

The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church April 2023 Being & Making Disciples



Exciting Times Are Upon Us!

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

Believe it or not, phase one of the building program is set to begin in mid-April! (I hope I did not inflict a curse on it getting started by putting this in writing!). This means that a contract has been signed and work is scheduled to start the week after Easter Sunday! Koehler Company is our construction company.

This means that as of the writing of this article, the plan is for worship to be moved to the Fellowship Hall as the sanctuary work focuses on the renovation of the bell tower and the addition of a sprinkler system. This portion of the church building labor should be completed by the end of July whereby we return to the sanctuary for worship. The complete restoration of the basement will go through late fall.

Worship in the Fellowship Hall will be in the Omega (large) room with Adult Sunday School and the breakfast bar in the Alpha (small) room. Both spaces will need to be used as "multi-purpose space" for such events as funerals, weddings (none currently planned), Confirmation Sunday, regular meetings, Bible studies, etc.

To avoid a constant need to re-configure the spaces, keeping things more "simple" as opposed to "business-as-usual" will be our motto as hosting community events such as banquets and other organizational requests for the Fellowship Hall use will be suspended during this time. Events like the "Free Cycle" will be postponed from the spring to the fall. Flexibility, patience, and a spirit of sharing space will be our guide during this temporary time.

And thanks be to GOD that we even have the Fellowship Hall, as it has only been available for such use since 2008 when the renovation of the True Value Store was completed. Can you imagine us needing to rent space off campus for worship services for four months, or possibly even more challenging, using the Education Building/Kindernest Building as our fall back space during a construction interim? Praise be to GOD for the faith of those who paid the \$1.47M for the purchase of the original property on which the Fellowship Hall sits, and the \$1.2M for the transformation of that building into its current form!

Speaking of cost, the estimated price tag for phase one is \$3.7M which not only includes the sanctuary pieces mentioned above, but also the renovation of the 110 E. Creek St. two story building, the Klaerner house re-do, and the historic Sunday House which will be converted to a prayer chapel. All to say, as this building program begins, remember that it's not just for us, but for future generations to come just as the church we worship in was bought and paid for by the early pioneers and those who have come before us! Consider your financial commitment to the capital campaign building program by continuing your pledges and/or signing up to begin your support. Please keep in mind that your offerings for the building program are to be above and beyond your regular church budget commitment so that the daily operations, ministries and mission of the church may strongly continue.



A dumpster is already in place in the back church parking lot, the 108 E. Creek St. empty lot will be the staging area for Koehler Company, and a storage space has been leased to place many of the church furnishings in. Anticipate personal and congregational inconveniences, changes in plans, second and third thoughts on how to share spaces, and any number of other things we have not considered!

These are exciting times, so may we be thankful to God for this wonderful season of growth and expansion! Please pray for the safety of the workers, financial commitments to fund the project, and most of all for GOD to be given the glory as we seek to "Be and Make Disciples" in Jesus' name! Amen? Amen!

Good Friday Passion Drive Through

Good Friday will be Friday, April 7 this year. We will once again portray the events of Jesus' passion and death for the community and beyond as a witness to all that Jesus did for us. We will need many people to participate in filling all the roles for each of the scenes.

Costumes are available. We will need to gather at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Good Friday to get costumes and get assigned a scene to be a part of. There will also be some food served to help sate your hunger.

The event will take place from 5:00—7:00 pm. At 7:00 p.m., cast and crew are welcomed to process down to the church for the 7:15 pm Good Friday Service.

Set-up will also take place on that Friday morning beginning at 9:00 am. We will welcome any help for set-up and then take down after the event.

<u>Capital Campaign</u>: We come to the close of year one of three years for those who made commitments to the building program fund last April, and it certainly aligns with the "breaking of ground" as phase one of the project gets underway this month! Thanks to those who have faithfully contributed to the capital campaign this past year while continuing to give to the general fund. AND, the door is wide open for any and all who are not currently giving regularly to the capital campaign, to begin. See the QR Code below, or visit the church website at holyghostfbg.org, or call the office to order envelopes.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS ADD UP!



Thrivent Financial Services members are able to designate "fraternal" dollars to HGLC or Kindernest 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 or google Thrivent.com to see if you qualify for designating funds to the organization of your "Choice!"







Pastor Clint Pluenneke Celebrates 25th Year of Ordination

On March 26th, HG celebrated Pastor Clint Pluenneke's 25th year of ordination. Over 200 people came out to show their appreciation for his 18 years of service to the HG Youth and for serving as pastor to St. Paul, Cave Creek.

The Grace Center "Schatze Haus":

The domestic violence safe house is supported in part by this boutique resale venue on Main Street. They receive "nice upper end items" (not people's junk—excuse the French!).

Contact the Grace Center at 830-998-6300 for more info.



OFFERING ENVELOPE UPDATE

RE-SOLE

APRIL ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT!!!

If you have not received yours already, they should be delivered soon!

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 at 997-2288.

AVENUES FOR CHURCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- 1. Use the 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 <u>holyghostfbg.org</u>, 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!



The HG Church
Office will be closed
on Monday, April 10th.
All staff will be assisting in
the move.



WORSHIP IN APRIL

"Come, let us worship the Lord!"



APRIL WORSHIP THEMES

Messages April 1-9: The Lenten sermon series titled, "Experiencing God," will run through Easter. The Spring Post-Easter sermon series will be "Divine Covenants".

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 1-2: "Experiencing God: Catch the Wave!" (Matthew 14:21-36) We are called to listen to the voice of God and make adjustments in our lives to join God in what He is doing in the world. Getting out of the boat and walking on water may seem impossible, but Peter tries it and stumbles (sinks). This week also marks the beginning of Holy Week and is marked by the crowd's celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, but also their misunderstanding of why Jesus has come to the earth (Matthew 21:1-11).

Thur., Apr. 6, Maundy Thursday: "Experiencing the God we experience through obedience" is the message as we hear the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet and His invitation to do the same! Whose feet have you washed recently? The focus is on God's call for us to serve and obedience to humble ourselves before one another for Jesus' sake. Communion is served!

Good Friday, Apr. 7: "Experiencing God: The Great Sacrifice" is based on all four Gospels and the final words of Jesus. In the Tenebrae service (a service of darkness and light) we gather to consider God's amazing Love and the price paid by our Lord Jesus to save us!

Easter Sunrise Service, Apr. 8 at 7am: A blessed Easter to all as we celebrate that Great Good News that Jesus is risen from the dead. As those first witnesses came to the empty tomb, those women were the first to go and tell this Good News. How are we continuing to tell that old, old story today of Jesus and His love?

Easter Weekend—Sat. & Sun., Apr. 8-9: It's Easter Sunday as we celebrate that Christ is risen! The theme for the weekend including Saturday evening is "Experiencing the God who has ultimate victory in the resurrection! Holy Communion is served at all services including the sun rise!

POST-EASTER SERMON SERIES

Messages April 15-30: The Spring Post-Easter sermon series will be "Divine Covenants" which focuses on promises that God has made to His people including the Ten Commandments, the Moses covenant, the Davidic covenant, the Noah promise, Holy Communion, and more.

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 15-16: "Divine Covenants: The Problem of Sin" Sin twists and distorts God's purposes for our life and this world. How did it happen? Why does it matter? What is God's rescue plan? Our scripture for the day is the account of the fall of humanity in Genesis 3:1-9.

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 22-23: Our sermon series on promises and covenants continues this week by looking at the Mosaic Covenant, better known as the Ten Commandments which are the basis for our laws today. God gave us specific laws to help govern our relationship with Him and with one another. Read Exodus 20:1-21.

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 29-30: "Divine Covenants: All People Will Be Blessed through You!" God makes a great and powerful covenant with Abraham. In Genesis 12:1-5 we hear God's heart and plan to bless all peoples of the earth.

<u>APRIL Lenten Worship Theme:</u> The Lenten sermon series entitled, "Experiencing God," will run through Easter, and the Spring Post-Easter sermon series will be "Divine Covenants" which focuses on promises that God has made to His people including the Ten Commandments, the Moses covenant, the Davidic covenant, the Noah promise, Holy Communion, and more.

All Worship!

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

Praise Services for April 2023

Praise services will be on April 2 & 23 at 10:30am.

HGLC Radio Broadcast

HGLC radio broadcast is aired weekly on Sundays on KNAF 910AM at 10:00am



One-Half of Mid-Week Lenten Offering: HGLC decided at its bi-annual meeting that one-half of the 2023 Lenten mid-week offering would be equally divided between the Grace Center (safe place from domestic violence) and the North American Lutheran Church "Today, Tomorrow & Forever" vision campaign. The other half of mid-week offerings go to the general ministry fund. This does not apply for weekend offerings, brown envelope offering, dedicated gifts, memorials, or special gifts that come to the church.

The April Special (Weekend) Offering is also designated for the above stated ministries. Special offerings on the weekend need to be placed in the brown pew envelopes or the special offering baskets. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

Holy Communion in April:

Thursday, the weekends of April 8 & 9 and April 22 & 23.



Holy Communion in April will be on Maundy



COUNCIL NOTES February 20, 2023

- 1. President Ron Rickerhauser called the meeting to order and Pastor Bobby offered the opening devotion & prayer.
- A generous amount of time was invested in furthering the council retreat content of SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats).
- Much discussion was held about the youth minister position that Pastor Clint is transitioning out of this year. There are a couple of options, so the subject was tabled for more prayerful consideration.
- An update on Kindernest preschool was given by Teresa Ganis.
- 5. A praise service task force report was given uplifting the results of corrections in the sound system.
- 6. Don Reinke will be vacating his seat on council due to that he and Donna are relocating. Appreciation was shared for his servant-service and gracious wisdom. Council will seek to fill the vacancy with an appointment until the December congregational meeting.
- 7. Upcoming Lenten, Easter, Confirmation, and other celebrations were mentioned.
- The meeting ended at 9:30pm with Pastor Steve praying for joys and concerns.

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!



Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Merchandise

is still available and they make great gifts!! We have the following:

Caps: \$20 T-Shirts: \$15 Polo Shirts: \$25 Stickers: \$2

(Limited sizing available on the shirts)



The HG pictorial directory is yet in process. We hope to have it completed by late spring or early summer.

Look for upcoming announcements in the bulletin and newsletter.

THE EASTER FLOWER CROSS will be in place to receive fresh flowers that anyone may bring to celebrate Christ's victorious resurrection over the grave! It becomes the perfect place for family and friend pictures before and after Worship services!

<u>LENTEN YARD CROSSES</u> which were distributed on Ash Wednesday and placed in yards during the season of Lent are to be <u>turned around on Easter Sunday</u> to where the words: "Christ is Risen" appear! Thanks to the Men in Mission for their faith work in this project which points to Christ all over the county!



EASTER LILIES: If you have purchased an Easter Lily, please feel free to take it home with you anytime after the 10:30 am Easter worship service or pick it up at the church office at your earliest convenience.

MORE THAN JUST CASH! A special task force of the congregation recently presented a policy which gives the church council, staff and congregation guidelines for receiving various types of gifts.

Resources and assets run much deeper than our bank accounts and may include: stocks, bonds, real estate, life insurance, annuities, jewelry, vehicles, and much more. Not all items that a person desires to donate can be received. If interested in learning more about what gifts might be donated to the church, contact the church office at 830-997-2288.

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THE SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BAR

The Breakfast Bar is open to all and a wonderful way to begin the first day of the week being fed with fine, nutritious food, fellowship and faith!



175th Anniversary 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! Would make a GREAT Easter gift!!!

The FISD 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 FISD at 830-997-9551 to get connected with this valuable opportunity!



HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was held March 3rd at Memorial Presbyterian Church. An inspirational message was based on "I Have Heard About Your Faith", written by the Women of Taiwan.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH CARE KITS - We have not assembled Health Care kits, therefore, we do not have a count. We have many kits to assemble. Because of you, the outpouring of love from our congregation has been overwhelming.

FREE CYCLE - This has been postponed until September due to the church being under construction.

LWR QUILTERS - We have been blessed with lots of material for quilts. If you are interested in helping the LWR quilters, they meet Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 am to noon. The hand guilters meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday.

April 10	Evening Guild	6:00pm	Fellowship
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April 13 Lydia Circle Meeting **Fellowship** 9:30am

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April 13 Katherine Luther Circle 1:00pm **Fellowship**

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Global Leadership

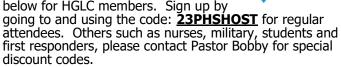
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April 23 Graduate Dinner **Fellowship** Noon, Following

> 10:30 Worship Hall

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



A \$20 scholarship is available for first time attendees!

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 st Respds - No deadline	\$ 99

Prayer Requests may be sent anytime via text to the church cell phone at 830-383-0249.



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.

Kindernest April News

Hello Spring! We are loving the warm weather and this season of blessings! Thank you to everyone who came out to the

Kindernest Family Fun Night! We received so many generous donations and had such a fun night with our Kindernest families! Save the Date for Sunday April 16th! We are excited to hold a Spring "Sips & Sweets" bake sale at Chase Bank on Main Street! Be sure to stop by for some yummy treats!

"Let everything you do, be done in love." As we celebrate this Easter season we feel blessed by the support of our Kindernest families, by our community, and by the faith we have in Him. As our kids hunt for eggs and bunnies, we also celebrate our love for God and all He has done for us.

Happy Easter HGLC!

In His Service, Annisa Alonzo







Love & Respect Class

Holy Ghost provided a 7 Week Marriage Énrichment class that attracted 97

participants. Emerson Eggerich's, "Love & Respect", filled the Fellowship Hall as couples studied Biblical teachings based on Ephesians 5:33 in order to strengthen their marriages. Following the last class, the group participated in a Social in which over 40 folks joined in the fun!







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	11am - Youth BBQ Chicken Fundraiser	6:30pm - AA		8pm-WYWP			

APRIL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assts	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Soundboard Volunteers
Apr. 1	6:00 pm	Jeff & Todd	Laverne Boos	Corrine Jung		Kimberly Bauer		
Apr. 2	8:00 am	Craig & Don	Gil Becker & Rhonda Eckert Simpson	Karen Immel		McKenzie Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
167	10:30am	Hiram & Bruce	Royce Ann Baethge, Mike & Sandy Birdlebough	Dawn Barron		James Qualben		
			Maundy Thursday					
Apr. 6	11:00 am	Ron	Mike & Karen Dolezal		Laverne Cuddy			
			Carolyn Weidenfeller		Corrine Jung			
	6:30 pm	Teresa & Nick	Sherry Durst & Janie Guynes		Greg & Karen	Luke Moellering		
			Good Friday					
Apr. 7	11:00 am	Ron & Nancy	Ken & Marjorie Otte					
	7:15 pm	Craig & Nick	Mike & Sandy Birdlebough	50 0		Kimberly Bauer		
			EASTER					
Apr. 8	6:00 pm	Jeff & Todd	Lester Frantzen, Laverne Boos	Polly Zenner	Emmie Burrer	Johnna Alberthal		
			Don & Glenna Hartmann, Polly Zenner		Ola Mae Pehl			
					Wynell Herbort			
Apr. 9	7:00 am			Joyce Thiele				
	8:00 am	Craig & Don	Sherry Durst, Janie Guynes, Gil Becker	Clayton Winn	Clayton & Barbara	Megan Blizzard	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
			Bradley Nielsen Family		Grona			
	10:30 am	Hiram & Bruce	Mike & Sandy Birdlebough, Kenneth Gold	William Ayala	Rhonda Eckert	Paul Seidensticker		
			Mark Cornett Family		Sue Gustin, Brooks			
Apr. 15	6:00 pm	Jeff & Todd	Laverne Boos. Rhonda Eckert Simpson. Patti Feller	Lisa Kaman		Kimberly Bauer		
Apr. 16		Craig & Don	Gil Becker & Marjorie Otte	Gil Becker		Luke Moellering	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
	10:30 am	Hiram & Bruce	Mike & Sandy Birdlebough, Rhonda Eckert Simpson	Nancy Sagebiel		James Qualben		
Apr. 22	6:00 pm	Jeff & Todd	Mike & Karen Dolezal, Kenneth Gold	Sandy Platfoot		Johnna Alberthal		
			Ellis & Tudy Tritch					
Apr. 23	8:00 am	Craig & Don	Gil Becker, Brenda Beaty, Roy & Debbie Klaehn	Clayton Winn		Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
	10:30 am	Hiram & Bruce	James Roeder Family, Chris & Kristin Janik	Bruce Christian		Linda Adams		
Apr. 29	6:00 pm	Jeff & Todd	John & Yvonne Fox	Francine Richter		Linda Adams		
Apr. 30	Apr. 30 8:00 am	Craig & Don	Gil Becker & Cathy Itz	Susan McMahon	Acolytes	McKenzie Moellering	Sidney Ellebracht	Nicole Robertson
	10:30 am	Hiram & Bruce	James Roeder Family	Rhett Ayala	Acolytes	Paul Seidensticker		
			5	CONFIRMATION				

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Sundays 8:00 am Vacant
Sundays 10:30 am Carter Cathey

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FEBRUARY 2023 In Person: 2023 On-line Views:	326 163
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MARCH 2023 In Person: 2023 On-line Views:	335 143
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Jake Stehling & Jinger Ellebracht Audiz Usener & Kolt Klaerner Truitt Stuewe & Clayton Winn William Ayala & Rhett Ayala Acolytes: Saturdays 6:00 pm Sundays 8:00 am Sundays 10:30 am

April 6 Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm

William Ayala & Rhett Ayala April 7 Good Friday, 7:15pm

April $202\overline{3}$ The Spirit

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ALTAR GUILD:

April Lisa Kaman Sherry Keyser

> Vickie Ristau Sammy Knopp

Robes: Karen Grona

Rhonda Usener Dianne Eckert May:

> Dianne Staudt Phyllis Leifeste

Robes: Karen Grona

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Joyce Priem
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Jan Unger
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Marti Jennings

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: APRIL—BETHANY

First Wedneso	lavs	
04/05/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
04/052023	Knopp #2	10:30 am
First Thursday	<u>/S</u>	
04/06/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
04/06/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays 04/12/2023 Villages of Windcrest 9:45 am Fredericksburg NH 04/12/2023 10:45 am

Second Thursdays

Knopp Retirement Center 9:30 am 04/13/2023 10:30 am 04/13/2023 Knopp #1



APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

04/06/1928 Lilliann Hahn 04/19/1933 Vernell Arhelger

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

04/02/1967	Francis & Helen Birck
04/06/1969	Pastor Alan & Linda Williams
04/14/1956	Harvey & Vernell Ellebracht
04/16/1961	Stanley & Kathy Keese
04/30/1972	Ronald & Laverne Cuddy

CONTACT INFO NOTE

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

MARCH PASTORAL ACTS



(No Pastoral Acts were performed at HGLC during March)

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

Hospitalizations:

Hospice List: Laverne Boos Stanley Feller **Broc Thiele** Tommie Gross Pastor Jan Unger

Kenneth Heiner Darline Cunningham Laverne Cuddy Lynette Koennecke Fred Nardini Gwen Oberlin



HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

Gen Fund Balance, February 1	, 2023	\$48,107.07	
Receipts		\$73,221.67	
Expenses		-\$64,538.47	
General Fund Balance, Februa	ry 28, 2023	\$56,790.27	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR February 2023			
Der Stadt Friedhof		\$676.00	
NALC "Today, Tomorrow& Forev	ver" Campaign	\$556.25	
Grace Center		\$556.25	
FINANCIAL BAROMETER	Income	Expenses	Plus/Minus
February 2023	\$73,221.67	-\$64,538.47	\$8,683.20
Year-To-Date	\$152,925.89	-\$131,135.62	\$21,790.27
Capital Campaign Fund-Gener	al Fund		
Dedicated Fund Balance Februa	ry 1, 2023	\$1,157,966.17	
Receipts this month		\$15,991.33	
Expenses		-\$59,494.29	
Balance February 28, 2023		\$1,114,463.21	
Offerings General Fund Februa	ary 2023	\$72,665.16	

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!

Cancer Support Group

'Hope in every phase of your cancer journey'. If cancer has been a part of your life, either currently or in the past, as a patient - caregiver - family member or friend, please join us for fellowship, devotions, speakers and discussions the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is April 12. For more information, contact 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 attend this group that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the parsonage next door to the church (former Priem residence). This month the meetings will be <u>April 12 & 26</u>. 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 information, 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 **April 12th.** We will meet in the church parsonage next door to the Church (formerly the 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.



<u>Game Night</u> will be held **April 27th** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

Sunday Lunch Bunch

The Sunday Lunch Bunch meets every other week at 12:30 p. m. at the chosen restaurant for that meeting. For details, text Francine Richter at 432-386-2677.

HolyMark Cardmakers Meet April 28

We will make cards on Friday, April 28 at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. If you wish to join us for lunch, we will meet at 11:30 at Hondo's. This is not a closed group – ANYONE can join us and have fun – even YOU!



Barnabas Ministry

(Caring Visitation)

One of the greatest treasures we have are those people who have been with us for many generations, and have stories to tell and faith to share. But they need someone to share them with who is willing to listen attentively and who is willing to give love and encouragement in return. We are always on the look out for more folks to be a part of our Barnabas ministry, which is an extension of the visitation ministry of the congregation. Barnabas ministers gather once a month on the second Tuesday for devotion and sharing and encouragement. Those Barnabas ministers are paired up with some of our elderly homebound or folks in Nursing Care Facilities to visit, listen, love, care, encourage and pray with these folks. It's a great ministry. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Yvonne Fox or Pastor David.

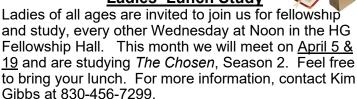
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Band of Brothers

Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men! Join us Monday, April 10, 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



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 or Youth Choir, please contact Katie Hofmann at 830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com.

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Livestream and Sound Techs Needed

We currently are looking for volunteers to help run our Live-streaming for worship. We live-stream our 10:30 service. This is not a difficult task, but will require some minimal training, and a willingness to work with other volunteers.

We also could use some folks willing to help monitor sound at all three services each weekend. Again, training will be provided, but some technological know-how would be helpful.

If you might be interested please contact Nicole Robertson, Pastor David or the church office at 830.997.2288.

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

As temperatures begin to warm and days get longer, it is much more fun, and convenient, to experience nature - green plants, bird songs, flowers, and more. As you would expect, the Bible has much to say about appreciation of the beauty around us. After all, He created it all! Enjoy this new season!

Job 12:7-10 Nehemiah 9:6 Colossians 1:16-17

Psalm 96:11-12 Revelation 4:11 John 1:3

Psalm 145:5 Genesis 1:10 Song of Solomon 2:12

Isaiah 55:12 Matthew 6:28-30

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Acts 4:24





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!

Women's Evening Bible Study

All ladies are welcome to join us for study and fellowship every other Monday evening at 6pm in the HG Youth Room. This month we will meet on April 3 & 17. We are currently studying *The Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John* by Beth Moore. Please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.

Bible Study on Romans

Pastor David will be leading a Wednesday Evening Bible Class studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. Our goal is to get through all 16 chapters in a twelve-week time frame. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:45 each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday, April 12 and going through June 28.

Please let the office know if you'd like to be a part of the class. This is BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). We look forward to journeying with you through the Book of Romans.

Adult Class Opportunities

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

The "C" means "Connect in a Study or Small Group!"

Sunday Morning Opportunities

FOUR NEW Adult Sunday School classes begin in March! Join in at 9:15-10:15am! The coffee is on us!

"<u>The Resurrected Jesus</u>" by David Limbaugh & Christen Limbaugh Bloom will delve into an intimate journey of the New Testament early church. This class will be led by Gil Becker.

"<u>He Chose the Nails</u>" is the title of the Max Lucado Bible study book that Pastor Bobby will lead. The five week study is the perfect LENTEN class that focusses on what God did to win our hearts!

"<u>Bible Discussions</u>" will again start up with Nick Thompson leading those Biblical talks as the Word is opened and daily application is offered in this conversational setting.

"Alton's Class" will be studying the Gospels and Acts in a class titled, "Jesus Calls Us". The class will be co-taught by Norm Nevins and Jim Paige.

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous

Two support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. One on Mondays at 5:30pm and the other on Thursdays at 8pm in the Kammlah Room of the Education Building. Please make use of the support resources available to yourself, your family, and/or your friends. HGLC supports those in recovery!



Feeding John

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, April 30th.**

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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.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

Barnabas Team	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
Building Comm.	David Bullion	830-998-1889
"C" Team Contact	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
"C" Team Contact	Sharon Johnson	512-755-1801
Cancer Support Group	Iris Burrer	830-456-5711
Cancer Support Group	Karen Dolezal	512-517-3180
Cemetery Team	Alan Saenger	830-992-8564
Cemetery Team	Susan Stroeher	830-456-3143
Christmas Day Dinner	Denise Usener	830-456-1742
Feeding John	Sandy Birdlebough	830-998-4504
Float Team	Bob Jennings	830-990-1618
Fishers for Christ	Debbie Klaehn	830-456-1650
Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	Currently Vacant	
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	830-992-9473
Holy Ghost Quilters	Sharon Kott	406-580-5129
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Allen Ersch	830-889-2471
Kindernest Team	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Kindernest Team	Shayna Thompson	830-992-1673
Kitchen Team	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
Kitchen Team	Judy Nardini	361-774-3219
LWR Quilters	Roslee Lochte	830-992-8820
NH Comm. Coord.	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
NH Devotions	Irene Crutcher	830-997-7072
"P" Team	Donald Pressler	830-329-3603
Passion of Christ	(currently vacant)	
Property Team	Seth Moellering	830-456-1304
Praise Team Task Force	Karen Nevins	830-992-9424
Prayer Team	Laverne Cuddy	830-456-0782
"R" Team	Mary Beth Bauer	830-329-0344
Resource Mgmt.	Janie Trantham	830-990-9675
Small Group Vol.	Kim Gibbs	830-456-7299
Stewardship Team	Kathy Boos	830456-7218
Tele–Buddy Ministry	Marti Jennings	830-992-7049
Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617
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WORSHIP TEAMS:

Vacant	
Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Bernice Basse	512-569-1643
Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
Jacob Harrington	512-827-1564
Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
Linda Adams	830-889-3250
	Donna Rees Corrine Jung Glenna Hartman Marjorie Otte Polly Zenner Bernice Basse Joyce Thiele Jacob Harrington Nicole Robertson

CHOIRS:

Bell Choir	Joyce Priem	830-456-1226
Sanctuary Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668
Youth Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668

GROUPS:

Church Council Pres. Men in Mission	Ron Rickerhauser Harvey Hengst	830-992-9597 830-456-7663
Sunday School Supt.	Carrie Roemer	830-456-4461
Band of Brothers	Doyle Moellering	830-456-1349
Women of Faith	Carol Feuge	830-285-1301
Women of Faith	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701



contact

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

as always

We offer Sunday School for all ages! Join us in our Kindernest building at 9:15!

upcoming

- Mother's Day: May 14
- Pentecost: May 28

for families this month.

Let's talk about NEW LIFE!

- Read the Easter story from each Gospel with your family! What's different in each one? What's the same?
- · Do you think we could've been saved without Jesus? Why or why not?
- Jesus' resurrection is God's new covenant with us. What does "covenant" mean?
- What is God promising us through Jesus? Does knowing Jesus' promise change how we live our lives?

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

APRIL 2, BEFORE + AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP

Support kids going to camp by purchasing a sweet treat! Find us outside the sanctuary!

EASTER EGG HUN

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 10:00AM @ BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Let's ring in the Easter season with a hunt! We'll gather in BLC's fellowship hall for a short message, and then set the kids loose on all the eggs!

APRIL 9, 9:15AM

ALLELUIA! We'll praise our Risen Savior with a few fun Sunday School activities, and then move to the front of the sanctuary at 10:00 for the butterflies!

FRIDAY MIGHT L

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Kids K-5th grade are invited to hang out in the youth room to play games, eat snacks, and have fun!





lord, hear our prayer

The things on our prayer board right now:

• FOCUS

It's that time of year when we'd all rather be outside! As we look forward to summer, we ask God to help us keep up our good work!

• EASTER!

Glory to God for His Risen Son! Let's give thanks and celebrate how great our God is!

What or who else can you pray for this month?







Youth Group News & Family Matters

April 2023

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

April 2023

CHURCH BASEMENT MOVING DAY!!

Youth & Family Service Project

Sunday, April 2 Noon Lunch in Church Basement



A complete demolition and remodel of our church basement is coming soon, so we need all the help we can get to move everything out! PLEASE join us for lunch in the Youth Room and then lend a helping hand for this big church service project!



Good Friday Drive Through

April 7th 5:00-7:00 pm Youth Volunteers Needed!

Easter Butterfly Release! Sunday, April 9

Sunday School Spirit Rally & Butterfly Release 9:15-10:15 am



Confirmation

8th Graders Parents Meeting Sun, Apr 2 9:15am Basement

Final Prep for Confirmation Sunday!

Confirmation Schedule



Apr 2- Revelation

Apr 9- Easter Spirit Rally The End Times/Test Review

Apr 16- Faith Papers Due, Test Review, Folder Check

Apr 23- Semester Test (Robe Fitting, Pictures)

Apr 30- Candidates Presented to Church Council Confirmation Rehearsal

May 7- Confirmation Sunday!

BBQ Chicken Dinner

Sun, Apr 30 11 a.m. until sold out \$15 donation Drive Through

East Church Parking Lot via Creek St. Thanks for the support!!



SR HIGH WYWP

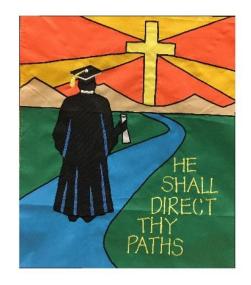
High School Grads Recognition & Luncheon

Sunday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon Luncheon w/ Program Lunch Hosted by Women of Faith

**Students will be recognized at the 10:30 worship service. For the luncheon slide show we will need up

to 10 digital/scanned baby and "growing up" pictures. Please email pictures to clintp@austin.twcbc.com or drop off flash drive to church office by April 10th. THANKS!





JR HIGH CONFIRMATION

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Holy Week & Easter Schedule			
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	11am & 6:30pm	
Good Friday, April 7	Good Friday Services	11am & 7:15pm	
Good Friday, April 7	Good Friday Observance	5pm	
Saturday, April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	10am	
Holy Saturday, April 8	Same message as Easter Sunday	6pm	
Easter Sunrise, April 9	Outdoor Service (S. Adams parking lot)	7am	
Sunday School, April 9	Adult Classes & Butterfly Release	10am	
Festive Easter, April 9	Holy Communion Easter Services	8am & 10:30am	

