



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
February 2023
Being & Making Disciples



Don't Give Up Lent for Lent!

The 2023 Lenten theme is titled, "Experiencing God" and it promises to be a dandy one! It is based on a Bible study, written by a Baptist pastor named Henry Blackaby, that we have offered at Holy Ghost Church over the years and may need to do so again as a follow-up to post-Lent!

Mid-week and Sunday services will follow the same theme focusing on the various sub-themes of Blackaby's suggestions that:

- 1- God is always at work,
- 2- God seeks a loving relationship with humans,
- 3- God invites humans to participate in His work,
- 4- God truly communicates with us,
- 5- A crisis of belief generally occurs if we join God in His work,
- 6- The Holy Spirit leads us to adjust our lives as we join in God's work, and
- 7- As we obey the Spirit, we "Experience God."

It's an interesting process and for those of us who have participated in the study, Blackaby has a lot of Lutheran in him!

Mid-week services will be offered at 11am & 6:30pm beginning February 22. Easter this year is Sunday, April 9, so there are eight mid-week worships and six weekend worships that will carry this theme. Services will be traditional worships with special music offered for all mid-week evening times and choirs singing at many of the weekend opportunities.

The popular Lenten devotional booklets will again be offered this year with many of you providing the faith content. Yard crosses and Lenten wristbands are part of the seasonal observance again, as well. Invite particularly your under-churched friends and family to Lent 2023 so that they too may "Experience God" in this fashion.

We look forward to a journey through this season which builds toward Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and of course, the Easter resurrection! We hope to see you in worship!
Amen? Amen!

+Pastor Bobby

ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent



thank you

The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Board would like to thank everyone that donated their time or supported us financially with a donation or a bequest.

We would like to also recognize and say thank you to our retiring members Carey Bonn, Laverne Boss and Arleen Crenwelge for their many years of service.

The family of Kermit Eckert is so thankful for our loving and caring God who walked and guided us throughout Kermit's many years of struggling with multiple sclerosis. Our heartfelt thanks to the Pastoral Staff of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church for the exceptional pastoral care, the Feeding John Program, Bernice Basse (organist) and Harvey Kengst at the funeral, also for the funeral meal and the servers, and all the flowers, memorials, food, calls, cards, visits and prayers. We are so very grateful to our church family for helping in so many other ways throughout the journey!

May God bless all of you!!

Florence Eckert and Family



The Christmas Day Dinner Report:

We celebrated 360 guests that were served on December 25th. Thanks to the planning team that put the event together for the fifth year and for the 50+ persons who gave their Christmas Day to offer this for the community and Holy Ghosters who otherwise might have been alone on this holy day. A special thanks to H.E.B. for the many food donations and the new partnership that is being formed for this event. We look forward to next year! It was a "Merry Christmas!"

Building Program



The Building Program is ever closer to beginning. Bids are being received and decisions with respect to contractors will soon be made. Anticipate a forward moving report at the bi-annual meeting on Feb. 26. In the meantime, please continue to contribute to the Capital Campaign Fund for this big and important project!

Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon

The Annual Valentine's Day Luncheon for Widows & Widowers is Tue., Feb. 14 at noon! All Holy Ghosters, as well as anyone in the community, are welcome to this 5 year old tradition of gathering on this day to celebrate God's love to us! A home cooked meal prepared by the C-Team as well is provided FREE of charge, a devotional offered, and some door prizes shared as the gathering is about fellowship, remembering, and being together on this traditional day of LOVE!

Honored guests may bring a guest, and please RSVP by Wed., Feb. 8 so an accurate meal count is made.



SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is an electronic way of sharing your tithes and offerings with the church. It is sponsored by THRIVENT Financial Services and is free to you, the giver. If you'd like to set up an account whereby your weekly or monthly gifts are automatically transferred from your bank account to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, please visit with June Woerner, 830-997-2288.



\$\$ THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS ADD UP! \$\$

Some Thrivent Financial Services members are able to designate "fraternal" dollars to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Kinderneest Preschool, or a number of other non-profits that may be close to their heart. Please check with Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to inquire if you qualify and to designate funds to the organization of your "Choice!"

AVENUES FOR CHURCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

1. Use the envelope system you receive in the mail. One is for the general fund which supports budgeted ministries and the other supports the Capital Campaign building program, Phase One!
2. Set up payments online with your bank (one time or recurring payments).
3. Set up payments through Realm/Vanco to use your credit card or your bank account for your gifts. If you have access to your personal account through the HGLC office software which is called "Realm," you can do this. If you do not have access to your personal account in Realm, please call the office and speak with Shanese or June who will gladly walk you through the process. Once you receive the invitation and respond to the email, you will be able to manage your giving on your Realm account with Vanco. It's simple and easy!
4. Go to the church website holyghostfbg.org, click on the Donate button at the top right of the page, and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support and commitments for the mission and ministry of the church!

Worship SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

"Come, let us worship the Lord!"

FEBRUARY WORSHIP THEMES

Messages in February: The sermon series for the next few weeks is titled, "God Sightings" (Feb. 5-19) as the various ways in which God revealed Himself to the Bible people are shared.

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 4 & 5: Our God Sighting Sermon Series continues with Jesus' first miracle in John's Gospel, at the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee. He made Himself known when He turned the water into wine to bring joy to a wedding celebration.

Sat. & Sun., February 11 & 12: "God Sightings: Lazarus, Come Forth!" John 11:32-44 Our focus this weekend will be on 1) The compassion of Jesus, 2) The righteous anger of Jesus (he is angry at death!), and 3) The power of the Word of God made flesh.

Sat. & Sun., February 18 & 19: "God Sightings: Jesus on the Cross", Luke 23:32-47 The world-transforming power of Jesus results in the transformation of the heart of the thief on the cross and then nature itself responds to the death of the Savior of the world as darkness covers the land! How great is our God!

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22: "Experiencing God" is the Lenten theme as Ash Wednesday will focus on how we experience God once redeemed sinners return to the dust from which God created us! We can only imagine what it will be like! Holy Communion is served and ashes are distributed as we remember our mortality and God's promise beyond the grave!

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 25 & 26: "Experiencing God's Love" is the message for the weekend as we hear God's promise of promises from John 3:16—"for God so loved the world (you), that He gave His only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life!" This kind of love (agape) is unconditional as God's Son gives His life for our sins and salvation. Communion is served!

ASHES-TO-GO will be available in drive through form on Wednesday, February 22 from 7-8am. Breakfast tacos and coffee/juice will not be on this year's menu because it's also a great day to fast! Start your Lenten journey with ashes that remind us we were created from dust, "and to dust we shall return."

Holy Communion in February:

Holy Communion in February will be on the weekends of the 11th & 12th and the 25th & 26th.



All Worship!

ALL Worship services, including the midweek services, are posted on the HGLC FaceBook and YouTube sites. You DO NOT have to be on FaceBook to watch the services.

Praise Services for February 2023:

Praise services will be on Feb. 5, 12 & 19 at 10:30am.



AA: Alcoholics Anonymous

Three support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. One on Mondays at 5:30pm and the others on Thursdays at 6pm & 8pm in the parsonage by the church. HGLC supports those in recovery!

February Special Offerings:

The Regular Sunday Special Offering for February is designated for "Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery." The three Lutheran churches in town (Bethany, Zion & Holy Ghost) as joint owners seek to improve the grounds, better maintain the historical site, and honor those who have been placed there. Please use the small brown envelopes and mark it with a "C." Please also give above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to the church programs.

Lenten Special Offering: One-half of mid-week Lenten offering will again be "given away" as part of the congregation's remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. It's our way of honoring Him who gave His all for sinners! At the December Congregational meeting, the church decided that one-half of the 2023 mid-week Lenten offering would be given away: half to the local Grace Center (safe house from domestic violence) and half to the North America Lutheran Church "Today, Tomorrow, and Forever" project. This does not apply for weekend offerings, brown envelope offering, dedicated gifts, or special gifts that come to the church. This is a step-in faith as we trust that God will provide for our every need as a congregation as we entrust these gifts for the mission of the church outside ourselves and beyond our regular benevolence commitments!

HGLC Radio Broadcast

HGLC radio broadcast is aired weekly on Sundays on KNAF 910AM at 10 o'clock am.





COUNCIL NOTES
January 16, 2023

1. Pastor Bobby led the opening devotion titled, "Happy New YOU!"
2. Amanda Stevens was the special guest who led the council in reviewing the proposed "Gift Acceptance Policy" which will be voted on at the next council meeting and then shared with the congregation.
3. In listening to the comments at the December bi-annual meeting about office staff salary being a bit low, the Council with the input of the Compensation & Benefits Team, will propose an additional 2% increase for office support staff at the February bi-annual meeting, providing those staff positions a total of a 7% raise over 2022.
4. The loan for the building program was secured with First United Bank at an interest rate of 6%. No funds will be drawn until needed and no interest will be charged until funds are drawn.
5. The council will retreat to Camp Ebert near Harper on Jan. 20-21 for their extended planning time.
6. The Grace Center, Hill Country Youth Ranch, and the Refuge will be the recipients of the Anniversary Fund Interest voted on by the congregation at the bi-annual meeting on Feb. 26.
7. The Investment Team's proposal that the 2022 Endowment Fund Interest distribution totaling \$6,921.81 be shared among the Boys & Girls Club, Heart of the Hills Mom Center, Living Well Learning Center, Veterans Now, and the Good Samaritan Center (see annual report for divided shares).
8. Income over expenses for 2022 was \$28,871.55. Thanks be to God!
9. The Epiphany Tea reported 218 in attendance and the Cowboy Breakfast had 88.
10. A pilot program titled, ALPHA will begin in late January with 10-12 persons led by Pastor Steve. The goal is to see if this study might be a good fit for HGLC.
11. The meeting closed at 8pm with Pastor David offering prayer for the community, individuals and church.

The 2023 Church Council Includes

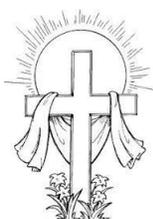
Craig Sander, Cheryl Sione, Teresa Ganis, Nick Thompson, Bruce Christian, Laurie Bristol, Ron Rickerhauser, Don Reinke, Nancy Lochte, Todd Weiss, Jeff Boyd, and Hiram Lucius.

Please pray for your leaders!

The Congregational Bi-Annual Meeting

is Sun., Feb. 26 at 11:30am.

LENTEN YARD CROSSES which will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and placed in yards during the season of Lent are to be turned around on Easter Sunday to where the words: "Christ is Risen" appear! Thanks to the Men in Mission for their faith work in this project which points to Christ all over the county!



P-TEAM SCHOLARSHIP
for
GRADUATING SENIORS-2023

The P Team of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church will be offering scholarships to high school seniors who will be graduating in 2023 who plan to further their education. The P Team will be awarding two (2) \$500 scholarships to 2023 graduates. The application forms will be available at the church office, online at <https://holyghostfbg.org/> and on the Holy Ghost Facebook page starting February 3, 2023. The deadline to turn in the applications will be March 24, 2023 at the church office. The scholarships are available to any graduating senior who is a member of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, regardless of which high school is attended.

THANK YOU, HOLY GHOSTERS!! A HUGE "Thank You" was extended to all of our pastors, members and most especially the funeral hosts and kitchen team from visitor, Cheryl Ryan. Ms. Ryan attended a funeral at HGLC and was so impressed with the worship service and the meal at the Fellowship Hall. She wanted to thank everyone for the kindness extended that day. She also picked up a Portals of Prayer Devotional and mentioned what a daily blessing that has been to her! She wanted everyone to know that their kindness was very much appreciated!!



THE SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BAR

The Breakfast Bar is open and ready to serve from 8:30am-9:25am in the Alpha Room of the Fellowship Hall. Free will donations accepted.



Prayer Requests may be sent anytime via text to the church cell phone at 830-383-0249.



Experiencing God, the 2023 Lenten Devotional Booklets written by the Holy Ghost Family of Faith, will be available as you exit church starting the weekend of February 18-19. If you are unable to pick up a copy, please contact the church office at 830-997-2288 to have a copy mailed to you. We hope you'll enjoy reading these personal insights as we turn our focus to the Lenten season.

HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

The 25th EPIPHANY TEA was held January 9, 2023 at 9:00am at the Fellowship Hall with 218 ladies, young ladies and little princesses of Holy Ghost and community attending. Special thanks to all the ladies who furnished their china and decorations for the tables, 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 8th. Hope to see you then.

SPRING GENERAL MEETING will be held February 19, 2023, at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held March 3 at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Make plans to attend now. This is usually a very uplifting experience.

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 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 15th.

We have been blessed with lots of material for quilts. If you are interested in helping, the LWR quilters, they meet Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to noon. The hand quilters meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 9	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 9	Katherine Luther Meeting	11:00am	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 13	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 19	Spring General Meeting	2:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Mar. 3	World Day of Prayer	10:00am	Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Global Leadership Summit 2023

will be held on August 3 & 4 at the FISS auditorium. Check out this rate schedule below for HGLC members. Sign up by going to and using the code: **23PHSHOST** for regular attendees. Others such as nurses, military, students and first responders, please contact Pastor Bobby for special discount codes.



Holy Ghost Host Site Rate Deadline

Super Early Bird 3/31/23	Rate
Early Bird 6/14/23	\$139
Regular Rate 8/4/23	\$159
Nurses, Military, Students, 1 st Respds - No deadline	\$179
	\$99

Happy New Year HGLC!

Thank you so much to all who donated to our Kindernest Teacher Appreciation fund! These funds help uplift and treat our amazing staff with lunches, coffee runs, and snacks! Our teachers go above and beyond for our students and families, and we are incredibly blessed with the team we have at Kindernest! Thank you so much for blessing us! As we leap into February, Kindernest kiddos are ready for Valentine's Day! We're ready to enjoy parties, heart-shaped treats, and sweet valentines from our friends! Wishing you all a wonderful Valentine's Day! <3



In His Service,
Annisa Alonzo



African Children's Choir: Coming SOON!

Come join the **African Children's Choir** as they perform in our community during their US Tour! The Choir will be performing at our church on **Friday, March 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm**. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert.

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The "Just As I Am" tour combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a stunning visual story of God's faithfulness. Nearly every performance is concluded with a thunderous standing ovation! In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining.

The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute. The African Children's Choir has been Music for Life's major international program during its 34-year history. Music for Life (MFL) has relief and development programs in seven African countries. MFL has currently educated over 52,000 children and hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by their international relief and development programs. Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive worship experience through song, dance and video storytelling!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm:</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>PRINT Newsletter</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Newsletter:</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Ecclesiastes Bible Study</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9am - Joyful Noise Practice</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Praise(JN)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:30am - Spouses Caring Support</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Newsletter News Due</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Spouses Caring</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha</p> <p>5:30pm - Ecclesiastes Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>7pm - Javier: Music Practice</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30am - Holy Mark Card Makers</p> <p>6:30pm - Father-Daughter Dance</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
<p>12</p> <p>SOUPER BOWL/SUPER BOWL</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm/Praise</p> <p>12:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch @</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8am - Band of Brothers</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNest Devo.</p> <p>12pm - Heart of a Valentine Dinner</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p> <p>6pm - Bamabas Ministry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>4pm - Wrapped In Love</p> <p>5:30pm - Ecclesiastes Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - God Squad Small Group</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm - Friday Night Live</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Lantern Devo's Handed Out</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Lantern Devo's Handed Out</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School: Burning</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Praise (HOW)</p> <p>2pm - WOF Spring General Mtg.</p> <p>6pm - Youth Valentine Dinner</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p> <p>6pm - Pancake Super Fundraiser</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ASH Wednesday</p> <p>7am - Ashes-To-Go</p> <p>11am - Ash Wednesday Worship</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Feeding John</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>11:30am - Congregational</p> <p>12:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch @</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Allan Williams Small Group</p> <p>6pm - Men In Mission</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PRINT Newsletter</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Newsletter:</p> <p>11am - Lent Worship</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>6:30pm - Lent Worship</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>African Children's Choir on campus</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am - World Day of Prayer:</p> <p>7pm - African Children's Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>

FEBRUARY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Feb. 4	6:00pm	Ron Cheryl	Dawn, Stuart & Gus Barron	Stephen Bauer		Kimberly Bauer		
Feb. 5	8:00am	Nick Bruce	Jerry Gross Garret, Valerie, Brady & Brooks Bonn	Gil Becker		McKenzie Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Jeff Nick	Shyla Kallbacher Chris, Tricia, Emmitt, Rhett & William Ayala	Rhonda Eckert		Linda Adams		
Feb. 11	6:00pm	Ron Cheryl	Steven, Amy & Ava Stuewe	Pastor Alan Williams	Stephen & Mary Beth Bauer Alan Williams	Kimberly Bauer		
Feb. 12	8:00am	Nick Bruce	Jerry Gross GrossGarret, Valerie, Brady & Brooks Bonn	Gema Thiele	Robert & Bobbie Bourquein	Megan Blizzard	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Jeff Nick	Shyla Kallbacher, Laverne & Ron Cuddy	Kaden Montgomery	Kay Pressler Suzanne Christian	James Qualben		
Feb. 18	6:00pm	Nick Ron	Stuart, Dawn & Gus Barron Skip & Becky Preble	Lois Weidenfeller		Johnna Alberthal		
Feb. 19	8:00am	Cheryl Nick	Luana & Ricky Priess Garret, Valerie, Brady & Brooks Bonn	Mandy Herber		Luke Moellering	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Bruce Jeff	Laverne & Ron Cuddy	Karen Nevins		Paul Seidensticker		
Feb. 22	11:00am	Nick Ron	Fred & Judy Nardini		Sue Gustin Laverne Cuddy			
(Ash Wednesday)	6:30pm	Jeff Laurie	Ricky & Luana Priess, Jerry Gross Stuart, Dawn & Gus Barron		Mike & Sandy Birdleough	Linda Adams		
Feb. 25	6:00pm	Nancy Ron	Luana & Ricky Priess Stuart, Dawn & Gus Barron	Roxann Sagebiel		Johnna Alberthal		
Feb. 26	8:00am	Cheryl Nick	Garret, Valerie, Brady & Brooks Bonn	Gema Thiele	Larry & Charlotte Taylor	Megan Blizzard	Paul Uger	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Bruce Jeff	Jerry Gross, Chris, Tricia, Emmitt, Rhett & William Ayala	Kaden Montgomery	Danny & Sandy Poole	James Qualben		

Crucifier: Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Acolytes: Carter Cathey
Jace Helfrich
Jake Stehling

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Truitt Stuewe & Aiden Staudt
Sunday 8:00am - Gema Thiele & Isabelle Mendez
Sunday 10:30am - Rayann Sagebiel & Kaden Montgomery

CONFIRMATION

ALTAR GUILD:

February: Donna Rees Debra Duecker
 Linda Kneese Teresa Schneider
Robes: Karen Grona

March: Barbara Grona Helen Scroggs
 Laverne Boos Pamala Meyer
 Kay Pressler
Robes: Ingrid Fairchild

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

Circles	February	March
Evening Guild	Helen Usener	Carol Feuge
Lydia Circle	Emmie Burrer	JoAnn Durst
Katherine Luther	Polly Zenner	Francine Richter

NURSING HOME COMM.: FEBRUARY - ZION

First Wednesdays

02/01/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
02/01/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

02/02/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
02/02/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

02/08/2023	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
02/08/2023	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

02/09/2023	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
02/09/2023	Knopp #1	10:30 am



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

02/23/1933	Alice Behrends
02/24/1933	Gladys Ottmers

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

02/08/1964	Temple & Jeannie Klett
02/12/1956	Rudy & Betty Olfers

CONTACT INFO NOTE

If your address, email, or cell phone contact information changes, please let the church office know. 830-997-2288.

JANUARY PASTORAL ACTS



Baptisms:	Emery Grace Smith	1.29.23
Funerals:	Kermit E. A. Eckert	1.7.23
	Kristi Ellen Saenger	1.21.23

In Our Prayers, "We rejoice with those who rejoice, and we mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12:15)

Hospitalizations:

Leroy Jung
 Helen Balcar
 Jeanette Schneider
 Audrey Grona
 Debbie Akin



Sympathies to the Families of:

Kermit Eckert
 Kristi Saenger

Hospice List:

Stanley Feller & Tommie Gross

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HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

Gen Fund Balance, December 1, 2022	\$39,685.75	
Receipts	\$134,156.32	
Expenses	-\$109,970.52	
General Fund Balance December 31, 2022	\$63,871.55	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR December 2022		
World Hunger	\$2,775.00	
FINANCIAL BAROMETER		
Income	Expenses	
December 2022	\$134,156.32	-\$109,970.52
Year-To-Date	\$932,649.23	-\$903,777.68
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund		
Dedicated Fund Balance December 1, 2022	\$954,519.51	
Receipts this month	\$193,430.88	
Expenses	-\$24,989.00	
Balance December 31, 2022	\$1,122,961.39	
Offerings General Fund December 2022	\$133,538.38	

GOT DEER? Update – If anyone plans to donate venison, please contact Mark Gibbs at 830-456-7127 so we can plan accordingly. HGLC volunteers and Boos Quality Deer Processing hope to process any donated deer meat **in early February**. All processed meat will be donated to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. Thanks and call with any questions. There is no cost to the meat donor – we just ask you to debone the meat and place it in one or two-gallon size freezer bags. (Free two-gallon bags now available at church for this effort.) Contact Mark Gibbs at 830-456-7127 or

8 markgibbs2011@yahoo.com if you need more information or freezer bags, have meat ready to donate, or are interested in helping with the final processing/packaging effort at Boos.

Thank you and let's feed the hungry!





Cancer Support Group

If cancer has been a part of your life, either currently or in the past, as a patient or a caregiver, please join us for fellowship, devotions, speakers, and discussions the 2nd Wednesday of each month. This month we will meet on **February 8** at **5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Guests are

welcome. For more information, call Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

Widow's Might

Widows who are seeking direction, purpose, and hope in this season of life are invited to join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the parsonage next door to the church (former Priem residence). This month the meetings will be February 8 & 22. We strive to find new joy, embrace challenges and support each other. We are currently studying Joyce Meyer's *Do it Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear*. For more info, contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

SPOUSES CARING!!!

Are you caring for your spouse who has health or cognitive issues? Husbands and wives who are fulfilling the role of caretaker for their spouses are invited to share in fellowship and a devotion led by Pastor Steve on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. Our next meeting will be **February 8th**. We will meet in the church parsonage next door to the Church (formerly the Priem residence). Cared-for spouses are invited to come along and have social time in a separate space, led by a Registered Nurse. If you or someone you know in the community would like more information about the group, please contact Pastor Steve at 830-997-2288.

Sunday Lunch Bunch

The Sunday Lunch Bunch is meeting February 12th and 26th at Panda's. Text Francine Richter (432-386-2677) for any questions or comments. Please come join us!



Game Night will be held **February 23rd** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!

175 HGLC History Books are still available for only \$5 and they make great gifts!! Many thanks to Karen Grona, Helen Usener and Dianne Staudt for making this happen!

HolyMark Cardmakers Gather

This month we will meet on Friday, February 10th. At 11:30 we'll meet for lunch at Backwoods BBQ, and then at 12:30 we'll return to the Fellowship Hall to make our cards. We always welcome new members and will provide training. We have a great bunch of card makers!



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Barnabas Ministry

(Caring Visitation)

We are in need of folks who would like to bring hope and cheer to others. All that's required is a monthly visit, a warm smile, a listening ear, a friendly face, and a willingness to care and offer a prayer for one of our members who are in a nursing care facility or who may be homebound. It is a great ministry of encouragement and care, and all it takes is a few hours of your time each month.

If you would like to find out more information on this great program, please contact Yvonne Fox or Pastor David or leave a message with the church office.



Band of Brothers

Calling All Retired and Flexible-Scheduled Men! Join us **Tuesday, February**

14th, 8-11am for food, fellowship, and to tackle a few projects around the church campus. For more info or to RSVP, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!

Ladies' Lunch Study



Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and study, every-other Wednesday at Noon in the HG Fellowship Hall. This month we will meet on Feb 8 & 22 and are studying *The Chosen, Season 2*. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

Feeding John Program



Feeding John

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, February 26th**.

Calling all Singers! HGLC's Sanctuary Choir

meets for rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the HGLC sanctuary. All skill levels are welcome and we would love for you to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

HGLC's Youth Choir is back and we are so glad! Students in 2nd-8th grades are invited to attend rehearsals on Mondays after school from 4pm-5pm. We'll share a snack and devotion, learn some music basics and sing! Join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Transportation from school to the sanctuary is available if needed.

For more information regarding Sanctuary Choir or Youth Choir, please contact Katie Hofmann at 830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com.



Speaking of New Seasons...HGLC has some news to share:

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1 At the Church Council retreat last month, I shared with our leadership that I've been led by the Lord to begin the process of stepping aside from the youth ministry at Holy Ghost. It's hard to believe, but I have served as youth pastor for 18 years! I started my ministry here at the beginning of 2005, and it was a big year. My wife, Anne, and I also had our youngest child, Clara, that summer. Clara will now graduate from high school this May, and she turns 18 in July. Where does the time go?! With this new season of life, we are excited for what the Lord has in store for us. At this point, there are more questions than answers, but I feel confident that the time has come for me to turn a new page. I hope that all the new youth ministry arrangements will be in place for Holy Ghost by next school year. We have no plans to leave, and I will continue to serve as the pastor for St. Paul, Cave Creek. We will see what else the Lord has in store for me. Most importantly, we know that God is in control and God is good, and we appreciate your prayers and love! God's Peace, Pastor Clint <><

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

February is an in-between month; holiday festivities are over, winter isn't really gone, spring isn't really here. This makes it a great month for relaxing and finding some peace of mind as **we prepare for the upcoming activities of springtime. The Bible** addresses peace of mind (as it does everything else...)

John 14:27	Philippians 4:6-7	Isaiah 26:3
Romans 8:6	Psalms 23:1-6	Matthew 7:7
Hebrews 12:14	Luke 2:14	James 3:18
1 Corinthians 14:33	2 Thessalonians 3:16	

Women's Evening Bible Study

All ladies are welcome to join us for study and fellowship, typically every-other Monday evening at 6pm in the HG Youth Room. We will start a new study in February. Check the bulletin for more details and exact dates or contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.



KIDNEY DONATION NEEDED!

From our own family of faith, Margo Stahl, has been in need of a kidney transplant for quite some time. Her situation has become a bit more dire and an appeal is being made for anyone who might be moved by the Spirit to consider being a match-candidate. For information about the process, call the University Health System in San Antonio at 210-567-5777. You may also call Margo at 830-998-5065. Prayers are appreciated!

The FISH Mentoring Program has spots available for adults who have thirty minutes a week to invest in a youth at the elementary, middle school or high school. Call FISH at 830-997-9551 to get connected with this valuable opportunity!



BEWARE of SCAMS!

Don't fall for a bogus text or email that may appear to be from one of the pastors asking you to wire money or purchase gift cards for the pastor on behalf of a person/family that they may be ministering to! It's from the DEVIL! The pastors will never send such a communication and if in doubt, please contact them or the church office to verify it before you are SCAMMED!

Adult Class Opportunities

G.R.A.C.E.D!

The "C" means "Connect in a Study or Small Group!"

Sunday Morning Opportunities

"Love & Respect": This outstanding class designed by Rev. Dr. Emerson Eggerich is being offered here at HGLC from January 22nd through March 5th. Every couple in the Church is welcome and invited to join this class which is being led by Bruce and Suzanne Christian. Those who are engaged, newlyweds, middle-weds, long-weds are all invited and welcome to participate. Every couple can grow in their relationship based on Biblical Principles. This will strengthen you, your relationship and our church. Video, Discussion, Workbook, Text and Bible.

"Alton's Class": This class, led by Norm Nevins, will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning January 15th. The topic for the month of February will move to the New Testament to look at God's Call.

"Philippians"

A six-week Philippians Bible Study: "Our Partnership in the Gospel" began on Sunday January 15th. Study guides are available today (at no cost) to help us go deeper into God's Word together. Our six weekly topics:

- "Our Partnership in the Gospel" *An Introduction to Philippians
 - "That Your Love May Abound" * Philippians 1
 - "The Mindset of Jesus" * Philippians 2
 - "Faith and Citizenship" * Philippians 3
 - "Rejoice in the Lord" * Philippians 4:1-9
 - "The Secret of Contentment" * Philippians 4:10-23
- If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve at 830-992-3693.

Midweek Studies

"Ecclesiastes"

Led by Pastor David, this class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on January 11th and ending on February 15th. We will be studying two chapters each week, as we look at this interesting Old Testament Book of Wisdom from King Solomon toward the end of his reign as king. This book has some interesting parallels to our lives today and the things that we experience.

If you are interested, please contact the church office 830-997-2288 or pastor David 830-456-4607 or by email at pastordp@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com. I look forward to studying God's Word with you!

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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.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

Barnabas Team	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
Building Comm.	David Bullion	830-998-1889
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Cemetery Team	Alan Saenger	830-992-8564
Cemetery Team	Susan Stroehrer	830-456-3143
Christmas Day Dinner	Denise Usener	830-456-1742
Feeding John	Sandy Birdlebough	830-998-4504
Float Team	Bob Jennings	830-990-1618
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Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	Vacant	
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	830-992-9473
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Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
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Kitchen Team	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
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NH Comm. Coord.	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
NH Devotions	Irene Crutcher	830-997-7072
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Passion of Christ	(currently vacant)	
Property Team	Seth Moellering	830-456-1304
Praise Team Task Force	Karen Nevins	830-992-9424
Prayer Team	Laverne Cuddy	830-456-0782
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Resource Mgmt.	Janie Trantham	830-990-9675
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Stewardship Team	Kathy Boos	830-456-1218
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WORSHIP TEAMS:

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Communion Servers	Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
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Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
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Sound Coord.	Jacob Harrington	512-827-1564
Sound Coord.	Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
Video Tech Coord.	Linda Adams	830-889-3250

CHOIRS:

Bell Choir	Joyce Priem	830-456-1226
Sanctuary Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668
Youth Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668

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Sunday School Supt.	Carrie Roemer	830-456-4461
Band of Brothers	Doyle Moellering	830-456-1349
Women of Faith	Carol Feuge	830-285-1301
Women of Faith	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701



FEBRUARY 2022

Holy Ghost Kids Corner

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me.’” -Matthew 19:14

contact

Daniel Hofmann
Children's Minister
830-997-2288
danielh@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com

as always

We offer Sunday School for all ages! Join us in our Kinderfest building for Opening at 9:15!

upcoming

- Ash Wednesday: February 22
- Spring Break: March 13-17
- Camp Holy Ghost: March 15

for families this month

Let's talk about Love!

- What does Love look like? Feel like? Smell like?
- Look up these verses:
 - Matthew 22:36-40
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
 - 1 John 4:9
- How did God show us his everlasting Love? How can you show God's Love?
- Name some loving things to do, and make a game out of doing them with your family!

Father/Daughter Dance

February 10, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Dads and daughters of all ages are invited! Join us in the fellowship hall for photos, games, snacks, and dancing! Be sure to dress to impress and bring a snack to share.

Friday Night Live!

February 17, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Kids K-5th are welcome to join the fun in the youth room!



A double-rainbow reminder of God's Love!

Burning of the Ashes

February 19, 9:15am

We'll sing songs, burn palms, and spend time together. Join us outside as we begin the journey of Lent!

Family Pancake Dinner

February 21, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Let the good times roll with breakfast for dinner! Free will donations will be taken to benefit our summer trips! We'll gather in the fellowship hall- come hungry!

Lord, hear our prayer

The things on our prayer board right now:

- **OUR FAMILIES**

Thank you God for our fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers!

- **HIS LOVE**

God's love is everlasting! We should sing it from the hilltops!

- **GOOD HEALTH**

We give thanks for gifted doctors, smooth surgeries, and easy recoveries!

What else can you pray for this month?

Are you registered for camp yet?

Go to
crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com
to sign up!

July 16-21, 2023
Kids 2nd-5th eligible

Be sure to check that you're part of the Holy Ghost group registration, and bring a \$175 deposit by the church office!



Youth Group News

& Family Matters

February 2023

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February 2023

VALENTINES DINNER

Camp Fund-Raiser!

Sun, Feb 19th 6:15pm Seating

Join us for a delicious meal prepared by our amazing chef, Glenn Jung, and **SERVED** by our students.

Choice of turkey or pork entree.
Reservations required. \$30 suggested donation

Call church office at 997-2288 or Stacey Moellering at 456-3549 to place orders.

Please support our youth
& make your reservation today!



Father-Daughter Valentines Dance

Treat Your Princess Like Royalty!

Fri, Feb 10 6:30-8:00 pm
Music, Games, Photos, Devo

All Ages, All Welcome!

Holy Ghost Church Fellowship Hall
Questions? Call 997-2288



*Clara, youth group president,
will share testimony!*

Confirmation Schedule

- Feb 5– Jesus the Priest
- Feb 12– Jesus the King
- Feb 19– Burning of the Ashes
- Feb 22– Ash Wednesday
- Feb 26– The Book of Acts



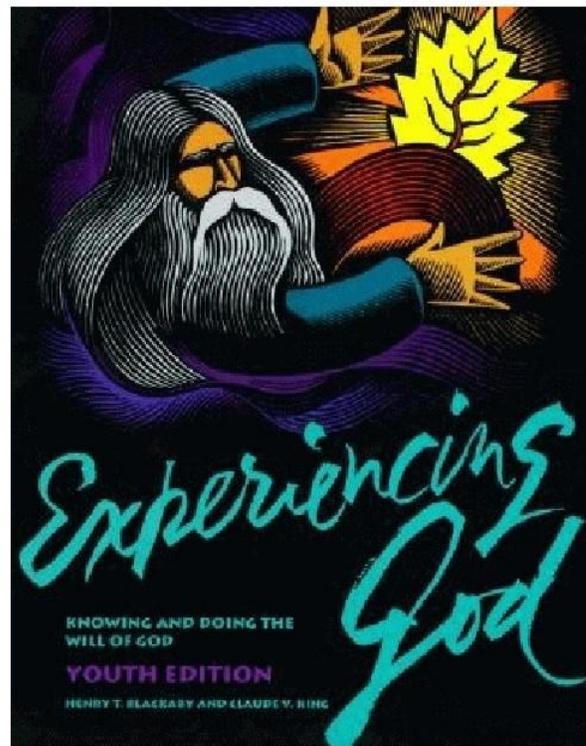
Middle School Confirmation Sundays at 9:15 AM



*Mexico Mission- Sharing God's Love
Way to go Reid!!*



THANKS to everyone who donated gifts for our mission last month, Jan 2-5. It was awesome!!



**New Senior High Sunday School
EXPERIENCING GOD 9:15 AM**



SR HIGH WYWP– Having fun Wednesdays @ 8PM

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