

"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

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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BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY a stewardship program for our congregation

"...in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." - I Peter 2:9

Jesus' disciple Peter writes, "You are...God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." God has made us God's own people for a purpose, and that purpose is that we may proclaim to the world the story of God's incredible love. We do that in word, and we also do that in deeds of love and mercy.

Through Griffith Lutheran Church, you are involved in proclaiming in both word and deeds. You proclaim God's love in word as we gather weekly for worship and prayer, as we teach the faith and as adults and youth gather weekly or monthly to study God's word and support one another in life's journey. You proclaim God's love in deeds in our community, across our country, and around the world as we support local and world wide nonprofit organizations; making monetary donations to our mission of the month, collecting linens, pillows and towels for Love INC, non-perishable food items and toiletries for the GLC Blessing Box, donating guilting supplies or meeting regularly to help assemble and sew quilts that are distributed to those in need locally and all across the world, collecting school supplies, shopping for groceries / preparing a hot meal and serving that meal to the Hammond City Rescue Mission twice a month, etc. etc....

Sometimes it is difficult to see all that our congregation is doing. Make no mistake, because of you and many others, GLC **IS** making a difference as we proclaim God's mighty acts.

Please stop by the Missions Bulletin Board outside of the Fellowship Hall to see the many organizations we have supported so far this year. 3

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Family, Friends and all those grieving the loss of Pastor Bill Steinke, Cards may be sent to 6868 Weil Dr, Brownsburg, IN 46112 \sim

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:

Marissa Darnell, granddaughter of Phyllis Darnell – Medical Facility Officer, stationed at Naval Base Port Hueneme, CA.

Friends & Family:

Mary Shoop and family, friend of Karen Slager - Mary is being transferred back to Indiana from Northwestern to receive palliative care because none of the antibiotics she has been given have helped her and there are no other treatment options ~ Dick Sterk, Uncle of Karen Slager - struggling with severe back pain & will be undergoing a heart valve replacement in July ~ 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 !!!

July 3: Dean & Annette Johanson Celebrating 32 years. July 29: John & Laura Kettwig Celebrating 41 years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

July 1: Joshua Mirowski July 4: Emily Williams July 12: Laura Kettwig July 14: Dennis Robbins July 15: Jim Reyome July 15: Nina Miller July 16: Beau Joyce July 17: Dena Castellanos July 18: Bo Cain July 18: Bo Cain July 19: Kyle Stutler July 24: Christine Wroblewski July 30: Clayton Wroblewski

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	2 10a Stitched in Christ	3 7p.m. Boy Scouts	4 Independence Day GLC Office Closed	5 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
6 9:30a.m. Worship Service	7 6:30p. Council Meeting	8 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	9	10 7p.m. Boy Scouts	11	12
13 9:30a.m. Worship Service	14	15 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	16 10 a.m. Priscilla Circle	17 7p.m. Boy Scouts	18	19 11a.m. serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
20 9:30a.m. Worship Service	21	22 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	23	24 7p.m. Boy Scouts	25	26
27 9:30a.m. Worship Service	28	29 10a 3p. Bound W/ Love Quilters	30	31 7p.m. Boy Scouts		

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MISSION OF THE MONTH NWI No Child Hungry A new mission to our Church

The mission of No Child Hungry is to provide a more stable solution to local children who rely on the food received in school to feed them through the weekend.



No Child Hungry works to provide children with "Buddy Bags" to offset weekends and extended school breaks.

The Buddy Bags offer shelf-stable foods that feed the children a breakfast, lunch, dinner, and healthy snacks that will sustain them through the weekend.

No Child Hungry works through local schools to keep the needs of food insecurity anonymous by asking for the number of children, not names, so the families' privacy will be maintained.

There is no cost to the families who receive the Buddy Bag in Lake and Porter counties.

If you would like more information about NWI No Child Hungry, please contact them at 219-760-5928 or <u>nwinochildhungry@gmail.com</u>.



Griffith Lutheran Church 13th Annual Community



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!!

- Admission to Car Show & Picnic is FREE
- Children's Games, Prizes & Crafts
- Music & Entertainment

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FOOD

- 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 Saturday, July 5

Serving Saturday, July 19

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.

Lector / Tech / Light Beater / Worship Assistant Schedule July - September 2025

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	WORSHIP ASSIST.
7/6/2025	Jeff Csonka	Janet Csonka	Pam Przybylowski	Pam Przybylowski
7/13/2025	Matt Csonka	Mark Stutler	Lauren Fullgraf	Matt Csonka
7/20/2025	Mary Ann Lovas	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Shirley Comer
7/27/2025	Debbie Lewis	Dennis Robbins	Sarah Buck	Pam Przybylowski
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	Pam Przybylowski
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.



Stephen Ministries St Louis www.stephenministries.org

What is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christcentered care to people in the congregation experiencing life difficulties.

Please visit the website or talk to Loretta if you have questions or would like more information.

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