



# *The Spirit*

## *Holy Ghost Lutheran Church*

### *May 2023*

#### *Being & Making Disciples*



### **The Hope of the Resurrection**

We have just celebrated the pinnacle of our faith with the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ on Easter. The primary message of the church is to proclaim this Good News that Jesus was crucified on the cross, dying for the sins of the world, and then shattering death and the grave by rising again victoriously. The promise for those who believe is that when we die, we too shall be raised and share an eternal existence with God our Father in heaven.

Most people are uncomfortable talking about death, and that's reasonable considering that we want to hold on to this life as long as we can. And yet, death is inevitable. Every living thing dies, plants, animals, people. I consider myself to have a green thumb, and love to garden and grow all kinds of plants, but every person with a green thumb, has also experienced the loss of plants, no matter how much effort and love you put into it.

The same is true with us. We have wonderful medical advances that bring healing and hope beyond where we have ever been before. And yet, with all of our expertise and research, we cannot stop people from dying. These bodies we have don't last forever. The older a person gets, the more they experience the wear and tear. So, what hope do we have?

One of my favorite texts when speaking about death and resurrection is that powerful passage from John 14:1-6. Jesus begins that passage by reassuring us. "Don't let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe also in Me." Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and He is reminding us of His power over life and death.

He continues by telling us that He has gone to prepare a place for us. Some Bible versions tell us that this dwelling place is a home or a room, or even a mansion. Think of it this way, Jesus has gone ahead, and made a reservation for us in Hotel Heaven, and it's not a one night stay or even a weekend stay. It is booked for eternity. He has made the reservation for us.

Then He reminds us that He will come again and take us to Himself, that where He is we may be also. When we die, Jesus will be there to escort us to our eternal dwelling place. He will reach out and take us by the hand and lead us, and everything will be okay.

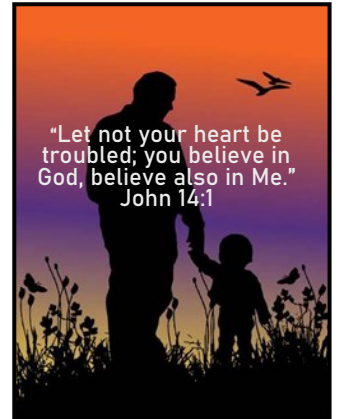
Last week, we had a memorial service for my Aunt Vivian, my mom's younger sister. She fought a hard battle with cancer and is now at rest. After the service at the church, we were invited down the hallway to the commons (fellowship hall), where there was food. A feast where we would eat and visit and share memories and gather with family.

Our grandchildren were there at the service, and little Corinna (not quite two-years-old) after the service was looking for her mom as people were gathering in the foyer outside the church, but then she saw me, and I called her by name, and her face lit up. She came running and grabbed my hand. She didn't know where we were going, but she was going with her Opie, her hand in mine, and she bounded joyfully down the hallway. When we came to the table where the food was laid out, a smile of joy came over her face and she was ready for the feast.

That's the hope that I have when I think about the picture that Jesus portrays for us in this text. Jesus is so much more than an Opie or an Omie. He is our risen Lord and Savior. We are going to recognize His bright shining face, and when He reaches out His hand for us, we don't know exactly where we are going, but we know that we are going with Him, and we're going to have a really great time. So we willingly and joyfully walk hand in hand with our Savior as He leads us to that heavenly banquet, where we will spend time with all those who have gone ahead of us, in heavenly fellowship with one another, and with God our Father.

What a beautiful, hope-filled picture that Jesus gives us, and what peace we have knowing that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. May we continue to share this Good News with others, that they may know about Jesus and what He has to offer.

Peace,  
Pastor David



**Capital Campaign:** 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 has gotten underway! 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](http://holyghostfbg.org), or call the office to order envelopes.



**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 830.997.2288.

**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 [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!**



**The HG Pictorial Directory** is still in process. We are getting closer to having it completed by late spring or early summer. We are working hard to make it as accurate as possible. Look for upcoming announcements in the bulletin and newsletter.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS ADD UP!**



Thrivent Financial Services members are able to designate "fraternal" dollars to HGLC or Kinderneest 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](http://Thrivent.com) to see if you qualify for designating funds to the organization of your "Choice!"

  
**HOLY GHOST**  
 - LUTHERAN CHURCH -  
*Gentlemen of HGLC - all skill levels are invited! Just bring your singing voice!*

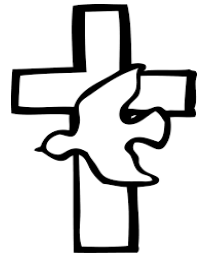
## Men's Ensemble for Mother's Day

Rehearsal Dates: May 3rd and May 10th @ 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
 Special Music Date: Mother's Day, May 14th @ 10:30 am

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KATIE HOFMANN AT 830-383-4668 OR [KATIEBMURPHY12@GMAIL.COM](mailto:katiebmurphy12@gmail.com)

# Worship SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP IN MAY "Come, let us worship the Lord!"



### MAY WORSHIP THEMES

**Messages in May:** The Spring Post-Easter sermon series will be "Divine Covenants" which focuses on the 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., May 6 & 7:** The "Covenant with Noah" is the message topic for the Saturday, 6pm & Sunday, 8am as the rainbow will be the focus. 10:30am will be the confirmation service and Pastor Clint has the message for that occasion.

**Sat. & Sun., May 13 & 14:** It's Mother's Day and we give thanks to the Almighty for the gift of motherly types in our lives! The covenant for the week is "Holy Communion as God feeds us on his grace and mercy." Some may think of all the meals that Mom and Oma have made through the years—sounds like there could be a relationship between the two! The Sacrament is served.

**Sat., & Sun., May 20 & 21:** How serious is God about keeping his promises? The Lord God spoke to Abraham in a dream (Genesis 15) and shared with him a dramatic illustration of the depth of God's commitment that, at great cost, God's promises will indeed be fulfilled.

**Sat., & Sun., May 27 & 28:** It's Memorial weekend as we remember those who served and died for the freedoms we enjoy. The covenant that we visit this weekend is the "Davidic Covenant," which promised an heir of David to always be on the throne. Which throne might be the question to ask? Israel's or God's? The two are not one in the same. Holy Communion is served.

**MAY Worship Theme** is "Divine Covenants" which focuses on the 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.

### WORSHIP in the FELLOWSHIP HALL!

With the construction program underway, worship services are being temporarily held in the Fellowship Hall with the schedule continuing to be Saturday, 6pm, Sunday 8am & 10:30am.

### Holy Communion in May:

Holy Communion in May will be on the weekends of May 13th-14th & May 27th-28th.



The **MAY Special Offering** will go towards Tornado Victim Relief to give assistance to all those who have been affected by the recent tornadoes in the Southeast.

### 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.

### HGLC Radio Broadcast

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



### CONFIRMATION 2023 will be on Sunday, May 7th. Confirmands are:



Confirmation

- Lila Rose Aldrich
- Rhett Cayden Ayala
- William Casey Ayala
- Brody Knaupp Beyer
- Summer Rose Cornett
- Quentin Eckhardt Cox
- Kolt James Klaerner
- Caroline Lakey McDade
- Christian John Ottmers
- Cash Leo Penick
- Margaret Lily Roeder
- Adyson Avery Schneider
- Aiden Holt Staudt
- Truitt Wallace Stuewe
- Gema Grace Thiele
- Audie Taylor Usener
- Eve Loraine Weiss

**Praise Services for May 2023**  
Praise services will be on  
May 14th & May 21st at 10:30am.

### 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.





COUNCIL NOTES  
April 10, 2023

1. Pastor Steve led the opening devotion and prayer on how we make decisions: “personally based” or “biblically based.”
2. Polly Zenner was appointed by the council to fill the twenty month vacancy left by Don Reinke who recently moved from Fredericksburg.
3. Norm Nevins was the guest who shared the security measures taken while worshipping in the Fellowship Hall.
4. The North American Lutheran Church assembly will be held in Oklahoma City in August. Pastor David invited council persons to consider attending as delegates.
5. The council toured the Fellowship Hall set up for worship.
6. With the transitioning of Pastor Clint out of the youth program, a recommendation was made to create a task force to develop a job description for one person who would lead the entire youth program, children and youth.
7. Council visited the possibility of Pastor Clint remaining on pastoral staff half-time (instead of 2/3 time), working in some needed roles that council identified at the January council retreat.
8. Voted to decrease property insurance premiums by raising the deductible from \$25K to \$30K.
9. The spruce-up project for the former Priem parsonage was discussed as bid estimates are being received.
10. Confirmation Sunday is May 7 at 10:30am.
11. The youth chicken BBQ is Sunday, April 30.
12. Pastor Bobby closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30pm.

**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.



**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! It would make a GREAT Mother’s Day gift!!!

**The 2023 Church Council Includes**

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

**Please pray for your leaders!**

**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.



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**May 4th is the National Day of Prayer for 2023**



**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 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!



 **HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH CARE KITS** - With the help of our generous giving of the congregation, we were able to package 173 Health Care Kits, which will be shipped in November. Thank you to each of you for providing items for the kits.

**FREE CYCLE** has been postponed until September due to the church construction.

**GRADUATE DINNER**—The Women of Faith honored the 2023 graduates with a delicious luncheon. A total of 56 were in attendance. Afterward, guests viewed pictures of the graduates of the past and had stories from graduates as, well as parents.

**LWR QUILTERS**—We have been blessed with a lot of material for quilts. If you are interested in helping the LWR Quilters, they meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to noon.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 8	Evening Guild	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
May 11	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
May 11	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship 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 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.



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

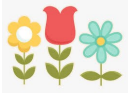
<b>Holy Ghost Host Site Rate</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Super Early Bird	5/3/23	\$139
Early Bird	7/12/23	\$159
Regular Rate	8/4/23	\$179
Nurses, Military, Students, 1 <sup>st</sup> Respds	- No deadline	\$ 99



**Kindernest May Newsletter**



Here's to warm weather and May flowers! Our April at Kindernest was full of spring fun and Easter blessings! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter.



We can't believe our school year is coming to an end! We have a great group of Pre-K kids headed into kindergarten this fall and we are so excited to celebrate them on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at a special graduation ceremony.

We are so blessed with many happy memories from this school year as well as the amazing support we receive constantly from our community. Thank you all!

 In His Service,  
Annisa Alonzo



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



**Please note that this number is for *texting* prayer requests only. Calls are not answered at this number. For phone requests, please call the office at 830.997.2288**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30</p> <p>Reading Room</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School/Confirmation</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Youth BBO Chicken Fundraiser</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>2</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>3</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Romans Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>4</p> <p>RECEPTION DAY ON PRAYER</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6pm - Wounded Warriors Meal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2pm - Wedding: Patsy Henrich &amp; Dorman</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>7</p> <p>CONFIRMATION SURVEY</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/Confirmation</p>	<p>8</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 Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>NEWSLETTER MEETS DISC</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>10</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Spouses Caring</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha Rm</p> <p>5:30pm - Romans Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>11</p> <p>FAST ON WORSHIP 16th</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>8:30am - Lydb's Circle</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</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 (HOW) Comm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>16</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>17</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>4pm - Wrapped in Love</p> <p>5:30pm - God Squad Small Group</p> <p>5:30pm - Romans Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30am - Holy Mark Cardmakers:</p> <p>6:30pm - Friday Night Live</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9am - Joyful Noise Practice</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Praise(JN)</p> <p>6pm - Baccalaureate @ Bethany</p>	<p>22</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 Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>23</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>24</p> <p>5:30pm - Romans Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LIBRARY OF SCHOOLS</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p> <p>6:30pm - K-Nest Graduation</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>FRS CELEBRATION</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Reading John</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Comm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>PRINT NEWSLETTER</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY MAIL/EMAIL POST ID</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Romans Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>7pm - Javier: Music Practice</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>

# MAY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
May 6	6:00pm	Todd Teresa	Arthur Jung, Peggy Reichenau Yvonne Alberthal	Dillon Crain		Kimberly Bauer		
May 7	8:00am	Ron Craig	Todd & Rodonna Spies Jerry & Deborah Prochnow	Clayton Winn		Luke Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Ron Bruce	Roland & Katie Wilke Kathy Boos	Landon Denton		Linda Adams		
May 13	6:00pm	Todd	Leroy and Darlene Stehle	Pastor Williams	Self-Serve	Johnna Alberthal		
May 14	8:00am	Teresa Ron Craig	Daron Usener Eddie & Charlotte Grobe	Nancy Lochte	Self-Serve	Megan Blizzard	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Ron Bruce	Kathy & Dwayne Boos Irene Grosenbacher	James Qualben	Self-Serve	Paul Seidensticker		
May 20	6:00pm	Todd Teresa	Sandy Platfoot Lois Weidenfeller	Mary Beth Bauer		Johnna Alberthal		
May 21	8:00am	Ron Craig	Jeff & Sara Wanek Lyle & Aallison Durst	Clayton Winn		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Ron Bruce	Jennifer & Danny Hallford Rick & Vicki Ristaut	Kael Watson		James Qualben		
May 27	6:00pm	Todd Teresa	Leroy and Darlene Stehle Lois Weidenfeller	Lois Weidenfeller	Self-Serve	Luke Moellering		
May 28	8:00am	Ron Craig	Eddie & Charlotte Grobe	Nick Thompson	Self-Serve	McKenzie Moellering	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Ron Bruce	Rick & Vicki Ristau Irene Grosenbacher		Self-Serve	James Qualben		

## CONFIRMATION

**Crucifier:** Saturday 6:00pm -  
Sunday 8:00am - Clayton Winn  
Sunday 10:30am -

**Acolytes:** Saturday 6:00pm - Christian Ottmers & Collin Ottmers  
Sunday 8:00am - Bylea Berardi & Vivian W  
Sunday 10:30am - Logan Roemer & Emma Reeh

## ALTAR GUILD:

May Rhonda Usener Dianne Eckert  
 Dianne Staudt Phyllis Leifeste  
**Robes: Ingrid Fairchild**

June: Annie Frantzen Linda Cheslak  
 Yvonne Holleman Sue Gustin  
**Robes: Karen Grona**

## WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Ruth Welgehausen
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Jan Unger
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Annette Sultemeier

## NURSING HOME COMMUNION: MAY—ZION

First Wednesdays

05/03/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
05/03/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

05/04/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
05/04/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

05/10/2023	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
05/10/2023	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

05/11/2023	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
05/11/2023	Knopp #1	10:30 am



## MAY BIRTHDAYS:

05/06/1926	Roland Borchers
05/27/1931	Raymond Kluttz
05/30/1931	Irene Crutcher

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

05/04/1963	Kenneth & Marjorie Otte
05/12/1962	Hans & Bernice Basse
05/22/1971	Edward & Yvonne Holleman
05/23/1964	Lyndal & Jane Rimmert
05/30/1964	Willie & Geana Pfeiffer

### CONTACT INFO NOTE

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

## APRIL PASTORAL ACTS

**Funerals: Charles Meyer**

  
**4.20.23**

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

### **Hospitalizations:**

Debbie Akin  
 Steven Alberthal  
 Emmitt Ayala  
 Anders Eckert  
 Lynette Koennecke  
 Dana Moellering  
 Fred Nardini  
 Gwen Oberlin  
 Margo Stahl

### **Sympathies to the Families of:**

Robert Hubbell  
 Charles Meyer  
 Florence Terry

### **Hospice List:**

Stanley Feller  
 Tommie Gross  
 Lynette Kramer



## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

### HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>General Fund Balance March 1, 2023</b>	\$56,790.27		
Receipts	\$65,235.63		
Expenses	-\$88,085.08		
<b>General Fund Balance March 31, 2023</b>	\$33,940.82		
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MARCH</b>			
Der Stadt Friedhof	\$115.00		
NALC "Today, Tomorrow & Forever"			
Campaign	\$1,560.00		
Grace Center	\$1,560.00		
LWR Postage	\$10.00		
<b>FINANCIAL BAROMETER</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>plus/minus</b>
March 2023	\$65,235.63	-\$88,085.08	-\$22,849.45
Year-To-Date	\$218,161.52	-\$219,220.70	-\$1,059.18
<b>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</b>			
Dedicated Fund Balance March 1, 2023	\$1,114,463.21		
Receipts this month	\$27,004.83		
Expenses	-\$4,863.03		
<b>Balance March 31, 2023</b>	\$1,136,605.01		
<b>Offerings General Fund March 2023</b>	\$64,542.79		

### **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 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is May 10. 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 church (former Priem residence). This month the meetings will be May 10 & 24. 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 **May 10th**. 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.

**Sunday Lunch Bunch**

The Sunday Lunch Bunch meets every other Sunday at 12:30pm. Text Francine Richter at 430-386-8677 for more information.



**Game Night** will be held **May 25th** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!



**HolyMark Cardmakers Meet May 19**

HolyMark Cardmakers will meet Friday, May 19, at 11:30 at Campo Azul for lunch. Following lunch (around 12:30) we will make cards in the Fellowship Hall for an hour or two.



**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.



**Band of Brothers**

Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men!

Join us Tuesday, May 9, 8-11 am 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.

**Ladies’ Lunch Study**



Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and study, typically every-other Wednesday at Noon in the HG Fellowship Hall. This month we will finish our study of *The Chosen*, Season 2 on May 3, gather for a social on May 17, and take a break on May 31. We’ll start a new study: *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith on June 14. Please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

**Calling all Singers!**



**HGLC’s Sanctuary Choir** meets for rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the HGLC Fellowship Hall. 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 Fellowship Hall is available, if needed.

9 For more information regarding Sanctuary Choir or Youth Choir, please contact Katie Hofmann at 830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com.

**From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!**

From the R Team - read the Bible daily. Spring is a time of growth, growth of plant life and growth of young animals. While physical growth is important, so is our personal growth in our own faith. And, of course, Scripture definitely addresses growth. Enjoy your spring, and strive for spiritual growth.

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|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2 Peter 3:8          | 1 Timothy 4:15    | Romans 5:2-6    |
| Hebrews 5:12-14      | Job 8:7           | Philippians 1:9 |
| 2 Corinthians 13:5-7 | Ephesians 4:13-16 | James 1:2-4     |
| 1 Peter 2:2          | Colossians 2:6-7  | Exodus 14:13-14 |
| James 5:13-17        |                   |                 |



**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 May 8 & 22. We are currently studying *The Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John* by Beth Moore. Please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.

**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 have begun! Join in at 9:15-10:15am! The coffee is on us!

"**The Resurrected Jesus**" 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.

"**Bible Discussions**" 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.

**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.



**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 pm to 6:45 pm each Wednesday evening, 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.

**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 Parsonage. 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, May 28th.**



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### Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: Office Closed

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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 Stroehrer	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 Klachn	830-456-1650
Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	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
Kinderneest Team	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Kinderneest 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	830-456-7218
Tele-Buddy Ministry	Marti Jennings	830-992-7049
Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

### WORSHIP TEAMS:

Altar Guild Coord.	Vacant	
Altar Guild Coord.	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Communion Servers	Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
Disciple Team Leader	Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Organist/Pianist Coord.	Bernice Basse	512-569-1643
Readers Coord.	Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
Sound Coord.	Jacob Harrington	512-827-1564
Sound Coord.	Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
Video Tech Coord.	Linda Adams	830-889-3250

### 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.	Ron Rickerhauser	830-992-9597
Men in Mission	Harvey Hengst	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



# HOLY GHOST KIDS CORNER

## contact

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830-997-2288  
danielh@holyghostfbg.  
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## as always

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

## upcoming

- **Mother's Day:** May 14
- **Last Day of School:** May 25
- **Pentecost:** May 28
- **Memorial Day:** May 29
- **Father's Day:** June 18

for families this month

**Look up some MOMS:  
Eve, Sarah, Hannah,  
Naomi, Mary, Elizabeth**

- What do they all have in common? How are they each different?
- Do they remind you of your own mom?
- How did these moms show love for their families? How does your mom show love to you?
- What can you do to show your mom you love her?

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**MAY 19, 6:30PM-8:30PM**

Kids K-5th are invited to hang with us in the youth room!  
Parents, you are welcome to stay or go!

This will be the last FNL until after summer, so make sure you're here! We're gonna pick a new gaga champion and have **ice cream fridaes\***!

*(\*those are like sundaes, but on Fridays!)*



## CAMP BUDDIES

**SEND OUR KIDS TO CAMP WITH LOVE!**

We're taking over 40 kids to camp this summer! HGLC needs folks in the congregation to sign up to prepare some loving cards for each of our campers.

If you'd like to be a part of this, let Daniel know!

LORD, hear our prayer. . .

The things on our prayer board right now:

• **SCHOOL**

In between tests and due dates, God helps to keep us calm and guides us as we learn.

• **RAIN**

We need more rain to get rid of this pollen in the air!

• **SUMMER**

Those warmer days are almost here, and the rivers and beaches are calling us! As we prepare to break from school, remember where all of these awesome things come from: God!

...What else can you pray for this month?

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## LAST REGULAR DAY: MAY 21

Over summer, we'll take a break from our regular SS program. Kids are still welcome to show up on Sunday mornings in the youth room for some fun and games.

We'll resume our regular schedule in the fall!



**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**VBS 2023**

**JULY 31-AUGUST 4**  
**6:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**KIDS 4 YEARS OLD-5TH GRADE**

*Register today by scanning the code!*

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# Youth Group News

## & Family Matters

May 2023

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

May 2023

## BBQ Chicken Dinner Fund-Raiser

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

East Church Parking Lot via Creek St!  
Please support our youth!



## Confirmation Sunday

May 7, 2022

10:30 Worship Service

## Gillespie County Ministerial Association

### Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 21 6:00 PM

Bethany Lutheran Church

Graduates wear red graduation robes



Baccalaureate

**“The worship is now ended  
and the SERVICE begins!”**

# Summer MEXICO Mission Trip June 26-30

Construction Projects, VBS w/Niños, Worship  
w/Community! Misión de Candelilla  
If interested, contact Pastor Clint.



## APRIL YOUTH MINISTRY PICS ....



*Church Basement Service Project*



*2023 High School Graduate Luncheon  
Congrats & thanks to our Women of Faith for hosting.*



*WYWP- The Light Shines in the Darkness*



*Getting Ready for Confirmation Sunday*



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