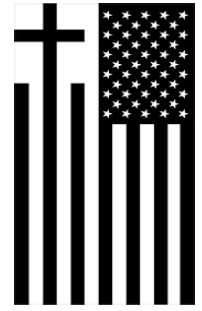




# *The Spirit*

*Holy Ghost Lutheran Church*  
*July 2023*  
*Being & Making Disciples*



## ***"Intentional"***

I love the word "intentional." It beckons us to action, focuses on discipline, and is steeped in purpose. Webster defines intentional as "intended; designed; done with design or purpose." Living our lives intentionally, with purpose and drive, can lead to great and powerful results. Cities, nations, farms and ranches, businesses big and small, and even many relationships can benefit greatly when intentional, driven people invest their time and energy into something or someone. A "can-do" attitude and follow-through can lead to great things. But there are limits.

In his explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther wrote: "I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts and sanctified and kept me in true faith." Luther based this teaching on Scripture passages like Philippians 1:6: "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (ESV) We are called to grow and mature in our faith. We are called to be intentional about things like prayer, worship, and giving. But as we pray, as we worship, as we read Scripture, and as we give, we are called to do so with great humility because, as the Scriptures tell us, God is the only one who can transform our lives, give us faith and give us the maturity of faith so many of us long for in this life. As C.S. Lewis wrote in Mere Christianity: "After the first few steps in the Christian life, we realize that everything which really needs to be done in our souls can be done only by God."

So, if God is the only one who can truly change us into the individuals and community we are called to be, why even try? One word: trust. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) Our calling is to live our lives every day trusting that Jesus meant what He said: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:20) The living Lord Jesus is with us right now, working in each one of our lives and in this community. He has a purpose and a plan for us. We are called to live intentional, purposeful lives filled with prayer, service, love, and worship. We are called to do so with humble hearts, knowing that even with all our efforts, it all comes to nothing without the Lord's presence and power. So trust in the Lord with all your heart! Pray, pray, pray. Love, love, love. Serve, serve, serve. Give, give, give. And above all, trust that God is and will continue to work intentionally in your life for His great and wonderful purposes!

Peace and joy in the Lord Jesus,  
Pastor Steve Qualben



**YOUR Capital Campaign** contributions are key to the success of the program. To give online, use the QR code in this newsletter or donate through the envelope system, or from the HGLC website at [holyghostfbg.org](http://holyghostfbg.org). Call the church office for special gifts.



**BUILDING PROGRAM PROGRESS!**

Koehler Construction Company continues to plug away at the project! The basement is now totally gutted and HVAC vents are being installed, electrical revamped, and plumbing shored-up for new and improved restrooms. The space will contain a large meeting area with several rooms for individual classes. It will not be a whole lot different from what was there, but much more upgraded from 1949 when the lower level was added. It has served us well for 74 years and now is ready for a make-over.

The Bell Tower will soon have a 90-foot scaffold placed around it so that restoration can begin on removing rotted and weakened wood and then shoring up the timbers. The lumber has carried the load of the structure since 1888. It will now be ready to stand steady for the next 135 years or more!

Soon to be addressed is the two-story Creek Street house which will be used for education and community ministries. The prayer chapel awaits custom made doors and windows as it continues to be worked on by HGLC volunteers.

Please pray for the safety of our workers! AND THANKS BE TO GOD for the opportunity for us in 2023 to be part of the HGLC legacy of "Being & Making Disciples" for today and for the generations to come!



**WHILE WE WAIT TO RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY,** HGLC continues to worship in the Fellowship Hall! The estimated timeline to return to the church for worship is September, but as we all know, due to high volume of construction, supply & delivery demands—it could be into October. The basement area will not be completed until November. The Word of God reminds us in Isaiah 40: *"They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength."* We trust that God's timing is the perfect timing and His timing promises strength, renewal, power, and hope.

**The Church Office will be closed on July 3 & 4.**

Emergency calls can be directed to Pastor Steve at 830-992-3693 or Pastor Bobby at 830-456-0000.



**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.

**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**

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Some Thrivent Financial Services members are able to designate "fraternal" dollars to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, 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 if you qualify and to designate funds to the organization of your "Choice!"

**COMING SOON**

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

# Worship SCHEDULE

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



### JULY WORSHIP THEMES

**Messages in July: The Summer Sermon Series** is titled, "Women of Faith" as each week the message will focus on a female person(s) in the Bible as we gain insight, courage, and hope from their failures and triumphs!

**Sat. & Sun., July 1 & 2: "Women of Faith: Mary and Martha"** Two sisters welcome Jesus into their home on one occasion and, on another, call on Him to heal their brother, Lazarus. Jesus' love and compassion shine forth as these women live out their life of faith with the Lord. Please consider reading Luke 10:38-42 and all of John, chapter 11, as you prepare your hearts and minds for the weekend message.

**Sat. & Sun., July 8 & 9:** Hannah is the "woman of faith" as the focus is on prayer. This woman shows us the passion, commitment, and persistence involved in a rich prayer life. Go to 1 Samuel 1 for the details as we cover this amazing story of a personal answered prayer that concludes with a personal sacrifice on Hannah's part. Holy Communion will be served!

**Sat. & Sun., July 15 & 16: "Women of Faith: The Woman at the Well"** Our summer sermon series continues with John's account of a conversation between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at a well. Jesus told her: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14) Please consider reading all of John 4 as you prepare your hearts and minds for the weekend message.

**Sat. & Sun., July 22 & 23:** Hagar is the "woman of faith" as the subject for the weekend is on "The God who sees us!" Hagar was the maidservant of Abraham's wife, Sarah, and as it will be discovered, was abused by Sarah. Hagar runs into hiding and God comes to her to remind her of her great value and that she will be taken care of. On some level, all can relate! Holy Communion is on the menu as we are all reminded of how greatly God values us!

**Sat. & Sun., July 29 & 30:** A praise service is offered as the theme of the day surrounds Esther who was called upon to "step up" in faith. The famous passage from Esther 4:14 says, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" It is a reminder of how God puts us into positions and situations for His purpose.

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#### Holy Communion in July:

Holy Communion in July will be on the weekends of July 8th-9th and July 22nd-23rd.



#### The Special Offering for JULY is designated for Backpacks through the Needs Council.

Each school year there are children in our community who are in need of the basics to get into the rhythm of school. HGLC along with several other churches partner with the Community Needs Council to provide backpacks which contain school supplies. Please use the small brown envelopes on the round tables for these gifts, or mark your check memo with: "Backpacks!"

#### Praise Services for July 2023

Praise services will be on July 16th and 30th at 10:30am.

#### 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.

#### 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.



#### CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION

Tune in to 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.

**HGLC Radio Broadcast:** The radio station is changing out some equipment, so in the meantime the church service can be heard either on KNAF 107.9FM, or AM910 on Sun. at 10am.



**COUNCIL NOTES**  
**June 19, 2023**

1. Pastor David led the meeting with a devotion about the "call to ministry" with emphasis on the need for more pastors throughout the church as well as each of our calls to ministry in whatever vocation we have.
2. Norm Nevins presented a copy of the HGLC security policy.
3. The building program is progressing as planned. Anticipate being back in the worship space sometime in September or October and in the basement hopefully by November.
4. Beginning in July, the Youth Ministry program will see transitions occurring with Daniel Hofmann being the children & youth ministry director over the whole program and Pastor Clint working half-time specifically with Confirmation, WYWP, local & global missions, and FISD high school ministries.
5. Pastor David offered a St. Peter's, Doss church report which included the baptism of three souls recently—the first baptisms in eight years!
6. A special gift of \$25K was designated with half going to the Youth Fund and half to the High-Tech Fund.
7. A seminary fund provided by an anonymous donor is available for those who enroll in the NALC seminary. (HGLC also has another seminary fund to support those who may enter the pastoral ministry).
8. Teresa Ganis offered a report on Parsonage #1: Some needed repairs and restoration this month with an electrical inspection and HVAC system check before upstairs painting begins.
9. Bruce Christian provided an adult SS report anticipating the fall schedule.
10. Kinderneest currently has 51 students enrolled for the summer.
11. The church office will be closed July 3 & 4. Emergency calls can be made to Pastor Steve or Pastor Bobby.
12. The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) assembly will be held in Oklahoma City with Laurie Bristol, Karrie Klier, Pastor David & Pastor Bobby attending the week of August 7.
13. The Mexico mission trip is the last week in June with Pastor Clint leading.
14. Upcoming camps at Chrysalis and Rainbow Trails will happen in July with VBS occurring the first week in August.
15. The meeting ended at 8:30pm with Pastor Steve praying for joys and concerns named by the council.

**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.

**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!



**December 5, 2023 marks the 175th anniversary** of the military post near Fredericksburg that we know as Fort Martin Scott. Documents reveal what units were here, the names of the commanders, and describes the buildings. Penningers book, "*The First 50 Years*" has a handful of tales mentioning the soldiers.

Eric Hammersen is trying to gather additional information based on historical accounts. If you have family stories or letters that mention the soldiers at the fort, please contact him at 703-477-4131 or email: hammersen@hotmail.com.

**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!**

**Honoring Those Who Have Served in the Military!**

HGLC is seeking to create a list of all who have served in any branch of the military.

Please contact Rick Ristau at 830-997-5181 or email at [rvristau@yahoo.com](mailto:rvristau@yahoo.com) to share service information or ask questions.

**The BUZZ heard about Worship in the Fellowship Hall:**



- ~ The sound is so much better in here than in the church!
- ~ The closeness of everyone feels very intimate and inviting!
- ~ I love sitting around the round tables in the back!
- ~ I can't believe ALL the people who are hanging around in the air-conditioned space for thirty and forty minutes after worship!
- ~ I can hear the pastor!
- ~ The breakfast bar is in the very next room!
- ~ What are we gonna do when we return to the church building?
- ~ The fellowship is greater than no other time!





**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN  
WOMEN OF FAITH**



**Fall Festival** - It is time to think about the Fall Festival and the work that goes into it. If you have any fruit we can use for jelly or jams, please let us know. We need figs, mustang grapes, Methley and/or wild plums, peaches, and any fruit you may have. If you have jars, we can use them as well.

We have been so fortunate to have people help with the quilts, personal care kits and layettes. Ellen Reeder, who is a winter Texan, crochets baby jackets and sews baby quilts for the layettes. Your outpouring of love is so appreciated.

Our supply of fabric is being depleted, but what can you expect when you sew 400 to 500 quilts a year? If you have any material to offer, please call Polly Zenner, 830-997-5701, or bring it by the church office. If you are interested in helping the LWR quilters, they meet Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to noon. The hand quilters meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday.

**Dates to Remember:**

July 10	Evening Guild	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
July 13	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
July 13	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall

**Kindernest July Newsletter**



Hello Summer! We hope you all are staying cool and having fun adventures! We are enjoying our summer program as we welcome back our school age crew full time and meet new friends just starting their journey at Kindernest.

This July we are excited to celebrate all things red, white, and blue! We will have a special hot dog lunch for the kids made by Laverne Boos and her amazing team of helpers. Thank you for always making lunch time so special for Kindernest children and staff!

On Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Summer Sips & Sweets fundraiser at Chase Bank! Be sure to stop by for some yummy treats and cool sips of lemonade and iced tea while you're out and about! These little fundraisers have brought in around \$1,200 each time and we plan to make this a seasonal bake sale! Want to donate baked goods? Please give us a call at 830-997-8939 for details!



Wishing our HGLC community a blessed 4<sup>th</sup> of July! God Bless America!

In His Service,  
Annisa Alonzo

**The Global Leadership Summit 2023**

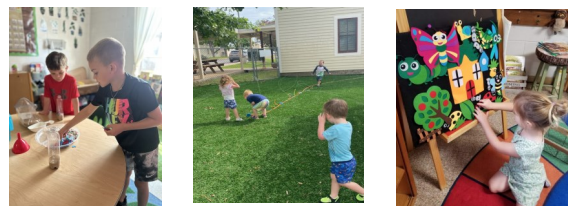
will be held on August 3 & 4 at the FISD auditorium. Check out this rate schedule below for HGLC members; sign-ups are going on. An additional \$20 scholarship is available for first time attendees. For more info, contact Amy Montgomery at 210-844-1987 or Pastor Bobby at 830-997-2288, or register online at: <https://globalleadership.org>.



The Fredericksburg site is: **#466** & the price per person is \$159 until July 12th. Use the discount code: **23PHSHOST**.

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

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



**The Grace Center "Schatze Haus"**

**RE-SALE** 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 information.



**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>25</p> <p><b>CLC'S MONTHLY WORSHIP</b></p> <p><b>READING JOHN</b></p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm/Praise</p> <p>12pm - New Member Retreat</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>MEXICO MISSION TRIP</b></p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Allan Williams Small Group</p> <p>6pm - Men In Mission</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>PRAYER REQUESTS</b></p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>2pm - Adult Sunday School Mtg.: Alpha</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY/MENTORSHIP POST ID</b></p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>CROSS FUNERAL</b></p> <p>6pm - Worship/Baptism: Palmer Shull</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>OFFICE COORDINATOR</b></p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER REQUESTS DUES</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE COORDINATOR</b></p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>NEW MEMBERS PRAYER</b></p> <p><b>RAINBOW TRAIL - CHURCH &amp; DINNER - OUT</b></p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>RAINBOW TRAIL - CHURCH &amp; DINNER - OUT</b></p> <p><b>NEW MEMBERS PRAYER</b></p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am - Band of Brothers</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>12</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Cangelier's Support</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha Rm</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>CAMP CHRYSTALS - DINNER OUT</b></p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship - Kid Led Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>

# JULY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
July 1	6:00pm	Ceryl	Don & Glenna Hartman	Polly Zenner		Luke Moellering		
July 2	8:00am	Don Nick Craig Teresa	Karrie Klier Elmer Hansen Todd & Radonna Spies Molly Spencer Ken Messinger	Doyle Moellering Kathy Boos		McKensie Moellering Paul Seidensticker	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
July 8	6:00pm	Hiram Ceryl	Allen Henke, Ola Mae Pehl	Nancy Sagebiel	Self-Serve	Luke Moellering		
July 9	8:00am	Don Nick Craig Teresa	Polly Zenner Debie Loth Clifford & Joscelyn McDonald Patricia Weirich, Anne Plueneke	William Ayala Pastor	Self-Serve Self-Serve	McKensie Moellering Linda Adams	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
July 15	6:00pm	Hiram Ceryl	Ron & Rachel Stotz Karrie Klier	Lisa Kaman		Kimberly Bauer		
July 16	8:00am	Don Nick Craig Teresa	Glenn & Kim Jung Mike & Susan McMahon Karen Immel LeAnn Segner	Rhett Ayala Bryan Moellering		Megan Blizzard Linda Adams	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
July 22	6:00pm	Ceryl Don	Teena Gold, Lynette Baker Polly Zenner	Karen Immel	Self-Serve	Johanna Alberthal		
July 23	8:00am	Nick Craig Teresa	Debbie Loth, Mandy Herber Genevieve McCaffrey Patricia Weirich	Mandy Herber Paul or Betty Seidensticker	Self-Serve Self-Serve	Linda Adams Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
July 29	6:00pm	Hiram Ceryl	Karrie Klier, Corrine Jung	Corrine Jung		Johanna Alberthal		
July 30	8:00am	Don Nick Craig	Polly Zenner Mike & Susan McMahon Ola Mae Pehl	Debbie Klæhn		Linda Adams	Sidney Ellebracht	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Teresa Hiram	Molly Spencer Ken Messinger	Rhonda Eckert		Paul Seidensticker		

## CONFIRMATION

**Crucifer:** Saturday 6:00pm -  
Sunday 8:00am - Karsyn Klaemer  
Sunday 10:30am -

**Acolytes:** Saturday 6:00pm - Christian Ottmers & Collin Ottmers  
Sunday 8:00am - Rhett Ayala & William Ayala  
Sunday 10:30am - Brody Beyer & Kolt Klaemer

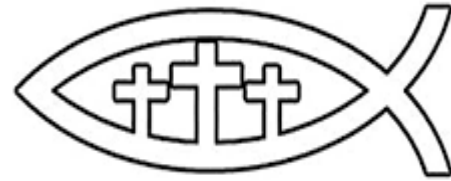
Month	In Person	On-line Views
<b>JANUARY</b>	361	211
2023 In Person:	277	211
2023 On-line Views:	277	211
2022 In Person:	277	211
2022 On-line Views:	277	211
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	326	163
2023 In Person:	335	189
2023 On-line Views:	335	189
2022 In Person:	335	189
2022 On-line Views:	335	189
<b>MARCH</b>	335	143
2023 In Person:	326	50
2023 On-line Views:	326	50
2022 In Person:	326	50
2022 On-line Views:	326	50

Month	In Person	On-line Views
<b>APRIL</b>	421	199
2023 In Person:	253	187
2023 On-line Views:	253	187
2022 In Person:	253	187
2022 On-line Views:	253	187
<b>MAY</b>	337	214
2023 In Person:	320	155
2023 On-line Views:	320	155
2022 In Person:	320	155
2022 On-line Views:	320	155
<b>JUNE</b>	293	164
2023 In Person:	300	201
2023 On-line Views:	300	201
2022 In Person:	300	201
2022 On-line Views:	300	201

## ALTAR GUILD:

July: Debbie Loth Torie Mendez  
 Rhonda Martin Pattie Feller  
 Denise Usener  
**Robes: Karen Grona**

August: Carolyn Weidenfeller Lois Weidenfeller  
 Debbie Akin Cheryl Feuge  
 Leah Strackbein  
**Robes: Karen Grona**



## WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Evening Guild	Helen Usener	TBD
Lydia Circle	Judy Nardini	JoAnn Durst
Katherine Luther	Sue Gustin	Tudy Tritsch

## NURSING HOME COMMUNION: JULY—BETHANY

First Wednesdays

07/05/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
07/05/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

07/06/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
07/06/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

07/12/2023	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
07/12/2023	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

07/13/2023	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
07/13/2023	Knopp #1	10:30 am

## JULY BIRTHDAYS:

07/07/1928 Rudy Olfers



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

07/08/1961 Sidney & Betty Ellebracht  
 07/08/1972 Glen & Peggy Treibs  
 07/08/1973 Kenneth & Barbara Sagebiel  
 07/13/1968 Kermit & Minnie Feuge  
 07/14/1967 Ray & Jeanette Hildebrand  
 07/16/1965 Jimmy & Linda Langerhans  
 07/17/1970 James & Kay Carter  
 07/22/1961 Atlee & Darlene Lochte  
 07/22/1967 Donald & Glenna Hartman  
 07/22/1973 Dan & Sherry Gallini  
 07/27/1968 Henry & Gloria Kammlah  
 07/27/1968 Doran & Joyce Smith  
 Unintentionally omitted Ronald & Laverne Cuddy 05/28/1972

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

### Hospitalizations:

Debbie Akin  
 Steven Alberthal  
 Steven Krueger  
 Helen Jacoby  
 Dana Moellering  
 Frank Padrone  
 Lynne Robinson  
 LeAnn Segner  
 Margo Stahl  
 Harriett Wilson

### Sympathies to the Families of:

Newton Houy  
 Tommie Gross

### Hospice List:

Stanley Feller  
 Helen Jacoby  
 Lynette Kramer  
 Lois Mavsar  
 Darlene St. Clair



## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

### HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>General Fund Balance May 1, 2023</b>	\$60,770.40		
Receipts	\$97,991.67		
Expenses	-\$88,765.25		
<b>General Fund Balance May 31, 2023</b>	\$69,996.82		

<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MAY 2023</b>			
Tornado Relief	\$867.00		
Grace Center	\$100.00		

<b>FINANCIAL BAROMETER</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>PLUS/MINUS</b>
May 2023	\$97,991.67	-\$88,765.25	\$9,226.42
Year-To-Date	\$408,374.42	-\$373,377.60	\$34,996.82

<b>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</b>			
Dedicated Fund Balance May 1, 2023	\$1,228,050.64		
Receipts this month	\$41,248.40		
Expenses	-\$30,805.54		
<b>Balance may 31, 2023</b>	\$1,238,493.50		

<b>Offerings General Fund May 2023</b>	\$88,765.25		
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(If we missed your 90+ birthday or 50+ anniversary, please call the church office to let us know, 830-997-2288)





**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 July 12 and our guest speaker will be Mary Gonzales, Nurse Practitioner with Texas Oncology. 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 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). This month the meetings will be July 12 & 26. 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.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP!!!**

**NEW NAME** **Caregiver Support** – Providing care for a loved one is a high calling, but can be very challenging. You may be caring for someone in your own home or providing support while your loved one is in assisted living or a nursing home. We invite you to pause for an hour to spend some time talking and reflecting with others who are caring for their loved ones. We will take some time to pray and consider a verse or two of Scripture. Pastor Steve leads this group on the second Wednesday of each month at 10am (next meeting is July 12th) in the parsonage right next to the church. Please contact the church office or Pastor Steve if you are interested in participating. May the Lord God bless and refresh you as you love and serve your loved one!



**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 **July 27th** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!

The HolyMark Cardmakers will not meet in July or August. See you in September!



**Barnabas Ministry**

(Caring Visitation)

**Visiting Our Elder Community**

The Barnabas Ministry will not meet during the month of July. However, Holy Ghost is always looking for those who are interested and willing to visit our members who are homebound or are residents of Nursing Care facilities.

If you are interested in serving this ministry, please contact either Yvonne Fox at 830-998-4600 or call the church office at 830-997-2288 and let Pastor David know.



**Band of Brothers**  
Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men!

Join us Tuesday, July 11, 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 July 12 & 26, and are studying: *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for information.

**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 Parsonage #1 next to the Church. Please make use of the support resources available to yourself, your family, and/or your friends. HGLC supports those in recovery!

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

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily. Summer is often a time of exploration and adventure for many of us. Sometimes these bring unexpected surprises and challenges. Does the Bible address these activities? Of course it does! Enjoy your summer adventures and remember to keep reading Scripture daily. You'll find words to address everything we humans undertake and encounter!

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|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Ephesians 2:10      | Luke 1:37   | Jeremiah 33:3   |
| Isaiah 40:31        | Psalms 37   | Colossians 3:17 |
| Job 38:16           | Psalms 56:3 | Psalms 91:11    |
| Proverbs 16:9       | Isaiah 6:8  | Joshua 1:7      |
| Deuteronomy 1:30-31 |             |                 |



**Adult Class Opportunities**

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

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

**Sunday Morning Opportunities**

**SUMMER Adult Sunday School** choices!

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

**Summer Adult SS Choices** include "Pastor's Class", which is a Bible study looking at various Bible Readings, meeting in the Fellowship Hall; and "*Jesus Calls Us*", led by Norm Nevins & Jim Paige, meeting in parsonage #1. Studying God's Word together is where we grow with others in our faith.

**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, July 10th, we will be finishing our current study, *The Beloved disciple: The Life and Ministry of John* by Beth Moore. Following the conclusion of this study, we will take a break until late August.

For more information, please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.



**Holy Ghost Family and Adult Bible Class**

The Adult Bible Class team is planning for new classes to begin in the fall. Keep your eyes and ears open as a schedule will be coming your way soon with a variety of options all designed for us to go deeper into the Word and thereby grow in our faith in Jesus.

Please appreciate the efforts to overcome the obstacles created by our current Building Program - but rest assured that prayerfully by Labor Day we will be back in full swing.

Check the HG bulletin, newsletter and Facebook page for announcements concerning Adult Bible Class in the days and weeks to come.

Pray for the team and pray for direction for the class you plan to participate in.



**Pastor David's Wednesday Night Bible Study** will not meet during the month of July.

**Feeding John**

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, July 23rd.**



**CONTACT INFO NOTE**

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

**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!

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David Priem, Pastor  
Steve Qualben, Pastor

Clint Pluenneke, Pastor of Youth & Family Ministries  
Daniel Hofmann, Minister of Children & Young Families

Shanese Lochte, Office Manager  
Blake Neffendorf, Office Assistant  
Kandice Wadsworth, Office Assistant  
Myrna Olivarez, Office Assistant  
June Woerner, Finance Secretary  
Stephanie Marshall, Back-up Finance Secretary  
Pastor Alan Williams, Visitation Minister  
Pastor Jan Unger, Visitation Minister  
Marti Jennings, Ministry Facilitator  
Annisa Alonzo, Kinderneest Preschool Director  
Karen Henriksen, Kinderneest Finance Secretary  
Jim Parker, Maintenance Technician  
Carol Brinkmann, Fellowship Hall Supervisor  
Daniel Hofmann, Wedding Director

**Church Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
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Barnabas Team	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
Building Committee	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 Stroecher	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 Management	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
Youth Group	Reid Nevins	830-997-2288

**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.





# 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](mailto:danielh@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com)

## UPCOMING

- Vacation Bible School:  
July 31-August 4
- First Day of School:  
August 14

## FOR FAMILIES THIS MONTH

Let's think about leaders!

- Who are the leaders in your life? At home? At school? Your church? Your town/country?
- How are they all similar and/or different? Do you think leaders ever mess up or get tired? How?

Look up some leaders in your Bible: Moses, Esther, Peter

- How do they compare with today's leaders?
- What kept them moving forward?
- How can you follow their examples?



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO OUR

# FAMILY POOL PARTY!

LADY BIRD JOHNSON PARK POOL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28  
6:45PM – 8:45PM

We'll cook hot dogs for all! Families should bring a side or a dessert to share!

The invitation features a blue background with a water ripple effect, colorful geometric shapes (triangles and circles), and a white flame icon.



FILM+ FELLOWSHIP  
JULY 6 • 6PM • AT BETHANY

# STAR WARS

DOOR PRIZES!  
POPCORN + SNO-CONES!  
GREEN SCREEN PHOTO BOOTH!  
STAR WARS NIGHT!  
WEAR YOUR BEST SPACE-Y DUDS!

The poster features a black background with a starry space theme and a photo of Luke Skywalker, Leia Organa, and Han Solo from Star Wars.



**LORD. HEAR OUR PRAYER:**

The things on our prayer board right now:

• **FAMILY**

We are so thankful for the extra time with those we love the most during the summer!

• **SUMMER TRAVEL**

Please keep us all safe as we go all over the place during our break! Bring us back safely too!

• **OUR COUNTRY**

It's an endless blessing to live in America, so let us not forget from where all blessings flow: Jesus! We're thankful to live in the Land of the Free, and we'll ask God to guide those who lead us!

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

# KID-LED WORSHIP

**SUNDAY, JULY 16 @ 10:30AM**

Before we head to camp, the kids are going to lead the church in worship! If you'd like to be involved, let Daniel know!



ABOVE: Fun with green-screen at last month's movie night!

BELOW: We made family collages at Sunday School!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH!



**JULY 31-AUGUST 4**  
**6PM-8:30PM · AGES 4-5TH GRADE**



PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS CAN SIGN UP WITH THIS QR CODE!  
PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE CD! VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE SHIRT!



# Youth Group News & Family Matters

July 2023

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

July 2023

## Holy Ghost Misión de Candelilla Trips

2023 Summer Trip June 26-30 Changing lives on both sides of the border through all these years!



2006



2021



2016



2008



2007



2017



2018



2022

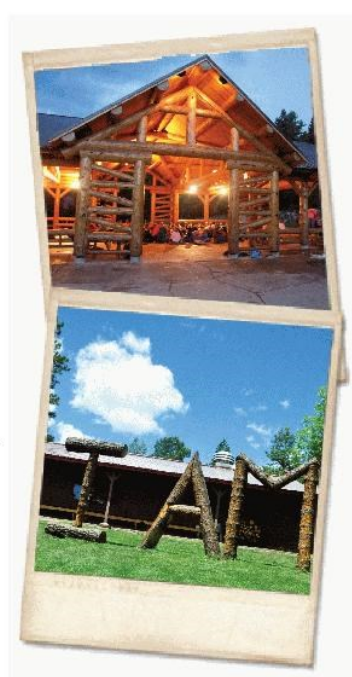


# Summer Trip Rainbow Trail

Lutheran Camp  
Hillside, CO

July 8-15 Sr High

Group meets to pack at  
8am Sat, Jul 8, @ Bethany  
Lutheran Church!



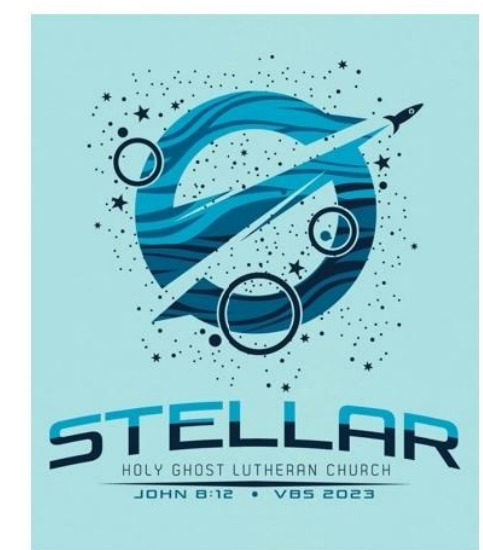
## Rally Day Camp & VBS Youth Led Service Sun, Aug 13 10:30 am

Celebrating Summer Activities &  
Kicking Off New School Year



# Camp Chrysalis July 16-21

- +10:30 Youth Led Send Off Service– July 16<sup>th</sup>
- +Sunday Arrival at Camp: 3-5 pm
- +Friday Closing Worship & Departure: 1 pm



## STELLAR VBS Jr & Sr High Youth Workers Needed July 31-Aug 4 6-8:30pm



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