



# The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

February 2019

Being & Making Disciples!

## The Language of Love

February begins with groundhogs, sometimes ends with Ashes (depending on when Lent starts), and always is filled in between with Love (Valentine's Day)! Love is such a misunderstood word. The Greek New Testament has four different words expounding upon the various aspects of love. This last fall your church staff spent some retreat time working through a small but powerful book entitled "**The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts**" by Gary Chapman ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)). While intended to be a guide for couples to strengthen marriages, it has much to say about human relationships and how we interact with one another. These love languages speak to how each of us is fed emotionally, each of us is different and unique in the ways that we are fed. Here is a summary of the Five Love Languages:

**Affirmation** - Actions don't always speak louder than words. Spontaneous compliments mean the world to you. Hearing the words "I love you" is important—hearing the reasons behind that love sends your spirits skyward. Insults can leave you shattered and are not easily forgotten. Ephesians 4:32, "*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*"

**Time** – In the modern speak of Quality Time, nothing says "I love you" like full, undivided attention. Being there for this type of person is critical, but really being there—with the TV off, fork or knife down, cell phone off or in your pocket, and chores on the standby—makes the other person feel truly special and loved. Distractions, postponed dates, or the failure to listen can be especially hurtful. 1 Corinthians 16:7, "*For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.*"

**Gifts** – Don't mistake this for materialism; the receiver of these gifts thrives on the love, thoughtfulness, and effort behind the gift. The perfect gift or gesture shows that you are known, cared for, and prized above whatever was sacrificed to bring the gift to you. A missed birthday, anniversary, or a hasty, thoughtless gift would be disastrous. Luke 6:38, "*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*"

**Service** – Can vacuuming the floors really be an expression of love? Absolutely! Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities weighing on an "Acts of Service" person will speak volumes. The words he or she most wants to hear: "Let me do that for you." Laziness, broken commitments, and making more work for them tells them their feelings don't matter. Mark 10:45, "*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*"

**Touch** – This language isn't all about the bedroom. A person whose primary language is Physical Touch is, not surprisingly, very touchy. Hugs, pats on the back, holding hands, and thoughtful touches on the arm, shoulder, or face—they can all be ways to show excitement, concern, care, and love. Physical presence and accessibility are crucial, while neglect or abuse can be unforgivable and destructive. Mark 10:13-14, "*And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.'*"

1 John 4:7 shares, "*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*" May we love one another as God has first loved us!

Love, Pastor David



**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH**

**The 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EPIPHANY TEA** was held on January 6, in the Fellowship Hall with 225 ladies, little Princesses, and young ladies of Holy Ghost and the community attending. Special thanks to all the ladies who furnished their china and decorations for the tables, provided food, and helped with set up, kitchen duties, and clean up. The assistance of all these ladies made this endeavor a great success. A special thank you to the men who assisted as well. A short devotion was given by Pastor Jan. Mark your calendar for next year, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you then.

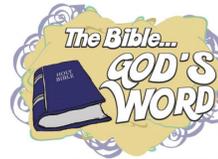
**SPRING GENERAL MEETING** will be held on February 24, at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Katherine Luther Circle will present the program, and the hostess will be the Lydia Circle.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH CARE KITS** – February is the month to collect items for our LWR health care kits. There will be a display of red hearts on an easel in the entry of the church with the items needed listed on the hearts. Each kit will consist of a 27x52 inch lightweight dark towel, 2 bars of soap (4-5 oz. each), adult toothbrush, one sturdy comb and one metal nail clipper (attached file optional). Please take as many hearts as you are able to provide. After the items have been purchased, bring them back to church and place them in the collection box by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRING GATHERING** – Please mark your calendar for March 16 for this special event. More information is coming.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Feb. 2 & 3 – Fair Trade Products Sale – Lydia Circle
- Feb. 11 – Evening Guild Meeting – 6:00pm-- Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 14 – Lydia Circle Meeting – 9:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 14 – Katherine Luther Circle – 1:00pm – Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 24 – Spring General Meeting – 2:00pm – Fellowship Hall— Program – Katherine Luther Circle; Hostess – Lydia Circle
- March 1 – World Day of Prayer – 10:00am – Zion Lutheran Church
- March 16 – South Texas Mission District Spring Gathering at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church



From the “R” Team—read your Bible daily! Every month should be the month of love, but February gets most of the credit. As you can imagine, the Bible has a lot to say about the topic of love! Here’s hoping that this month, and every month, is filled with love.

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| 1 Corinthians 16:14 | Proverbs 10:12 |
| 1 John 4:8          | Ephesians 5:25 |
| John 13:34-35       | Romans 12:9    |
| Colossians 3:14     | Luke 6:35      |
| 1 Peter 4:8         | 1 John 3:18    |
| Mark 12:29-31       | Romans 13:10   |
| Matthew 22:36-40    | Galatians 5:22 |
| 1 Corinthians 13:2  |                |



**Soup on Super Bowl Weekend!**

All are invited to bring as few as one can or up to a case of canned soup on Super Bowl weekend helping stock shelves at the FBG Food Pantry! Thank you for your warm heart of faith and doing so in Jesus’ name! Jesus says in Matthew 25, “I was hungry and you fed me.”

**LENTEN Devotional Booklets**

Lenten Devotional booklets will be distributed on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Prepare yourself for some great faith stories related to Psalm 121!



**DAILY DEVOTIONS ON FACEBOOK**

We are looking for at least one new team member for our Daily Devotions Facebook Team. We generally operate with a team of 6. However we have lost one member, so we are seeking at least one more person to join us.

What do we do?

We are one part of the R Team. Our goal is to encourage all to Read God’s Word Daily. We post a daily devotion each day on Facebook. Our devotions usually consist of, but are not limited to, a Bible verse and prayer.

When we have 6 team members, each team member posts a devotion on our Facebook page for two months out of the year, on a rotating schedule. We ask that the devotion be posted each morning for consistency. Facebook is great because it allows you the opportunity to schedule your devotion in advance if you will not be available for a day or a week when you are scheduled to post. We also have great team members who will fill in for you if needed.

We currently have 6,572 followers! If you are interested in joining our team, please let me know. Also, please feel free to share this request with anyone you know who may be interested. We can certainly operate with MORE than six team members.

Our team currently consists of Cindy Gallagher, Radonna Spies, Dawn Barron, Kim Jung, and me. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of us.

Thanks for considering!  
DeeDee Reyes  
(830) 456-9380



**Cross Wall Update**

The Cross Wall Committee met in November to update our Family and Memory Walls with new crosses. We also went through the books to make sure they matched the crosses we have acquired.

Please take time to view our beautiful cross walls, as well as the accompanying books, whenever you are in the Fellowship Hall. The committee wants you to know that cross name plates are available for purchase at the church office for \$7.00 all year around. Also, crosses may be brought by the office at any time. However, we plan to have a sale of name plates for crosses this coming spring. More

**2019 Ministry Opportunity Brochures**

The brochures are available in the church office, so please feel free to stop by and pick up your copy. Read through these areas of service, and if the Holy Spirit nudges you to serve in a certain area, please call the contact person or the church office to get involved!



**February is Heart Month**

Here are a few Heart Healthy events that you could take part in:

**Cardiac Support Group** meets monthly at Hill Country Memorial Hospital the first Thursday of each month. A heart healthy lunch is provided by the hospital, and Dr. Kevin Gallagher speaks on a heart-related topic followed by questions and discussion from those in attendance. RSVP to 830-997-1358.

Sign up to receive information about heart health tips, preventive screenings and recipes at [hcmhearts.org](http://hcmhearts.org)

**Walk Across Texas** program will take place between 2/18/19-4/14/2019. Consider creating or joining a team of 8 to help you stay motivated to “Keep Moving.” Visit the website and register today: [walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu](http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu) or contact the Gillespie County Extension Office: 830-997-3452.

The Health Care Team wishes you to keep a Happy and Healthy Heart!

*Worship*  
SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY**

*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!”***

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP THEMES**

**February Sermon Series:** The New Year sermon series continues with “*The Great Physician*” with messages about various areas of the human need for healing!

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 2 & 3:** Our healing series continues as we broach the subject of Spiritual Healing. Philippians 4:4-9 is our focus on St. Paul, through all of the trials and struggles he faced, shares the secret of Spiritual Healing which is—The Peace of God!

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 9 & 10:** “Healing in Our Marriages” is the topic for this weekend as Valentine’s Day approaches! What relationship doesn’t need some level of strengthening, hope, encouragement, and coaching as it journeys through the years? Honestly, all do—some are more urgent than others, but all marriages can use some outside direction and support. God’s Word offers a medicine kit of love, but it’s not the romantic type! Holy Communion is served for this Valentine’s meal!

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 16 & 17:** “Two Types of Healing” is the subject for the weekend. One kind is *physical* which most all of us pray for initially. The other is *eternal* which many of us turn to when the physical is not to be. Either way, God is the Great Physician, and thanks be to God!

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 23 & 24:** The message this weekend is “Healing from our Worries.” A church blooper once stated: “Don’t let worry kill you, let the church help!” In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus shares a prescription to help us alleviate worry so that it doesn’t kill us!

**Worship Formats in February**

	Sat., 6pm	Sun., 8am	Sun., 10:30am
Feb. 2 & 3	Informal/piano	Traditional/organ	Semi-traditional/piano
Feb. 9 & 10	Informal/organ	Traditional/piano	Semi-traditional/piano
Feb. 16 & 17	Informal/piano	Traditional/organ	Praise Service
Feb. 23 & 24	Informal/organ	Traditional/organ	Semi-traditional/organ

**February Special Offering**



The Refuge is a safe place and temporary home for girls and women who have been recovered from sex trafficking rings. The number of persons trapped in this horrible situation is staggering, and authorities report that it even exists in Gillespie County. The Stewardship Team has designated this special place of healing which is located near Bastrop, Texas as the target for the February special offering. Please give prayerfully, generously, and in Jesus’ name. Thank you!

**Calendar**

**Church Website**

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

**Altar Guild:**

**February:** Donna Reese, Debra Duecker, Linda Kneese, Teresa Schneider  
**March:** Barbara Grona, Helen Scroggs, Laverne Boos, Pamela Meyer, Kay Pressler

**Women of Faith Study Leaders:**

<u>Circles</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Evening Guild	Royce Ann Baethge	Roselee Lochte
Lydia Circle	Emmie Burrer	Windy Duecker
Katherine Luther	Marti Jennings	Sue Gustin

**Nursing Home Comm.: February**

Wednesday, 2-6	9:30am	Knopp Assisted
Wednesday, 2-6	10:00am	Knopp #2
Thursday, 2-7	9:30am	Heritage Place
Thursday, 2-7	10:00am	Celeste Care
Wednesday, 2-13	9:30am	Windcrest
Wednesday, 2-13	10:30am	Fredericksburg
Thursday, 2-14	9:30am	Knopp Retirement
Thursday, 2-14	10:30am	Knopp #1



**Birthdays:**

2/8/1927 Cliftine Solbrig  
 2/10/1926 Charles Dahlstrom



**Anniversaries:**

2/8/1964 Temple & Gloria Klett  
 2/12/1956 Rudy & Betty Olfers

(If we missed your 90+ birthday or 50+ anniversary, please call the church office, 997-2288.)

**Pastoral Acts:**

**Funerals:**

1/4/2019 Loreen Nebgen



**Holy Ghost Financial Report:**

Gen. Fund Balance, December 1, 2018: \$86,421.27  
 December Receipts: \$130,943.07  
 December Expenses: -\$91,357.37  
 Gen. Fund Balance, December 31, 2018: \$126,006.97

**Special Offerings For December:**

Kindernest	\$10.00
Mexico Mission:	\$2,670.60
LWR-World Hunger:	\$201.00

**Financial Barometer:**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>+/-</u>
December	\$130,943.07	-\$91,357.37	\$39,585.70
YTD	\$916,010.32	-\$825,003.35	\$91,006.97

**Creek Street Property Fund:**

Dedicated Fund Balance, December 1, 2018: \$19,342.33  
 Receipts: \$15,653.00  
 Expenses: -\$19,995.33  
 Balance December 31, 2018: \$15,000.00

**Creek Street Property Loan:**

Loan Balance, December 31, 2018 \$593,609.90

**Offerings by Week/General Fund:**

Monday, December 03, 2018	\$18,891.00
Monday, December 10, 2018	\$19,186.00
Monday, December 17, 2018	\$30,337.00
Monday, December 31, 2018	\$10,319.00
December 2018 Total:	\$129,797.04

Thank you for your faithful gifts and presence!

**Life Care Ministry Opportunities**

**Private counseling sessions** are available at Pastor Rick's office by appointment.  
 Call (830) 370-9237

Feeding John Program



**Feeding John**

Feeding John will be February 24th. Please contact Sandy Birdleough with questions at 998-4504.

**Council Report**  
**January 21, 2019**

1. President Kathy Boos called the meeting to order at 6pm with Greg Henricksen giving the devotion on "D"- *'Dedicate yourself to the tithe and beyond.'*
2. Christmas Eve worship attendance was celebrated with 1,242 souls being present!
3. Extra Benevolence of \$8,362, the 12% commitment HGLC has made to ministries beyond ourselves, was distributed: \$2K to the Refuge in Bastrop (sex trafficking recovery home); \$2K to Living Well College in FBG; \$2K to the Wounded Warriors of Nebo; and \$2,362 to the Oromo Lutheran Church in Houston.
4. Established the agenda for the congregational meeting on Feb. 17.
5. Named the Holy Ghost trust funds that will be voted on by congregation at the bi-annual meeting to be dispersed by percentage votes to: Fields of Faith- Local; KLOVE Christian Radio-Regional; and Commissions Expeditions- Global.
6. Discussed the upcoming overnight council retreat. The theme is: *"Responding to Change as a Church in a Community, Nation and World of Change!"*
7. The new Kitchen Team job description was presented.
8. The Mexico mission trip and youth ACTS retreat were celebrated!
9. Additional bids for 2019 church property and liability insurance premiums are being researched.
10. Pastor Clint's upcoming sabbatical will begin after the first week in May and end after the first week in August.
11. The meeting ended at 8:30pm with the group's praying for the joys and concerns of the church and community.

**New Kitchen Team**

A kitchen team has been created to help manage and oversee the workings of the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Laverne Boos, Sharon Johnson, and Judy Nardini are the point persons for this task which will primarily include: keeping inventory of food, paper products, utensils, and equipment; ordering needed items through the church office; maintaining the health standards that are required of a commercial kitchen; training persons on use of the equipment when need be; cleaning the equipment on a scheduled basis; and periodically de-cluttering the space. If you have any questions about the function of this new team, visit with one of the leaders or the church office.



**February Bi-Annual**  
**Congregational Meeting**

The congregation will gather on Sunday, February 17th at 11:30am to receive annual reports from all ministry teams, groups, and organizations! Other business will include sharing about the building program, Pastor Clint's upcoming sabbatical, and a ratification of the endowment charter amendment.

All confirmed members of the church are voting members of the church. All others are welcome to attend the meeting, listen, and have a voice.





**Adult Class Opportunities**

**G.R.A.C.E.D!**  
**The “C” means “Connect in a Study or Small Group!”**

**Sunday Morning Opportunities: (9:15am)**

**God’s World & God’s People:** A study based on Genesis is led by Jim Paige and Norm Nevins.

**The Book of Proverbs:** Proverbs is one of the Old Testament books filled with Wisdom Literature, much of which is attributed to King Solomon. Some proverbs provide “common sense” that is still valuable for us today, while other proverbs challenge us in our sin. The class is led by Pastor David.

**Midweek Studies:**

**Ladies’ Lunch Study:** This group meets Wednesdays from noon-1ish in the FH Alpha Room. The study is Beth Moore’s Esther: It’s Tough Being a Woman. All ladies are welcome and feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, call/text Kim Gibbs at (830) 456-7299 or Barbara George at bdgeorge@beecreek.net.

**Extra Books of the Bible:** This class is led by Pastor David and meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the FH.

**Men’s Community Bible Study:** This group meets every Thursday at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**HolyMark Cardmakers**

We are meeting the first and third Thursdays of the month, February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon to share lunch and make cards. Newcomers are welcome, and if you have never made a handmade greeting card before, we will show you how easy it is. We meet in the Alpha Room. Bring a few dollars to defray the cost of pizza.

**New Book Study Beginning Soon!**

*“Celebration of Discipline”* is the title of the book by Richard Foster that Pastor Bobby will lead beginning February 10. Content covers twelve spiritual disciplines Christians can practice to strengthen their relationships with God. A typical Christian generally utilizes just three or four of the Biblical disciplines offered, so the goal is to broaden the bandwidth that is available to foster a relationship with Christ! With Lent beginning in March this year, this read is a more in-depth study for our faith development, so it will challenge our faith—but that’s exactly what some of us need! The book cost is \$10 at the church office while the limited supply lasts, or you can order your copy from Amazon or your favorite vendor.

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 Daniel Hofmann, Minister of Children & Young Families

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 June Woerner, Finance Secretary  
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 Marti Jennings, Ministry Facilitator  
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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 is the childcare provider. Penny Ersch also coordinates the volunteers.

### MINISTRY TEAMS:

Barnabas Team	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
Building Comm.	David Bullion	830-998-1889
"C" Team Contact	Laverne Boos	997-5759
	Sharon Johnson	
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
Global Leadership Summit	Kim Gibbs	456-7299
Health Care Team	Carla Herbig	992-1865
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	997-7945
Holy Ghost Quilters	Sharon Kott	406-580-5129
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Lester Frantzen	997-4985
Kinderneest Team	Donna Reese	210-355-6971
	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	Donald Pressler	830-329-3603
Passion of Christ		
Property Team	Greg Henricksen	990-8138
Prayer Team	Laverne Cuddy	456-0782
"R" Team	Mary Beth Bauer	864-4201
Resource Mgmt.	Janie Trantham	990-9675
Stewardship Team	Jason Helfrich	998-7937
Tele-Buddy Ministry	Marti Jennings	990-1618
Worship Decorating	Yvonne Holleman	830-928-3662

### 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
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	Deanne Moellering	990-8410

### GROUPS:

Church Council Pres.	Kathy Boos	456-7218
Men in Mission	Harvey Hengst	997-9921
Sunday School Supt.	Leah Strackbein	(210) 535-3658
Women of Faith	Carol Feuge	997-3071
Women of Faith	Polly Zenner	997-5701
Youth Group	Molly Pluenneke	



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