

# ALUMNI OF HOLY GHOST

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FALL 2022

A LABOR  
OF LOVE

HOW THE  
HOLY GHOST  
COMMUNITY  
CAME  
TOGETHER TO  
CONSTRUCT  
A NEW  
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BUILDING

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THE CLASS OF 2022!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

*Meet* VANESSA  
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## From Melissa and Lynette...



*Strawberry Picking – June 2022*

We are pleased to present to you the third edition of the Alumni Newsletter, “The Embers.” Putting together this edition has been one of our favorites so far. We didn’t know quite what to expect when we put out the request for stories about building the ‘new church building,’ but were pleasantly surprised with the response we received. The small details were fascinating, and the pictures submitted were incredible. Special thank you to Marcia and Cindy Heuer for their images of the construction, and to Charlie Carr, Jr. for coming through with the document images – especially the one of the “symbols” included in the build.

We were also excited to get to work with Jessica Wikander, a recent Holy Ghost grad, and her grandfather, long time Holy Ghost congregation member Arthur Hill. Having the opportunity to share stories from and with the various generations has been a special part of this process. So having this opportunity to tie the two together was great!

It is fascinating to think about so many people happily spending all of their free time at the construction site helping in any way they could, companies donating services and goods to

the project, and children pitching in on the donations. It was described as a “great bonding experience for the congregation” and one begins to understand how so many who were around during that time are still around today and still donating their time to keep the church as beautiful as ever.

We are excited for the events we have coming up this fall. The Bergholz 5K on September 24<sup>th</sup> is a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni. We will be bringing back our College Care Package drive again with a new round of alumni to send care packages to. And we might even have a special surprise at the school’s Halloween Trunk or Treat this October, so stay tuned!

In the meantime be sure to check out our website and social media pages to keep up with the latest news. Most importantly, share with your fellow alumni!

If you are joining us for the first time, be sure to complete our Alumni Survey to ensure you are on our future mailing lists.

Finally, once again we want to take a moment to thank you for your support of our efforts with this group. The response to our spring newsletter was overwhelming, especially when the National Lutheran School’s accreditors took notice during their visit. Thank you for staying engaged and for giving us the chance to share your stories, the stories of Holy Ghost.

-L & M



**Lynette Boesken (Klettke)**  
*Class of '97*

**Melissa Forsey (Fuerch)**  
*Class of '95*

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Encourage your alumni friends and family to do the same!

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**BERGHOLZ 5K  
AND 1 MILE FUN RUN**  
Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am at Holy Ghost School  
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# *Meet the Newest Alumni*

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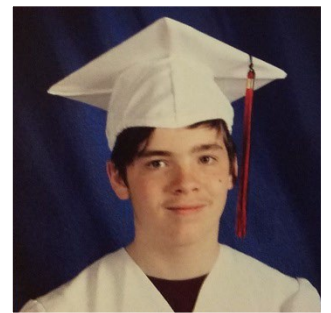
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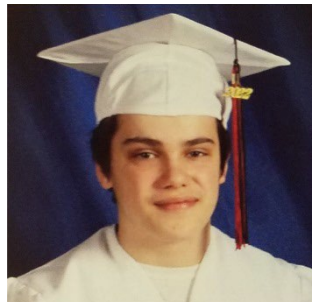
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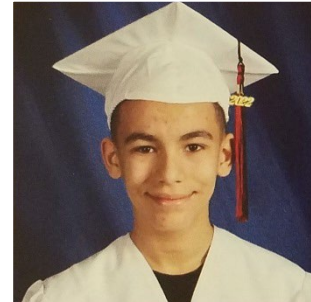
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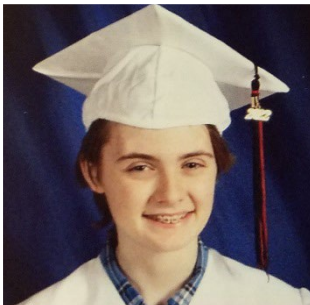
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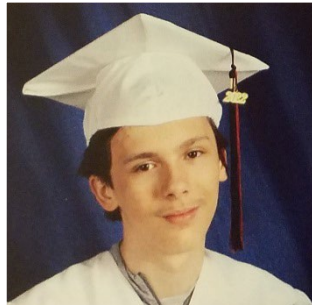
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# June (Williams) Stenzel

## C L A S S O F 1 9 4 8

Born in 1934, June (Williams) Stenzel was the youngest of 4 daughters growing up on the Williams farm on the corner of Williams Road and what is now Cayuga Drive Extension. Since her parents did not have any sons, she wanted to be as helpful to her father on the farm as she could. She grew up hardworking, helping with farm chores, milking cows, feeding the horses, and cleaning the chicken coop. In winter she particularly loved going with her dad into the woods to cut wood with the two-person saw. "I learned to drive when I was only 10, my dad's pickup. I really did. My dad's '28 Chevy pickup." She learned to drive so she could do errands for him around the farm. Her parents spoke mostly (low) German at home, and she learned English from her older sisters by the time she started school.



THE  
WILLIAMS  
FARM HOUSE



"I LEARNED  
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JUNE, 3RD FROM LEFT, WITH HER SISTERS IN THE '28 CHEVY SHE LEARNED TO DRIVE.

June attended Holy Ghost Lutheran School from grades 1-8 (1940-1948) and the school at that time sat on what is now the church parking lot. Home was about 2 miles away, and she walked both ways every day, bringing her lunch to school in a pail

because it was too far for her to walk home for lunch as many of the other children would do. "I remember one time walking to school and a man stopped; he said something to me and I ran and jumped on the running board and said 'What did you say?' He said 'Would you like a ride?' and I said 'Yup!' so I rode to school on the back of a manure spreader!" The school at that time did not have indoor plumbing so an outhouse was used, as well as a stove in the classroom for heat, and a pump outside where the students would get water. "Oh and this I have to tell you! We all drank from the same aluminum cup at the pump every day. When I think of it now, how careful we are for spreading germs- can you imagine! All out of one common cup."

When she began school at Holy Ghost, all students were in one classroom and taught by Mr. Gade, who was a favorite teacher of June. She says he instilled the love of music in his students and Holy Ghost church became known as "the singing congregation." Mr. Gade would also stay after school to teach the students high German, if they wanted to learn it. She recalls helping some of the younger students with their reading and at that time older students would be matched with younger students to help them into and out of their coats each day.

Music has always been part of June's life. One of her earliest memories is singing an old German hymn in front of the whole Holy Ghost congregation on Christmas: "Hosianna in der Hohe!" which she can still sing, beautifully, from memory to this day. At home, she and her three sisters would sing together in harmony every night in the bedroom they all shared. "Some of our favorites to sing were Sentimental Journey, Beautiful Savior, What a Friend We Have in Jesus.. lots of hymns...

JUNE, FAR LEFT, WITH HER SISTERS ON THE FARM







*"we just always  
loved singing  
together"*

we just always loved singing together," she recalls with fondness. The students from St. Mark, St. John, and Holy Ghost would sing at Kleinhans on Reformation Sunday, wearing black and white gowns made by the Ladies' Aid Society.

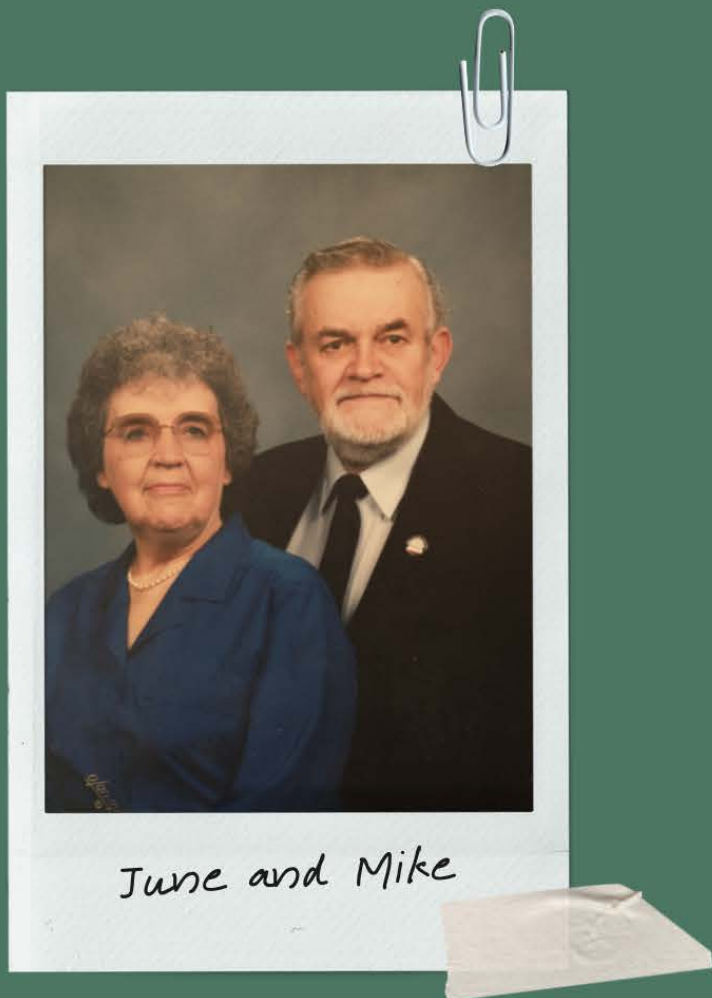
June remembers in 6th grade winning second place in the fire prevention essay, and guess what her prize was? Two dollars!!! Back in the day, that was quite a bit, and you may be surprised to know that continues to be the prize given for second place in the fire essay! Inflation can't touch tradition! June also remembers winning the spelling bee in 6th grade. She recalls with joy the summer baseball games played by students from Holy Ghost and St. John. Being the only girl on the team did not stop her from loving the game, and she continues to love the game of baseball. She also recalls with a laugh that on the 4th of July, "someone would climb a ladder holding a live chicken and throw it out into the crowd" for everyone to try to catch as a prize!

After her confirmation in 1948 (confirmed by Pastor Dahlke), June was allowed to join the Walther League, and then was active for many years in the LWML and church choir. June was the only student from her class to attend LaSalle High School (her classmates attended Niagara Falls). After high school, she worked at Bell Aerospace for 10 years. She married her late husband, Mike, in 1960 and raised four children (three attended Holy Ghost), and has been blessed with six grandchildren (two attended Holy Ghost). She has instilled in them thankfulness for all they have. She thanks God for her life, her family, and for the faith they share.

**JUNE GRADUATED WITH:**  
MARVIN STOELTING AND LEONARD JAGOW IN 1948

**JUNE'S HG TEACHERS WERE:**  
MR. GADE, MR. KRAGE, H.P. CHRISTIAN, MRS. GAWE,  
AND MR. EGGERS

WHEN SHE STARTED SCHOOL, ALL GRADES 1-8 WERE  
IN A SINGLE CLASSROOM TAUGHT BY MR. GADE.



Besides spending time with her family, June stays very active. She bowled for 42 years with the Bell league and sang with the Holy Ghost choir for 70 years. She enjoys sewing, baking, and cooking. You will find her in the pews at Holy Ghost church on Sundays where she has many friends and relatives. "Every day (my daughter) Dawn and I read our devotions, every day. Portals of Prayer and Our Daily Bread, and we pray together every night. Mude Bin Ich Geh Zur Ruh or Abide With Me each night before bed. I have a lot to be thankful for."

FEATURE STORY

# A LABOR OF LOVE

HOW THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO  
CONSTRUCT A NEW CHURCH BUILDING

## *building a church*

an interview with Arthur Hill

by Jessica Wikander

In the late 1960s plans to build a new Holy Ghost church building were constructed and a "building committee" was formed. George Heuer was the chairman of the building committee. My grandfather, Arthur Hill, was asked to be a part of the construction as he had knowledge of construction as an ironworker. Some of his primary tasks were the installation of four large wooden arches, the rafters, and the steelwork of the building. Almost the entirety of the church was built by volunteers, the only non-volunteer work was the laying of the bricks which was a paid position done by a professional bricklayer. Charlie Carr, Sr. was Clerk of the Works, overseeing the overall project and making sure everything was going as planned.

The project was started at the beginning of 1968 as the foundation was dug and poured then left to solidify before construction began. Art remembers the digging happening earlier than expected because Wally Haseley had access to a front loader and did this free of charge. As the foundation was being dug, there arose a question as to where the builders would get their steel from. My grandfather however was able to get his employer, RebCo. Steel, to lend some machinery and equipment, and allowed the church to purchase the steel at a significantly reduced price. About 50 tons of steel were laid in the substructure of the church. The building of the church officially started in the spring of the same year now that all of the materials were acquired. One of the first steps in building after the foundation was laid was the installation of the four large wooden arches that would cross at the top of the building and serve as a substructure to build the church around. These arches were erected by Art and his crew of ironworkers that volunteered to help him out with construction for a few days. In order to install the arches, a large crane was brought onto the site. The crane was loaned to Holy Ghost by Art's employer, RebCo. Steel. The crane was driven from the work site in

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Niagara Falls into Bergholz by one of the volunteer ironworkers. The massive arches were installed in only one day and paved the way for the walls to be built up around it. When I asked how he was able to get his crew of ironworkers to volunteer to help him on their day off, he said he promised them a meal and drinks at The Meeting Place next door.

According to Art, one of the most tedious jobs he worked on was the building of the stairs stating that it took months to build just three sets of stairs from the first level to the basement. Comparatively, along with his ironworking crew, the arches of the building were erected in one day, and later on, the rafters were installed in one day as well. After the steel was installed for the building, the brickwork was laid which is what you see on the exterior as well as the interior of the building. Lastly the rafters, which hold up the roof, and roofing were installed, marking the completion of the building about two years later in early 1970.

Although the vast majority of the church was built by volunteers, machinery and equipment were lent to the church and the steel was purchased at a reduced price, there was still a hefty bill to be paid after the completion of the building. And just as the congregation came together to build the church building, they came together to pay for it as well. The congregation was able to fund more than half of the money owed for the building, demonstrating their commitment to their faith and their community yet again in true Christian fashion.



*by*  
**Jessica  
Wikander**  
HOLY GHOST  
CLASS OF 2019  
AND GRANDDAUGHTER  
OF ARTHUR HILL

**Over the last month we put a request out to the Holy Ghost community to share their stories and memories of the building of the 'new church'. We are thankful for each of the detailed responses and photos we received that are shared here below. Enjoy!**



I remember we were building our new house near Pekin Hill and workers were pulling down the old church and throwing stuff in the dumpster. My husband salvaged some metal imprinted fireproof panels and put them on walls and ceiling of the double garage. I think they are still there... Also, I donated an ornate mirror to hang in the ladies room. It was there for many years.

Dorothy Jenneve (Ferchen) - HG Class of 1947

"Our dad, George Heuer, was chairman of the building committee of the current Holy Ghost Church. We both have memories of the construction of the church. We recall that virtually every evening on Saturdays, Dad would work at the church site - often until dark. Mom's job was to call church members to line up the volunteer work crews for the week. The volunteers were supervised by the on-site building supervisor, Charlie Carr Sr."

-Cindy Heuer - HG Class of 1963 and  
Marcia Heuer - HG Class of 1967



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"My father, Norman Moll, was on the building committee and was in charge of all of the electrical work. He and my brother Randy and I did all of the electrical installations in the church. It was a lot of work. My dad had his own work as well and Randy and I were in high school so we went on evenings and weekends. We had to run wire up the roof for the steeple lights and speaker (the lights are no longer used) and put in all the lighting throughout the church and in the basement, and put in the sound system.

There were no lifts at the time, so we just had regular metal scaffolding to hang all the lights in the sanctuary and put up the cross and the lights over the altar. Les Fuerch and I remember standing on metal scaffolding with no rails up in the highest part of the church, standing up there bringing up 4x4 pieces of lumber for roof boards. Some of them were 20 feet long and we had to place them up onto the roof where the guys were nailing them in."

Barry Moll - HG Class of 1966

"I was around 16 at the time when the construction started. I remember we'd call it "playing in the ruins" in the church basement before the concrete was poured in."

Art Kroening - HG Class of 1966

"I remember playing in the basement in the puddles of water during the construction. It was my dad, Eugene Camann, who contacted the artists that designed the stained glass."

Deborah Feick (Camann)- HG Class of 1975

The groundbreaking had representatives of different groups in the church. Eugene Camann, chairman of the dedication committee; George Heuer, chairman of the building committee; Steve Camann representing Walther League; Gladys Urtel representing women in the church; young boy Dennis Stoelting representing the children of the church; and finally Pastor Bahr.



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"Well, I was there -- about 9 or 10 years old when they broke the ground (1968) and distinctly remember dedication day, February 1, 1970. So here's what I remember in roughly chronological order.

My dad, Ivan (Corky) Klettke spoke in church at the end of the service (which was pretty rare) - around 1966 or thereabouts - about the need to build a new church. This was at the height of the post-war Baby Boom, so we needed more room.

I remember the groundbreaking ceremony. Dennis Stoelting, who was younger than me, was one of the people who got to step on the shovel.

Klettke Land Surveyors of course were the surveyors on the project. The chief general contractor was church member Charlie Carr Sr., but most of the laborers were members of the congregation. Stoelting Machine made the metal steeple.

I remember the architectural model in its glass case being in the school hallway. It fascinated me. It was a leap into modernity.

As the church came closer to completion, the artists who created the stained glass windows (I think they were from Canada) delivered them and they sat in stacks in the school hallway for some months before they were installed in the new church. I guess they trusted us kids not to break anything.

The cost of the church was around \$250,000, which seemed like an astronomical sum to me and everyone else at the time. And for a long time, whenever I heard something cost \$500,000 or a million dollars, I'd think "that's two churches" or "that's four churches."

Money for interior elements of the church was raised by asking members to purchase those things. My mother's siblings (The Rosa Camann family) paid for the lounge furniture. I used my paper route money to buy two hymnals, I think they were about \$12 each.

The week of the dedication, there were multiple services over several days. At least one was about inviting all Bergholz residents to come see it -- my mother drove us around town as we put flyers in mailboxes to invite everyone.







Dedication day (2/1/1970). The church service began in the old church, and we sang a hymn (All praise to God, who reigns above/Lobet den Herrn, ihm) as we crossed Niagara Road to the new church, repeating verses for all the time it took to make the transition. (Although, I am having second thoughts on that. Maybe "All praise to God" was what we, the school choir, sang at that service.) It was really an exciting moment, and I also remember seeing a few tears shed.

The music was not accompanied by an organ, in the old and the new church, for several months. That's because the old church organ was removed and refurbished (by a company, in Tonawanda, I think) and it wasn't ready in time for the dedication. So they did what Holy Ghost had done many years earlier, there was a brass band (including many members of the Bergholz Band) that provided the music.

With the new church came the tape-recorded carillon music. Previously there was just a bell. So twice a day we now had familiar hymns. Whenever someone died, with both the old and new church, the bells tolled the age of the deceased (one ring for each year).

When grade schoolers sang in the new balcony every now and then, some of the mischievous boys discovered rubbing their shoes on the panel supporting the pews up there made a rude sound that projected out over the entire church.

The Jesus statue in the new narthex was formerly the Jesus statue on the altar in the old church.

"Narthex" was a new word to us. So was "lounge" in a church setting, which we otherwise associated with drinking establishments on Niagara Falls Boulevard. Modern things!

A few months later we demolished the old church and the old school (which had served as the younger children's Sunday School since the new school had opened in 1958) over the course of just a few days. More tears were shed as many of us stood and watched. It took more effort than anticipated to bring down the steeple. I think they had to come back with a new piece of equipment to do it a day or two later. The old school had curtains that separated classes, as it basically was a one-room schoolhouse.

Many people have the wooden crosses that were made from the floor of the old church. I'm pretty sure that floor was made from either the floor or walls of the church that preceded it (the first Holy Ghost church of the 1800s). So parts of those buildings live on."



"I was probably around 8 years old when the new church was being built. I remember all of the scaffolding and tarps as it was being worked on. It was very impressive to me. The memory that I remember the most is of the day that we transitioned to using the new church Sunday worship. We started the church service in the old church and then during the service, we were directed to walk across the road to the new church where we completed the church service. I remember it being very orderly as the procession made its way from one church to the other. It was quite an amazing experience. Of course we were all dressed in our Sunday best - all the women and girls in dresses and the men and boys in suits. The old church was very regal and traditional and the new church was very open, bright, and contemporary. The stained glass windows and the hanging cross over the altar were so beautiful and different from the old church. Pastor Bahr was in his glory presiding over the installation of the new church. It was a very special day."

-Joan Amico - HG Class of 1976

*"Regarding the building of the church, Barry Moll and I remember climbing up the scaffolding in the center of the sanctuary (about 35' high) and pulling 20 ft. 4x4s up on a pulley and handing them to the men on the outside of the roof to be laid in place. Art Kroening and Kenny Schroeder I believe were also helping on the project. Looking back, it was pretty amazing that a large part of the entire building project was accomplished by members of the congregation. If I'm not mistaken, Norman Moll (Barry's father) was in charge of the electrical, Norman Camann (Raymond's father) was in charge of the plumbing and Charlie Carr Sr. (Charlie's father) was the general foreman.*

*The day of the dedication we worshiped in the old church across the street for a final time and then walked across the street to the new church dedication worship service. It was a real congregational bonding experience."*

-Les Fuerch - HG Class of 1966

"My dad Charlie Carr Sr. was hired by the church as "Clerk of the works". He ran his own building company, but in an agreement with the congregation, he turned down any jobs he was offered and concentrated on the building of the church. He was at the church building 5-6 days a week and many evenings when volunteers were able to work.

I have fond memories of joining him and helping in ways I could. Many other church members put in countless hours.

I remember Art Hill (iron worker), managed and had a crew of volunteers to install all the steel beams, steel mesh for the concrete floors, and set the large wood beams. Norm Camann, Ray Camann, and Walter DuBois handled the plumbing. Norm Moll with help from sons Randy and Barry did all of the electrical installations. Herb Pless was hired from Lockport to do all of the brickwork. **A little-known fact, in the brick walls, I think it's every third course there is a cross design. Check it out.** Corky Klettke and his dad, Alex, did all the survey work. Irwin Stoelting built and installed the steeple with his sons Wayne and Marvin. Wally Haseley was often there with his old Ford tractor doing everything. Roger and his brothers still own and use that tractor. Kenny Ferchen had an excavation company and was there often with his backhoe. Chick Heuer, Duane Stoelting, Bob Jagow, Art DuBois, Duane DuBois, Wally Camann, Joe Camann, Ju Camann, Brian Moxham, Ollie Ferchen, Norbert Fuerch, and many many more were constant volunteers working at the church.

One little side note, the first standard shift vehicle I ever drove was Art Hill's. He had a little International Scout and he made me drive it to learn how to drive a stick.

Another interesting story. When all of the four large beams were up, and the roof boards were up, a small tornado went through Wheatfield. It did damage to houses on Walmore road. It twisted a house on its foundation and picked up a wheel barrow and dropped it handle first into a house roof. We watched the funnel cloud pass looking out the Niagara Road window opening and prayed it wouldn't come our way. If it had it would have twisted the roof down to the ground."

-Charlie Carr Jr. - HG Class of 1968

CAN YOU SPOT  
THE CROSSES  
IN THE  
BRICKWORK?



# Symbolism in Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

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The windows in the Nave of the Church serve to convey the following message.

**THE GRACE WINDOW**, on the north side of the Nave, underscores the fact that the GRACE (symbolized by an eagle) of the One True God, Father (the bestowing hand,) Son (Chi-Rho, the first two letters of the name of Christ in Greek,) and Holy Ghost (seven tongues of fire,) has been with us all thru the years and in this God we firmly trust (cross.)

**THE HOLY GHOST WINDOW**, on the south side of the Nave, declares that the HOLY GHOST (symbolized by the descending dove) establishes and nurtures the Church through the Means of Grace, the Word (the open Bible) and the Sacraments - Holy Baptism (Dove over the Font) and Holy Communion (the Chalice) - and the Church functions as it exercises the Power of the Keys (crossed keys.)

The windows were designed by Magrit Gatterbauer of Kitchener, Ontario

Usage of simple but significant incised carvings on the Chancel Furniture adds to the beauty of this area.

The free-standing altar on which the elements are consecrated has the symbols of wheat and grapes on its front side and we are reminded that in, with and under the bread and wine the communicant receives the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Communion Rail, at which the communicant kneels to receive the Sacrament, has a special series of incised carvings. The believer, who lives his life by faith in the Son of God, receives strength so to live through the blessed assurance of forgiveness secured by the Perfect Life of Jesus here pictured in symbols directing us to remember His Birth, His Baptism, His Ministry, His Death, His Resurrection, and His Ascension.

The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17) is affixed to the Pulpit, and at the Lectern we find a carving which expresses the truth: The Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Ps. 119:105.)

On the foot of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity are symbolized by means of carvings in miniature depicting the Father the Son, and the Holy Ghost.



A Pastor's study with a secretarial office adjoining the chancel is for the convenience of the office staff. This office suite also serves as a convenience during the week for visitors to the church by entering the on site parking doorway to conduct business or wish to receive counseling.

A choir, seating up to fifty persons, in the balcony area has the optimum location for vocal sounds and musical instruments. The height of the sanctuary adds to the tonal qualities of music, both vocal and instrument.

The lower floor of the sanctuary is for Sunday school classrooms in addition to the Sunday school space in the existing day school building.

The stained glass windows in a setting of tinted, glare-reducing glass is a new approach to church architecture which in a village setting has developed as most pleasing both from the interior viewing as well as the exterior. Correlation of the stained glass lighting fixtures, the stain of all trim with the furniture and a subdued color that harmonizes throughout the interior and exterior of the building may appear to be refreshing but also gives an impression that the building has enjoyed occupancy for a period of years.

Our office is appreciative and thankful to the members of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church for the opportunity of having contributed to the concept that was constructed and also wishes to thank all those who have assisted in this contribution including the various artisans, manufacturers and generally people with comments including the Pastor and the Committees and individuals with whom our office worked most intimately.

WALLACE V. MOLL, P.E., A.R.A.

Architect and Engineer





The new organ for our church, being built for us by the Delaware Organ Company of Tonawanda, New York, is not quite finished at this time of dedication. Hopefully, it shall be in place by Easter 1970.

### *The Program of Holy Ghost*

Holy Ghost Lutheran church serves its membership and the community with a full program of worship, education and service activities. It is unalterably dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of man and preaches and teaches the whole counsel and will of God as revealed in Holy Scripture. Church Services are held each Sunday at 10:30 A.M. (at 8 and 10:30 A.M. during the Summer) with Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month. Sunday School is conducted each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. with Bible Classes for youth and adults at the same time. Midweek Lenten Services and special festival services are held regularly. The baptized membership of the congregation numbers 572 and the communicant membership is 406. The Sunday School enrollment is 161 and 77 attend our Holy Ghost School. Two Choirs-Adult and School-sing regularly at worship services.

The program of Christian Education for the congregation includes Bible Classes for adults and teenagers, adult membership instruction, the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation Classes, and the Christian Day School.

The various organizations render service to church, home and community. Adult groups include Ladies Aid, Altar Guild, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Parent-Teacher League and the Voters' Assembly. Youth activities are provided by the Walther League and an inter-church sports program.





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**TODAY - "BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT" - 2022**

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ALUMNI  
SPOTLIGHT

# Vanessa (Cipolla) Alaimo

Holy Ghost Class of  
2003



## Phillippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

was the number one thing Vanessa (Cipolla) Alaimo learned at Holy Ghost Lutheran School, and it stands true today. Vanessa attended from preschool through 8th grade, graduating in 2003. "Holy Ghost really shaped me in a spiritual sense... I am a better person knowing I am truly never alone; that I always have a friend in our Lord and Savior." Today Vanessa is raising two children to believe the same, bringing them to church at Holy Ghost each week.

Vanessa lives in Wheatfield with her husband and high school sweetheart, Anthony, and her children Alfonzo, 2 years and Carmella, 10 months, and the family loves all things Disney. She has worked as a tax accountant at M&T bank for over 10 years, after earning an undergraduate degree in accounting with a minor in dance and a Master's from Niagara University, graduating with an MBA in Finance. her interest in math began at Holy Ghost, in Mr. Gundell's 5th grade math class. Being one of her favorite teachers, she credits him with instilling a love of math in her. Besides Mr. Gundell, she says Mrs. Woodley gave her a love for music, and Mrs. Carrier taught her the value of hard work and persistence to succeed.



## At Holy Ghost...

Vanessa enjoyed singing in the choir and recalls that the change from using cassette tapes to CDs for the Christmas concerts was a big deal at the time. She also loved participating in soccer, cheerleading, and basketball. Her favorite part of the week was chapel. She also loved beginning her days with morning announcements and Bible lessons. She still keeps in touch with a couple of her classmates, Ted Klettke and Dan Lynch. Vanessa believes that what makes Holy Ghost Lutheran School special is that everyone is part of a family. "This is truly a family you will always have. The teachers really do care about their students, now and beyond."





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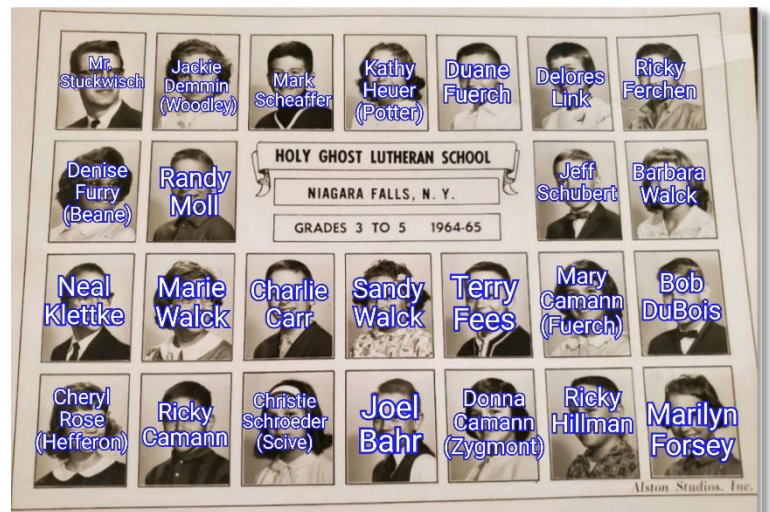
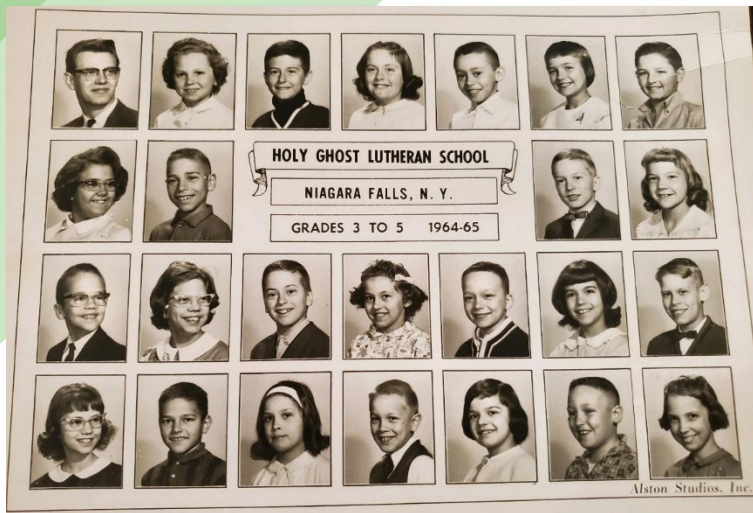
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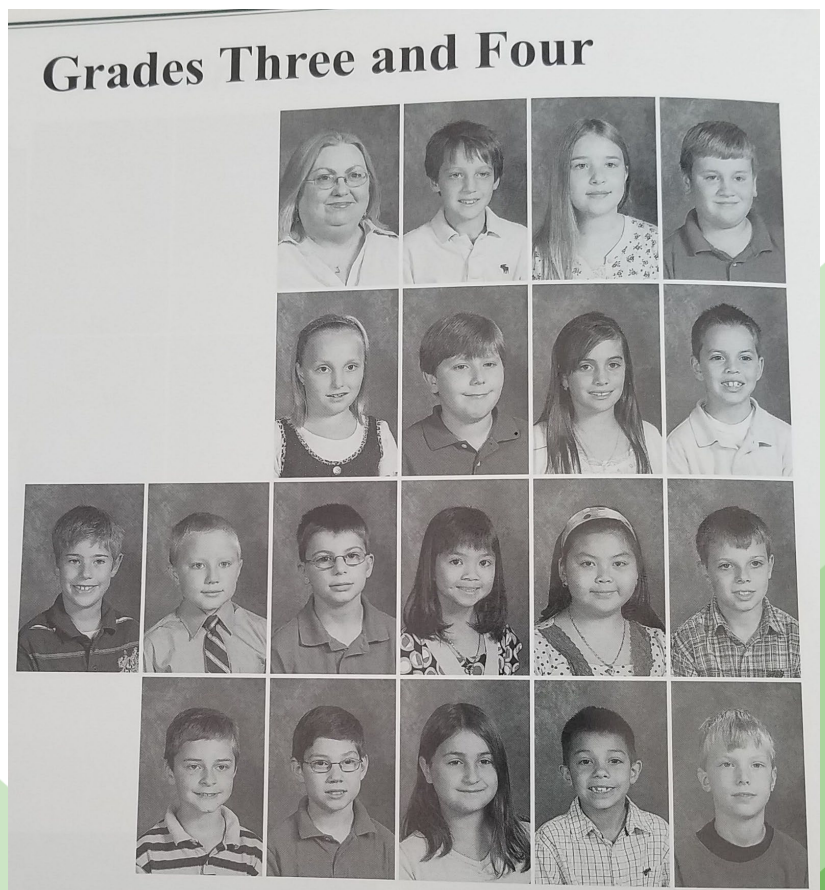
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# NAME THE ALUMNI

Last spring we had some fun on social media determining who's who in this 1964-65 class photo:



Let's see if we can do it again with this 2007-08 class photo:



Submit your answers to our social media pages, and check the next newsletter for the answers!

# ALUMNI OF HOLY GHOST

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### Class of 2022 Top Ten Students

<b>Valedictorian</b> <b>Cory Walck</b> College: Canisius College Major: Pre-Med / Bio	<b>#3 Aiden Siford</b> College: SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Major: Environmental Biology	<b>#7 Victoria Strassburg</b> College: University at Buffalo Major: Business or Psychology
<b>Salutatorian</b> <b>Katherine Goris</b> College: University of Florida Major: Zoology	<b>#4 Katelyn Cyganovich</b> College: Marquette University Major: Criminal Justice	<b>#8 Aaron Francioli</b> College: Monroe Community College Major: Computer Science
	<b>#5 Aidan Brauer</b> College: University at Buffalo Major: Chemical Engineering	<b>#9 Sarah Wikander</b> College: St. John Fisher College Major: Childhood Education
	<b>#6 Ryan Devald</b> College: Niagara University Major: Accounting	<b>#10 Jacob Walter</b> College: D'Youville University Major: Doctor of Chiropractic Program

*Best Wishes to all 2022 Graduates* **Congrats!**

## Holy Ghost Alumni in NW Top Ten!

*Congratulations to Sarah Wikander and Jacob Walter on graduating 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Niagara Wheatfield High School Class of 2022!*

Jacob Walter was the Valedictorian of the Holy Ghost class of 2018. Also, Bryce Buchholz, Salutatorian of Holy Ghost class of 2018 was one of the Salutatorians of the Niagara Falls High School Class of 2022.

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