



# The Spirit

## Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

### June 2023

### Being & Making Disciples



#### *"Youth Ministry Direction at HGLC: Plant Corn!"*

It's always interesting and a bit spiritually mysterious to experience how the Holy Spirit works—because at times trying to sense or read the movement of the Spirit is like trying to nail JELLO to the wall—it ain't happening!

There is a story about a wheat farmer who experienced three consecutive years of failed crops. He was now plowing in the spring of the year about to plant a fourth crop. As he plowed, he also was seeking to determine if God had a different direction for his life. He even prayed, *"Lord, please guide my heart to what You would have me be doing in life."*

Suddenly, there was a shift in the wind and the clouds above him separated into two distinct formations, creating a large letter "P" and "C" in the sky. The farmer immediately shouted, *"I knew it-- P.C! God wants me to Preach Christ!"* So the farmer sold the property, enrolled in a seminary where for four years he studied the Bible, learned the ministry and was taught what it was to be a pastor! Upon graduation he received a call to a small country church where after a year there, he failed miserably in that role!

Downtrodden and even a bit angry at God, the farmer pleaded, *"Lord, I asked for Your direction and You sent a clear sign in the clouds indicating for me to: 'P.C.-- Preach Christ!' I have clearly obeyed You in following Your Will, so WHY, WHY have I failed at being a pastor?"* The Lord spoke, *"Dear farmer, yes you asked and my Spirit provided a true answer for you. 'P.C.' for a farmer does not mean preach Christ, but Plant Corn!"*

At times when we pray for God's guidance the answer remains a mystery. Other times we pray and the answer may be as clear as day, and still on other occasions the answer may only seem as clear as day. But truth be told when it comes to discerning the direction of the Holy Spirit, we pray, read God's Word, visit with trusted Christian friends, and pray even more. And yet even when we may think things are fairly clear—we as followers of Christ, due to being limited humans and not fully knowing the mind of God - we don't always get it right, OR life's winds blow in a different direction and the landscape changes.

Such was the recent situation with Pastor Clint in his decision to step aside from being the HGLC Youth & Family Pastor. In January he announced that after eighteen years in this position he would be resigning it due to the prayerful understanding that for various good and solid reasons, now was the best time for him to do so. With sad hearts the church council received his decision. He would yet remain as part-time pastor at St. Paul, Cave Creek.

After weeks of prayer and discussion, during March and April the church council decided due to primarily financial reasons the two roles that had for the past nine years been led by Pastor Clint as Youth & Family Pastor and Daniel Hofmann as Children & Young Family Minister, would be rolled into one position. Daniel was invited to consider taking on the full youth program, birth to high school graduation and Pastor Clint was asked to consider a half-time position still working with confirmation and other areas non-related to youth. Both agreed to this arrangement with details to be worked out by the church council and a youth ministry task force.

Since that time, with the Spirit keeping Pastor Clint restless about his decision to be almost completely out of youth ministry, various experiences involving deep developed relationships over almost two decades of ministry came into play with a youth crisis in our community and specifically related with the school district where he has spent an enormous amount of time, energy, and faith leadership. The hours, days and weeks of ministry that then unfolded with students, families, teachers, administrators, athletes, counselors, HGLC church members and the broader community turned out to be the spiritual unveiling of the direction that Pastor Clint understood as the Holy Spirit leading him to still continue in some selected areas of youth ministry.

At the May church leadership meeting, the rich value of community ministry that HGLC is able to offer our church and town through Pastor Clint's leadership was weighed heavier than the earlier decisions. Hence, Daniel will lead as the overall Director of Youth & Family Ministry while maintaining his current area of responsibilities with children and young families and taking on additionally the junior high & high school ministries with specific areas of work that Pastor Clint will hand off. Pastor Clint will lead half-time, specifically with confirmation, WYWP, High School chaplaincy, and church missions and still plans to in time incrementally transition from youth ministry, but I guess we'll see what the Spirit has to say about that too!

May we always call upon the Holy Spirit to lead us where God would have us, and yet be open to when the winds change, and God says, "Plant Corn!" Amen? Amen! +Pastor Bobby Vitek

**Capital Campaign: The BUILDING PROJECT** is underway with interior work in the sanctuaries occurring. The prayer chapel (being done by volunteers) is now wrapped & awaiting windows & doors. **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! Call the church office for special gifts. Gifts may be mailed in, given during worship, using the QR code in this newsletter, or on line by visiting [holyghostfbg.org](http://holyghostfbg.org). Special and one time gifts accepted as well! Please pray for the safety of our workers!



**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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS to the Confirmands of 2023. We are so proud of you for confirming your Lutheran faith!**



- 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



**HGLC worships in the Fellowship Hall** while the church is under construction! We have had a lot of GREAT feedback... some of the comments include:

- "The sound is so much better in here than the church!"
- "The closeness of everyone feels so intimate and inviting!"
- "I love sitting around the round tables in the back!"

COME & WORSHIP in the Fellowship Hall!!!

**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!"

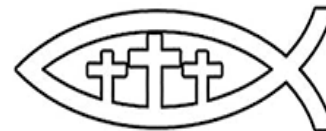


**The HG Pictorial Directory** is still in process. We are getting closer to having it completed by early to mid-summer. We are working hard to make it as accurate as possible. Look for upcoming announcements in the bulletin and newsletter.

# Worship SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP IN JUNE

*“Come, let us worship the Lord!”*



## JUNE WORSHIP THEMES

**Messages in June: 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., June 3 & 4:** We kick off our summer sermon series on Women of Faith with the first woman mentioned in the Bible—Eve, the mother of all people, but also the mother of all sinners. We are reminded that we are all sinful, broken people and we need a Savior, Jesus Christ who came to defeat sin, offer us forgiveness, and who gives us a new way to live our lives.

**Sat. & Sun., June 10 & 11: Women of Faith: “The Matriarchs of the Patriarchs”**  
God promises Sarah and her daughter-in-law, Rebekah, that through them the world will be blessed. Please take some time to prayerfully study our Bible texts for the weekend: Genesis 17:15-16 and Genesis 25:21-23. We encourage you to take some time through the week to read through the entire account of those early Matriarchs and Patriarchs of the Old Testament as recorded in Genesis chapters 12-50. You’ll encounter Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob and his wives (and their children), and finally, the life and experiences of Joseph.

**Sat. & Sun., June 17 & 18: Women of Faith: “New Life: Ruth and Naomi”**  
The story of Ruth and Naomi transcends the four short chapters of the book of Ruth. God’s plan and power transcends our status in this world, our circumstances, our tragedies, and certainly our plans. We invite you to read through all of the book of Ruth and focus on Ruth 1:16-21 for our message this weekend.

**Sat. & Sun., June 24 & 25:** The “woman caught in adultery” is the featured lady of faith. It actually takes two to tango—so what about the “man who was not blamed for adultery?” We will focus on Jesus responses to the woman and not the dirty players because the dirty players are us, and we too rely on Christ’s truth and grace! Holy Communion is served and The Heart of Worship praise group leads us in music!

**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!

**The Special Offering for June** is designated for Headwaters for Heroes which is a 501C-3 support organization for those who are combat wounded veterans located in Harper. The support comes in the form of hunting and fishing events with others who have had similar experiences. Their recent fund-raising event was rained out so your offerings will go toward amping up that fund for future support events. Please use the small brown envelope located on a round table at the entrance of the fellowship hall and thank you for your generosity above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings!

**Praise Services for June 2023**  
Praise services will be on June 4th & 25th at 10:30am.

**Holy Communion in June:**  
Holy Communion in June will be on the weekends of June 10th-11th and June 24th-25th.



**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.

### HGLC Radio Broadcast

TUNE into the Holy Ghost Church RADIO broadcast at 10am on Sunday mornings. Currently the radio station is undergoing some changes. We are told the church service can be received on EITHER 107.9FM or AM910. Thank you for your patience!



### 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  
May 15, 2023

1. Pastor Steve led the meeting with a devotion on community ministry pointing to Matthew 5:13-16.
2. Pastor Clint & Daniel Hofmann were guests in sharing their sense of call to children and youth ministry.
3. Seth Moellering, Property Chairperson, provided a parsonage #1 report as council is looking to engage in some needed repairs and restoration of the home.
4. David Bullion, Building Team Chair provided an update on the church and Creek St. properties.
5. The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Cowboy Service will be postponed until the fall when worship returns to the sanctuary.
6. A new member opportunity will be on Sunday, June 25.
7. The Mexico mission trip is the last week in June with Pastor Clint leading.
8. Stephanie Marschall has been hired as a "back-up" financial secretary with June Woerner to fill in for vacation and other needs for a fill-in.
9. The meeting ended with prayer at 8:00pm with praying for joys and concerns named by the council.

**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!**

**We THANK GOD for Jim Parker** who is our "half-time" Maintenance Technician! He does so very much for so very many of us around here and beyond! Thing is, we don't want to burn him out or ask him to work when he is not supposed to be working. **Two requests please:** First, his church working hours are 8am-noon, Monday thru Friday, so please ask for his assistance during that time frame; and second, please call the church office at 830-997-2288 and ask for Shanese Lochte, our Office Administrator, instead of calling his personal cell phone to request work or service assistance, so that Shanese can relay info and prioritize requests with Jim.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated!  
Thank you! +Pastor Bobby Vitek



**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.

**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!



**Father's Day BBQ!** Pork bbq with all the trimmings will be served on June 18 at \$15/plate donation as a fundraiser for the "P" Team that gives three scholarships a year to graduating high school seniors who will continue their education in a technical school or university. Drive through or sit down in the fellowship hall in celebration of Father's Day.

**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!

**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)



*From our own family of faith, Margo Stahl received a kidney transplant on May 12, 2023. Continued prayers for her healing and recovery are appreciated!*



**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. (Methley and/or wild plums, peaches and any fruit you may have.) Also, if you have jars, we can use them.

**LWR QUILTERS**—We are so thankful for all the fabric and sheets we have received. We also have Barbara Schuyler who knits caps for the layette, which we are thankful for. It seems we are blessed each week with something we can use. Your outpouring of love is so appreciated. 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:**

- June 8 Lydia Circle Meeting 9:30am Fellowship Hall
- June 8 Katherine Luther Circle 1:00pm Fellowship Hall
- June 12 Evening Guild 6:00pm Fellowship Hall



**The Global Leadership Summit 2023**

will be held on August 3 & 4 at the FISS 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> Resps	- No deadline	\$ 99

**June Newsletter**

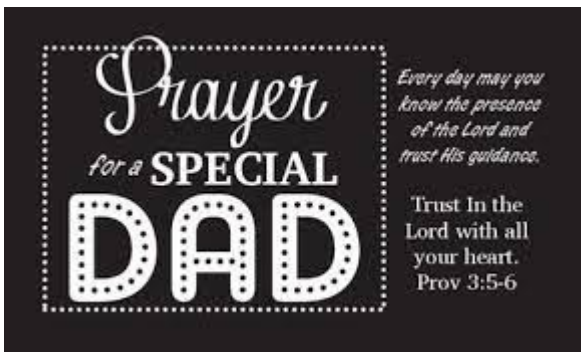


Warm greetings to our HGLC community! We feel so blessed to end this school year with full hearts and happy memories! On May 19<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed our last spaghetti lunch day of the year! Laverne Boos and her team of volunteers have gone above and beyond for our students this year. The kids so enjoyed all the special sack lunch and spaghetti days, thank you so much for taking care of us!

We are excited to swing right into Summer program with some familiar faces and new friends! Summer Session 1 begins on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>. On Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> we had 11 students graduate from Kindernest! We are so proud of our graduates and know that we are sending some amazing students into the world. Great job Kindernest graduates of 2023!

As always, huge thanks to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church members and staff. Kindernest is so blessed with your constant support! Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

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>28</p> <p>8am - Worship Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/10:9FM 10:30am - Worship Comm/Baptism:</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>OFFER DRESSED</b> 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>PRINT NEWSLETTER</b> 12pm - Ladies Lunch Study 5:30pm - Romans Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY/MAIL/EMAIL/POST ID</b> 5:15pm - Ministry Task Force Mtg.: Youth 6pm - AA 7pm - Javier: Music Practice 8pm - AA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/10:9FM 10:30am - Worship(Praise)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER NEWS DUE</b> 8am - Band of Brothers 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm - Romans Bible Study 5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am - Lytle Circle 1pm - Kath. Luther Circle 6pm - AA 6pm - Film &amp; Fellowship @ Bethany 8pm - AA</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8am - Worship Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/10:9FM 10:30am - Worship Comm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Evening Guild 6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Barnabas Ministry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Caregiver's Support 12pm - Ladies Lunch Study 5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha Rm 5:30pm - Romans Bible Study 5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6pm - AA 6pm - AA 11:30am - Holymark Cardmakers:</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/10:9FM 10:30am - Worship 11am - P-Team BBQ</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Church Council 6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Stewardship Team Mtg.: Alpha</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm - God Squad Small Group 5:30pm - Romans Bible Study 5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6pm - AA 6pm - Game Night 8pm - AA</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>Feeding John</b> 8am - Worship Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/10:9FM 10:30am - Worship Comm/Praise 12pm - New Member Retreat</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>MICROSOFT MISSION TRIP</b> 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Allan Williams Small Group 6pm - Men In Mission 6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>PRINT NEWSLETTER</b> 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY/MAIL/EMAIL/POST ID</b> 12pm - Ladies Lunch Study 5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm - Worship Baptist: Palmer Shull</p>

# JUNE MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
June 3	6:00pm	Hiram	Frank & Shirley Padrone	Steven Bauer		Johnna Alberthal		
		Todd	Mark & Kay Durst					
June 4	8:00am	Teresa	Doug & Kim Alford	Nan Hengst		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
		Cheryl	Ed & Yvonne Holleman					
June 10	10:30am	Teresa	Brent Modenhauer, Sherry Durst	Kat Jacoby		Paul Seidensticker		
		Jeff	Laverne Moldenauer					
June 11	6:00pm	Hiram	Frank & Shirley Padrone	Karrie Klier	Self-Serve	Kimberly Bauer		
		Todd	JoAnn Koch					
June 17	8:00am	Teresa	Dan & Sherril Gallini	Harvey Hengst	Self-Serve	Luke Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
		Cheryl	Tootsie Brocksch					
June 18	10:30am	Teresa	Paul & Betty Seidensticker	Landon Denton	Self-Serve	Paul Seidensticker		
		Jeff	Brent Moldenhauer, LaVerne Moldenauer					
June 24	6:00pm	Hiram	Lonnie & Patricia Marquardt	Gina Jenschke		Johnna Alberthal		
		Todd	Mark & Kay Durst					
June 25	8:00am	Teresa	Ed & Yvonne Holleman	Mandy Herber		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
		Cheryl	Genevieve McCaffrey					
		Teresa	Don & Glenna Hartman	Pastor		Linda Adams		
		Jeff	Patti Feller					
June 24	6:00pm	Hiram	Jimmy & Kathy Eckert	Deborah Johnson	Self-Serve	Linda Adams		
		Todd	JoAnn Koch					
June 25	8:00am	Teresa	Jimmy & Kathy Eckert	Valerie Bonn	Self-Serve	McKenzie Moellering	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
		Cheryl	Kay Melcer					
		Teresa	Paul & Betty Seidensticker	Sue Gustin	Self-Serve	James Qualben		
		Jeff	Don & Glenna Hartman					

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

**Acolytes:** Saturday 6:00pm - Christian Ottmers & Collin Ottmers  
Sunday 8:00am - Brylea Berardi & Vivian Weiss  
Sunday 10:30am - Lila Aldrich & Jace Helfrich

## CONFIRMATION

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AT-A-GLANCE

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

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

## ALTAR GUILD:

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

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



## MAY PASTORAL ACTS

**Weddings: Patsy Henrich & Dorman Crenwelge 5.6.23**  
**Baptisms: Abigail Ann Elena Flick 5.28.23**  
**Confirmation: Confirmands of 2023—listed on p. 2 5.7.23**  
**Funerals: Florence Terry 5.25.23**  
**Robert Hubbell 5.27.23**  
**Audrey Grona 5.31.23**

## WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

Circles	June	July
Evening Guild	Ruth Welgehausen	Helen Usener
Lydia Circle	Jan Unger	Judy Nardini
Katherine Luther	Annette Sultemeier	Sue Gustin

## NURSING HOME COMMUNION: JUNE— HGLC

First Wednesdays  
 06/07/2023 Knopp Assisted Living 9:30 am  
 06/07/2023 Knopp #2 10:30 am

First Thursdays  
 06/01/2023 Heritage Place 9:30 am  
 06/01/2023 Windcrest 10:30 am

Second Wednesdays  
 06/14/2023 Villages of Windcrest 9:45 am  
 06/14/2023 Fredericksburg NH 10:45 am

Second Thursdays  
 06/08/2023 Knopp Retirement Center 9:30 am  
 06/08/2023 Knopp #1 10:30 am

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

### Hospitalizations:

Steven Alberthal  
 Audrey Grona  
 Sylvia Lochte  
 Darin Duecker  
 Alice Behrends  
 Lillian Hahn  
 Frank Padrone  
 Margo Stahl  
 Teresa Welgehausen  
 Dean Jenschke

### Sympathies to the Families of:

Florence Terry  
 Robert Hubbell  
 Audrey Grona

### Hospice List:

Tommy Gross  
 Lynette Kramer  
 Darlene St. Clair  
 Lois Mavsar  
 Stanley Feller



## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

### HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Balance April 1, 2023	\$33,940.82		
Receipts	\$92,221.23		
Expenses	-\$65,262.68		
<b>General Fund Balance April 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$60,899.37</b>		
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR APRIL 2023</b>			
NALC "Today, Tomorrow & Forever" Campaign	\$1,174.00		
Grace Center	\$1,174.00		
LWR Postage	\$20.00		
<b>FINANCIAL BAROMETER</b>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Plus/Minus</b>
April 2023	\$92,221.23	-\$65,262.68	\$26,958.55
Year-To-Date	\$310,382.75	-\$284,483.38	\$25,899.37
<b>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</b>			
Dedicated Fund Balance April 1, 2023	\$1,136,605.01		
Receipts this month	\$101,612.00		
Expenses	-\$2,841.36		
<b>Balance April 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$1,235,375.65</b>		
<b>Offerings General Fund April 2023</b>	<b>\$88,812.66</b>		



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

(No June Birthdays)

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

06/12/1954 Leroy & Shirley Jung  
 06/12/1965 Neal & Iris Burrer  
 06/15/1963 Lee & Darline Cunningham  
 06/15/1963 Steve & Shirley Harvey  
 06/16/1973 David & Deborah Usener  
 06/19/1971 Larry & Debbie Heiner  
 06/22/1967 Mike & Sandy Birdlebough  
 06/22/1969 Frederick & Corrine Jung  
 06/29/1963 Daniel & Jeanette Schneider

### CONTACT INFO NOTE

If your address, email, or cell phone contact information changes, please let the church office 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 June 14. 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 church (former Priem residence). This month the meetings will be June 14 & 28. 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 June 14<sup>th</sup>) 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 **June 22nd** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!



**HolyMark Cardmakers Meet June 16th**



We will gather for lunch at 11:30 am Friday, June 16, at Hondo’s. Following lunch, we will reconvene at the Fellowship Hall to make greeting cards for ministries of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. Anyone – of any skill level – is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and learn how to make handmade cards.

**Barnabas Ministry**

(Caring Visitation)

**Visiting Our Elder Community**

Holy Ghost has quite a number of members who are homebound or are residents of Nursing Care facilities. While our Visitation Pastors and pastors do a great job of visiting and bringing communion to these folks, many would welcome other visits from members of the congregation to brighten their day.

If you are interested and willing to make a visit or two a month to bring encouragement and cheer to some of our sage members, please either call Yvonne Fox at 830-998-4600 or call the office at 830-997-2288 and let Pastor David know.

**HAPPY ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

to

**PASTOR STEVE QUALBEN**

We are so **BLESSED** to have Pastor Steve and his family as part of our Holy Ghost Team!



**Band of Brothers**

Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men!

Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men! Join us Tuesday, June 13, 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 June 14 & 28 and will start a new study, *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.



**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!

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!**

Greetings from the R Team....as you watch the news and social media, it becomes more and more evident that people have a hard time getting along at this time. And, as you would expect, the Bible does address this topic! Remember, read your Bible daily!

Romans 12:18	1 John 4:19-21	John 13:34
Hebrews 12:14	Proverbs 19:11	Proverbs 17:14
1 Peter 5:3-5	Philippians 2:4	Ephesians 5:21
Psalms 133:1-3	Matthew 7:12	Galatians 5:13
Colossians 3:13		



**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!

**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!

**"Bible Discussions"** with Nick Thompson leading those Biblical talks as the Word is opened and daily application is offered in this conversational setting, meeting under the awning outside the Fellowship Hall.

**"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 and meets in the Kinderneest Building.

**"Pastor's Class"**, is a Bible study looking at various Bible readings and meets in the Fellowship Hall.

**Livestream and Sound Techs Needed**

We are still 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.



**Feeding John**

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, June 25th.**



**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 June 5 & 19. 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 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.

**The Church Office will be CLOSED Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!**



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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  
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.

**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!

**MINISTRY TEAMS:**

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 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 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



# HOLY GHOST KIDS CORNER

“JESUS SAID, ‘LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME.’” -MATTHEW 19:14

## CONTACT

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## UPCOMING

- Father's Day: June 18
- Camp Chrysalis: July 16-21
- VBS: July 31-August 4

## FOR FAMILIES THIS MONTH

Look up some DADS:

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Eli, Zechariah, Joseph... who else?

- What do they all have in common? How are they each different?
- Do they remind you of your own dad?
- How did these dads show love for their families?
- How does your dad show love to you?
- Who are other men in your life who show you fatherly love?
- How can you show love to them?

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

While school is out, Sunday School for kids will look a little different. We'll hang out in the youth room for fun, games, a little lesson, and maybe some snacks.



## LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The things on our prayer board right now:

• **GRADUATES**

We ask God to be in the hearts of all the students beginning a new stage of life!

• **VACATION**

Please be with us Lord, as we go off on our many summer adventures! Keep us safe!

• **HOMELESS**

There are people who are without roofs over their heads. God, we ask that you would show us opportunities to be your hands and feet to these people.

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

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!

**VBS 2023** **STELLAR** **VBS 2023**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**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

June 2023

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

June 2023

### Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2023



2023 GCMA Baccalaureate Service- Congrats to all our GRADS!

Please PRAY for our...  
**Summer Mexico**  
**MISSION TRIP June 26-30**  
**Jaboncillos Grande**



Thanks to everyone who supported our BBQ Chicken Dinner Fund-Raiser, which was April 30<sup>th</sup> this year and helps our kids go to church camp this summer! A special thanks goes to David Bristol for leading the troops!!



**Summer Camp Schedule**

July 8-15 Rainbow Trail (High School)

July 16-21 Camp Chrysalis  
(Elementary & Middle School)



**STELLAR  
VBS!!  
Jul 31-Aug 4**

**Congrats to our new youth group officers  
for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year**

Reid Nevins- President - Rylie Schneider-VP, Gus Barron- Secretary,  
Ryann Gallagher & Katie Feuge- Treasurers, Jacksyn Andrews- Sergeant at Arms!



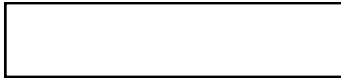
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*"Yes, my soul, find rest in God: my hope comes from him."*

*~ Psalm 62:5*