, please arrive at least 15 minutes early for training.

CELEBRATE!

Happy Anniversary!!!

October 2: Jeff & Janet Csonka Celebrating 44 years.

October 7: David & Robin Blount Celebrating 48 years.

October 14: Nancy & James Carrell Celebrating 54 years.

Happy Birthday!!!

October 6: Cheryl Robbins

October 7: Mary Buck

October 11: Thomas Fleming

October 13: Bob Pahl

October 15: Sarah Buck

Jilian Stablein

October 18: John Lewis

Jenifer Cotton

October 19: Pat Sims

October 21: Addison Flanagan

October 27: Roy Hall

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Boy Scouts	2 11am Serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter	3 10am Pet Blessing 8:30am – 3pm Quilt Workshop
4 9:30am Worship Service	5	6 10am Quilting Group	7	8 7pm Boy Scouts	9	10 9am – 11:30am Pack Away Hunger @ Crown Point High School All Day Hall Rental
11 9:30am Worship Service	12 6:30pm Council Meeting	13 10am Quilting Group	14 Noon Prime Timers Group 5pm – 7pm GHS Track or Treat	15 7pm Boy Scouts	16	17 11am Serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
18 9:30am Worship Service	19	20 10am Quilting Group	21 10am Priscilla Circle Bible Study	22 NWI Foodbank Mobile Market 7pm Boy Scouts	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship Service	26	27 10am Quilting Group	28	29 7pm Boy Scouts	30	31 

You are Invited!!!

**Not Your Grandmother's Quilting
Workshop**

Hosted by the **Bound With Love
Quilters** from Griffith Lutheran Church
*(Workshop was formerly in the spring, now
moving to the fall)*

Who is invited?

**Everyone!! Sewers, non-sewers,
quilters, non-quilters, youth going into 5th grade or older**

Saturday October 3, 2026: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Doors open at 8:30 am. Please use the back entrance to the church hall
Registration and lite refreshments start at 8:30 am, Workshop starts at 9 am.
Lunch will be provided at 12:30 pm

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Quilting Workshop

The Quilts are coming!!!

Starting Sunday, September 27th, the many quilts that our Bound With Love Quilt Group have made during this past year will be on display for two weeks. They will be blessed on Sunday, October 4th and then packed up and shipped off to either Lutheran World Relief or to the Lake County Department of Children & Family Services for children in foster care. We would like your help with the shipping costs. It costs \$4 for Lutheran World Relief to ship the quilts to warehouses in the United States and around the world. There will be a baggie attached to each quilt. We ask that you pick your favorite quilt or two or three and put \$4 into the baggie to help with shipping costs. Thank you so much for all of the support you have shown our quilting ministry.

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**The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:
MAKS Corporation**

Known as Making a Kid Smile, this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Northwest, Indiana. MAKS is dedicated to helping local foster children by providing basic care, comfort items, clothing, diapers, beds, etc. to children entering the foster care system while they are displaced from home. We envision an inclusive culture of compassion and partnership in our local communities where we can guarantee basic need items to every child in care regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

We truly are a one-stop-shop for kids in care. We continue to provide for foster children while they transition to their permanent placements, whether at home or with foster parents. In the end our goal is to help the Department of Child Services (DCS) ensure our foster children have what they need.

Please visit the website for more information. <https://www.makskids.org/>

In Christ,
Sandra Ruban
Mission Board Chairperson

Wednesday, October 14 from 5p -7p.

Griffith High School Track or Treat

GLC will be participating in the Track or Treat event at Griffith High School!

The Evangelism committee is asking for donations of treat size bags of goldfish crackers, fruit snacks and animal crackers to hand out at the event to approximately 500 kids.

Please bring donations to the church by Sunday, October 11.

Thank you to everyone for supporting GLC!

Proceeds go to support Griffith Unified Sports!!!

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
10/04/2026	Sherri Mauch	Dennis Robbins	Shirley Comer	Christine Wroblewski
10/11/2026	Dean Johanson	Janet Csonka	Nina Miller	Dean Johanson
10/18/2026	Rosemary Wignall	Mark Stutler	Lauren Fullgraf	Matt Csonka
10/25/2026	Dawn Fleming	Janet Csonka	Nina Miller	Dawn Fleming



God's work.
Our hands.



Griffith Lutheran Church will be participating in The Carsten & Georgia Falkenberg Meal Pack for Pack Away Hunger.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2026

Time: 9:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Where: Crown Point High School Cafeteria

1500 S Main St, Crown Point

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the whiteboard outside of the church office or call the office to have your name added to the sign-up sheet.

“The Joy of Generosity” is Coming to Our Congregation

Have you ever done something generous and been surprised at the joy this brought into your life? Perhaps you made a generous financial gift. Perhaps you volunteered many hours of your time to a nonprofit organization. Perhaps you shared your talents in a way that benefited another person. Whatever the specifics, you were surprised by how much joy your generosity brought you.

In this experience, you bore witness to the truth of Jesus’ words recorded in Acts 20:35: “Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving” (Good News Translation).

Over the next few weeks, we in the community of Griffith Lutheran Church are going to consider the joy that generosity brings us. First we will think about the connection between generosity and joy in our personal lives. Then we will celebrate the joy we experience through living in community. Finally, we will reflect on the joy we experience and the joy we give when we as a congregation do God’s work in the world.

As this unfolds, we encourage you to pay extra attention to material that comes your way from the church. Please join in worship, where we will focus on these three aspects of joyful generosity. Finally, we will ask you to reflect on your own life. How have you found generosity and joy to be related?

At the end of these three weeks, we will ask you to consider your giving to Griffith Lutheran Church for the coming year. You can be confident that your gifts to our congregation will bring joy to others, both inside and outside our community. You can also be confident that your generous gifts will bring you joy. Of that you have Jesus’ promise.



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Love in the name of Christ / Greater Hammond

Presents: Joy On The Journey

Featuring: Tracy DeGraaf

Stand-up Comedian, Author, Podcaster

October 23, 2026 at 6:30pm

The Cloister in the Woods

1101 Park Drive, Munster, IN

Purchase tickets at www.loveincgtrham.org

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\$70 Dinner and a Show

Silent Auction and More

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