2022



#### "Growing Christ-Centered relationships in our communities through love and service."

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•Worship Time: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

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#### 2022 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: Paul Nicolosi III

#### **BOARD / COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Elders: Carrie Sovola** 

Music & Worship Committee: Cheri Robbins Mutual Ministry Committee: Martha Krop Altar Guild: Carol Boyle Christian Ed/Sunday School: Dennis Robbins Evangelism: Cheri Robbins Fellowship: JoEllen Pilipow GLCW: Gail Shimala Missions: Sandra Ruban Trustees: Scott Muffett Social Ministry: Marilyn Carey Stewardship: ~ Open ~

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It has gotten to the point in my life, that I have more than one doctor. In fact, I have enough that I have to write them all down and what each of them does. I keep thinking that one or more will dismiss me, but at the end of our session, I hear, "See you in six months." Guess this will follow me from now on.

At some point, we have to come to a reckoning of just who we are, although, I have a couple of very close friends in their eighties, who have yet to recognize that, that is, that they are in their eighties. They must not have an ache or pain here and there in their bodies that remind many of us of who we are and that we have aged.

It's been said that we begin to age at birth, which of course makes sense. God has given us life, and, in that life, God has also given us the process of aging. And in that aging, we grow, we learn. How rich it is when we include God's word in our growth and in our learning. Probably Sunday School and Bible study and prayer groups is where we mature the most in our faith. We share with each other, questions, ideas, thoughts, and worries within the context of God's word.

So, as we age, we grow, and we learn. So that, as we age and as we grow and learn, our relationship with God and our understanding and depth in faith grows and matures.

Pastor Scales



#### New to Prayer List:

Family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Dr. Bert Pagan ~ Julie, health issues—friend of Scott & Loretta Muffett ~ Archie MacDonald ~ Steven Carey ~ Shirley Comer ~ Eileen Richeke ~ Margie Steinke ~

#### We Pray for Worshippers:

Velma Thiel ~ Richard and Natalie Schultze ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Pastor Scales ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Cheri Robbins ~ Liana Boulles ~ Dennis Robbins ~ Geri Larson – Residences of Deer Creek ~ Chris Shropshire ~ Marilyn Carey ~ Louise Oman ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ JoAnne Villa – Colonial Nursing Rehab, Crown Point ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ Shelle Sharp Williams ~ Deanna Johanson ~ Phyllis Darnell ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ Mark Stutler ~ Jim Reyome ~ RoseAnn White ~ Richard Koehler ~ Bernice Morris

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

Kurt Blount, stationed in DeForest, WI with wife Mae and daughter Emma ~ Doug Vaughan, grandson of Lucille Brady - stationed in New York, Fort Durum ~ Marissa Darnell, grand-daughter of Phyllis Darnell – Civil Engineer, stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

#### Friends & Family:

Steve, co-worker of Nina Miller – throat cancer ~ Linda, sister of Annette Johanson ~ Russ Schroeder, father-in-law of Deborah Schroeder ~ Charlotte, prayers for strength – Loretta's sister ~ Lenore, sister of Karen Slager ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Haley, stage 3 Colon Cancer – daughter of Nina Millers co-worker ~ Sara Piepho - granddaughter of Terry Hennig ~ Sky Allen, battling Bone Cancer – family friend of the Stutlers ~ Carl Bodenhofer - Carrie Sovola's dad ~ Jack, throat cancer – friend of Annette Johanson ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse - cousins of Cheri Robbins ~ Donna Moore – friend of Martha Krop ~ Mark Epstein, cancer – co-worker of Nina Miller ~ Ann Cacich, multiple myeloma - sister of Sue Tomes ~ Diane, Janet, Doug, Becky, Kathy, Donald, Martin & Carol – health issues, Barbara - cancer, – family of Velma Thiel

# November

# Happy Anniversary

November 16: Gig & Karen Anderson Celebrating 54 years. November 19: John & Gracia Dudlicek Celebrating 28 years. November 20: Jason & Heather Kettwig Celebrating 10 years. November 28: Fred & Margie Steinke Celebrating 63 years.

# **Happy Birthday**

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November 7: Carleigh Linders November 10: Kyle Buck November 12: Jack Blount November 14: JT Kettwig November 19: Jackie Masters November 23: Eugene Hochstetler November 23: Jeff Csonka November 23: Frank Spear November 26: Laura Alexander November 27: Susan Newman

# November 2022

sun	mon	TUE	wed	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>Sunday's Weekly:</u> 6p High School Sunday School 7p Chimes		1	2 6:30 Choir	3	4	5 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
6 Daylight Savings time ends All Saints Sunday 9:30a.m. Worship Service Also available on Facebook/YouTube	7	8 Election Day	9 6:30 Choir	10	11	12
<b>13</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service Giving Thanks Dinner Also available on Facebook/YouTube	14 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	<b>1</b> 5 10a - 3p Bound With Love Quilters	16 6:30 Choir	17	18	19 11:15a Serving Lunch @ Hammond Shelter
<b>20</b> 9:30a.m. Worship Service Also available on Facebook/YouTube	21	22	23 6:30 Choir	24	25	26
<ul> <li>27 First Sunday</li> <li>of Advent</li> <li>9:30a.m.</li> <li>Worship Service</li> <li>Also available on</li> <li>Facebook/YouTube</li> </ul>	28	Ձ9 10a - 3p Bound With Love Quilters	30 6:30 Choir	****	Happy Thank	y <sub>*</sub> sgiving 



#### The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:

The November, 2022 mission of the month is Hilltop Neighborhood House, located in Valparaiso, IN.

Hilltop provides a full-time, year round education & daycare, for child learning and school readiness.

Hilltop has a food pantry open on Monday & Thursday's, for Valparaiso families, that are food insecure.

There is an after school daycare, which provides a meal, time for homework & activities.

If you would like to volunteer, there are always opportunities available, please call 219-477-4222

In Christ,

Sandra Ruban

Mission Board Chairperson





The Evangelism Committee is collecting items for The Hammond City Rescue Mission. A tub is located outside the church's office for your donated items.

Hammond City Rescue Mission:

Bottled water, snacks (chips, cookies, power bars etc.), face masks, Antibacterial household cleaning supplies: Pine Sol, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose surface cleaner.

New or Gently used Bibles



#### **BOUND WITH LOVE QUILTERS**

The Bound With Love quilting group meets in the GLC Fellowship Hall the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Tuesday of the month from 10a.m - 3p.m. Bring your own sack lunch and beverage for a break and devotions at 12:30.

There is room in the wonderful world of quilting for anyone who wants to join the fun, regardless of their skill. Our goal for 2022 is to complete 100 quilts. We could use your help! We would love to have you working with The Bound With Love Quilters. It takes many hands doing lots of different things to make our quilts.

Please contact Karen Slager or the GLC office with questions or for more information.

\*\*\* Quilting dates for November and December are subject to change. Please Contact Karen Slager to confirm dates and time.



#### **GLC Service Suggestions**

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Galatians 6:10

You can find more opportunities to serve throughout the newsletter or by calling the church office.

#### Hammond City Rescue Mission

#### Feed the Homeless Lunch Program at the Hammond City Rescue Mission Homeless Shelter 527 State Street, Hammond, IN

GLC will be providing a homecooked meal twice a month for the Hammond City Rescue Mission. Meals include; entrée, sides, beverage and dessert for approximately 45 adults.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS.

#### Please meet at GLC by 11:15a.m.

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

#### Worship Assistant & Lector Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact Cheri Robbins, GLC Music Director & Organist at 219-616-9291 or <u>glc\_music@yahoo.com</u>

### We need Usher / Greeter volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider giving of your time. The sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard. Thank you.

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#### 2023 Stewardship Commitment Cards

Please fill out card and return by Sunday, November 6, 2022.

\*Mail to GLC "<u>Attention Financial Secretary</u>" on outside of envelope,

\*email to financialsecretary@griffithlutheran.org,

\*drop card off at church in sealed envelope.



#### **Giving Thanks Dinner**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a "Giving Thanks" dinner on Sunday, November 13, 2022 immediately following the service. We will be serving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dinner rolls and pie.

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. Please sign the list on the white board across from the office to let us know that you are coming so we have enough food to go around! Please sign the sheet if you are able to bring a pie to share at the dinner! Please also bring a non-perishable food item with you to the dinner for our holiday food baskets.

~ Thank You, from the Fellowship Committee ~





#### All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 6, 2022

Please provide the church office with names and a photo of loved ones that have passed in the last year to be included in our prayers during the All Saints Sunday worship service.



#### The 2022 Angel Tree

The 2022 Angel Tree will be coming soon!

We hope to have the tree and angels up before Thanksgiving so there will be time to shop.

More information will be coming soon.

#### TOYS FOR TOTS

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys and children's books during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the local community.

Please drop off **new, unwrapped toys and/or books** by Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Visit <u>www.toysfortots.org</u> for more information on the Toys for Tots program.



#### **Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets**

We are anticipating filling twenty baskets this season and we would appreciate your help in filling them. We are asking members to donate turkeys this year. If you are able to do so, please let the church office know you will be bringing one in. We will need approximately 12, as some families ask for ham. The following is a list of items we include in the baskets each year.

baskets each year.					
brown sugar	canned sweet potatoes				
white sugar	Canned green beans				
flour	Canned Peas				
salt	Canned Carrots				
pepper	Canned Soups				
peanut butter	stuffing				
jelly	corn bread mix				
Vegetable Oil	turkey gravy packets				
cereal	brown gravy packets				
Oatmeal	aluminum foil				
Pancake mix	cranberry sauce				
syrup (regular)	Boxed mashed potatoes				
syrup (sugar free)	Macaroni & Cheese				
Biscuit Mix	Boxed Rice				
coffee	Thanksgiving or Christmas napkins				
couscous	Thanksgiving or Christmas plates				

Please prayerfully consider donating some of these items to help brighten a family's holiday. The deadline for turning in any items is November 10th. Thank you!

#### **Advent Dinners**

This Advent Season, we will continue to have our Advent Dinner on Wednesday evenings. This has 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. Dinners will be prepared for takeout on Advent Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, December 14 and December 21, 2022 and ready for pickup between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. We would need a total minimum number of 30 meals requested in order to prepare Advent dinners.

Please review our menu and place your orders with Loretta. Please remember your family and friends that could use an extra dinner when you are ordering for yourself.

If you ordered dinners, please come to the church between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.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 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 free will donation to help defray the cost of the meals. We will not be making enough extra for walk-ins, only preorders. If you would like to order and are not able to pick up, we have a volunteer to deliver to the Griffith-Highland area.

Our menu will be:

November 30 - Grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw and vegetable

December 7 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and salad

December 14 - BBQ Smoked pulled pork, pasta salad, 7 layer salad

December 21 - Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, 7 layer salad



#### Griffith Lutheran Church "Bound with Love" Quilting Group

During the worship service on Sunday, October 16, 2022, Pastor Scales blessed 80 quilts made by the GLC quilting group. The completed quilts will be split between Lutheran World Relief and Lake County Department of Child Services.

A handmade, quilted owl or turtle will be attached and sent with each quilt going to the Department of Child Services.







#### Gloria Dei Lutheran Church HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, November 5th 9am – 3pm 3711 Ridge Road, Highland, IN

Christmas may still be weeks away but the elves of Gloria Dei: Grace Notes, have been busy at work all summer making garden-fresh salsa, jams, jellies, and more. And they will continue to work behind the scenes for several more weeks to come, filling our shelves with tasty wares to be sold during the Bazaar.

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