**CHURCH CHAT**

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**OUTREACH NEEDS**

We are almost out of individual tissue packets. If you would like to contribute a package, please give them to the Sunday usher or any member of the Outreach committee-Michele, Judy, Marilyn, or Peggy. Thank you for your help.

**PW FOOD OF THE MONTH PROJECT**

We are collecting bottles of Italian, Ranch, and French salad dressings now until the end of September for Nest Community Shelter. Thank you for your contributions.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**

We have open dates October 5, October 12, November 9, and November 23. If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact the office. The cost is $35.00.

Thank you.

**HELP NEEDED WITH COFFEE HOUR**

Our 2025 Coffee Hour sign-up chart is posted on the Edith Boyd Lounge door, ready for you along with your family, friends, or committee to pick a date to sponsor coffee hour. Remember, it doesn’t have to be extravagant. Coffee, a drink for the kids, and a treat is all that’s needed. Most of the year is covered by the Women’s Circles, Deacons, and the Mission Committee but every other third Sunday and the fifth Sundays need volunteers. It would be really great if one group would volunteer for all the 5th Sundays, there are 4. If you are willing to do this, see Jeanette Tyrrell. In the meantime please consider serving your fellow congregants by signing up for a coffee hour Sunday.

**HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**

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**MICHIGAN CITY MESSIAH**

Hallelujah Gala will be on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Senior Center located at 2 On The Lake, Michigan City, IN. For details, see the flyer on the bulletin board outside the Edith Boyd Lounge or visit MCMessiah.com or [tickets@mcmessiah.com](mailto:tickets@mcmessiah.com). Tickets go on sale August 1.



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

🎨 **Calling All Crafters!**  
 We are hosting a **Craft Fair** on **Saturday, November 8**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

in our Fellowship Hall.

We’re currently seeking talented artisans and creative individuals to showcase their handmade goods and unique creations. If you or someone you know would like to participate, we’d love to hear from you!

To register or for more details, contact Lori Dobkins at 219-575-1506

**A FLYER IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE GARDEN DOOR**

**FEATURED ARTIST**

Artist, Diane Grams earned a BA in Fine Art (1981) at Indiana University Bloomington where she studied under Chicago artist Robert Barnes; and a Master’s degree (2001) and PhD (2004) in cultural sociology at Loyola University Chicago where she was awarded a Schmidt Dissertation Fellowship for her research into Chicago art networks. She is an author of two academic books: [Producing Local Color: Art Networks In Ethnic Chicago](https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/P/bo9470689.html) (University of Chicago Press 2010) and [Entering Cultural Communities: Diversity and Change in the Nonprofit Arts](https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/entering-cultural-communities/9780813542171) (Rutgers University Press, 2008) and the award winning academic article, [Freedom and Cultural Consciousness: Black Working Class Parades in Post-Katrina New Orleans.](https://dianegramsart.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/grams-jua-article-2013.pdf)  (Journal of Urban Affairs, 2013) She is married to photographer Timothy D. Lace. They live in northwest Indiana where they share Somersault Studio 12, a studio in St. Mary’s Studios, a former elementary school in Michigan City, IN.

Be sure to visit the Edith Boyd Lounge to witness her artwork and read more about Diane.

If you are interested, most of her pieces on display are for sale. There are eight prints of various sizes located on the table outside of the library that are “cash & carry” for $20 each. If you would like to purchase one, please bring it into the office along with your payment. Thank you.

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