



# *The Spirit*

*Holy Ghost Lutheran Church*  
*January 2023*  
*Being & Making Disciples!*

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

## ***"Flight #2023!"***

There are times when you think you might be able to offer something original for a newsletter article, AND then other times when you come across something that is simple, yet inviting and thought provoking, and only needs a little tweaking. This is one of those times and it comes from an anonymous source.

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to Flight #2023! As we prepare to take-off into the new year, please make sure your gratitude and humility are securely locked and in an upright position. All destructive devices such as pity, anger, selfishness, pride, greed and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, discouragement, blame, and self-righteousness should now be put away. There will be no baggage allowed on this trip.

Should you lose your sense of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, or self-control during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer and the Holy Spirit will activate faith and hope. Once your faith and hope are activated, you can then assist other passengers who may need assistance with their spiritual journey.

God, our captain, has cleared us for take-off. Your total flight time is up to the pilot. Our destination is loving and serving God by loving and serving others. Ladies and gentlemen, enjoy all the grace and mercy that Flight #2023 has to offer as we trust our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Blessed 2023 to You in Christ,  
+Pastor Bobby Vitek



**FISHERS for CHRIST:** A great BIG thank you to all of you from the Fishers for Christ Team for a successful nativity display again this year! It takes a lot of hours to accomplish this task, and it could not be done without the generosity of the many people who come together to give of their time and to those who share their beautiful, artistic, and unique representations of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of you who assisted with moving tables and chairs and with the setting up and taking down of the displays. We appreciate the use of tablecloths and glass risers for the tables and for the mural which was painted on the windows. Thank you also for sharing your nativity sets and angels, inviting guests, and viewing the displays. Please share your nativity set or sets next year! Our prayer is that the birth and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would give peace and hope to all people!!



Thank You

**SIMPLY GIVING**

Simply Giving is an electronic way of sharing your tithes and offerings with the church. It is sponsored by THRIVENT Financial Services and is free to you, the giver. If you'd like to set up an account whereby your weekly or monthly gifts are automatically transferred from your bank account to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, please visit with June Woerner, 830-997-2288.



**\$\$ THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS ADD UP! \$\$**

Some Thrivent Financial Services members are able to designate "fraternal" dollars to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Kinderst Preschool, or a number of other non-profits that may be close to their heart.

Please check with Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to inquire if you qualify and to designate funds to the organization of your "Choice!"

**Building Program**



**The Building Program!** Hopes are high for hammers to be flying and shovels to be digging sometime early in the new year! Bids for the church steeple, sanctuary work, Klaerner property and the two-story Creek Street property will soon be going out. The Sunday house, which will be converted into a prayer chapel, has undergone some work by Curtis Staudt Construction and will now be turned over to a church volunteer team. In the meantime, please keep your donations and end of the year special gifts coming for this project, as well as your prayers!



A big thank you to our 50 volunteers who graciously helped with the Christmas Dinner. A total of 360 people were served because of your kindness.

**The SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BAR**



The Breakfast Bar for January will be available on the following Sundays: **January 15th, 22nd & 29th.** We will resume serving every Sunday in February.

**AVENUES FOR CHURCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

1. Use your envelope system you receive in the mail. One is for the general fund which supports budgeted ministries and the other supports the Capital Campaign building program, Phase One!
2. Set up payments online with your bank (one time or recurring payments).
3. Set up payments through Realm/Vanco to use your credit card or your bank account for your gifts. If you have access to your personal account through the HGLC office software which is called "Realm," you can do this. If you do not have access to your personal account in Realm, please call the office and speak with Shanese or June who will gladly walk you through the process. Once you receive the invitation and respond to the email, you will be able to manage your giving on your Realm account with Vanco. It's simple and easy!
4. Go to the church website [holyghostfbg.org](http://holyghostfbg.org), click on the Donate button at the top right of the page, and follow the prompts.

**Thank you for your support and commitments for the mission and ministry of the church!**



**175 HGLC History Books** are still available for only \$5 and they make great gifts!! Many thanks to Karen Grona, Helen Usener and Dianne Staudt for making this happen!

# Worship SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP IN JANUARY

“Come, let us worship the Lord!”



### JANUARY WORSHIP THEMES

**Messages in January:** The sermon series for the next couple months is titled, "**God Sightings!**"

**Sat. & Sun., Dec. 31 & Jan. 1:** In our new year together, we focus on God’s promise to build and work in and through us for the sake of His kingdom (not our own little kingdoms). Our Bible verses for the day will include Psalm 127:1 and Acts 2:47.

**Sat. & Sun., Jan. 7 & 8:** The baptism of Jesus is the Good News of the week. This “God sighting,” which is heard and seen, is the Holy Spirit in the form of a descending dove and the voice of God! I have not seen or heard either, yet God chose this way to celebrate the baptismal birth of our Savior! How does God manifest His presence to us these days?

**Sat. & Sun., Jan. 14 & 15:** Today we visit Moses and the burning bush in Exodus Chapter 3, as one of the great God sightings in scripture where God reveals His name and the purpose to save His people, pointing us to God’s ultimate plan of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Sat. & Sun., Jan. 21 & 22:** The “God sighting” this week is the story from Genesis 18. In this chapter, Abraham and Sarah are visited by three angels who tell them that Sarah in her old age and barrenness will bear a son. How many times might we encounter an angel and not know that it was an angel? Or encounter Jesus and not realize that it was Christ? God sightings of this nature may happen a whole lot more than we think. May God open our eyes to see in faith when the Lord comes to us face to face.

**Sat. & Sun., Jan. 28 & 29:** Jesus is indeed King of Kings and Lord of Lords, not just of humanity, but of the natural world as well. Please read through 1 Kings 19:11-13; Acts 2:1-4, Hebrews 1:1-2 as we explore together the stunning power of God’s Word to us!

### Holy Communion in January:

Holy Communion in January will be on the weekends of January 7-8, and January 28-29.



### All Worship!

**ALL Worship** services, including the midweek services, are posted on the HGLC FaceBook and YouTube site. You DO NOT have to be on FaceBook to watch the services.

### Praise Services for January 2023:

Praise services will be on the 15th and 22nd at 10:30am.

### HGLC Radio Broadcast



HGLC radio broadcast is aired weekly on Sundays on KNAF 910AM at 10 o’clock am.



### CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION

Tune into FM 88.1—KLOVE to hear some great Christian lyrics and music. It’s a great way to start your day in the morning or have it playing in the background all day long.

### January Special Offering:

**The January Special Offering** is designated for the Kindernest Teacher Appreciation Fund. This pocket provides funds that are used by the school board and director to uplift, encourage and support our hard working teachers! Surprise blessings for the staff might include a breakfast taco, a Starbucks treat, a shared giant cookie from HEB, etc. Such little things are actually BIG things for these women who give so much in this service ministry of our church! Appreciations are shared about every other month. Use the small brown pew envelopes or place your gift in the basket at church! And please contribute above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to the church programs.

### CHILDCARE UPDATE:

Because of the lack of need for this service, childcare will no longer be provided during worship times.

### Capital Campaign Offerings!

**Capital Campaign Offerings!** If you have not yet signed up for the three-year commitment to support phase one, you may do so by contacting the financial secretary, June Woerner, at the church office. In addition to actually signing up, you may also give via the church envelope program, online at the church website by visiting [holyyghostfbg.org](http://holyyghostfbg.org) or use the QR code below. Please, share your gifts for the building program above and beyond your regular offerings to the general budget of the church.





## COUNCIL NOTES December 19, 2022

1. The meeting opened with Pastor Bobby sharing the Christmas story according to John 1.
2. The bi-annual congregational meeting results were visited.
3. The loan for the capital campaign will soon be signed with First United Bank.
4. Christmas Eve and Day services were planned.
5. Susan Stroehler and Alan Saenger were appointed as the Der Stadt Friedhoff Cemetery Committee.
6. The Capital Campaign Program has been named as recipient of the Dian Owen Graves Foundation grant, designated for a portion of the bell tower restoration.
7. Investment Team recommendations for new team members were approved, naming Randy Beckman and Brenda Beaty.
8. Interior work on the 115 E. San Antonio house (former Priem parsonage) will be investigated.
9. 2023 officers were elected: President - Ron Rickerhauser; Vice President - Nick Thompson; Secretary - Don Reinke; and Treasurer - Hiram Lucius.
10. Off-going council members were appreciated for their service: Greg Henricksen (6 years), Kathy Boos (6 years), Jim Roeder (3 years), and Seth Moellering (3 years).
11. The meeting ended at 8:45pm with Pastor David leading the prayer for individuals, church and community.

### **The 2023 Church Council Includes**

Craig Sander, Cheryl Sione, Teresa Ganis, Nick Thompson, Bruce Christian, Laurie Bristol, Ron Rickerhauser, Don Reinke, Nancy Lochte, Todd Weiss, Jeff Boyd, and Hiram Lucius.

**Please pray for your leaders!**

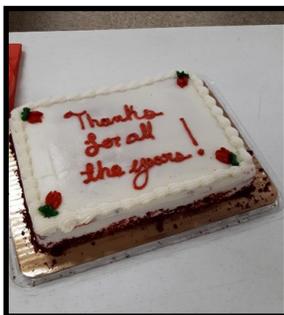
### **Please give a HUGE "Thank You" to our Outgoing Council Members:**

Jim Roeder, Kathy Boos, Seth Moellering, and Greg Henricksen.

Thank you SO much for your service to HGLC!

*Thank you!*

Andy and Ruth Kramer were honored at the Holy Ghost Staff Meeting on November 28th. After faithfully cleaning the Holy Ghost campuses for over 30 years, they have decided to retire. We appreciate their dedication and hard work! We wish them the best in their retirement years!



## Bi-Annual Meeting Highlights December 11, 2022



1. President Greg Henricksen called the meeting to order at 11:50am.
2. Eighty-four persons were in attendance.
3. A 2023 budget of approximately \$1,047,000 was passed (about a 10% increase over 2022)
4. A positive vote for donating half of the mid-week Lenten offering was given to be divided between the GRACE Center and NALC vision of "Today, Tomorrow & Forever".
5. Elected to the church council for 2023-2025 were: Nancy Lochte, Todd Weiss, Jeff Boyd, and Hiram Lucius. They will join Ron Rickerhauser, Craig Sander, Cheryl Sione, Don Reinke, Bruce Christian, Nick Thompson, Teresa Ganis, and Laurie Bristol. The new council was installed by Pastor Steve.
6. Outgoing council persons were recognized and applauded for their service efforts: Greg Henricksen (2-3 year terms), Kathy Boos (2-3 year terms); Seth Moellering (1-3 year term), and Jim Roeder (1-3 year term.)
7. The February bi-annual meeting will be Sun., Feb. 26, 2023.
8. The meeting ended at 12:30pm with singing, "Oh, Come, Oh Come Immanuel".

### **Mark Your Calendar: Dates to Remember!**

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| Jan. 7-8   | Baptismal Remembrance!<br>(Holy Communion weekend)  |
| Jan. 8     | Cowboy Breakfast & Epiphany Tea!                    |
| Jan. 15    | Praise Service<br>(Heart of Worship Team @ 10:30am) |
| Jan. 22    | Praise Service<br>(Joyful Noise Team at 10:30am)    |
| Jan. 28-29 | Holy Communion on the 5 <sup>th</sup> Weekend       |
| Feb. 12    | Youth Valentine's Fundraiser                        |
| Feb. 14    | Valentine's Dinner for Those who have lost Spouses  |
| Feb. 22    | ASH WEDNESDAY<br>Services at 11am & 6:30pm          |
| Feb. 26    | Bi-Annual Meeting/Annual Report                     |

**Annual Reports** are due to the church office by January 24, 2023. All leaders of teams, organizations, groups and ministries are asked to turn in reports as well as financial statements that will be part of the annual report in February. Thank you!



**LENT '23** begins February 22. This year's theme is "Experiencing God" as exploration is made in how we are experiencing God in our daily lives. It promises to be a practical theme which leads us to celebrate our faith as a real and tangible gift from God! Anticipate wrist bands, devotional booklets filled with faith stories, crosses to place in your yard, and Wednesday 11am & 6:30pm worships!



**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN  
WOMEN OF FAITH**



**THE EPIPHANY TEA** will be held January 8, 2023. The time for table set-ups will be Thursday, Jan. 5th from noon to 5:00pm; Friday, Jan. 6th from 10:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday, Jan. 7th from 9:00am to noon. Invite your friends or a special guest to enjoy a devotion, fellowship and a decadent brunch. Come early and enjoy viewing the beautifully decorated tables.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Kinderneest students for collecting and giving soap for our soap drive. Each bar of soap will be used in the personal care kits and layettes. These students are all special for participating.

**QUILTING:** We have been blessed with a lot of material for quilts. If you are interested in helping, the LWR Quilters meet Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon. The hand quilters meet Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 5:00. We both meet at the Quilt Haus.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Jan. 8	Epiphany Tea	9:00am	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 9	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 12	Lydia Circle	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 12	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 19	Spring General Meeting	2:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Mar. 3	World Day of Prayer	10:00am	Memorial Presbyterian Church

**DON'T MISS THE EPIPHANY TEA  
& COWBOY BREAKFAST!**

**The Epiphany Tea:** The new year kicks off with a couple of great faith and fellowship activities! The women gather in the Fellowship Hall for the "Epiphany Tea" which involves lots of frills celebrated with some fancy foods. Typically about 200 women, female guests and girls gather for this popular opportunity that includes a faith devotion, re-acquaintances, hot tea, good coffee, and lots of conversation! It's a great way to connect with others. (See the related article above.)

**The Cowboy Breakfast** is a long-standing tradition that the men created, not to be outdone by the women sitting in their fancy clothes and sipping on hot tea! This event features a down-to-earth word of faith, some great elbow rubbing, and some of the best open fire cooked vittles including scrambled eggs & bacon with all the sides! The breakfast is served outside in the parking lot between the church office & fellowship hall. Yeehaw! Y'all come!

Hello 2023! Hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families! We would like to thank everyone that was able to donate to our program in the month of December! We are so thankful for the help, donations, and baked goods we received in support of our end of the year fundraisers. We have been so blessed by this community.

In December we had a busy month full of parties, decorations, and a Christmas program to celebrate the reason for the season! Our Leapfrog class and Pre-K classes did an amazing job in their "Nativity" Christmas program.

As we head into 2023, we wish for our community a year of health, happiness, and comfort!



Happy New Year!  
In His Service,  
Annisa Alonzo



**The Global Leadership Summit 2023** will be held on August 3 & 4 at the FISD auditorium. Check out this rate schedule below for HGLC members. Sign up by going to and using the code: **23PHSHOST** for regular attendees. Others such as nurses, military, students and first responders, please contact Pastor Bobby for special discount codes.



Holy Ghost Host Site Rate Deadline	Rate
Super Early Bird 3/31/23	\$139
Early Bird 6/14/23	\$159
Regular Rate 8/4/23	\$179
Nurses, Military, Students, 1 <sup>st</sup> Respsds - No deadline	\$99

**CONTACT INFO NOTE**

If your address, email, or cell phone contact information changes, please let the church office know. 830-997-2288.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8am - Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School: Adult</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>Mexico Mission Trip</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>Baptismal Remembrance</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>	7
<p>Baptismal Remembrance</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>9am - Epiphany Tea/Cowboy</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>12:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch @</p>	<p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>8am - Band of Brothers</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - K'Nest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p> <p>6pm - Barnabas Ministry</p>	<p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Spouses Caring</p> <p>11:45am - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha</p> <p>5:30pm - Ecclesiastes Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>Cliespie County Stock Show</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>5:15pm - Investment Team Mtg</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>11:30am - Holy Mark Card Makers</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>	13
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<p>Feeding John</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Praise(JN)</p> <p>11:30am - Mother/Son Bowling</p> <p>12:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch @</p>	<p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Allan Williams Small Group</p> <p>6pm - Men in Mission</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>Annual Report Team Reports Due</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - K'Nest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>11:45am - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Ecclesiastes Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>6:30pm - Friday Night Live</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>	27
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# JANUARY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Jan. 1	8:00am	Craig Nick	Laverne Boos	Pastor		Megan Blizzrd	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Henderson
Jan. 7	10:30am	Laurie Kathy	Rodney & Sharon Kott	Pastor		James Qualben		
Jan. 8	6:00pm	Cheryl Jim	Tim & Kimberly Terry, John & Yvonne Fox Butch & Teresa Weigehausen	Rayann Sagebiel	Gordon & Dianne Eckert Deborah Johnson	Johnna Alberthal		
Jan. 8	8:00am	Craig Nick	Allen & Debbie Ersch, Jerral & Helen Usener Gordon & Karen Grona	Davis Lochte	Steven Krueger Jeanette Schneider	Luke Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Henderson
Jan. 14	10:30am	Laurie Kathy	Richard, Nancy, Grace, Hannah & Rayann Sagebiel Francis & Helen Birck	Meg Roeder	Ellis & Tudy Tritch	Paul Seidensticker		
Jan. 14	6:00pm	Cheryl Jim		Mary Beth Bauer		Kimberly Bauer		
Jan. 15	8:00am	Craig Nick	Jerral & Helen Usener	Susan McMahon		Megan Blizzrd	Carey Bonn	Nicole Henderson
Jan. 21	10:30am	Laurie Kathy	Hiram & Micky Lucius	Pastor		Linda Adams		
Jan. 21	6:00pm	Cheryl Jim	Tim & Kimberly Terry, Edith Krauskopf Mark & Mickey Koennecke, Cole Eckert	Pastor		Kimberly Bauer		
Jan. 22	8:00am	Craig Nick	Allen & Debbie Ersch, Helen Usener Chris, Suzanne & Christian Turner	Brady Bonn		McKenzie Moellering	Paul Unger	Nicole Henderson
Jan. 22	10:30am	Laurie Kathy	Richard, Nancy, Grace, Hannah, & Rayann Sagebiel Karen Lochte	Meg Roeder		James Qualben		
Jan. 28	6:00pm	Cheryl Jim	Francis & Helen Birck	Lisa Kaman	Nichole Ransleben, Emmie Burrer Sandra Davis	Johnna Alberthal		
Jan. 29	8:00am	Craig Nick	Gordon & Karen Grona	Harvey Hengst	Steven Krueger Joyce Thiele	McKenzie Moellering	Sidney Ellebracht	Nicole Henderson
Jan. 29	10:30am	Laurie Kathy	Lance & Virginia Feuge	Marci Kramer	Rodney & Sharon Kott	Linda Adams		

**Crucifer:** Saturday 6:00pm - Dillon Crain  
 Sunday 8:00am - Caroline McDade  
 Sunday 10:30am - Will Martin

## CONFIRMATION

**Acolytes:** Saturday 6:00pm - Rayann Sagebiel, Vacant  
 Sunday 8:00am - Davis Lochte, Jace Helfrich  
 Sunday 10:30am - Summer Cornett, Meg Roeder

## ALTAR GUILD:

January: Lisa Olfers Sandra Poole  
 Lisa Bullion Judy Nardine  
 Sherry Durst  
**Robes: Ingrid Fairchild**

February: Donna Rees Debra Duecker  
 Linda Kneese Teresa Schneider  
**Robes: Karen Grona**

## WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Helen Usener
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Emmie Burrer
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Polly Zenner

## NURSING HOME COMM.: JANUARY - BETHANY

### First Wednesdays

01/04/2023 Knopp Assisted Living 9:30 a.m.  
 01/04/2023 Knopp #2 10:30 a.m.

### First Thursdays

01/05/2023 Heritage Place 9:30 a.m.  
 01/05/2023 Windcrest 10:30 a.m.

### Second Wednesdays

01/11/2023 Villages of Windcrest 9:45 a.m.  
 01/11/2023 Fredericksburg NH 10:45 a.m.

### Second Thursdays

01/12/2023 Knopp Retirement Center 9:30 a.m.  
 01/12/2023 Knopp #1 10:30 a.m.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

01.05.1931 JoAnn Krauskopf  
 01.07.1928 Lillyann Feller  
 01.10.1931 Emma Hirschfield

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

01.06.1973 Steve & Karen Juenke  
 01.20.1962 Kermit & Florence Eckert

### NEW MEMBERS!

Peter & Sheridan Stringer  
 (Peter) 214-435-1148, Pjs530i@aol.com  
 (Sheridan) 214-616-0497, sherstringer@aol.com

## DECEMBER PASTORAL ACTS



<b>Baptisms:</b>	<b>Dillon P. Crain</b>	<b>12.17.22</b>
	<b>William R. Crain</b>	<b>12.17.22</b>
<b>Weddings:</b>	<b>Matlie Boos &amp; Seth Studebaker</b>	<b>12.3.22</b>
<b>Funerals:</b>	<b>Evelyn Lucksinger</b>	<b>12.2.22</b>
	<b>Caleb Daniel Hofmann</b>	<b>12.21.22</b>

*In Our Prayers, "We rejoice with those who rejoice, and we mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12:15)*

### Hospitalizations:

Steve Olfers  
 Kristi Saenger  
 Patsy Hahne  
 Katie Hofmann



### Sympathies to the Families of:

Evelyn Lucksinger  
 Caleb Daniel Hofmann

## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

### HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Gen Fund Balance, November 1, 2022</b>	\$35,894.36
Receipts:	\$64,717.10
Expenses	-\$60,925.71
<b>Gen. Fund Balance, November 30, 2022:</b>	<b>\$39,685.75</b>

### Special Offerings For November 2022:

ThankOffering	\$950.00
LWR World Hunger	\$2,591.00

### Financial Barometer:

	Income	Expenses	+/-
November 2022	\$64,717.10	-\$60,925.71	\$3,791.39
YTD	\$798,492.91	-\$793,807.16	\$4,685.75

### Capital Campaign Fund:

Dedicated Fund Balance, November 1, 2022:	\$919,026.28
Receipts this month	\$38,913.23
Expenses:	-\$3,420.00
<b>Balance, November 30, 2022:</b>	<b>\$954,519.51</b>

**Offerings General Fund November 2022:** \$64,282.66

**GOT DEER? Update** – Deer season ends 1/15/2023 and venison donations/commitments have been slow coming this year. If anyone plans to donate venison, please contact Mark Gibbs at 830-456-7127 so we can plan accordingly. HGLC volunteers and Boos Quality Deer Processing hope to process any donated deer meat in early February. All processed meat will be donated to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. Thanks and call with any questions. There is no cost to the meat donor – we just ask you to debone the meat and place it in one or two-gallon size freezer bags. (Free two-gallon bags now available at church for this effort.) Contact Mark Gibbs at 830-456-7127 or [markgibbs2011@yahoo.com](mailto:markgibbs2011@yahoo.com) if you need more information or freezer bags, have meat ready to donate, or are interested in helping with the final processing/packaging effort at Boos. Happy hunting and let's feed the hungry!





**Cancer Support Group**

If cancer has been a part of your life, either currently or in the past, as a patient or a caregiver, please join us for fellowship, devotions, speakers, and discussions the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. This month we will meet on **January 11** at **5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Guests are

welcome. For more information, call Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

**Widow's Might**

Widows who are seeking direction, purpose, and hope in this season of life are invited to join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the parsonage next door to the church (former Priem residence). We strive to find new joy, embrace challenges and support each other. We are currently studying Joyce Meyer's *Do it Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear*. For more info, contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

**SPOUSES CARING!!!**

Are you caring for your spouse who has health or cognitive issues? Husbands and wives who are fulfilling the role of caretaker for their spouses are invited to share in fellowship and a devotion led by Pastor Steve on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. Our next meeting will be **January 11th**. We will meet in the church parsonage next door to the main building (former Priem residence). Cared-for spouses are invited to come along and have social time in a separate space, led by a Registered Nurse. If you or someone you know in the community would like more information about the group, please contact Pastor Steve at 830-997-2288.

**Sunday Lunch Bunch**

The Sunday Lunch Bunch will meet at Asian Garden at 12:30 p.m. on January 8th and 22nd. Please come join us! For more information, contact Francine Richter at 432-386-2677.



**Game Night** will be held **January 26th** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!

**HolyMark Cardmakers Gather**

Cardmakers, get this on your calendars! We will meet on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. at Campo Azul, 413 S. Washington, for lunch. After lunch we will proceed to Fellowship Hall (around 12:30) to make cards for various ministries of the church.

Our cards are SO appreciated by the folks who receive them! Thank you for the job you do!

You need no special skills to make these cards. We will find a task suitable for you. Just come, try it out, and enjoy our fellowship.

**Barnabas Ministry**  
(Caring Visitation)

In 2023 we will kick off a renewed goal for our visitation ministry to encourage more lay people to consider this exciting and rewarding ministry. At any given time, Holy Ghost may have between seventy and eighty folks who are homebound or in nursing care facilities. These are covered by our visitation pastors and pastors for pastoral care. We'd like to up the ante and build more relationships with folks who are often longing for a kind smile, gentle words, or a caring visit from someone that they might build a friendship with.

If you like to cheer people up, like to visit with others, and don't mind offering a prayer or sharing some wisdom from God's Word, we'd love to have you give this ministry a try. Contact Pastor David Priem or Yvonne Fox or leave a message with the church office.



**Band of Brothers**

Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men!

Join us Tuesday, January 10th, 8-11am for food, fellowship, and to tackle a few projects around the church campus. For more info or to RSVP, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!

**Ladies' Lunch Study**



Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and study, every-other Wednesday at Noon in the HG Fellowship Hall. This month we will meet on **Jan 11 & 25** and will be starting a new study: *The Chosen, Season 2*. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

**Calling all Singers! HGLC's Sanctuary Choir**

meets for rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the HGLC sanctuary. All skill levels are welcome and we would love for you to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

**HGLC's Youth Choir is back** and we are so glad! Students in 2nd-8th grades are invited to attend rehearsals on Mondays after school from 4pm-5pm. We'll share a snack and devotion, learn some music basics and sing! Join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Transportation from school to the sanctuary is available if needed.

For more information regarding Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, or the Women's Ensemble, please contact Katie Hofmann at 830-383-4668 or [katiebmurphy12@gmail.com](mailto:katiebmurphy12@gmail.com).



**Feeding John Program**



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Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, January 22nd.**

**Women’s Evening Bible Study**

All ladies are welcome to join us for study and fellowship, typically every-other Monday evening at 6pm in the HG Youth Room. This month we will meet on **Jan. 2, 16 & 30**. We are currently studying: *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians* by Beth Moore. For more information, please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.

From the R Team - read the Bible daily. A new year....what does this one hold? Like all years, it will most likely hold a mixture of events, emotions, obligations,.....some good, some not so good. Nevertheless, we look forward to it with anticipation. And, as with all things human, the Bible does address anticipation. Happy 2023, and remember to pick up your Bible daily and read!

James 1:12  
Acts 1:11  
Isaiah 65:25  
1 John 3:2  
Galatians 6:9  
Micah 7:7



Mark 9:23

Romans 12:12  
Matthew 6:33  
Psalm 130:5  
1 Corinthians 2:9-10  
Romans 8:24  
Proverbs 13:12

**BEWARE of SCAMS!**

Don’t fall for a bogus text or email that may appear to be from one of the pastors asking you to wire money or purchase gift cards for the pastor on behalf of a person/family that they may be ministering to! It’s from the DEVIL! The pastors will never send such a communication and if in doubt, please contact them or the church office to verify it before you are SCAMMED!

**AA: Alcoholics Anonymous**

Three support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. One on Mondays at 5:30pm and the others on Thursdays at 6pm & 8pm in the parsonage by the church. HGLC supports those in recovery!

**The FISH Mentoring Program** has spots available for adults who have thirty minutes a week to invest in a youth at the elementary, middle school or high school. Call FISH at 830-997-9551 to get connected with this valuable opportunity!



**KIDNEY DONATION NEEDED!**

From our own family of faith, Margo Stahl, has been in need of a kidney transplant for quite some time. Her situation has become a bit more dire and an appeal is being made for anyone who might be moved by the Spirit to consider being a match-candidate. For information about the process call the University Health System in San Antonio at 210-567-5777. You may also call Margo at 830-998-5065. Prayers are appreciated!

**Adult Class Opportunities**

**G.R.A.C.E.D!**

**The “C” means “Connect in a Study or Small Group!”**

**Sunday Morning Opportunities**

**There will be no regular Sunday morning classes on January 8th.** ALL ages are welcome to the men’s Cowboy Breakfast or the women’s Epiphany Tea. (See related article on page 5 of this newsletter for more information.)

**“Love & Respect”**: This outstanding class designed by Rev. Dr. Emerson Eggerich is being offered here at HGLC beginning on January 22nd through March 5th. Every couple in the Church is welcome and invited to join this class which will be led by Bruce and Suzanne Christian. Those who are engaged, newlyweds, middle-weds, long-weds are all invited and welcome to participate. Every couple can grow in their relationship based on Biblical Principles. This will strengthen you, your relationship and our church. Video, Discussion, Workbook, Text and Bible.

**“Alton’s Class”**: This class, led by Norm Nevins, will meet in the fellowship Hall beginning January 15th. The topic for the month of January will be God’s Promises in the Old Testament. In February, the study will move to the New Testament to look at God’s Call.

**“Bible Discussions”** meets in the Ed/Kindernest Building at 9:15am. This class is led by Nick Thompson and Seth Moellering and is geared toward younger adults and couples.

**“Philippians”**

Our new six-week Philippians Bible Study: "Our Partnership in the Gospel" begins on Sunday January 15th. Study guides are available today (at no cost) to help us go deeper into God's Word together. Our six weekly topics:

- "Our Partnership in the Gospel" \*An Introduction to Philippians
- "That Your Love May Abound" \* Philippians 1
- "The Mindset of Jesus" \* Philippians 2
- "Faith and Citizenship" \* Philippians 3
- "Rejoice in the Lord" \* Philippians 4:1-9
- "The Secret of Contentment" \* Philippians 4:10-23

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve at 830-992-3693.

**Midweek Studies**

**“Ecclesiastes”**

Led by Pastor David, this class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on January 11<sup>th</sup> and ending on February 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying two chapters each week, as we look at this interesting Old Testament Book of Wisdom from King Solomon toward the end of his reign as king. This book has some interesting parallels to our lives today and the things that we experience.

If you are interested, please contact the church office 830-997-2288 or pastor David 830-456-4607 or by email at [pastordp@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:pastordp@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com). I look forward to studying God’s Word with you!

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Sound Coord.	Jacob Harrington	512-827-1564
Sound Coord.	Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
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Sanctuary Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668
Youth Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668

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Women of Faith	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Youth Group	Clara Pluenneke	

### Please keep us informed

There are many times when your phone call to the church office is the only way we may discover that someone is in the hospital, ill, or in need of a pastoral visit. Please let us know if you have special needs outside the regular office hours.



JANUARY 2023

# HOLY GHOST KIDS CORNER

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me.'" -Matthew 19:14

## contact

Daniel Hofmann  
Children's Minister  
830-997-2288  
danielh@holyghostfbg.  
onmicrosoft.com

## as always

We offer Sunday School  
for all ages! Join us at 9:15!

## upcoming

- Father/Daughter Dance: Feb 10
- Burning of the Ashes: Feb 19
- Pancake Supper: Feb 21
- Ash Wednesday: Feb 22

## for families this month

Let's talk about New Year  
resolutions!

- What is a "resolution"?
- Look up these verses:
  - Psalm 51:10-11
  - Colossians 3:14-15
  - Jeremiah 29:11
- What kind of changes does God ask us to make?
- What can you change this year to be a stronger Christian?
- Talk about this with your family.



## BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, January 8



Join us in church so we can recognize all who were baptized into God's Family in 2022, and also be reminded what our baptism means!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

2023 lessons begin January 15, 9:15am

Join us in the Kinderneest building as we look into God's Word! We play games, we watch videos, eat snacks, make crafts, and more! It's a fun time for ages 3-5th grade!



## MOTHER/SON BOWLING

Sunday, January 22, 11:45am



Let's get together for a fun afternoon at the lanes!  
We'll meet in the Youth Room for lunch and a devotion! **Cost: \$10 per person**



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Friday, January 27, 6:30-8:30pm



Kids K-5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to come hang out!  
We'll play games, share a snack, and hear a devotion!  
Parents, you are invited to stay or go!

*Lord, hear our prayer*

The things on our prayer board right now:

• **OUR GIFTS**

We are blessed to be blessings! We thank God for the opportunity to share the gifts He has given us!

• **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Just like every new year brings new life, God's grace gives us a clean heart when we ask for His forgiveness.

• **OUR WORLD**

There are tough times happening all over God's earth right now. We pray that He covers those who are hurting with His love.

What else can you pray for this month?

# CAMP CHRYSALIS

*July 16-21, 2023*

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 3!  
2ND - 5TH GRADERS WELCOME!**

To get your spot reserved, you'll need to visit  
[crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com](https://crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com).

If you haven't used this online tool before,  
you'll need to create an account.  
**MAKE SURE TO CHECK "PART OF A GROUP RESERVATION"!**

You'll also need to bring a \$175 deposit to the church office.

Any questions? Call Daniel at 830-997-2288.



**The 2022 Christmas Program Cast! Well done everyone!**

# Youth Group News

## & Family Matters

January 2023

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January 2023

### Christmas & New Year's Blessings Son of God Loves Pure Light!



### Christmas Mexico Mission Bins & Bins of Blessings

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thanks to everyone who donated gifts for the families of La Union. La Union is on the other side of Big Bend, and it has no running water or electricity except for generators and solar panels. This collection of bins filled with Christmas presents would not be possible without the great generosity of our congregation. Our mission group of youth and adults will deliver these bins of blessings January 2-5!**



Mark your calendars and get ready for our...

## VALENTINE'S DINNER YOUTH FUND-RAISER!!

**Sat, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Hall**  
**Seating begins at 6:15pm**

Please support our youth and enjoy a delicious gourmet meal prepared by our chef, Glenn Jung, and served by our youth.



*Share the Love!*

\$30 suggested donation and reservations required, so please call Stacey Moellering for more info at 456-3549 or the church office at 997-2288.

## Epiphany Tea & Cowboy Breakfast

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Hour**

Boys & Men– Fellowship Hall Youth Room & Outside  
Girls & Women– Fellowship Hall Omega Room

### Confirmation Schedule

Jan 1 New Year's Weekend (No Sunday School)  
Jan 8 Epiphany Tea & Cowboy Breakfast  
Jan 15 Stockshow Weekend  
Jan 22 What does it mean to be Lutheran?  
Jan 29 Jesus the Prophet

*Decorating Christmas Cookies Thanks Annette Q for hosting*



## Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp (RTLCL) Summer 2023 ONLINE Registration Open NOW for July 8-15

Only parents can register campers online.

Current 8th-11th Grades

HGLC will provide transportation and chaperones. Space is limited and spots fill up fast!

<http://www.rainbowtrail.org/>

### Camp Chrysalis July 16-21

*2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Graders (Explorers)*

*4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Graders (Yearlings)*

*6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Graders (Extreme Adventurers)*

*\$100 Deposit due to church and registration online*



*Praise God for our kiddos at church!*

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