



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

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2026

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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: ~ Open ~

Trustees: ~ Open ~

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MOBILE MARKET

BY **foodbank**
OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

Mobile Market ~ Thursday, April 23, 2026

GLC Parking lot ~ 1:30p - 4:00p

Please arrive by 1:30p for training and to help with parking.

Volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the white board outside of the church office. Thank you!

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers will be meeting on Wednesday, April 8th, at noon.

We really hope you will come and join us. This month we will be ordering pizza for lunch so if you would like to come, please sign up on the sheet posted on the white board or call the office so we know how much to order.

We would love to have more people join us. After lunch, we play games and are usually done by 2 PM.

We hope to see you on the 8th!



PRAYER REQUESTS



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We Pray for Worshippers:

Family, friends and all those grieving the loss of Greg Coddington - son of Elaine Kearney ~ Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Lisa Lemster – health concerns ~ Annette Johanson – health concerns ~ Rich & Gail Shimala ~ Bob Pahl, recovering from back surgery ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Nicole Kettwig ~ Janet Malone ~ Dawn Fleming ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Linda Anderson, prayers for healing and comfort ~ Frank Spear ~ Mark Stutler ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Louise Oman ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boules ~ JoAnne Villa; Christian Village, Crown Point ~

Friends & Family:

Richard Mounts – cancer, uncle of Shirley Comer ~ Rory, NICU – granddaughter of JoAnn Torok-Bakker ~ Lynne Stutler – health concerns, mother of Mark Stutler ~ Mike, recovering from stroke – friend of Nina Miller ~ Eloise, health issues – friend of Karen Slager ~ 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 ~ Marie Cox – sister of Louise Oman ~ 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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

- April 2: Rich & Gail Shimala Celebrating 60 Years!
April 8: Karen & Andrew Slager Celebrating 54 Years!
April 11: Tom & Dawn Fleming Celebrating 40 Years!
April 27: Kyle & Sarah Buck Celebrating 24 Years!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- April 3: Liana Boulles
April 8: Louise Oman
April 9: Julie Stutler
April 11: Christen Linders
April 13: Lee Nedreau Sr.
April 14: Callie Linders
April 15: Lily Wroblewski
April 16: Janet Csonka
April 19: JoEllen Pilipow
April 23: Sandra Ruban
Benjamin Hoffman

Holy Week Worship Services

- April 2 / Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00p.m.
April 3 / Good Friday Stations Worship Service at 1:30p.m.
April 3 / Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at 7:00p.m.
April 5 / Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:30a.m.

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*** The GLC office will only be staffed from 9am - Noon during the week of April 13 - April 17. Please call the office if you need to arrange a time to drop off items for the Rummage sale. ***</p>			1	2 7p Maundy Thursday Worship Service	3 11a Serve @ Hammond Shelter 1:30p Stations 7p Tenebrae	4
5 Easter Sunday 9:30a Worship Service	6 Easter Monday GLC Office Closed	7 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	8 Noon Prime Timers	9	10	11
12 9:30a Worship Service	13	14 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	15 10a.m. Priscilla Circle	16	17	18 11a Serve Lunch Hammond Shelter
19 9:30a Worship Service	20	21 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	22	23 NWI Foodbank Mobile Market	24 8a - 2p Rummage Sale	25 9a - Noon Rummage Sale
26 9:30a Worship Service	27	28 10a Bound with Love Quilt Group	29	30		

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

ELCA Good Gifts offers meaningful and long-term relationships with ELCA by addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty by focusing on local churches and communities with food insecurity.

The GLC April mission aims to address the critical need for livestock to ensure maximum and long-term sustainability in feeding areas of hunger by giving these communities the opportunity to raise livestock to support their families, be it 10 little chicks, piglets or a herd of goats. They will give a family an opportunity to escape poverty.

If you would like further information about ELCA Good Gifts, please contact them at 1-800-638-3522.





GLC BLESSING BOX

Thank you to all who are helping to keep our Blessing Box stocked!

Most popular and frequently requested items: Canned meat (chicken, tuna), beef jerky, peanut butter, Mac and cheese, Ramen, pasta/sauce, rice or dried bean products, cereal, instant oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, dried fruit, coffee, tea, toilet paper, bar soap...



GLC's Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again! This year's annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Please take this opportunity to clean out all of your closets, basement, attic, garage and ask your friends and family to do the same! We will accept holiday items.

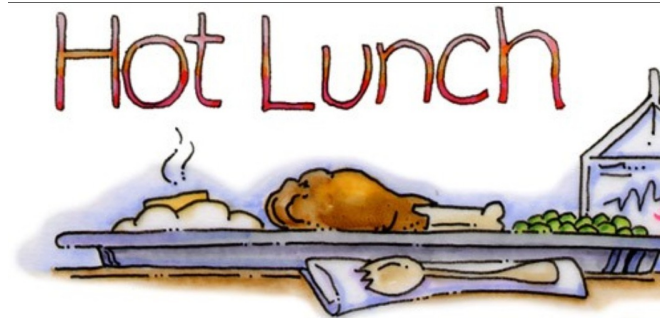
We are now accepting bagged and boxed donations at the church through Tuesday April 22nd. We will accept large items, such as furniture, beginning Monday, April 20th. If you need help getting your items to the church, please call the church office and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

The bulk of the money received from the Rummage Sale is used to buy groceries to feed our friends at the Hammond City Rescue Mission Men's Shelter. Thank you for your support of our church programs.

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, April 3

Serving Saturday, April 18

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

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

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

Easter Flowers



- ◆ Nancy Carrell ~ In Blessing of family and friends. (2 Tulip)
- ◆ Karen Slager ~ In Memory of Lenore Lee. (2 Tulip)
- ◆ Jeff & Janet Csonka ~ In Memory of Joe & Eleanor Hindahl and Norbert & Agnes Csonka. (2 Lily)
- ◆ Rich & Gail Shimala ~ In Memory of loved ones. / Glory to God. (2 Lily)
- ◆ Tom & Dawn Fleming ~ In Memory of our mothers; Georganna and Dorothy. (1 Lily)
- ◆ Nina Miller ~ In Memory of sainted loved ones. (1 each)
- ◆ David & Robin Blount ~ In Memory of Ruth Blount, Daniel Salima, Velda Salima and Mike Salima. (2 Lily, 1 Tulip, 1 Hyacinth)
- ◆ Marilyn Carey ~ In Memory of Don Carey. (1 Hyacinth)
- ◆ Scott & Loretta Muffett~ In Honor of our mothers; Sharon & Rose. (1 each)
- ◆ Kyle & Sarah Buck ~ In Honor of Dorothy Malone and Arlene Box. (1 Tulip, 1 Hyacinth)
- ◆ Bob & Gayle Pahl ~ In Memory of Herbert & Elizabeth Pahl, Arthur & Joyce Blohm, Joseph and Matthew Pardek. (1 Tulip, 2 Hyacinth)
- ◆ Theresa Mirowski ~ In Memory of Ruth Reh, Ed Mirowski, Linda Barraig, Ronnie Reh and Millie Schur. (1 Hyacinth)
- ◆ Janet Malone ~ In Memory of Mary Ann Andress and Kathy Falaschetti. (2 Hyacinth)



- ◆ Martha Krop ~ In Memory of Mark and Lois Schoop. (2 Hyacinth)
- ◆ Madeline Conn ~ In Honor of family and friends. (1 each)

Please remember to take your flowers home with you after the Easter Sunday Worship service.

Worship Service Volunteer Opportunities

**Lector / Tech / Light Beater / Worship Assistant Schedule
Holy Week 2026**

Lector / Tech / Light Bearer/ Worship Assit. Schedule Jan - Apr 2026

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	Worship Assist
7p. Maundy Thursday 4/2/2026	Pam Przybylowski			Pam Przybylowski
1:30p Good Friday 4/3/2026	(Nina or Scott)	Dennis Robbins	None needed	No Assistant
7p. Good Friday 4/3/2026	Chris Pilipow	Dennis Robbins		No Assistant
Easter Sunday 4/5/2026	Dean Johanson	Janet Csonka	Shirley Comer	Dean Johanson





Reminder to sign up for Sponsorship of the Eternal Flame and or Altar Flowers

The cost to sponsor the Eternal Flame is \$10 and the cost to sponsor Altar Flowers is \$40 (\$20 per vase). Sponsorship is first come first served.

Sponsorship is a way to honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone like a birthday or anniversary or simply give thanks for blessings in your life.

Your sponsorship also helps enhance our sanctuary with the glow and warmth of the Eternal Flame and the fresh and colorful flower arrangements, creating a more beautiful and welcoming worship service experience.

If you are not able to sign up in person, please call the office and Loretta will assist you.



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