



# The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

May, 2016



## **REDEFINITION OF PASTORAL ROLES & SUCCESSION PLAN**

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church will celebrate its 170<sup>th</sup> year of spreading the Gospel this fall, and at the heart of our continuing to build on this legacy of faith is your church leaders desire to redefine the pastoral roles. For the past thirty years, HGLC has utilized a "Co-pastorate model" of leadership in which your two primary pastors have functioned as "generalists"—each carrying out all of the pastoral duties in equal fashion. And though this style of leading has its benefits and has worked fairly well, we and council leaders believe it can work even better with the utilization of a different model.

Some years ago, the medical field diverged from the "generalist doctor" to a field of specialists who offer a laser focus of time, energy and expertise in one or two areas, but certainly not all (and if anyone can do all, it is likely not done well). Most large churches these days implement this specialized role plan as well with their pastoral staff. We at Holy Ghost Church certainly capitalize on some of this energy, passion, and giftedness as Pastor Clint focuses on youth ministry and Daniel centers his ministry efforts on children and young families.

In our fifteen years together, we have basically split duties down the middle, and though this form of leading has served just fine, in reality it is also quite laborious in terms of communication, double-checking with each other, time management, energy efficiency, and productivity. We spend many hours getting or staying on the same page, and though we believe it has been good, we are committed to God's Church not just being "good," but we believe God intends His Church to be "great!"

Therefore, in order to accomplish this higher level of purpose, we are asking, "*Where is God leading HGLC beyond the week to week, month to month, and year to year "good" ministry we do? What God-sized plans is the largest Protestant church in Gillespie County responding to? Where is God leading? AND—HOW can we best get there?*" In light of forwarding the Kingdom, how we spend our time, where we focus our unique gifts, and in what ministry areas we invest our primary energies—we and the Church Council propose the following realignment of the pastoral roles and succession plan:

Pastor Bobby be designated as the Lead Pastor, responsible for driving the overall direction of the church: casting clear vision; pointing toward the intentional course of action; leading leaders; managing staff; administration; and pressing into community outreach. This role covers the "Reach Out" component for our congregation. It leans into the "mission" of the church stretching beyond itself. This aspect of leadership primarily focuses on "Making" disciples.

Pastor David be designated as the Shepherd Pastor, responsible for guiding the internal elements of the church: pastoral care for people; visitation; current programs; fellowship events; as well as being point-pastor for funerals and weddings. This role covers the "Reach In" component for our congregation. It has primarily to do with the "ministry" of the church nurturing itself in faith. This aspect of leadership primarily focusses on "Being" disciples.

These role differentiations would not be set in stone as at times Pastor David will be involved in some of Pastor Bobby's areas and vice versa. However, for the sake of working out of our "sweet spots," only having so much time, and pressing the Kingdom forward in larger ways, we would attempt to work out of the above roles 80/20 percent of the time.

We believe this approach will help us focus efforts to further our purpose of "Being and Making Disciples." It structures us in a way that zeroes in on how, we as a team can best and most effectively, efficiently and faithfully equip disciples for mission and ministry: to position HGLC to go higher, longer, farther, wider and deeper in faith! We are both excited and committed to saving more souls and strengthening the faith of those souls that are already saved! We desire for HGLC to be a brighter "city set on a hill" to shine the Light of Christ in Gillespie County and to the world beyond!

In addition, we and the council leaders have been conversing about a "succession plan." With the Baby Boomers (1946-64) beginning to turn seventy years old this year, we will begin to see an ever increasing number of aging congregants. Due to the fact that we have placed resources and staff in the area of youth in the past few years, we believe that it is an appropriate time to begin making plans to invest in a similar way in those on the other end of the spectrum with a full time Visitation Minister. The idea being for Pastor David to possibly transition into this role utilizing his special gifts along with the fifteen years of established relationships in that ministry area. This would allow HGLC to then address another issue and that is to "age down" the current pastorate (Priem is 55 and Vitek is 58) by calling a "younger pastor" to serve in the Shepherd Pastor role. This "succession plan" would be implemented in 2018.

A presentation to address the above plan, followed by a question and answer time, will be offered on May 8 during the adult Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Time at the worships on May 14-15 will be provided for a presentation to a larger crowd; and a congregational meeting to vote on the above course will be held on May 22. For now, we invite your prayers as we seek to carry out not a small commission, but The Great Commission for the Great One! Amen.

+Pastor Bobby & Pastor David

**Local Missions Team**

What is the Local Missions Team? It’s a small group from Holy Ghost with a heart for service to the community. Feeding John and Freecycle now fall under this umbrella. The team seeks more ways to be of service. Many members of Holy Ghost are involved as volunteers in Fredericksburg, and we want you to help us identify ways for the Local Missions Team to be of greater service to the community.

James 2:14-17 - *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

**Christmas Dinner**

Have you often said you would like your family to serve meals to the needy? One proposal for the Local Missions Team is a Christmas dinner on Christmas day to serve mostly singles in the community with no family in the area, as well as those who are underprivileged. The Needs Council is willing to help identify people in need of Christmas dinner and fellowship, and will provide additional volunteers to help with preparation and serving. Virginia Clark of the ‘C’ Team is ready to help guide us with the food preparation. Watch for an opportunity to sign up as we develop this plan.

**Freecycle**

Thanks to all who helped with Freecycle, whether to donate items or to assist with the distribution. From donations, we were able to provide children’s pants and specialty shampoos to the elementary school also. Local Missions seeks someone to assume the advertising, delivering flyers and setup management of Freecycle, which is a minimal time requirement prior to the event. This is only once a year in the spring. If you are interested, please call at 309 361-3970.

**Feeding John**

Yvonne Holleman is turning over ‘Feeding John’ to Sandy Birdlebough. This is a great service in the community to shut-ins on the (usually) third Sunday of the month, scheduled for April 24th. The ‘C ‘ Team prepares the food distributed and volunteers have an opportunity to visit with folks. This is a joint effort with the Needs Council. Thanks, Yvonne, for getting this project off the ground. If you would be interested in serving, please contact Sandy at (830) 998-4504.

**Boy Scouts**

Mike Birdlebough is in the process of organizing a Cub Scout Unit at Holy Ghost. He needs fathers with young children, and especially volunteers with past Boy Scout experience to serve on the project. Other churches in the community are also organizing troops. Please contact Mike if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity. [mbirdlebo@yahoo.com](mailto:mbirdlebo@yahoo.com)

**Look for Jerry’s article on our “Adopt a Highway” project.**

Jerry and Linda Christensen, Local Missions Team (309) 361-3970

**-Pre Diabetes is a Warning-**

Pre-diabetes indicates that you could develop Type 2 diabetes, if you don’t make lifestyle changes. It is possible to prevent pre-diabetes from developing into Type 2 diabetes by eating healthy foods, losing weight, maintaining a healthy weight, and being physically active. The Hill Country Memorial Wellness Center is holding free classes this year so that you can learn more about your level of risk and recommendations for simple life style changes.

**Class Dates:**

- June 23
- August 18
- October 27
- December 8

**Time:**

- 12-1pm
- 5:30-6:30pm
- 12-1pm
- 5:30-6:30pm



To sign up for a free class, call the HCM Wellness Center 830-997-1355. Classes will be held in the Wellness Center Conference Room.

**The Health Care Team**

**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH**

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH CARE KITS** – We had a great response to the LWR health care kits. The final count of kits collected were 169. Thanks to everyone who participated and gave so generously. A special THANK YOU to the children of Kindernest for providing toothbrushes for the health care kits.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF GATHERING** –It was such an exciting day on March 28, 2016 when 13 volunteers helped load the truck with Lutheran World Relief items to be delivered to Seguin. Holy Ghost members sent 502 quilts, 169 personal care kits, 56 baby care kits and 35 pounds of soap and \$1,650.46 for shipping. Overall totals included 1,475 quilts, 316 school kits, 17 fabric care kits, 152 baby care kits, 600 personal care kits and 116 pounds of soap and \$3,393.51 for shipping. We have an outstanding group of people at Holy Ghost and we are forever grateful for your participation. Special thanks to Roslee and Kenneth Lochte and Kenneth and Barbara Sagebiel for transporting these items to Seguin. The Women of Faith provided lunch.

**COLLECTION FOR LWR SHIPPING** – Through the generous donations of our Holy Ghost families, a total of \$1,300.46 was collected. We thank each of you for your contributions.

**GRADUATION DINNER** – This event was held Sunday, April 10, 2016. The Women of Faith honored our 2016 High School graduates with a dinner, ninety-seven people attended – including graduates, family members, mentors and spiritual leaders. God's blessings to these wonderful youth as they pursue their future. Special thanks to our great ladies for their hard work and wonderful food. This was done with love and hope for our youth.

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** – It's that time of the year to think about Fall Festival. If anyone has an overabundance of fruits and/or vegetables this summer, please share them with the Women of Faith ladies to can or cook jellies and jams for the Fall Festival. Also, we are in need of 8 ounce (½ pint) jars for jellies and jams. If you have any of these to share, please contact Liz Hohenberger at 997-3903 or Polly Zenner at 997-5701.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 7 & 8 – Fair Trade Products Sale – Lydia Circle
- May 9 – Evening Guild Meeting – 6:00pm - Fellowship Hall
- May 12 – Lydia Circle Meeting – 9:30am – Fellowship Hall
- May 12 – Katherine Luther Circle – 1:00pm – Fellowship Hall



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**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT COMING TO FBG!**

Everyone is a leader in some form or fashion-- moms, dads, students, employees, employers, volunteers, etc. All lead from the station God has placed you in life, and all can stand to grow in whatever leadership role that maybe. On August 11-12, 2016 a leadership conference, second to few will be offered at the University Center sponsored by HGLC. The FBG community is invited.

Partner organizations teaming with HGLC in committing to bring the GLS to town include: FISD, Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Allen Keller Co/Security Bank, First Baptist Church, and the Church of Christ Church, Kerrville. Community enthusiasm is building!

The University venue will hold a maximum of 200 persons and to date 128 seats have already been purchased. HGLC already has 45 persons signed up to attend in addition to the 40+/- who will volunteer to make the event happen! The total cost of the two-day learning is only \$89 for Holy Ghosters which is an amazing bargain for the excellent faculty that has been assembled to appear in our own backyard! Leaders from various fields of life will share different angles on leading. World renown CEO's, successful business entrepreneurs, psychologists, teachers, non-profit leaders, song writers, and pastors will all speak via satellite. And though the GLS is not specifically a "church event," faith components do shine through certain speakers and presentations.

If you'd like to sign up, visit the website at: [www.willowcreek.com](http://www.willowcreek.com)

If you'd like to volunteer to help with parking, greeting, registration, snacks, prayer chapel, or general assistance, visit with one of the planning team members: Kim Gibbs, Steve Olfers, Harvey Hengst, Greg Henricksen, Carrie Culpepper, Mike Birdleough, Kat Jacoby, Pastor David, or Pastor Bobby. Keep this event in prayer as we seek to "Be and Make Disciples for Jesus!"



The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings.

Creation Care

Psalm 100:1-2 - Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Adopt a Highway

Holy Ghost will take the responsibility for TexDot "Adopt a Highway", starting at the city limits of Fredericksburg on Hwy 87 to 2 miles south. The process is now complete and the sign has been ordered. This is a project of the Local Missions Team as a way to be of service to our community. The State will provide safety information and vests as well as bags for collecting trash along both sides of the highway. Teams will take one of the five times required for pickup. Make this a fun event for your team, family or friends to represent Holy Ghost and make a difference for Fredericksburg! Safety training for each group takes place before each assigned pickup. Children must be at least seven, and all children under fifteen must have adult supervision. Call for more info on your role in Holy Ghosts' "Adopt a Highway".

Jerry Christensen, Local Missions Team - 309 992-8121 or jerryc1949@gmail.com

From the 'R' Team - Read the Bible daily

Our theme for May, as we welcome the news that Pastor Bobby is staying at Holy Ghost, and as we look for new challenges and directions is: the Holy Spirit moves us in faith and purpose. Some Bible verses that deal with this theme include those listed below. We hope they help you in your journey to read the Word daily.

- 1 Kings 18:12, Romans 8:14, Romans 8:26-27, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Galatians 5:25, 1 Corinthians 2:13, Luke 4:1, John 14:26, Isaiah 11:2, John 14:15-17, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Ephesians 1:13, Acts 4:31, John 16:13, Titus 3:5-6



FEEDING JOHN MINISTRY

Many thanks to Yvonne & Ed Holleman for leading this great community ministry for the past two years! Their servanthood guided HGLC in partnering with the Needs Council to serve many-a hungry tummies with food and many-a hungry hearts with companionship! This food delivery program continues to feed others with not only a great meal prepared by the "C" Team, but with love, joy, friendliness and the faith of those who take the meals. HGLC has been involved now for nine months and many hungry hearts have been fed on both sides of the delivery! Contact Sandy Birdbough at 830-998-4504 for information about becoming involved.

Pastor John and Grace Watson Reception!

Pastor John and Grace Watson will be taking a call to serve the community of Kearney, NB as Pastor of Care and Life Groups at Kearney Evangelical Free Church! Pastor John has served HGLC as Visitation Minister for the past 4 years. He and Grace have been at HGLC leading a small group Sunday School class, uplifting stewardship of creation, began the Earth Stewards Team, brought the idea of coffee mugs instead of throw away Styrofoam cups for Sunday morning coffee, developed the Freecycle, and offered many hours of free consulting on how the church might be "friendlier" on the environment and save money in doing so! Pastor John was also instrumental in creating the organization "Fredericksburg Shines." A fellowship reception will be held from 9-9:30am on May 8 in the Fellowship Hall, and a "send off with God's Speed" will be offered at the services that day as well. The Watson's will be sorely missed at HGLC and in the FBG community.

Many "thanks" to Pastor David, Pastor Bobby, Pastor Williams, Sanctuary Choir and all others who sent cards, brought in food and gave me "hugs" during the difficult time of my son, Darel's illness and death. I feel so blessed to be a member of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and part of such a loving, caring church community.

Jo Ann Krauskopf





**WORSHIP IN APRIL**

*Saturday, 6:00pm offers an Informal Service;  
Sunday, 8:00am is a Traditional Service;  
and Sunday, 10:30am is a Varied Format.*



**“Come, let us worship the Lord!”**

**The Sermon Series:** “The Post Resurrection Stories according to John” will cover nine weekends in April and May as we delve deeply into John 20-21. Join in the Easter journey!

**Sat. & Sun., Apr. 30 & May 1:** We delve into those first few verses of John 21 this week, fishing with Jesus. We quickly discover it’s not just about fishing, nor even working harder, but about being obedient to the Master! Read John 21:1-8. 10:30 will be the Confirmation Service for our Youth.

**Sat. & Sun., May 7 & 8:** It is Mother’s Day weekend and what better Bible story than Jesus cooking for his hungry disciples as we remember meals Mom prepared for us! Read John 21:9-14 and be ready for a spiritual feeding in God’s Word and Holy Communion!

**Sat. & Sun., May 14 & 15:** Jesus has a power breakfast meeting with Peter, whereby Peter’s earlier denial of Jesus is forgiven, and Peter is commissioned by Jesus as the leader of the Christian Church. Where in our lives do we need to offer or receive forgiveness, and have our lives restored? Read John 21:15-17.

**Sat. & Sun., May 21 & 22:** Jesus offers words about the future to Peter and John! None of us knows the future, and all of us wants to know the future. God holds our destiny in His hands—our role is to faithfully live for our Savior! Read John 21: 18-23.

**Sat. & Sun., May 28 & 29:** ; The Bible story is from John 21:24-25 and ends the Gospel of John, but does not end the story of Christ! We continue the testimony in our church, home, family work place, and community. We bear witness to the truth to which John bore witness and God continues to write the story of salvation to a needy world.



**Council Notes**

April 18,2016



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

May 22nd

1. Delegates for the NALC Assembly in August are being selected. Pastor Jan Unger and Robert Elder will be attending for HGLC.
2. The Task Force on Pastor Bobby receiving a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage reported that their work is nearing completion and a recommendation to the congregation will be forthcoming.
3. The additional days for the Visitation Ministers is yielding tremendous fruit!
4. The Master Site Plan Team is beginning to meet to consider Phase 3 of the overall building program (Education/Kindernest Building Space)
5. Pastor Clint offered a St. Paul written report, updating on the exciting news of a growing church!
6. The 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team will be chaired by Clayton & Barbara Grona and Gordon & Dianne Eckert.
7. HGLC representation at the City Council meeting on the “Noise Ordinance” was reported.
8. Closed the meeting praying for joys and concerns of the church, community and world.

The Church Council has called a Special Congregational meeting for May 22 at 11:30am to present, discuss and address the following four items:

1. Vote on the redefinition of pastoral roles to create greater focus for the pastors time, energy and gifts to more strongly forward the mission of “Being and Making Disciples.”
2. Vote to affirm a vision developing a succession plan to include a full time Visitation Minister while at the same time “age down” the pastor-ate by 2018.
3. Vote to dual roster HGLC along with the North American Lutheran Church to also now join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ for the purpose of expanding our local relationships and opening ourselves to a greater pool of pastoral candidates in the future.
4. Vote on a proposal to offer the Vitek’s a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage.

**Calendar**

**Church Website**

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Excel Spreadsheet**

**Altar Guild:**

May: Rhonda Usener, Debbie Phelps, Diane Staudt & Diane Eckert

June: Annie Frantzen, Linda Cheslah, Jeanie Bel Crenwelge & Yvonne Holleman

**Women of Faith Study Leaders:**

<u>Circles</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Evening Guild	Hailey Binford	Ruth Welgehausen
Lydia Circle	Virginia Clark	Helen Allred
Katherine Luther	Annette Sultemeier	Jeanie Klett

**Nursing Home Comm.: Zion**

Wednesday, 5-4	9:30am	Knopp Assisted
Wednesday, 5-4	10:00am	Knopp #2
Thursday, 5-5	9:30am	Heritage Place
Thursday, 5-5	10:00am	Paige House
Thursday, 5-5	10:30am	Tri-Star
Wednesday, 5-10	9:30am	Windercrest
Wednesday, 5-10	10:30am	Fredericksburg
Thursday, 5-12	9:30am	Knopp Retirement
Thursday, 5-12	10:30am	Knopp #1



**Birthdays:**

- 5/2/22 Lucille Moldenhauer
- 5/4/25 Rita Koenig
- 5/6/26 Roland Borchers
- 5/6/21 Eugenia Peterman

**Anniversaries:**

- 5/1/54 Lawrence & Betty Deike
- 5/4/63 Kenneth & Marjorie Otte
- 5/6/60 Harold & Edna Pape
- 5/12/62 Hans & Bernice Basse
- 5/25/63 Wilbert & Emma Ransleben
- 5/27/45 Arnold & Helen Schlueter
- 5/30/64 Wilburn & Geana Pfeiffer

**Pastoral Acts:**

**Weddings:** Chris & Tiffany (Moellering) Mazur

**Funerals:**

3/25/16 Arthur Crenwelge  
 3/29/16 Presley Arhelger  
 3/13/16 Darel Allen



**Holy Ghost Financial Report:**

Gen. Fund Balance, Mar. 1, 2016: \$57,915.97  
 March Receipts: \$68,490.16  
 March Expenses: \$66,443.70  
 Gen. Fund Balance, March 31, 2016: \$59,962.43

**Special Offerings during March:**

LWR/Hunger-\$10.00  
 Quilts-\$1,190.46  
 LWR/Syrian Refugees-\$91.00

**Financial Barometer:**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>+/-</u>
March	\$68,490.16	\$66,443.70	\$+2,046.46
YTD	\$193,995.63	\$169,033.20	\$+24,962.43

**Building/Debt Retirement Fund:**

Funds Balance, March 1, 2016: \$29,487.90  
 Receipts: \$8,407.70  
 Expenses: \$6,538.78  
 Balance March 31,2016: \$31,356.82

**Fellowship Hall Loan Total Due:**

\$248,419.02

Thank you for your faithful gifts and presence!



I want to thank Pastor Alan Williams for his many visits.

Thanks to all who sent cards and prayers while I was unable to attend church.

What a blessing it is to have a caring church family.

Sincerely,  
 EJ Hobbs

**CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION**



Tune into FM 88.1—KLOVE to hear some great Christian lyrics and music. It's a great way to begin your day or have it playing in the background all day long!



**Our St Paul Cave Creek & Holy Ghost Partnership in the Lord!**

It's been a great start to our new relationship between Holy Ghost and St Paul Lutheran Churches. Christmas Day 2015 marked the first time I preached and led worship at our sister congregation. During the Christmas Break, my Holy Ghost youth ministries and St Paul preaching responsibilities were in full swing. It began with our Mission Trip to Mexico with Holy Ghost (Dec 19-22), then big Christmas Day Worship at St Paul, then the Youth Acts Retreat (Dec 31-Jan 2) and two other Christmas Break worship services at St Paul on Dec 27<sup>th</sup> and Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was installed by Pastor David on January 17<sup>th</sup>, and Rev. Alan Williams and Gary Mayer also participated. Pastor Bobby preached at St Paul and led worship on January 24 while I was coordinating the youth-led worship service at Holy Ghost with mission trip reports.

With the new partnership, we have seen an increase in attendance at St Paul and have actually already received a couple of new members! The Easter Sunrise Service was without a doubt the highlight of the Spring. There were 156 people present for the outdoor worship service in the beautiful hills of Cave Creek. Even though the weather looked like it was not going to cooperate, when it was time for Holy Communion, there was a break in the clouds and the sun began to shine. It was amazing! Glory be to God!!

On a typical Sunday, I begin at Holy Ghost at 7:30 am. I lead the Sunday School/Confirmation Opening from 9:15-9:45 am. I then head out to Cave Creek and lead worship and preach at St Paul. Afterward, I often return for ministry activities back at Holy Ghost. So far those ministries have included events like Mother/Son Bowling, Private Movie Screening of Risen at Fritztown Cinema, Good Samaritan Center Service Project, Graduate Dinner Program and FHS Athletic Banquets at Holy Ghost.

All in all it has been a great start, and I ask for your continued prayers as we strive to be and make disciples and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all of Gillespie County!

In HIS Grip,  
Pastor Clint <><

*Jesus said, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand."*  
John 10:28



**Sausage Dinner Report**

For those who enjoyed the fresh homemade venison sausage made by the hands of several men in the congregation at Schneider's Processing and then prepared by Chef Glen Jung, the day was more than just about food! \$1,030 was raised by donation and then shared equally with the FBG Food Pantry and Youth for Camper Scholarships! Thanks to all who led, served, participated, and even ate! Ser gut!



**National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 5 at Marktplatz at 5:30pm the community is invited to join for prayer! Issues, groups, needs of many types will be brought before the throne of God! Join together as a people of faith with others to pray to bring our prayers to the almighty!



**DESSERT & DEVOTION Groups to Begin!**

D&D (Dessert & Devotion) groups will form this summer for those who desire to be part of a once a month gathering. The form of these individual groups may take a variety of shapes: some may meet around fellowship, while others may use dominoes as a centering activity. Some may choose to meet for supper on a given monthly evening, while others may choose to head to a restaurant after church on a given Saturday or Sunday. Simply sign up at the table on May 7-8 or 14-15 for more info, or visit with Marti Jennings at 997-2288.



My deepest appreciation for the prayers and concerns that have been expressed by so many over the past year and now, as no active cancer is any longer apparent. The prayers gave me an inner strength that allowed me to continue on the path toward healing. Please know and accept my love and appreciation for all that you have meant to me.

Sincerely, Faye Petmecky

Stewardship Team Note



I have a problem with tithing. Budgeting time is the hardest. I usually hold back two or three hours a week for church and Sunday school. I really like the Tuesday night class but that’s another two hours plus prep time which is easily twice that. I have to hold back at least six hours a month for meetings, then there are special services and projects. I try to hold out an hour each day for reading, study and devotions but I don’t always make it. I hated to give up Barnabas but I couldn’t hold back any more time from work, family and oh yeah . . . Sleep.

Money is somewhat easier. We hold back a decent percentage for church and try to make up an honest tith with special giving, charities, donations to the Scouts and ‘random acts of kindness’

Doesn’t sound too bad does it?

The problem is this idea of “holding back” for God. When I remember that it is already His: every hour, every dollar; and that He gives it to me to manage. He gives it to me and I’m supposed to hold back some of it for Him? My schedule is busy, but not close to being filled up. We don’t live extravagantly, but there is some waste and foolish spending. Instead of thinking about holding back some of these gifts for God, I need to remember that when I use time, talents and resources in pursuit of personal satisfaction I’m holding back from God.

The Stewardship Team

**Graduating Seniors at  
Fredericksburg High School**



The P-Team at Holy Ghost Lutheran church will be offering three \$500 scholarships to three graduating seniors who plan to further their education. The application forms can be picked up at the church office and need to be returned by June 5, 2016.

**Food Pantry Special Requests**

The most needed items for the FBG Food Pantry include: Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Canned Meat, Soups, Canned Fruit, and Canned Veggies. You may bring your donations to church and place by the door, or you may take them directly to the Food Pantry. Thank you for caring and sharing in the name of Jesus!



**Adult Class  
Opportunities**



“**Sacred Gifts & Holy Gatherings**” is a study of old and new testament led by Alton Klier. (Sundays, 9:15am - FH)

**Luther’s Small Catechism: The Fundamentals of Our Faith.** Anyone who would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church and the basics of their faith is invited to join this class. Pastor David leads the class. (Sundays, 9:15am - FH)

**Apologetics Class:** The “Apologetics Class” that Gil Becker led in Adult Sunday School is offered on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. “Apologetics” is about learning to defend the tenants of our faith by utilizing the theology of our faith. Early Christian writers between the years 120-220 who defended their faith against critics were called apologists. There is no greater time in our modern era than now to be able to articulate what we believe and why we believe what we believe. **New Class to Begin in June:** The Apologetics Study Group will take up the subject of Predestination in a six week series beginning June 5th. There will be a Sunday morning session during Sunday School starting at 9:15am. A repeat session on Tuesday night starting at 6:30pm. This series will be intense and will require some outside reading and study. It will also require an open mind, a charitable attitude and a loving heart.

“**The Cost of Discipleship**” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is the book study offered by Pastor Bobby during the Sunday School hour. Lutheran theology is the focus.

**A Married Couples Class** focuses on applications of Biblical principles for interacting with others sprinkled with fun and fellowship. Leading the class are Jerry & Rhonda Gross. (Sundays, 9:15am - Kammlah Room in Ed. Bldg.)

**Men’s Breakfast Devotion:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30am, a group meets for food, fellowship, and a devotion at Jalisco’s Restaurant.

**Ladies Lunch Study:** The ladies lunch study meets every-other Wednesday from Noon– 1ish in the FH Alpha Room. We just began Beth Moore’s A Woman’s Heart: God’s Dwelling Place. All ladies welcome! Bring your lunch! contact Mary Eckert (998-4337) and Kim Gibbs (456-7299).

**Men’s Community Bible Study** meets every Thursday at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Leading the class is Pastor Bill Counts. Mike Birdleough is the contact.

**Women’s Bible Study** titled “Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy” by Beth Moore, is the current study. Please call Karen Nevins (992-9424) or Sandy Birdleough (998-4504) with any questions.

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### Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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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.

### Nursery

Childcare is available on Sunday mornings from 7:45am-noon so that parents might attend worship and/or Sunday School. Children ages 8 months through 4 years old are welcome. Penny Ersch and Carol Bottlinger are the childcare providers. Penny Ersch also coordinates the volunteers. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome!

### MINISTRY TEAMS:

Barnabas Team	JoAnn Durst	997-2245
Bread of Life	Charles Feller	997-8006
Building Comm.	Kory Keller	210-213-7035
"C" Team	Virginia Clark	997-3494
Cemetery Team	Carey Bonn	997-7215
Cemetery Team	Laverne Boos	997-5759
Feeding John	Sandy Birdlebough	998-4504
Float Team	Jennifer Helfrich	998-5207
Fishers for Christ	Debbie Klaehn	997-7234
Health Care Team	Carla Herbig	992-1865
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	997-7945
Holy Ghost Quilters	Irene Crutcher	997-7072
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Jamie Runnels	992-2019
Kindernest Team	Tammy Staedtler	998-7031
LWR Quilters	Roslee Lochte	997-1536
Landscape Team	Gary & Lisa King	456-4463
Local Missions	J&L Christensen	309-361-3970
NH Comm. Coord.	Verdie Pezzaro	210-722-4754
NH Devotions	Windy Duecker	997-2983
"P" Team	Vacant	997-2288
Passion of Christ	M&D Akin	997-4630
	K&B Sagebiel	997-9519
Property Team	Greg Henricksen	990-8138
Prayer Team	Laverne Cuddy	456-0782
"R" Team	Mary Beth Bauer	864-4201
Resource Mgmt.	Corrine Jung	889-8640
Stewardship Team	Dwayne Boos	456-7218
Welcome Patrol	Sandy Poole	997-9098
Worship Decorating	Yvonne Fox	669-2018

### WORSHIP TEAMS:

Altar Guild Coord.	Adela Wunderlich	456-1958
Altar Guild Coord.	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Communion Servers	Corrine Jung	997-3310
Disciple Team Leader	Glenna Hartman	257-2469
Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	644-2655
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	997-5701
Nursery Child Care	Penny Ersch	997-9747
Nursery Child Care	Carol Bottlinger	998-2857
Nursery Vol. Coord.	Penny Ersch	997-9747
Organist/Pianist Coord.	Bernice Basse	669-2380
Readers Coord.	Lois Weidenfeller	997-8455
Video Tech Coord.	Linda Adams	889-3250

### CHOIRS:

Bell Choirs	Deanne Moellering	990-8410
Sanctuary Choir	Larry Reavis	997-4287

### GROUPS:

Church Council Pres.	Steve Olfers	669-2462
Men in Mission	Ron Cuddy	997-7068
Sunday School Supt.	Kathy Boos	997-5878
Women of Faith	Carol Feuge	997-3071
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Youth Group	Jake Pluenneke	997-6286



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