

**This Week** (January 7 – January 14, 2018)

Sunday	Baptismal Remembrance
	8:00 a.m. Worship
	9:00 a.m. Epiphany Tea/Cowboy Breakfast
	10:30 a.m. Worship/Campbell Baptism
	1:00 p.m. Take down Christmas Tree & Decor
Monday	1:00 p.m. HG & LWR Quilters
	5:30 p.m. Stewardship
	6:00 p.m. Evening Guild
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. HG & LWR Quilters
	4:00 p.m. Youth Bells
Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Men's Breakfast
	10:00 a.m. 12 Keys to Spiritual Success
	5:00 p.m. High School Bells
	5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
	7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
	8:00 p.m. WYWP
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle
	1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle
Saturday	6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
	9:15 a.m. Sunday-School
	10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
	11:30 a.m. Team Gathering w/meal

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**Visitors and Guests!** Your presence in worshipping the Lord is our joy! Please join us for Sunday-School and Bible Study classes as well as fellowship. Thank you for your faith which brings you here and please come again!

**Three Different Worship Services** are offered on a weekly basis at HGLC: Sat., 6pm is Informal; Sun., 8am is Traditional; and Sun., 10:30am is Varied.

**Sharing of the Peace:** Due to cold and flu season, please be aware that some persons might prefer to share the peace in different ways. This might include a nod of the head, an elbow bump, a fist pump, or other creative ways to keep germs in check! Thank you for your sensitivity of others.

**Hospitalized** this week is Esther Grobe, Esther Weber, George Weber and Flo Zatopek.

**The HGLC Hospice list includes:** Bernice Moehr, Bettye Anderson, Loreen Nebgen, and Frances Klein. Please pray for them and for all who are in need.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Ceclia Klier and Helen Balcar in honor of their families.

**Baptized** this Sunday at the 10:30 service is Huntlea Grace Campbell, daughter of Robert and Arah Campbell. Sponsors are Shelley Juenke and Kyle and Jessica Kirkland. Congratulations!

**Our Christian Sympathies** are extended to the family of Woodrow Durst. May God's peace surround all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**Annual Report** It is that time of year again, when requests for information from each Ministry Team is needed for the Annual Report. Please submit all information in Word format to the church office or email to blaken@austin.twcbc.com on or before January 12.

**Quarterly Devotional Booklets** are available at the entrance /exits. Be in the WORD of God daily!

**The Women's Epiphany Tea & Men's Cowboy Breakfast** is Sun., Jan 7 at 9am. All are welcome!

**G.R.A.C.E.D!** The "C" means "Connect in a Study or Small Group!" **Sunday Morning Opportunities:** "God's Urgent Call and The Faithful Answered: "A study of Isaiah, Hebrews & Revelation" is led by Alton Klier, Jim Paige & Norm Nevins; "Luther's Catechism" led by Pastor David. All these classes meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. **Midweek Studies:** A Ladies Lunch Study meets every-other Wednesday at Noon in the FH Alpha Room, studying "Anything" by Jennie Allen (contact Kim Gibbs at [kimgibbs@ctesc.net](mailto:kimgibbs@ctesc.net) or Barbara George at [bdgeorge@beecreek.net](mailto:bdgeorge@beecreek.net) for more info). **Men's Breakfast Devotion** on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30am at Jalisco's Restaurant. **Men's Bible Study of Romans** every Thursday at 7am in the FH Alpha Room. And, "12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality: Powerful Lessons on Living Agelessly" led by Pastor David sharing some of his sabbatical learning on Wed. at 10am in the FH Alpha Room.

**A New Book Study** will begin Jan. 14 titled, "Before Amen" by Max Lucado meeting during the Adult SS hour. Cost is \$10 for the book. Pastor Bobby is leading.

**The Special Offering** for January is designated for **Funeral Meals**. HGLC conducts 30-40 member funerals per year. By providing a special offering for this fund, you support the families with food that is purchased and served on your behalf. Please use the small brown envelopes and give above and beyond your regular weekly tithes and offerings!

**Baptismal Droplets** are celebrated today for all those baptized in 2017.

**TEAM GATHERING:** Calling all teams for the New Year meeting on **Jan. 14 from Noon-2pm** to receive the revised 2018 activity calendar, offer brainstorming for fellow teams, receive some inspiration about "Being & Making Disciples," and enjoy some fellowship. A sausage meal will be served for \$5. Let's begin 2018 in a big way!

**The Christmas Tree & Seasonal Decorations** come down Sun., Jan. 7 at 1pm. If you'd like to help, please do! Visit with Ben Priem about details.

**Office Assistant!** Donna Reinke is now serving as the new office assistant on Thursdays, replacing Jennifer Juenke who has led in that role for the past year! Many thanks to Jennifer who has made a positive impact in the office, and best wishes in her Mary Kay pursuits!

**The Gillespie County Ministerial Alliance** will host a MLK observance on Mon., Jan 15 from noon-12:45pm at the Gillespie County Courthouse.

**Local Missions Team** is looking for volunteers for Jan 12-14 to assist in rebuilding efforts in Rockport, TX. Forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please turn forms into the office by January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The 2018 Council Officers:** Pres-Deanne Reyes; VP-Kathy Boos; Treas- Steve Olfers; Sect- Karen Nevins. The other council members are: Chuck Jenschke, Coy Akin, Trish Herrera, Mark Moellering, Carrie Culpepper, Greg Henricksen, Jerry Christensen & Corrine Jung. Pray for your leaders as they seek to guide HGLC in "Being & Making Disciples" in the most effective and faithful ways possible!

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**Kids4Christ** Fri, Jan 26, 6:30pm-8:30pm K-5th  
**Mother/Son Bowling** Sun, Jan 28 11:45am-2:30pm \$6 for bowling \$4 four lunch

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**Stewardship Verse for the Week:** *Psalm 37:21b The righteous are generous and keep giving.*

New Year's Eve Service Attendance: 38	
Weekend Attn: 334	General Offering: \$8,031.68
Sunday-School Attn: 53	Sunday-School Offering: \$23.00
Building/Property Fund Pledges/Gifts Received:	\$5,842.00
Special Offering:	LWR/World Hunger: \$298.00
	Funeral Fund: \$25.00



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**Epiphany Weekend**

**January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**6pm & 8am Worship Services**

Pastor Bobby Vitek

Pastor David Priem

Pastor Clint Pluenneke - Youth & Family

Daniel Hofmann - Minister of Children & Young Families

Kindernest Montessori Preschool: 830-997-8939

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**WE ARE CALLED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES - TO BE "G.R.A.C.E.D." PEOPLE OF GOD:**

**GO TO GOD IN PRAYER DAILY!**

**READ GOD'S WORD DAILY!**

**ATTEND WORSHIP REGULARLY!**

**CONNECT IN A STUDY OR SMALL GROUP!**

**ENGAGE IN SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY!**

**DEDICATE SELF TO THE TITHE AND BEYOND!**

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## 6pm and 8am Worship

### Ring the Bell, Welcome, & Announcements

#### Invocation & Confession of Sins

*L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. C: Amen!*

*L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen!**

*L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most Merciful God,*

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*L: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen!**

#### Sharing of the Peace

*L: The peace of the Lord be with you!*

**C: And also with you!**

#### Opening Hymn

**"Bright & Glorious is the Sky"**

**#75**

1. Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heaven above, beckon us to heaven above.

2. On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light; all the stars above were paling, all their luster slowly failing as the Christmas star drew nigh, as the Christmas star drew nigh.

3. Sages from the East afar, when they saw this wondrous star, went to find the King of nations and to offer their oblations unto Him as Lord and King, unto Him as Lord and King.

4. Him they found in Bethlehem, yet He wore no diadem; they but saw a maiden lowly with an infant pure and holy resting in her loving arms, resting in her loving arms.

*L: May the grace of God the compassion . . .*

**C: And also with you!**

*L: The Lord be with you!*

**C: And also with you!**

*L: Let us pray . . .*

**Prayer of the Day** *Almighty God, as we begin a new year, help us to be a new creation in Christ, living lives that reflect Your love and grace. You have gifted us with tremendous resources. Remind us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!*

### Children's Message

*(Prayer Cards Received)*

#### Gospel Song

**"Take My Life that I May Be"**

**#406**

4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

#### The Bible Reading

Matthew 6:1-4

(N.T. p. 5)

*"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

*L: The Word of the Lord!*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### Message

**"Resolutions from the Mount: Almsgiving"**

1. Motivated Giving

2. Humble Giving

3. True Rewards

#### Hymn of the Day

**"As With Gladness"**

**#82**

*(Tithes & Offerings Received)*

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before Thee, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at Thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

**Offering Prayer** *L: Merciful Father,*

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Baptismal Remembrance Celebration

*L: As the family of faith in Christ gathered in this place today, let us reject sin, death, and the devil as we state our faith in Christ Jesus. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all Satan's empty promises?*

**C: I do!**

*L: Do you believe in God, the Father?*

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

*L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*L: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?*

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

### Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer, & Blessing

#### Sending Hymn

**"Baptized in Water"**

**#693**

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now, God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King: one with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

#### Dismissal

*L: The worship is now ended,*

**C: And the service begins!**

*L: We leave to live out God's call:*

**C: To save the lost, and strengthen the saved!**

*L: May we go to Be and Make Disciples,*

**C: Blessing and teaching in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

*L: And remember, He is with you always,*

**C: Even till the end of time!**

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