



Rest and Relaxation

Joyce and I just got back from vacation. We had a great time. There are a couple of ways to spend your time on a vacation. One is to go somewhere fun and exciting and have all sorts of adventurous plans mapped out. Those can be some awesome vacations, but when I do one of those I usually wind up needing to have some vacation from my vacation, if you know what I mean.

The other type of vacation is to rest. That could mean booking some time at a beach or lake house or even spending some time in a cabin in the mountains (and out of the heat). We decided this year to drive up north and spend some time with Joyce's family. Some of them we have not seen in a few years. It wound up being very rewarding. Of course we also spent some extended time with our grandchildren who are still young enough to enjoy. And you can take a nap when they do!

Rest is built into creation. God rested on the seventh day from all His labors (Gen. 2:2). In Exodus 20, God built into the Ten Commandments a command to rest from our labors. We work hard, we play hard, and everyone of us needs rest. God built that into our systems so that we would take time to be rejuvenated.

In Mark 6:31 after Jesus had sent out the disciples two by two to begin doing the work He was doing, they came back together, and this is what Jesus tells them, "*Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while. For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.*" They were in need of a break. That's what vacations are for: to take a break and give your whole body (spiritual, emotional, physical) a much needed rest.

One of the most powerful and inspirational passages about rest comes at the end of Matthew chapter 11. Jesus says, "*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"

Wow! Just hearing those words from the mouth of Jesus gives me a sense of peace, knowing that no matter how tired or worn out or stressed or exhausted I am, my true rest is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. There is an old saying, "A burden shared is a burden cut in half, and a joy shared is a joy that is doubled." That's exactly what Jesus does for us! We can bring our burdens and lay them at His feet, and He helps us carry those burdens so they don't overwhelm us because He has already carried the greatest burden of all—the cross, bearing our sin and shame on His shoulders, and because of that we can find not only true rest in Him, but joy as well.

Be sure to take that Sabbath Day that God has given you each week, and take some vacation, as well, to get some extended rest. But know that each and every day you can place any or all cares in Jesus' hands, and you will find rest for your souls.

Blessings on your summer!
Pastor David



**Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28**

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!

Call the church office for special gifts.



BUILDING PROGRAM UPDATE!

The scaffolding is up as all in the community can see! This means that the restoration work that is so badly needed to support the upper spire structure is underway! Rotted louvers are being replaced as well as the rock being re-pointed where needed. Inside the sanctuary, the fire suppression system is being installed, and the lower level has been "gutted" and is being renovated! At the same time, newly milled windows, doors, and siding are being placed in the old Sunday house which will be a prayer chapel. Soon to begin will be the work on the Creek Street two-story home which will then function as Sunday School, small group, and community ministry spaces. Koehler Construction Company continues to plug away at the project and says that the timeline for completion of the sanctuary will be September or October. Please pray for the safety of the workers engaged in these high heights. Also please keep your cards, letters, checks, on-line giving, and special gifts coming as we support not just the assembly of brick and mortar, but spaces that will feed souls as we seek to "Be and Make Disciples!"



AS WE CERTAINLY MISS WORSHIPPING IN OUR BELOVED SANCTUARY,

some great things are happening in the Fellowship Hall worship space!! First of all, thanks be to GOD that we even have the hall to meet in! Purchased in 1999 and remodeled in 2008, the Fellowship Hall has been such a blessing, and we can't even imagine life without it!! Seventy-seven were in the Saturday evening worship, and instead of heading to their vehicles after the closing song, thirty-seven of them hung around for quite some time after the service in fellowship with one another! The energy, hunger, connecting, and community that is being experienced while in the Fellowship Hall is exactly what a narthex space will give us when we get to Phase 3, but that will be quite some time down the road. What might be some creative ideas of how we can continue or transport this before and after worship fellowship that the Holy Spirit has brought to us?

COMING SOON

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

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, 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, click on the Donate button at the top right of the page, and follow the prompts.
5. Text giving is now available. Simply text to: 73256. Type in the message of the text: HolyGhost. Hit Send. You will then receive a text message with the link to our HGLC Giving Form. This is what you will fill out to do your offering.

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

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



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 any other time!

Worship SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

"Come, let us worship the Lord!"



AUGUST WORSHIP THEMES

Messages in August: 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., Aug. 5 & 6: We continue our Women of Faith series with the woman with the flow of blood who took a desperate leap of faith to reach out for Jesus when no one else could bring her healing. Where do we need to turn to Jesus and find healing for our lives?

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 12 & 13: The woman of the week is Mary Magdalene who became a follower of Jesus after a questionable lifestyle and or life experience. Pastor Alan Williams will bring the message for the 6pm & 8am services as we are treated with one of our visitation ministers offering the sermon! Rally Day is celebrated at the 10:30am service with youth and kid testimonies given from camps, Mexico missions, and VBS! Holy Communion is served!

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 19 & 20: St. Luke records the conversation between Mary and Elizabeth in Chapter 1. There is joy in Elizabeth's voice when she proclaims, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear... Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her!"

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 26 & 27: The "Women of Faith" includes several women who supported Jesus' ministry more than likely with meals, lodging, and probably finances. Some are named, and some are not! Do we have to always be named, highlighted, uplifted, and pointed out? Some fade into the background and let Jesus be the center!

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The Special Offering for AUGUST is designated for the Gideons who place Bibles in public lodging and also give them away to our high schoolers. Please use the small brown envelopes on the round tables for these gifts, or mark your check memo with: "Gideons!"

Holy Communion in August:

Holy Communion in August will be on the weekends of the 13th and 27th.



Just a Reminder: Currently there is no wine option for communion. Alternatives include grape juice & wafer or grape juice & gluten-free wafer. Apologies for this inconvenience while we reduce an oversupply of grape juice and want to be good stewards of our offerings!

So remember, it's still Holy Communion & the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

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.

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.

Praise Services for August 2023

Praise services will be at the 10:30 am worship service on August 6th & 20th.

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.

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.

The Church Office will be closed on September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

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





COUNCIL NOTES

June 19, 2023

1. Pastor Steve opened with a devotion about the FIRE that gets created with the Holy Spirit, Scripture, and close community. (Ask him about it!)
2. David Bullion, chairperson of the building program, offered an update to the council on the progress of the project. (See related article.)
3. Despite the relocation of worship from the sanctuary, the council celebrated all the great relational activity that is happening in the Fellowship Hall worship space.
4. Conversations about the April 2024 eclipse began and will continue after the area churches get together with the local planning team about best practices.
5. Rally Day will be Sun., Aug. 13 to celebrate summer youth activities and dedicate the new school year.
6. Fifty-five youth are attending Camp Chrysalis this year with Children, Youth & Family Director, Daniel Hofmann.
7. Bruce Christian shared that adult Sunday School plans are being shaped for the fall, dependent on space with the building project going on. (See related article.)
8. An update on parsonage #1 was given by Teresa Ganis, indicating the electrical & AC/H inspections are in motion.
9. The Stewardship Team reports having now made available "text giving" by simply texting 73256 and inserting HolyGhost in the message which transports you to a giving site.
10. A Life Care Ministry program task force is being created to investigate the possibilities of continuing the program which Pastor Rick McMinn had developed but now is in need of restructuring due to his relocation.
11. The meeting closed at 9pm with Pastor David leading the prayer.

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

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. Penninger's 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers for a weekend from October through December 2023 & January through September 2024, the sign-up calendar will be available after all three worship services on August 12-13, August 19-20 and September 9-10.

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.



Parade Volunteers Needed!!
Unfortunately, we were not able to be in the 4th of July Parade this year for lack of volunteers...
Let's pull together and do better for the Gillespie County Fair Parade on August 25th!!
We need adults and children for our theme, "Old Time Religion."
This is a great opportunity for fun, fellowship and the ability to witness to our community!!
To volunteer, call Robert Jennings at 830-992-7049.

HGLC Endowment Fund Grant Applications Being Accepted

- Applications for Grants from the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Endowment Fund are now being accepted. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to support the mission of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church which is to Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Applications may be picked up at the church office, 113 E San Antonio Street, or via the church website. Scroll down to the bottom of the main page. Under Main Links click on Endowment Fund Documents.
- Charities, faith-based organizations and other non-profit organizations are invited to apply by mail or in person to the church office no later than October 31, 2023. Limited grants are available and are scheduled to be awarded in January 2024.
- The Endowment Fund was established in February 2013. The fund continues to grow with funds from estate bequests, memorials and donations from individuals and businesses. The HGLC seven-member Investment Team and a financial advisor oversee the investments and administration of the Endowment Fund. If you would like information about supporting the Endowment Fund or other ministries, contact the Church Office, 830-997-2288.



**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN
WOMEN OF FAITH**



Fall Festival - The Fall Festival will be held September 16, 2023. If you have any fruit we can use for jelly or jams, please let us know. Also, if you have jars, we can use those. We need figs, wild plums, peaches, and any fruit you may have. If you have any to share, please call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701.

We have been so fortunate to have people help with the quilts. Sharon Johnson is one that is busy, busy, busy. She sews tops and some bottoms for our LWR quilts. She also helps with the Feeding John program and steps in when C” Team is preparing meals. She spends many hours at Hill Country Community Needs Council, and when she’s not busy there, you can find her at City Cemetery pulling weeds, weed eating and whatever is necessary to make it a beautiful place to visit your loved ones. Sharon, your outpouring of love is 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 to offer, please call Polly Zenner, 830-997-5701, or bring it to 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. Thank you to those who have brought us fabric!

August 10	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
August 10	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
September 16	Fall Festival	9:00am	Marketplatz

Cool greetings to our Holy Ghost family! We hope your summer has been full of new adventures and fun summer days! Here at Kindernest we have enjoyed all the summer themes and activities with our amazing kids!

Thank you to Laverne Boos and her team for our special hot dog lunch on July 3rd! We have been so blessed with this team and are so grateful for all of their hard work to make meals for our students and staff.

Another huge shoutout to our Kindernest parents and HGLC family for donating baked goods and supplies for our Summer Sips and Sweets bake sale! These small fundraisers have been very beneficial for our program and are only possible because of your donations! Thank you so much!

As summer comes to a close, we are excited to jump into our new school year! We will miss our students who are moving on to Kindergarten, but we are so, so proud of you guys! We know you’ll do amazing things!

Wishing everyone a relaxing end to your summer and smooth transition into the new school year!

In His Service,
Annisa Alonzo



RALLY DAY BREAKFAST BAR!

A very special breakfast bar will be offered on August 13 as the day will be a time of youth witnessing to their summer church activities as well as a back-to-school blessing! As a treat for the day, fresh home-made doughnuts will be made along with fruit-k-bobs!

Come one, come all and enjoy the fellowship, faith and food from 8:30am-9:30am on this, the eve of a new school year!

**SANCTUARY
CHOIR**

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM, STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

For interested adult singers of any skill set!
Join our musical family and let’s make joyful praise together!

For more info, contact Katie Hofmann
830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com

**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.**

An AED (Automated External Deliberator)

is needed for the church office. With all the people who come & go, volunteer & work at the office, this piece of equipment could save a life! If you’d like to donate or provide a contribution toward an AED for this purpose, the total cost to outfit one is \$1,900. Visit with the office at 830-997-2288 for details.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>vacation Bible School (9pm-8:30pm)</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</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>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Caregiver's Support</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>9:30am - Lydia's Circle</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Film & Fellowship @ Bethany</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>6pm - Worship</p>
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<p>Feeding 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/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Comm</p>	<p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Alan Williams Small Group</p> <p>6pm - Men In Mission</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>Prayer Newsletter</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>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>	<p>6pm - Worship</p>

AUGUST MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Aug 5	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Buddy & Joanie Kramer	Karrie Klier		Johanna Alberthal		
Aug 6	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Clayton & Barbara Grona Jimmy & Cathy Eckert	Gil Becker		Luke Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Rodney & Sharon Kott Ellis & Trudy Tritch	Dawn Barron		Paul Seidensticker		
Aug 12	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Corrine Jung	Sandy Platroot	Self-Serve	Kimberly Bauer		
Aug 13	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Amy Montgomery Bryan & Dana Moellering	Bruce Christian	Self-Serve	McKenzie Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Kip & Jene'e Weinheimer Chris & Karen Nevins	Karen Nevins	Self-Serve	Paul Seidensticker		
Aug 19	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Chad, Paula, Ella & Emily Wisdom	Corrine Jung		Johanna Alberthal		
Aug 20	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Bryan & Dana Moellering Clayton & Barbara Grona	Nancy Lochte		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Chris & Karen Nevins Amy Montgomery	Rhonda Eckert		Linda Adams		
Aug 26	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Buddy & Joanie Kramer John & Yvonne Fox	Pastor	Self-Serve	Luke Moellering		
Aug 27	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Corrine Jung	Nan Hengst	Self-Serve	McKenzie Moellering	Sidney Ellebracht	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Evan & Savannah Stahl Rodney & Sharon Kott	Marci Kramer	Self-Serve	Linda Adams		

CONFIRMATION

Crucifer: Saturday 6:00pm -
Sunday 8:00am - Jackson Blizzard
Sunday 10:30am - Meredith Stevens

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Dillon Crain & Will Martin
Sunday 8:00am - Owen Martin & Brady Bonn
Sunday 10:30am - Emma Reeh & Logan Roemer

ALTAR GUILD:

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

September: Helen Birck Polly Zenner
 Patricia Herrera Teresa Ganis
 Francine Richter
Robes: Karen Grona

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Evening Guild	TBD	Gloria Kammlah
Lydia Circle	JoAnn Durst	Jeanette Schneider
Katherine Luther	Tudy Tritsch	Sandy Birdleough

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: AUGUST— ZION

First Wednesdays

08/02/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
08/02/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

08/03/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
08/03/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

08/09/2023	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
08/09/2023	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

08/05/1930	Irene Klinksiek
08/14/1932	Bob Theis
08/15/1933	Kermit Crenwelge

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

08/02/1969	Jerrel & Helen Usener
08/06/1960	Victor & Myrtle Mazinke
08/08/1970	Gordon & Dianne Eckert
08/08/1970	Randy & Phyllis Leifeste
08/10/1968	Wayne & Kay Geistweidt
08/21/1969	Don & Donna Reinke
08/22/1970	Michael & Karen Dolezal
08/30/1969	Clayton & Barbara Grona

Unintentionally omitted Leroy & Darlene Stehle 07/18/1970

If we missed your 90+ birthday or 50+ anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update our records, 830-997-2288.

JULY PASTORAL ACTS



Baptisms: Palmer Corrine Shull 7.1.23
Funerals: Tommie Gross 7.1.23

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

Hospitalizations:

Debbie Akin
 Steven Alberthal
 Iris Burrer
 Dana Moellering
 Frank Padrone
 Mark Durst
 Jeanette Hilderbrand
 Nathan Sagebiel

Hospice List:

Stanley Feller
 Helen Jacoby
 Lynette Kramer
 Darlene St. Clair



Sympathies to the Families of

Tommie Gross
 Lois Mavsar



A note of thanks



Holy Ghost Family -

Thank you for all your prayers, well wishes, cards, food and concerns that you expressed to me throughout my recent health journey. Your care and concern has meant so very much. I'm on the healing road. I couldn't have done it without you.

Leann Segner



Cancer Support Group

‘Hope in every phase of your cancer journey’
If cancer has been 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 second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will not meet in August, but we hope you will join us for our next meeting on **September 13**. For more information contact Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

Widow’s Might

Widows who are seeking direction, purpose, and hope in this season of life are invited to attend this group that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the parsonage next door to the church (former Priem residence). This month the meetings will be **August 9 & 23**. We strive to find new joy, embrace challenges, and support each other. We are currently studying Joyce Meyer’s *Do It Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear*. For more info, contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP!!!

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 August 9th) 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!

The FBG Food Pantry is in need of the following basics!

- Sugar
- Flour
- Peanut butter
- Canned meat
- Soup
- Cereal
- Canned fruit and vegetables



You may take your donations directly to the pantry at 701 Mustang St., drop it off at the church office, or leave it on the table in the Fellowship Worship space!



The HolyMark Cardmakers will not meet in August. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 15, 2023.

Barnabas Ministry
(Caring Visitation)

Visiting Our Elder Community

We are always looking for willing volunteers who would like to give a gift of their time and love to visit with some of our homebound or members in nursing care facilities. If interested, please contact Pastor David or Yvonne Fox. The group meets once a month for devotion and support for this great ministry of encouragement to our elderly members. We will meet this month on Tuesday, August 15 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



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

Join us **Tuesday, August 8**, 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!

THANK GOD for Jim Parker who is our “half-time” Maintenance Technician! He does so much for us around here!

Reminders: Jim’s church working hours are 8am-noon, Mon.-Fri, so please ask for his assistance during that time frame; **and** please call the church office at 830-997-2288 and ask for Shanese Lochte instead of calling his personal cell phone so that projects can be prioritized with Jim. Thank you!

Sunday Lunch Bunch

The Sunday Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in August.



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 **August 9 & 23**, 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 more 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!

Summer is often the time we have the opportunity to get outside and appreciate God's glory in its many forms. We should not only appreciate His glory but also act as stewards of it. As is everything under the sun, this topic is addressed in the Bible. Contemplate the following verses as you appreciate your time in the out-of-doors.

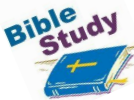
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| Job 12:7-10 | Psalm 96:11-12 | Psalm 145:5 |
| Nehemiah 9:6 | Isaiah 55:12 | Ecclesiastes 3:11 |
| Romans 1:20 | Revelations 4:11 | Psalm 8:3-4 |
| Genesis 1:10 | John 1:3 | Job 37:14-16 |
| 1 Corinthians 4:2 | | |



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. We will not be meeting until late August.

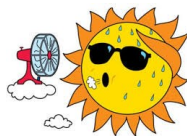
For more specific information, please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.



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

Study the Parables of Jesus this fall with Pastor Steve

Beginning on Wednesday, September 6th, Pastor Steve will lead a Crossways International course on the parables of Jesus. The class will meet from 12:00-1:00 each week through November 15th (please feel free to bring your lunch). We will study 10 of our Lord's wonderful parables throughout our weeks together. Registration begins immediately and materials are \$12.00. Please sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office or Pastor Steve if you are interested in attending.



Feeding John

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, August 27th.**



CONTACT INFO NOTE

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

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 which meets 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.



Game Night will be held **August 24th** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!

Holy Ghost Family and Adult Bible Class

Holy Ghost Family, thank you for your patience and flexibility surrounding our worship environment and the adult Bible class offerings due to the constraints in our facilities associated with the building program and construction. We are planning and preparing meaningful classes for this fall and throughout the year.

The following are some choices and opportunities for you to look forward to and select from for your edification and spiritual growth. Please encourage one another to pursue Jesus and His Word through your participation in one of these class offerings. Bring a friend too!

We look forward to seeing you soon in an adult Bible class!

August 13- October 1st
BIBLE DISCUSSIONS - Nick Thompson
THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins
NEWS YOU CAN USE - Bruce Christian

October 15 - December 17
YOUNG EARTH OR OLD EARTH - Gil Becker
THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins
PASTOR'S CLASS - TBD

January 14 - March 3
CULTURE SHOCK - Bruce Christian and Pastor Bobby
PASTOR'S CLASS - Pastor Steve

April 7 - May 19
BIBLE DISCUSSIONS - Nick Thompson
FORENSIC EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION- Gil Becker
THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins



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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!

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Youth Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668

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AUGUST 2023

HOLY GHOST KIDS CORNER

• "JESUS SAID, 'LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME.'" -MATTHEW 19:14 •

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UPCOMING

- First Day of School:
August 14
- Gillespie County Fair:
August 24-27
- Labor Day: September 4

FOR FAMILIES THIS MONTH

Let's think about the upcoming school year!

- What are you looking forward to?
- What are you nervous about?
- Name some people you'll be depending on this year.
- Do you think anyone will be depending on you?
How can you show God's love this year?

Look up these verses and discuss with your family:

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- 1 Timothy 4:12
- Philippians 4:6-7
- What do these verses tell you about God?
- Do you have any goals for the year that God could help you reach?



RALLY DAY

SUNDAY. AUGUST 13

Join us for a special breakfast bar at 8:30am, then gather in the Kinderneest building at 9:15am for the start of a new year, and THEN join us for a youth-led worship at 10:30am!



LORD. HEAR OUR PRAYER

The things on our prayer board right now:

• OUR LEADERS

We lift up those who make and uphold our laws- in our town, in our state, in our country. God, be with them.

• CAMP

We're thankful that so many of us got to have an awesome week full of sunshine, laughter, and strengthened faith!

• OUR TEACHERS

Summer is almost over, which means students are getting ready to go back to school- and that also means teachers are back at work. Please cover them in your prayers so they are filled with the love, patience, and kindness that they'll need to nurture our kids this year!

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

Create your own prayer board at home and pray with your family!



CAMP CHRYSALIS

THANKS FOR PRAYING US THROUGH!

We took 41 kids to camp at the end of July, and we had an awesome time! Thanks to the parents, camp buddies, and our church family for making it possible!

YOUTH CHOIR

MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL STARTING SEPTEMBER 11

CALLING ANY 2ND-5TH GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING!

HGLC will pick up from school,
+ parents can pick up from church at 5pm

for more info, contact Katie Hofmann
830-383-4668
katiebmurphy12@gmail.com



Youth Group News

& Family Matters

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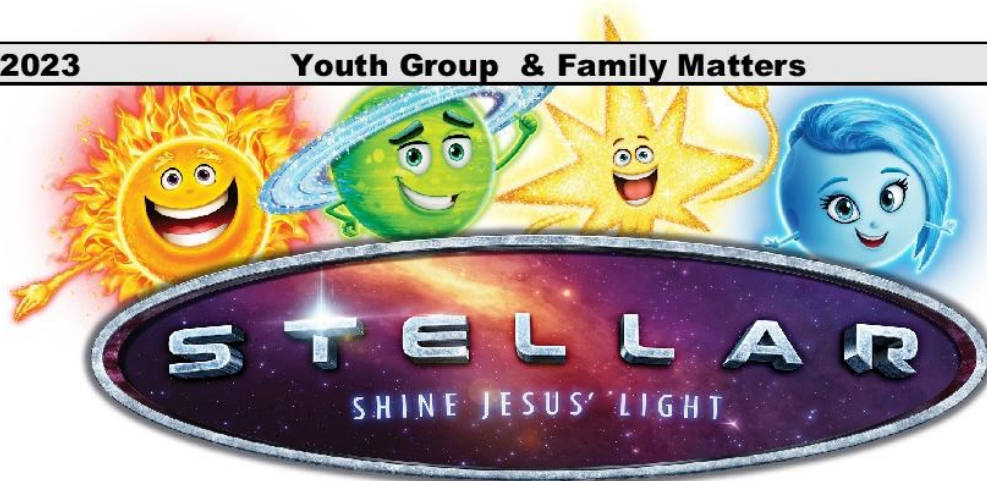
+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

August 2023

Praise God for Church Camp 2023!

Sr High Rainbow Trail- Hillside, Colorado





VBS Youth Workers Needed!
 (Middle School & Sr High Students)

July 31st -Aug 4th 6-8:30 pm

**VBS Leaders Meeting, Sunday, July 30th (Get your t-shirts!)
 9:15 AM Fellowship Hall Youth Room**

Rally Day Camp & VBS Celebration

Youth Led Worship Service

Sun, Aug 13th 10:30 am

**Celebrating Summer Activities &
 Kicking Off New School Year**



Camp Chrysalis 2023



(Sr High Wednesday
 Youth Worship & Praise!)

**Begins Wednesday, Aug 30th, 8 pm
 Fellowship Hall Youth Center**

Middle School

Confirmation Registration

Parents & Students Sign Up

Sun, Aug 13th 9:15 am

Fellowship Hall Youth Room

Sr High

Sunday School

Kick-Off!

Sun, Aug 13th

9:15 am

Kindernest Building



Hike Day- RTL

Mision de Candelilla

Fiesta Fund-Raiser

Sat, Aug 19th 6-9 pm

Farm Bureau Event Center

www.mdcMexico.org

or call (830) 997-6542



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