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

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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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Prime Timers

The Prime Timers will meet again on Wednesday, January 14. We sure hope you will join us.

It's so important for us to stay connected with each other. We are a very informal group. We will have a light lunch and play a fun, easy game. We really hope you come and try us out. You are welcome to bring a friend with you. There is always room.

Please sign the sheet on the white board across from the office or call the church and let Loretta know you would like to come. If you need transportation, let us know and we will try to arrange to have someone pick you up.

We hope to see you on the 14th.

Angel Tree Update

This year our congregation helped 5 families with food and gifts for Christmas. The families consisted of 21 children and 5 adults.

We are so thankful to the congregation for their generous support in purchasing the many gifts. We also want to thank the many helpers who showed up to help us wrap all the gifts. Of course, we want to thank our Fellowship group who purchased and packed the food for each family. They provided food not only for their holiday meal but also included many other food items for the families to enjoy.

This year the families picked up their Christmas food and gifts at the church. It was very heartwarming to see how excited and grateful they were.

We are so fortunate to be part of a church family that so generously gives to help others. Thank you to all!



We Pray for Worshippers:

Geri Larson, cancer / Hospice ~ Don & Suzanne Schmidt ~ Nicole Kettwig ~ Janet Malone ~ Dawn Fleming ~ Bob Pahl ~ Denny & Cheri Robbins ~ Linda Anderson, prayers for healing and comfort ~ Frank Spear, health concerns ~ Mark Stutler ~ Roy Runyan – health issues ~ Maradele Koehler ~ Rich Shimala ~ Sylvia Hedges ~ John Kettwig ~ Bernice Morris ~ Fred & Margie Steinke ~ Sandra Ruban ~ Elaine Kearney ~ Louise Oman ~ John & Linda Aldrin ~ Nancy Carrell ~ George Boulles ~ JoAnne Villa; Christian Village, Crown Point ~

Our Loved ones in the Armed Forces:

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

Friends & Family:

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 ~ 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 ~ Jack Berry – Cancer, friend of Annette Johanson ~ Greg Coddington, Chemo - son of Elaine Kearney ~ Melinda Pepik, cancer – daughter of Janet Malone ~ Kenny, health issues – brother of Annette Johanson ~ Velma Thiel - Cedar Creek nursing home, Lowell ~ Beth Wagner – grand-daughter of Geri Larson ~ Chad Aldrin, son of John & Linda Aldrin ~ Ray & Lisa Guyse – cousins of Cheri Robbins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

January 1: Gracia Dudlicek

John Dudlicek

Jason Kettwig

January 4: Carl Hochstetler

January 11: Joann Vaughan

January 14: Ian Flanagan

January 18: Scott Muffett

Kristen Stablein

January 21: Luca Castellanos

January 23: Abby Wroblewski

Emily Jauregui

January 25: Sue Tomes

January 26: Dawn Fleming

January 27: Nicole Kettwig

January 28: Marilyn Carey

January 30: George Boulles

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year! GLC Office Closed	2	3 11am Serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
4 9:30am Worship Service	5	6 10am-3pm Bound with Love Quilters	7 10am Stitched in Christ	8 7pm Boy Scouts	9	10
11 9:30am Worship Service	12 6:30pm Council Meeting	13 10am-3pm Bound with Love Quilters	14 Noon Prime Timers	15 7pm Boy Scouts	16	17 11am Serving lunch @ Hammond Shelter
18 9:30am Worship Service	19	20 10am-3pm Bound with Love Quilters	21 10am Priscilla Circle	22 2pm Food Bank Mobile Market 7pm Boy Scouts	23	24
25 9:30am Worship Service	26	27 10am-3pm Bound with Love Quilters	28	29 7pm Boy Scouts	30	31 6

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The Griffith Lutheran Church Mission Of The Month:

NWI Parkinson's Association

Services are offered free of charge to Parkinson patients, thanks to all the helping hands and volunteers of this amazing community.

The mission of the NWI Parkinson's Association is to give Parkinson patients HOPE, to know that they are not alone, and that we are bringing them together for exercise, companionship and to find ways to improve their quality of life.

A variety of additional support groups and exercise classes are also offered. For additional information please look at the website at nwiparkinson.org or call the office: 219-237-2342.

In Christ,

Sandra Ruban

Mission Board Chairperson



BLESSING BOX UPDATE

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

Due to the colder weather, we can no longer put out canned goods or any items that have liquid in them.

We can use dry items that only need water added to them such as: Mac and cheese, Ramen, other pasta, rice or dried bean products, cereal, instant oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, dried fruit, etc.

When the weather stays above freezing, we will go back to canned goods.

Thank you.



Honor and Remember Loved Ones with Sponsorship of Altar Flowers or Eternal Flame

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 unable to sign up in person, please call the office and Loretta will assist you.

Please make checks payable to Griffith Lutheran Church with "flame" or "flowers" in memo.

Thank you!

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 ARE NEEDED TO HELP SERVE MEALS!

Serving Saturday, January 3: Jeff Csonka and Dave Blount

Serving Saturday, January 17:

Please meet at GLC by 11a.m.

If you would like to volunteer your time to deliver and / or serve the meals, a volunteer sign up sheet is posted on the white board outside of the church office.

Please call or email the church office if you have any questions.

EPIPHANY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE



Celebrate the manifestation of the divine
nature of Jesus to the Gentiles as
represented by the Magi



TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:00 - Meal & Fellowship

7:00 - Worship

Host: Augustana Lutheran Church
207 Kelly St., Hobart, IN



NWI Foodbank Mobile Market

Thursday, January 22, 2026

GLC Parking Lot ~ 2:00p – 4:00p

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

A sign-up sheet is posted on the whiteboard outside of the GLC office.

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

DATE	LECTOR	TECH	LIGHT BEARER	Worship Assist
1/4/2026	Shirley Comer	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Shirley Comer
1/11/2026	MaryAnn Lovas	Dean Johanson	Sarah Buck	Sarah Buck
1/18/2026	Debbie Lewis	Mark Stutler	Pam Przybylowski	Dawn Fleming
1/25/2026	Pam Przybylowski	Janet Csonka	Nina Miller	Pam Przybylowski
2/1/2026	Christine Wroblewski	Dean Johanson	Scott Muffett	Christine Wroblewski
2/8/2026	Dean Johanson	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Dean Johanson
2/15/2026	Chris Pilipow	Mark Stutler	Pam Przybylowski	Pam Przybylowski
2/22/2026	Dawn Fleming	Nina Miller	Sarah Buck	Dawn Fleming
3/1/2026	Garrett Wright	Dean Johanson	Shirley Comer	Shirley Comer
3/8/2026	Jeff Csonka	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fullgraf	Dawn Fleming
3/15/2026	Matt Csonka	Scott Muffett	Pam Przybylowski	Matt Csonka
3/22/2026	Sarah Buck	Mark Stutler	Nina Miller	Sarah Buck
3/29/2026	Shirley Comer	Janet Csonka	Lauren Fulgraf	Shirley Comer
4/2/2026	Pam Przybylowski		Sarah Buck	Pam Przybylowski
4/3/2026	(Nina or Scott)	Dennis Robbins	None needed	No Assistant
4/3/2026	Chris Pilipow	Dennis Robbins		No Assistant
4/5/2026	Dean Johanson	Janet Csonka	Pam Przybylowski	Dean Johanson



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