

### "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

Grace and peace to you, GLC!

We thought you might like to know what your S.A.M.'s have been up to these past few months. The short answer is, some pretty great things!

Scott and Nina are currently taking a course entitled "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible", it is a seven video course led by Rev. Dr. Mark Allen Powell. This course is insightful, engaging and affirming!

We also attended a one-day retreat at the Synod offices in Indianapolis Saturday July 12th on Pastoral Care led by Pastor Dan Forehand and Sister Nora Frost. Sister Nora's presentation focused on care giving, the how and why, which included self-care. Sister Nora also talked about her experiences as a Lutheran Sister, serving in various capacities. Her life stories were touching and beautiful.

Pastor Dan gave us valuable information on the more practical aspects of care giving, including Baptisms and Funerals.

At the retreat we participated in a service of healing and it was wonderful. Scott and Nina would like to bring back the healing/anointing part of our service and possibly hold a healing service at some point.

The next course in the S.A.M. curriculum is centered around a book about the New Testament which begins in the Fall.

Pastor Dan will be joining us on Sunday, August 24th to install Scott and Nina as Synod Authorized Ministers for Griffith Lutheran Church. How exciting to have a visit from our IK Synod Assistant to the Bishop!

As always, thank you all so much for your support. It means a lot to us.

Blessings, Scott and Nina



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

Linda Anderson, prayers for healing and comfort – family of the Johanson's ~

### 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 ~

Anna Jauregui, daughter of Kari Hartog (Smith) ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Jim & Anna Reyome ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Lauren Fullgraf ~ 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 ~ Russ Schroeder ~

### **Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:**

Lt. Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell – stationed at Naval Base Port Hueneme, CA.

### Friends & Family:

Dick Sterk, Uncle of Karen Slager ~ 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 ~ Eloise, hospice care – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!**

August 1: Andy & Christine Wroblewski Celebrating 27 years.

August 1: Trent & Lauren Fullgraf Celebrating 10 years.

August 5: Bob & Gayle Pahl Celebrating 53 years.

August 9: Thomas & Cindy Jursic Celebrating 39 years.

August 18: Mark & Julie Stutler Celebrating 35 years.

August 19: John & Linda Aldrin Celebrating 58 years.

August 19: George & Joann Boulles Celebrating 41 years.

August 21: Jim & Anna Reyome Celebrating 40 years.

August 25: Ryan & Violet Pack Celebrating 13 years.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

August 3: Debbie Lewis

August 4: Shelle Williams

August 6: Emmett Flanagan

August 7: MaryAnn Lovas

August 9: Joann Boulles

August 17: Gail Shimala

August 21: Denise Buehler

August 25: Pamela Przybylowski

August 28: Matt Csonka

August 29: Dean Johanson

## August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter	2
<b>3</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service	4	5 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	6 10a Stitched in Christ	7 7p.m. Boy Scouts	8	9
9:30a.m. Worship Service	6:30p. Council Meeting	12 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	13	7p.m. Boy Scouts	15	16 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
9:30a.m. Worship Service	18	19 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	20 10 a.m. Priscilla Circle	21 7p.m. Boy Scouts	22	23 GLC Annual Car Show & BBQ
9:30a.m. Worship Service Installation of S.A.M.'s	25	26 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	27	28 7p.m. Boy Scouts	29	30
31 9:30a.m. Worship Service						

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### MISSION OF THE MONTH

### **Brothers Keepers**

Brothers Keepers Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting homeless Veterans and unhoused men in Gary, Indiana, since its establishment in 1980. This vital community resource provides assistance to individuals experiencing housing insecurity through a multifaceted approach to shelter and support services.

The organization operates a shelter capable of accommodating 26 men, offering them essential amenities including a bed, nutritious meals, hot shower facilities, clean clothing, and personal care products. Additionally, Brothers Keepers maintains a public food pantry open throughout the week, ensuring broader community access to critical resources.

Brothers Keepers' mission centers on creating a clean, supportive environment that empowers men to achieve independent living. The organization accomplishes this through programming that includes employment resources, training opportunities, and daily nondenominational spiritual guidance. By addressing shelter needs, Brothers Keepers plays a traditional role in helping vulnerable men rebuild their lives and reintegrate into the community with dignity and purpose.

If you would like further information about Brothers Keepers, please contact Executive Director W. Isaac Moore at 219-882-4459 or <a href="mailto:brotherskeepergary@gmail.com">brotherskeepergary@gmail.com</a>.



### **Griffith Lutheran Church**

13th Annual Community

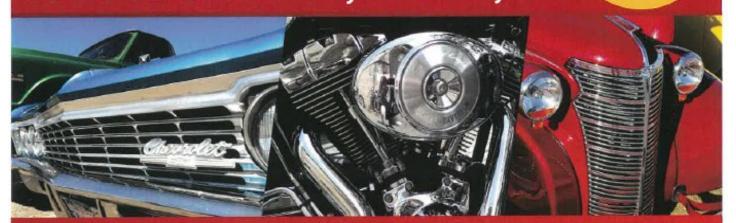
## Bar-B-Q & Car Show

Saturday, August 23, 2025

**RAIN DATE: AUGUST 24** 

Picnic: 11am until food runs out Car Show: Registration 10:30 am, Show 11am - 2pm, Awards 1:30 pm 1000 N. Broad St., Griffith, IN





Polish up your rides & please come out & join us for Food, Fun and Games!!

GREAT FOOD

- Admission to Car Show & Picnic is FREE
- · Children's Games, Prizes & Crafts
- Music & Entertainment
- Animals Available for Adoption
- 1st Place Awards for Car, Truck & Motorcycle Entries
- Goodie Bags for First 50 Show Entries
- Giveaways to Show Entrants

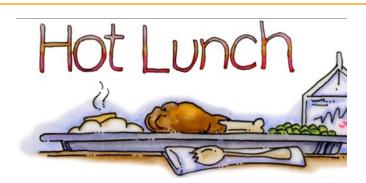
\$15 Pre-Registration, \$20 day of show Early registration starts at 9am

For more info contact Mark Stutler 219-776-8373 or Griffith Lutheran Church 219-838-1626

### **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 Friday, August 1: Lisa Lemster & Garrett Wright Serving Saturday, August 16: Jeff & Janet Csonka

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve meals please call or email the church office.



### **School Supplies**

This year the GLCW will be collecting school supplies to make School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will also provide any extra supplies to Longfellow New Tech Elementary in Calumet Township.

Lutheran World Relief provides School Kits to students impacted by natural disasters in the US as well as in other parts of the world.

The GLCW will be collecting the supplies until mid-August. The items for the school kits must not have any religious or national symbols on them. Each kit will contain the same items.

The items needed for each kit are:

- 4 -70 sheet notebooks (wide ruled or college ruled)
- 1 ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 black or blue pens (no gel pens)
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1-2 1/2 inch eraser

If you wish to provide supplies for Longfellow, they can use the same items as above. In addition, they need glue sticks and bottles of glue, pencil boxes, dry erase markers and looseleaf paper. They also appreciate boxes of Kleenex.

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation it will be used to buy supplies still needed and to cover the cost of postage for shipping the School Kits.

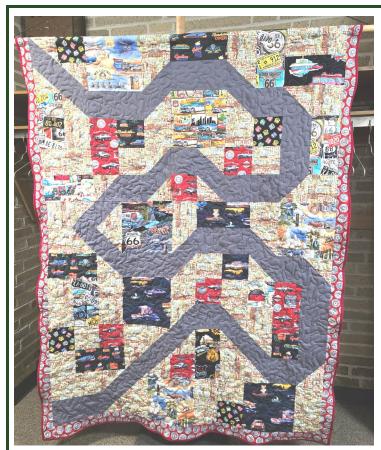
Thank you so much for helping us help children in need.

# Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities

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

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	WORSHIP ASSIST.
8/3/2025	Dean Johanson	Mark Stutler	Scott Muffett	Dean Johanson
8/10/2025	Brian Batinic	Dean Johanson	Pam Przybylowski	Shirley Comer
8/17/2025	Garrett Wright	Mark Stutler	Shirley Comer	Shirley Comer
8/24/2025	Jeff Csonka	Janet Csonka	Nina Miller	Nina Miller & Scott Muffett
8/31/2025				
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.



# Griffith Lutheran Church Community BBQ & Car Show Quilt Raffle

Route 66
Road Trip 2025
Tickets are \$2 each or
6 tickets for \$10

Proceeds from the quilt raffle help support the GLC Bound with Love Quilt Group.

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