



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

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**Griffith Lutheran
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1000 N Broad St
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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

Trustees: Jeff Csonka

Social Ministry: ~ Open ~

Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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**“Commit your way to the Lord and hope in him; he will do good.”
- Psalm 37:5**

With these words from the psalm, I bid farewell to our congregation, which has grown so dear to me over the past few years. The verse is a particular encouragement for me right now: I am going - but I don't yet know exactly where, and even harder, I don't know if I can stay in this country or not. And yet I am full of confidence, because I know that God knows the way, even if I can't yet see it myself.

My time in this congregation has been rich in encounters, supported by shared prayers, shared joys and overcome challenges. I am deeply grateful for this. Your openness, your trust and your faith have shaped and strengthened my own spiritual life.

A new chapter now lies ahead of me - and ahead of you as a congregation and community, too. Psalm 37:5 invites us to let go and trust God: our paths, our worries, our hopes - we can place everything in his hands. What we entrust to him, he will do - in his own way, in his own time.



In this trust I go on. And I hope that you too will know that you are supported by the one who guides our paths. May God's blessing accompany you, just as it accompanies me.

With heartfelt affection,
Miriam

Prayer Requests

New to Prayer List:

Francesca, health concerns - family friend of Nina Miller ~ Phyllis Darnell, health concerns ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~

We Pray for Worshippers:

Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Rich Shimala ~ Janet Malone ~ Anna Jauregui, daughter of Kari Hartog (Smith) ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ 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 Boules ~ 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 in Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, CA

Friends & Family:

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 ~ Charlotte, prayers for strength – Loretta's sister ~ Lenore, sister of Karen Slager ~ Beth Wagner – granddaughter 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!!!

June 15: Ryan & Kristen Stablein Celebrating 12 years.

June 16: John & Debbie Lewis Celebrating 52 years.

June 16: Charles & Susan Newman Celebrating 46 years.

June 22: Carl & Karen Hochstetler Celebrating 27 years.

June 29: Dennis & Cheri Robbins Celebrating 51 years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

June 2: Geraldine Larson

June 2: John Hindahl

June 4: Andrew Fleming

June 6: Greg Joyce

June 7: Deborah Schroeder

June 7: LeAnn Stutler

June 8: Linda Aldrin

June 8: Ryan Stablein

June 12: Hailey Kettwig

June 18: Sara Joyce

June 19: Mark Stutler

June 22: Lisa Lemster

June 23: Annette Johanson

June 24: Richard Shimala

June 28: David Blount

June 2025

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

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



Griffith Lutheran is a network church of LOVE INC serving needy individuals and families in Griffith, Hammond, Highland and Munster. We currently house the LOVE INC Linens of Love Ministry and provide Angel Tree gifts at Christmas, as well as food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our congregation signed a Partnership Agreement, stating we will refer and receive community requests for help, encourage members to volunteer, support LOVE INC financially, communicate updates, events and needs to the congregation and support or provide products for Gap Ministries...

Thank you for your help in providing food, furniture, kitchenware, personal care/hygiene items, cleaning supplies, bed/bath/kitchen linens, kitchen items/small appliances, underwear, coats, diapers/wipes, backpacks... Your ongoing commitment to LOVE INC inspires and uplifts everyone! May God bless and keep you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL DONATION/MISSION OFFERING IN JUNE. If able, donations at any time may be mailed to LOVE INC, P.O. Box 557, Griffith, IN 46319/envelopes on back table.

If interested in volunteering or serving on the Board of Directors, please call 219-923-2775. There is a great need for good, used furniture, please call same number.

Upcoming events: Fundraiser June 6th Konnie Kuiper Museum Visit, \$15 & Friends of LOVE INC First Fundraiser Dinner, October 24th, Cloister in the Woods, Munster. Details to follow.

Konnie Kuiper's



KONNIE KUIPER IS OPENING HIS MUSEUM!

Friends of Love INC and their guests are invited to an exclusive, rare opening of Konnie's Museum to enjoy his collection of antique classic cars and more. There are interesting collections of all sorts! What are you waiting for? The tickets are limited.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to

Love INC of Greater Hammond!!!

Date: FRIDAY, June 6, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

***Admission is \$15.00 (Minimum age is 9th grade.)**

Location: 1423 Gatlin Drive, Griffith, IN 46319

(It is near Colfax St. and the state auto emissions inspection site.)

Please respect the following restrictions: No children under 9th grade. No food or drinks. No photos, videos, etc. on any type of device. Teens need to be accompanied by an adult responsible for their behavior. No touching of the items on display. Your courtesy will be appreciated.

You can purchase tickets using this QR code for your convenience.



TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE at the Love INC office at 1400 N. Broad Street in Griffith. Please call ahead. Our office is open for ticket pick up on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Love INC office phone number is 219-923-2775.

You may also purchase tickets at the door, but space is limited.

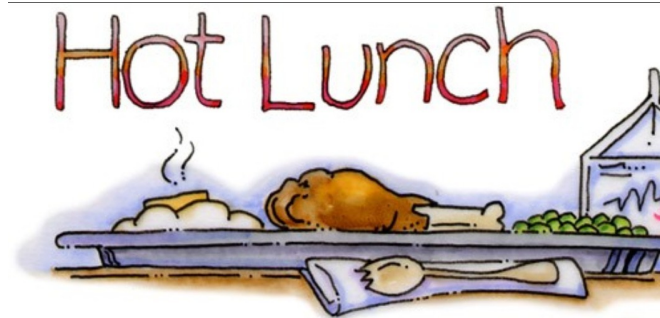
Additional Donations Welcomed and Appreciated

Love INC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization registered with the IRS

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 Friday, June 6:

Serving Saturday, June 21:

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

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

FOR IT IS IN THE
giving
THAT WE RECEIVE.
~ FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

**Hot
Wheel
Races!**



***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

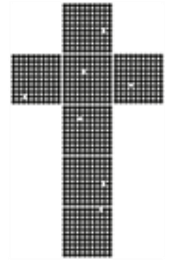
\$15 Pre-Registration, \$20 day of show

Early registration starts at 9am

**For more info contact Mark Stutler 219-776-8373
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BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people"

– 1 Peter 2:9

"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title "Because of God's Great Mercy." God has made us God's own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Griffith Lutheran Church is an important part of our Christian faith, and how GLC uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to make a commitment of giving to GLC for the 2026 calendar year. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program (Simply Giving) that GLC already has in place for your giving. This program will be explained later on in the campaign.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation's life.



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, Christ-centered 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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