

This Week (October 8 – October 15, 2017)

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday-School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Retreat
	12:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Team Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Woman of Faith General Meeting
Monday	1:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost & LWR Quilters
	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Guild
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	HG & LWR Quilters
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral Team Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Bells
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 p.m.	High School Bells
	5:45 p.m.	Grace Notes
	5:45 p.m.	Psalm 23 Class
	6:00 p.m.	Budget Team Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir/Fields of Faith @ FHS
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Community Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Lydia Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Katherine Luther Circle
	6:00 p.m.	GLS Community Followup
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Landscape Team Workday
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		Church Picnic / Ministry Fair
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday-School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	New Members Received
	12:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Town Meeting

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Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

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.

Hospitalized this week is Alton Klier, Jackie Demming, Clementine Greenburg, Paul Senff and Kenny Moellering.

The HGLC Hospice list includes: Jewel Lochte, 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, in memory of our Christian Mothers, Elsie Hengst and Lydia Clayton and also in recognition of our 66th Wedding Anniversary by Harvey and Nan Hengst.

500th Reformation Service is Oct. 29 at the High School Auditorium at 10:30am. Bethany, Zion, St. Paul, Cave Creek & Holy Ghost Churches are joining together to worship God on this historic date making the Lutheran anniversary! BBQ Chicken meal tickets are on sale until sold out due to limited seating in the Fellowship Hall. (HGLC will hold services on Sat., 6pm and Sun., 8am that day as well, for those who prefer those worship times).

A New Members Retreat is this Sun., Oct. 8 from Noon-3pm with new disciples received at the church picnic on Oct. 15. All are welcome to come and listen, ask questions, and discern.

The Fall Sermon Series is titled, "By Faith....." as the great chapter in Hebrews 11 is explored. This week's focus is "By Faith... Joseph...." as the subject of forgiveness is presented. Next week it is "By Faith...Noah..." deals with the subject of courage.

Adult Class Opportunities: Sunday-School is not just for kids! A study of Isaiah, Hebrews and Revelations will be led by either Alton Klier, Jim Paige or Norm Nevins. A new study began in June: God's Urgent Call and The Faithful Answered. (Sunday's 9:15am-FH). A Ladies Lunch Study, meets every-other Wednesday at Noon to 1ish in the FH Alpha Room. The next new study will begin on Oct 25 and is titled Anything by Jennie Allen. All Ladies Welcome! Feel free to bring your lunch! Contact: Kim Gibbs 456-7299 or kimgibbs@ctesc.net or Barbara George at bdgeorge@beecreek.net for more information. Men's Breakfast Devotion held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30am, a group meets for food, fellowship and devotion at Jalisco's Restaurant. Gil Becker leads a bible study of the Gospel of John. Join in on Sundays at 9:15a.m. A Psalm 23 Book Study meets from 5:45-6:45pm on Wednesday's in the Fellowship Hall. **A New Adult Class**, titled "Luther & The Reformation," begins Oct. 8 at 9:15am. A brief video with conversation is the format. The book, Luther, is also being read & is available for \$5.

The Special Offering for October is designated for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you for your generous heart of faith in sharing!

The Annual Church Picnic is Oct. 15 at the Fair Grounds. All the wonderful normal activities will take place: youth silent auction, historical presentation, SS fun, Bibles for 3 year olds, new members received, great food & fellowship! Thomas Michael Riley will provide the worship music! The theme is "Western" so dress accordingly. There will be a "hat contest."

This year the Ministry Fair will take place at the picnic, so people will have an opportunity to check out the various ministries who offer info tables & sign up to serve! All are asked to bring plates and utensils to save on the environment. And of course, bring a side dish and/or dessert to share with our new members and guests! The PTeam will be preparing the pork BBQ! It promises to be a great day of worship, fun, and faith!

The Strategic Planning Team will offer a "Town Meeting" on Sun., Oct 15 at 9:15am at the church picnic. Come, listen, ask questions, and pray as we seek God's direction for the vision and mission of HGLC!

Church Grounds Workday: Sat., Oct. 14, from 8am-Noon! Bring yard tools, gloves, and Advil!

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Church Picnic Sunday, October 15th, at the fairgrounds. Spirit Rally at 9:15am and then gather for worship at 10:30am! Make sure you wear your best western duds! *In effort to raise funds the youth is holding a Silent Auction at the Church Picnic on October 15th! Drop your donations off at the church office. For more information call Stacey

Moellering at 997-2723 or Karrie Klier at 997-5068.

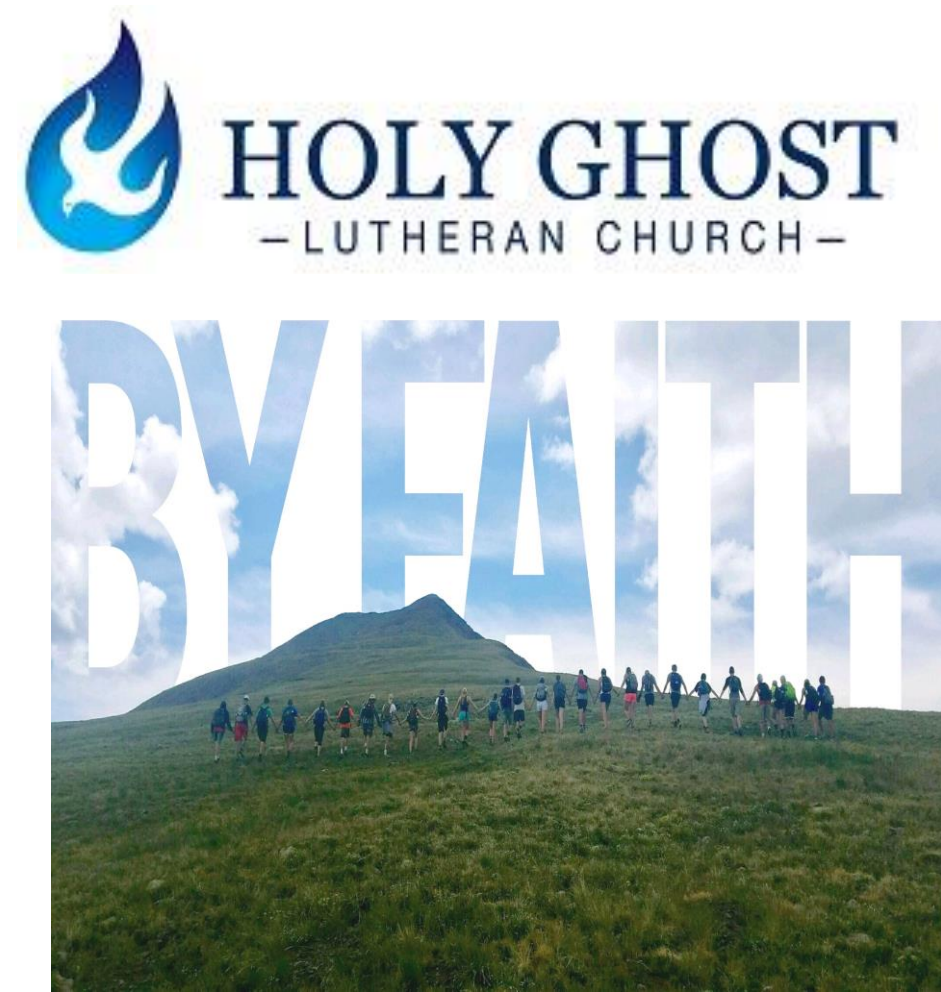
Family Pumpkin Party Friday, October 27, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Kids K-5th are welcome to come hang out in the youth room! Make sure you bring a pumpkin!

Operation Christmas Child all through October! We will be collecting **FULL** shoeboxes all month long in an effort to spread God's love all over the world! Please drop off your **FULL, UNWRAPPED** boxes at church.

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

Weekend Attn: 442	General Offering: \$14,670.50
Sunday School Attn: 165	Sunday School Offering: \$55.00
Building/Property Fund Pledges/Gifts Received:	\$2,000.00
Special Offering: Hurricane Relief Total:	\$10,948.72



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**Eighteenth Weekend after Pentecost
October 7th & October 8th, 2017
All 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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WORSHIP SERVICE With Communion

Ringing the Bell, Welcome, & Announcements

Invocation & Confession of Sins

L: Cleanse our hearts from sin

C: And make us pure within!

L: Good and loving God,

P: By Your Holy Spirit, convict my heart. I confess that I hold the things of this world too closely and do not share freely with others in need. At times I call bad things good, and justify my wrongful actions. I hold too tightly to the vices of this world & need Your freeing grace through the blood of Jesus. Forgive me for being selfish and help me to receive Your gracious invitation to live as the person that You created & redeemed me to be-- practicing love, generosity, forgiveness, and mercy; in Christ's name I pray. Amen.

L: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! God has had mercy on us and is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Christians, believe that God grants forgiveness of sin, strength in your weakness, and the power of the Holy Spirit to prevail! **C: Amen!**

Opening Song "Chief of Sinners" #306

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me, died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

3. Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart, peace that flows from sin forgiven, joy that lifts the soul to heaven, faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All-in-All to me; all my wants to Him are known, all my sorrows are His own. He sustains the hidden life safe with Him from earthly strife.

5. O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

The Greeting

L: The grace of God, the compassion of Christ,.....

C: And also with you!

Prayer of the Day: *Dear God, this forgiveness stuff is hard work. Help us to do the hard work, so that Your love might prevail, and broken relationships be restored. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Children's Message (Prayer Cards Received)

Gospel Song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #479

3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be Thou my Guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

The Bible Reading Genesis 50:15-21 (OT, Page 48)

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: The word of the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Message "Forgiveness Is A Process"

1. *Holding Grudges*
2. *Hard Work*
3. *Letting Go*

Song of the Day "Just as I Am, without One Plea" #296 (Tithes & Offerings Received)

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

Words for Holy Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution Reflective Music

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Sending Song "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" #721

1. "Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own."

2. "Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story, here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. "Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you, here My tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Announcements and 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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