



September Is About Rounding the Corner!

I don't think it's my imagination, but I am sensing just a tiny tinge of fall in the air these days! Yes, it may not be so present come three in the afternoon, but on those early morning walks with my bride, as the lows for the day are in the high sixties and not over seventy, one can sense a slight shift toward a seasonal change!

As summer vacations have come to a close, the 135th annual Gillespie County parade & fair is in the books, school is back in full swing, Friday night lights are about to fire up the sky, and the Doss VFD fish fry is just around the corner—worship, Sunday School, midweek Bible studies, youth programs, ministry team meetings, and other church activities are also returning to the regular schedule.

And though Holy Ghost Church is not yet back in the church sanctuary (see related article), worship in the fellowship hall has been a pleasant surprise! Yes, we may miss the church sanctuary, but the benefits of being closer together, the singing being stronger, people saying they can hear better than being in the church, the fellowship that exists with the elbow room in open indoor space, and the breakfast bar being in the adjacent room—all provide a great atmosphere for being in the “house” of the Lord with others!

September anticipates that things will continue to hop when it comes to being in church! Yes, COVID took a bite out of worship attendance for most churches as on-line services became the primary norm for a season of time, and now some have gotten used to viewing worship on FaceBook or Youtube, with the convenience of being dressed in PJ's, sipping on coffee, and lounging on the couch.

And, though it's still an option, and will continue to be one especially for those who are ill, away on a trip, or needing to care for loved ones—I appreciate what a young couple earlier this summer shared with me. They said, *“Craig Groeschel is great to watch on-line, as is watching the HGLC broadcast, but I miss the people—the smiles, shaking hands, hugs, sharing in the fellowship with a cup of coffee, being in adult Sunday School classes with others, hearing the congregational sound of the Apostles’ Creed and Lord’s Prayer bounce off the walls, and sharing communion in person with others.”* What that family had been missing is not just worshipping God, because that can be done with a cell phone in hand, but they were yearning for faith community with others.

These are not the exact percentages, but on the national average, church attendance post-COVID goes something like this: If a congregation's worship attendance pre-pandemic was 100 or less, those churches have returned to normal. If the average attendance was between 100-250, those churches are now back to about 75%. If average attendance was between 250-500, those churches are now worshipping about 65%. And if attendance was 500+, those churches are at 50%.

HGLC falls into the 65% category, so that makes us average. But I have to say, through my years of being a pastor here, I have never considered HGLC to be average or to fall into a national category! We have always been pacesetters who go not with the flow of human conformity but led by the Holy Ghost, we create the current!

I saw a church sign not long ago that contains an old but applicable message. It read: CH _ _ CH, and then asked the question, “What’s missing?” The obvious answer is “U R!” I would turn the letters around and make it a question—“R U?” Are You missing from church? I have to say, your church is missing you!

We may not be back in the sanctuary, but we are hitting on all cylinders when it comes to turning the fall calendar corner. So come in your PJ's and bring your own flavor of Starbucks! We don't have couches, but we do have tables set up in the back space that people enjoy. Experience church community with sisters and brothers who need to see each other and be together in person, praising God in worship and being fed in Sunday School, as well as the fellowship that happens at the breakfast bar!

A special weekend celebrating the return to church this fall will be held on **September 9-10 with a FREE congregational meal** after the 10:30am service. **Please RSVP** for the meal by calling the HG office at 830-997-2288. September is about rounding the corner, so hope to see you there!

Amen? Amen! +Pastor Bobby

YOUR Capital Campaign contributions are key to the success of the program. To give online, use the QR code in this newsletter or donate through the envelope system or from the HGLC website at holyghostfbg.org! Call the church office for special gifts.



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.



The Newest News on the BUILDING PROGRAM!

The project continues to progress with work on the bell tower, basement work, and the fire suppression system being the focus! There were hopes of being back in the sanctuary in August, but due to the discovery of even more extensive damage to the top steeple portion of the bell tower, slow production lines, and waiting on materials—it could very well be the later part of the year before the work is completed. But not to fret! Thanks be to God that He knew in 1999 that HGLC needed to purchase the True Value store which is now our fellowship hall so that one day when we were out of the sanctuary for a period of time, we would have ample space for worship, programs, meals, and events!

At the same time, tremendous progress is being made on the two-story Creek Street house where that space could be ready as early as October and will be available for adult education, small groups, and community ministries. Work continues by volunteers at the prayer chapel with windows and doors soon to be installed. Please keep the workers in prayer as the construction business is dangerous work.

Please also continue your faithful support with your pledges, special gifts, and memorials to the Capital Campaign Building Program. Remember the regular ministry budget so that current programs will continue to remain strong and healthy as we seek to "Be and Make Disciples!"

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.
5. Text giving is now available. Simply text to: 73256. Type in the message of the text: HolyGhost. Hit Send. You will then receive a text message with the link to our HGLC Giving Form. This is what you will fill out to give your offering.

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

The North American Lutheran Church

Theological Conference & Assembly was held in Oklahoma City on August 8-11 with Lauri Bristol, Karrie Klier, and Pastors David Priem and Bobby Vitek attending. The worship singing was strong, the ministry business was to the point, and the fellowship was a highlight as over 600 persons attended the event! Bishop Dan Selbo was re-elected to a four-year term. Currently there are 490 congregations. Domestic and international missions were a big focus with seventeen global missionaries being celebrated. Raising up pastors was another big topic. There are now thirty-eight seminary students attending Trinity Seminary in Ambridge, PA. A budget of \$3.6M was passed. Several HGLC pastors were recognized with celebratory years of their ordination: Pastor Clint Pluenneke (25 years); Pastors David Priem & Bobby Vitek (35 years each), and Pastor Bill Breen (60 years). The next churchwide assembly will be in August of 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA.

The Global Leadership Summit on August 3-4 hosted by HGLC at the FISD high school auditorium celebrated about 200 persons who attended the event with nearly 100 HGLC volunteers serving - giving of their time and faith! The GLS is a very unique way for HGLC to serve our community while planting seeds of faith and developing stronger leader disciples! Make plans to join the next GLS Summit slated for August 8-9, 2024!

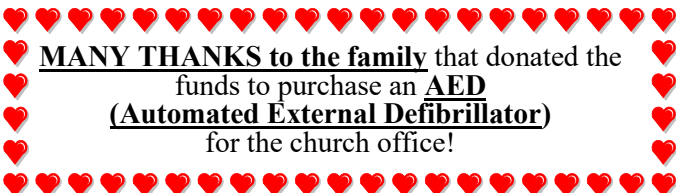
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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 hearts. Please check with Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to inquire if you qualify and to designate funds to the organization of your "Choice!"

COMING SOON

The HG Pictorial Directory is still in process. We are getting closer to having it completed. We are working hard to make it as accurate as possible. Look for upcoming announcements in the bulletin and newsletter.

MANY THANKS to the family that donated the funds to purchase an **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** for the church office!



Worship SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

“Come, let us worship the Lord!”



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEMES

Messages in September: “Women of Faith” will run through September as various female individuals are the inspiration for our faith!

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 2 & 3: This week we will focus on The Women at the Tomb (Luke 24:1-12). The very first witnesses of the empty tomb and the resurrected Jesus were women. In a day when women were not even permitted to testify in court (their word was not to be trusted), the Lord God raised them up to be the first people to encounter the resurrected Jesus and the first to testify to the truth of His resurrection!

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 9 & 10: Our Woman of Faith this week is the Canaanite Woman in Matthew 15:21-28. The focus is not so much on this woman’s persistence, but on God’s mercy for her and how God extends His mercy to us. Holy Communion is served!

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 16 & 17: The woman of the week as we continue the sermon series is Lydia who the Bible tells us was a dealer in purple with purple being a more expensive line of cloth and clothing. Lydia provided the church a place to meet in her home and evidently offered resources to support its mission. This message will lead us into the subject of sharing our resources as the Lord has blessed us.

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 23 & 24: Priscilla is the “woman of faith” this weekend as she and her husband, Aquila, are missionary friends to the apostle Paul. She too is a missionary and is believed to have been a preacher and teacher.

The Summer Sermon Series titled “Women of Faith” will run through September as various female individuals are the inspiration for our faith!

Holy Communion in September:

Holy Communion in September will be on the weekends of the 10th and 24th.



Reminder about Communion:

Currently there is no wine option for communion. Alternatives include grape juice & wafer or grape juice & gluten-free wafer. Apologies for this inconvenience while we reduce an oversupply of grape juice and want to be good stewards of our offerings! So remember, it’s still Holy Communion & the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

ALL Worship services including the Weekly Word are posted on the HGLC Facebook and YouTube sites. You DO NOT have to be on Facebook to watch the services.

WORSHIP in the FELLOWSHIP HALL!

With the construction program underway, worship services are being temporarily held in the fellowship hall with the schedule continuing to be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am & 10:30am.

The Special Offering for SEPTEMBER is designated for Kinderneest Preschool.

Enrollment at Kinderneest is 58 students as the new school year begins with ten teachers and the director on staff. The HGLC preschool is well known in the community for quality experience and education. Please use the small brown envelopes on the round tables for these gifts, or mark your check memo with: “Kinderneest!”

Praise Services for September

Praise services will be at the 10:30am worship service on September 10th & 17th.

HGLC Radio Broadcast

The radio station is changing out some equipment, so in the meantime the church service can be heard either on KNAF 107.9FM or AM910 on Sun. at 10am.



CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION

Tune into FM 88.1—KLOVE to hear some great Christian lyrics and music. It’s a wonderful way to start your day in the morning, or have it playing in the background all day long.

The Church Office will be closed on September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Emergency calls can be directed to Pastor Steve at 830-992-3693 or Pastor Bobby at 830-456-0000.





COUNCIL NOTES
August 21, 2023

1. Pastor Bobby opened with a devotional prayer.
2. A special guest, Margie Jetton, offered a presentation on Employee Retention Tax Credit.
3. David Bullion gave an update on the building project. Due to extensive damage discovered in the bell tower spire, the completion date has been extended to December or January. Budgetwise, the target cost is still within the allowed amount given by the congregation.
4. A sound equipment/reinstallation bid will be received as we consider moving back to the sanctuary.
5. Laurie Bristol offered a report on the NALC assembly that was attended by Karrie Klier, Pastors David & Bobby, and herself.
6. Council heard a report on the Global Leadership Summit as well as Vacation Bible School. Combined the event had over 160 HGLC volunteers offering service to the Lord!
7. This year's picnic will be held on October 8. It will be a joint event with both St. Paul, Cave Creek & St. Peter, Doss being invited.
8. The seminarian support fund that has been available to HGLC members since the 1970s was discussed. It provides financial support for those attending seminary seeking to be a pastor or professional lay minister. The fund will be distributed at the discretion of the council at the time a student makes an application. (This seminarian fund is not to be confused with a separate seminarian fund that was established in 2002 that also offers support to students seeking to specifically be NALC pastors).
9. With the retirement of Pastor Alan Williams in December, a lay communion visitation program will seek to offer the sacrament to some of the HGLC family who are in residential care facilities or homebound.
10. The budget team will soon begin work on the 2024 ministry budget.
11. Staudt Construction will begin some repair/restoration work on the parsonage next to the church.
12. The Sunday School program now offers three options for adults with the reminder that "Sunday School is NOT just for kids!"
13. An additional computer security system for the church office was discussed.
14. Council will begin meeting on the fourth Monday of the month instead of the third.
15. A FREE congregational meal celebrating the family of faith and fellowship at the beginning of the fall season will be held on Sept. 10. **Please RSVP** at 830-997-2288.
16. Pastor Steve closed with prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

December 5, 2023 marks the 175th anniversary of the military post near Fredericksburg that we know as Fort Martin Scott. Documents reveal what units were here, the names of the commanders, and describe the buildings. Penninger's book, "The First 50 Years," has a handful of tales mentioning the soldiers. Eric Hammersen is trying to gather additional information based on historical accounts. If you have family stories or letters that mention the soldiers at the fort, please contact him at 703-477-4131 or email: hammersen@hotmail.com.

MORE THAN JUST CASH! A special task force of the congregation recently presented a policy which gives the church council, staff, and congregation guidelines for receiving various types of gifts.

Resources and assets run much deeper than our bank accounts and may include: stocks, bonds, real estate, life insurance, annuities, jewelry, vehicles, and much more. Not all items that a person desires to donate can be received. If interested in learning more about what gifts might be donated to the church, contact the church office at 830-997-2288.

60 Years of Ministry!

Pastor Bill Breen will be honored during the 10:30am worship on Sept. 10 for his 60th year of ordination in the ministry! He and his bride, Julia, will also be the honored guests at the FREE meal that follows that service!



Response to the FIRES In Hawaii! The devastation from the fires in Maui is extensive. One of the quickest ways for individuals to respond is through the North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response! Many people lost lives & homes. If you would like to directly help our neighbors in Christ, please send your support to:

NALC Disaster Response
16500 Noble Ave
Caldwell, OH 43724



Please label your support "Maui Fire." Your continued prayers for these families and the Hawaiian community are sorely needed! Thank you!

**HGLC Endowment Fund
Grant Applications Being Accepted**

- Applications for grants from the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Endowment Fund are now being accepted. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to support the mission of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church which is to Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Applications may be picked up at the church office, 109 E. San Antonio Street, or via the church website.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the main page. Under "Main Links" click on "Endowment Fund Documents".
- Charities, faith-based organizations, and other non-profit organizations are invited to apply by mail or in person to the church office no later than October 31, 2023. Limited grants are available and are scheduled to be awarded in January 2024.
- The Endowment Fund was established in February 2013.
- The fund continues to grow with funds from estate bequests, memorials, and donations from individuals and businesses. The HGLC seven-member Investment Team and a financial advisor oversee the investments and administration of the Endowment Fund. If you would like information about supporting the Endowment Fund or other ministries, contact the church office, 830-997-2288.



**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN
WOMEN OF FAITH**



Fall Festival - The Fall Festival will be held September 16, 2023 in the Markplatz. The Holy Ghost Women of Faith will have a booth and can use any sale item or baked goods. We have been blessed with some donations for jams and jellies. The booth will be open at 9:00am. Please come by and support the WOF. If you have items to donate and need help getting them to the church, please call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701 by Friday, September 15th.

Jams and Jellies will be sold the weekend prior to the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 9th and 10th at the fellowship hall. Please come by and purchase your jams and jellies!

September Special Project: It's time to fill the tub with soap for the Lutheran World Relief Health Project. Soap keeps hands and bodies clean, keeps germs at bay, and helps people present themselves with dignity. Please bring new, wrapped, bars of soap (4 oz.) and put them in the tub located at the entrance of the Alpha Room. This will occur during the month of September.

Helen Scroggs is the seamstress that sews the binding around the quilts as well as other sewing that is necessary. When packing quilts, she is always ready to help. She is also the secretary of the WOF. Helen has been a blessing since she came aboard the LWR Quilters group.

Our supply of fabric is being depleted, but what can you expect when you sew 400 to 500 quilts a year? If you have any to offer, please call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701, or bring it by the church office. If you are interested in helping the LWR Quilters, they meet Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am until noon. The hand quilters meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to those who have brought us fabric and sheets.

Dates to Remember:

September 11	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
September 14	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:00am	Fellowship Hall
September 14	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
September 16	Fall Festival	9:00am	Marketplatz



April 20, 2024: Southwest Texas NALC WOF Gathering at Three Rivers. More info to follow.



The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Board would like to recognize and say "Thank you" to our retiring member

Max Beckmann

for his many years of service!



The Fredericksburg Service Unit of the Salvation

Army is currently looking for someone who might be interested in a part-time position for their office located at 607 N. Milam. For more info, please contact Leslie Schultz at lesjean1960@gmail.com.

The web address where the job listing is posted and where one can apply is: www.indeed.com and enter: Office Coordinator in Fredericksburg, TX..



September Newsletter
2023

Hello HGLC community! We have been so blessed with a smooth start to a brand new school year! We are praying for the health and safety of all our Kindernest students and families, new and old, and for all teachers across the Fredericksburg community. Let us always hold patience and passion for teaching as we ring in the new school year! We are so blessed with our amazing staff. Combined, Kindernest teachers have a total of 155 years of experience in early childhood education. Huge thank you to our staff for always going above and beyond to make our program a wonderful first education experience for the children in our community.

Our annual chicken BBQ drive thru will be on Sunday, September 24th, 11am-sold out. This year plates will be \$15, which includes BBQ chicken, beans, potato salad, a pickle, and a cookie.

Make sure to come by for some yummy food!

Wishing you all a wonderful start to your school year!

In His Service,
Annisa Alonzo



Kindernest Chicken BBQ with all the trimmings is **Sunday, September 24** with a suggested \$15 donation. Drive through only and thank you for sporting our preschool!



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

Please note that this number is for *texting* prayer requests only. Calls are not answered at this number. For phone requests, please call the church office at 830-997-2288.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>Alter Prayer Sign-Ups</p> <p>Reading John</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>5:30pm - GLS Celebration @ Carecreek</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Print Newsletter</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - K Nest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p> <p>5:30pm - Small Group Facilitator</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions</p> <p>NC copied to website-mainroom@a</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Wedding - Tamara Friend O'R'Sale</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>12:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch: Camp</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9:30am - Spouses Caring Support Group</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:30am - Spouses Caring</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>7pm - Heart of Worship Reh.</p> <p>8pm - AA</p> <p>8:45pm - Javier Rios Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am - Funeral: Josephine Alberthal @</p>	<p>10</p> <p>WOF - Barnabas Sale</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
<p>11</p> <p>WOF: Jans' Jubilee Sale</p> <p>125th DOGS Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm/Praise</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Bennett Task Force Mtg.</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Newsletter News Due</p> <p>8am - Band of Brothers</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - K Nest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p> <p>6pm - Barnabas Ministry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha Rm</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>11:30am - Holy Mark Cardmakers:</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>12:30pm - Holy Mark Cardmakers:</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p> <p>8:45pm - Javier Rios Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>WOF: Jans' Jubilee Sale</p> <p>3pm - Wedding: Autumn Adams Daniel</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Team Building/YPAP</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11:30am - Cong. Apprec. Meal</p> <p>12:30pm - Sunday Lunch Bunch: Camp</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - K Nest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - God Squad Small Group</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm - Friday Night Live</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Reading John</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>11am - KNEST BBQ Chicken Fundraiser</p>	<p>26</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>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Print Newsletter</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - K Nest Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Jr. High</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NC copied to website-mainroom@a</p> <p>Picnic Silent Auction Items Due</p> <p>7am - See Ya at the Pole</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>12pm - Picnic Meeting</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Elemen.</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>7pm - Fields of Faith @ Billie Stadium</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Divine Drama w/Pastor Steve</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>7pm - Heart of Worship Practice</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - Roland Behrends Funeral</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Sept 2	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Ola Mae Pehli Polly Zenner	Pr Alan Williams		Luke Moellering		
Sept 3	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Carol Feuge, Gerald Shanks Judy Vordenbaum	Valene Bonn		Megan Blizard	Konnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Brenda Beaty, Sue Gustin Glen Treibs	Molly Spencer		Linda Adams		
Sept 9	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Corinne Jung David & Tricia Herrera	Pr Jan Unger	Self-Serve	Johnna Alberthal		
Sept 10	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Cade & Marcia Bonn David, Tori, Isabella & Nathan Mendez	Nan Fengst	Self-Serve	Luke Moellering	Chrs Bauer	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Greg & Karen Henriksen, Craig & Kay Steinbring Randy & Phyllis Leifeste	Kathy Boos	Self-Serve	Paul Seidensticker		
Sept 16	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Jason & Robin Barnes Patti Feller	Lois Weidenfeller		Johnna Alberthal		
Sept 17	8:00am	Bruce Todd	David Lochte Doyle & Stacey Moellering	Nick Thompson		Mckenzie Moellering	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Greg & Karen Henriksen Gretchen & Trent Smith	Sue Gustin		Linda Adams		
Sept 23	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Jason & Robin Barnes John & Yvonne Fox, Lois Weidenfeller	Deborah Johnson	Self-Serve	Kimberly Bauer		
Sept 24	8:00am	Bruce Todd	Sherr Durst, Debbie Phelps Todd & Radonna Spies, Carolyn Weidenfeller	Joyce Thiele	Self-Serve	Megan Blizard	Sidney Elebracht	Nicole Robertson
	10:30am	Hiram Todd	Karen Lochtek, Jeanette Lopez Craig & Kay Steinbring, Seth & Kael Watson	Nancy Sagebiel	Self-Serve	Paul Seidensticker		
Sept 30	6:00pm	Craig Todd	Jason & Robin Barnes Chris & Suzanne Turner	Gina Jenschke		Kimberly Bauer		

CONFIRMATION

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Landon Denton, Dillon Crain, Will Crain
 Sunday 8:00am - Jackson Blizard, Karsyn Klaerner, Carter Cathey
 Sunday 10:30am - Emma Reeh, Logan Roemer, Brylea Berardi

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AT-A-GLANCE

JANUARY	2023 In Person:	361
	2023 On-line Views:	211
	2022 In Person:	277
	2022 On-line Views:	211
FEBRUARY	2023 In Person:	326
	2023 On-line Views:	163
	2022 In Person:	335
	2022 On-line Views:	189
MARCH	2023 In Person:	335
	2023 On-line Views:	143
	2022 In Person:	326
	2022 On-line Views:	50

APRIL	2023 In Person:	421
	2023 On-line Views:	199
	2022 In Person:	253
	2022 On-line Views:	187
MAY	2023 In Person:	337
	2023 On-line Views:	214
	2022 In Person:	320
	2022 On-line Views:	155
JUNE	2023 In Person:	293
	2023 On-line Views:	164
	2022 In Person:	300
	2022 On-line Views:	201

JULY	2023 In Person:	293
	2023 On-line Views:	182
	2022 In Person:	323
	2022 On-line Views:	209
AUGUST	2023 In Person:	326
	2023 On-line Views:	181
	2022 In Person:	353
	2022 On-line Views:	198
SEPTEMBER	2023 In Person:	_____
	2023 On-line Views:	_____
	2022 In Person:	_____
	2022 On-line Views:	_____

ALTAR GUILD:

September: Helen Birck Polly Zenner
 Patricia Herrera Teresa Ganis
 Francine Richter
Robes: Karen Grona

October: Darlene Lochte Cindy Clegg
 Ola Mae Pehl Jocelyn McDonald
Robes: Karen Grona

AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS



Baptisms: Brinley Grace Harrington 8/13/23
Weddings: Joel Jenschke and Mia Torres 7/27/23

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

Circles	September	October
Evening Guild	Gloria Kammlah	Pastor
Lydia Circle	Jeanette Schneider	Pastor
Katherine Luther	Sandy Birdlebough	Pastor

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: SEPT - HGCL

First Wednesdays

09/06/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
09/06/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

09/07/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
09/07/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

09/13/2023	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
09/13/2023	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

09/14/2023	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
09/14/2023	Knopp #1	10:30 am



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

9/30/1924 Dorothy Eckert

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

09/02/1972	Curtis & Dianne Staudt
09/02/1961	Kermit & Annette Sulzemeier
09/05/1964	Danny & Sandy Poole
09/06/1969	Clinton & Carol Feuge
09/07/1972	Ronnie & Carol Reeh
09/08/1962	Elmer & Mary Hansen
09/08/1962	Norman & Sandra Nevins
09/12/1970	Stanley & Shirley Feller
09/23/1960	Bob & Sandra Theis
09/28/1964	Buzz & Sue Gustin

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

Hospitalizations:

Johnna Alberthal
 Laverne Cuddy
 Henry Kammlah
 Butch Welgehausen
 Craig Steinbring
 Alan Saenger

Hospice List:

Stanley Feller
 Helen Jacoby
 Lynette Kramer
 Darlene St. Clair

Sympathies to the Families of

Peggy Treibs
 Raymond Klutz
 Danny Kneese



DOLLAR\$&CENTS

You will find "Dollars & Cents" for the months of June and July printed on the green insert inside the newsletter.

Cross Wall Update

As we move closer to returning to the sanctuary, take some time and look around the fellowship hall. Have you noticed the hundreds of crosses on the Family and Memory Walls in the Alpha and Omega rooms? They are as unique and beautiful as the people they represent.

Do you have one for yourself or your family?
 If not – now is the time! The steps are easy:

Find a cross and take it to the church office
(must be no larger than an 8" x 11 1/2" piece of paper)
Order a nameplate. (Pay \$7 in the church office.)

We can take crosses and nameplate orders any time but can only get nameplates made between March and September. So don't hesitate! And we won't mention any names, but did you forget you ordered a nameplate? We have 15 plates waiting for crosses. Feel free to call and check with Karen Grona at 830-992-9709 to see if we have your nameplate.

The Cross Wall Team

ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE

There are still open dates for 2023 in October & November and 2024 in January & September, .

Please call the church office to sign-up for available dates!

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!



If we missed your 90+ birthday or 50+ anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update our records, 830-997-2288.



Cancer Support Group

‘Hope in every phase of your cancer journey’

If cancer has been a part of your life, either currently or in the past, as a patient - caregiver - family member or friend, please join us for fellowship, devotions, speakers, and discussions the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Our next meeting is **September 13**. For more information contact 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 attend this group that typically meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 5:30pm in the parsonage next door to church (former Priem residence). We are taking a break during the month of September. We will start a new study on October 11. For more information, contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP!!!

Providing care for a loved one is a high calling but can be very challenging. You may be caring for someone in your own home or providing support while your loved one is in assisted living or a nursing home. We invite you to pause for an hour to spend some time talking and reflecting with others who are caring for their loved ones. We will take some time to pray and consider a verse or two of Scripture. Pastor Steve leads this group on the second Wednesday of each month at 10am (next meeting is **September 13th**) in the parsonage next to the church. Please contact the church office or Pastor Steve if you are interested in participating. May the Lord God bless and refresh you as you love and serve your loved one!

Band of Brothers Calling All Retired and Flexibly-Scheduled Men!

Join us **Tuesday, September 12**, 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 **September 6** to finish our study of *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

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 Parsonage #1 next to the church. Please make use of the support resources available to yourself, your family, and/or your friends. HGLC supports those in recovery!

A Deliverance Prayer that Pastor Alan Williams shared during his sermon on August 12 & 13: *Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God, that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I am sorry for all my sins. I repent of them, especially those that have opened doors to oppressive spirits. Lord, I renounce (and name it). I also forgive anyone who has wronged or harmed me. I lay down all resentment, all hatred and all rebellion. In particular, Lord, I forgive (name person or persons). I ask You to cleanse me in Your blood and I believe that You are doing this now. I expect Your forgiveness and cleansing and I expect Your love. And I forgive myself. And now, Lord, I renounce those evil spirits, anything in my life that ought not to be there and loose my life from it in the Name of Jesus. I command it to leave me in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.* (Rev. Derek Prince)

"Letter to the American Church"

Pastor Alan Williams is proposing a course on Eric Metaxas' book, "Letter to the American Church." It is intriguing and thought-provoking. Metaxas is known for his insightful writings and biographies, such as his works on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther. "Letter to the American Church" challenges some prevalent perceptions within the Church regarding its involvement in the realm of politics. By emphasizing that Jesus is Lord over all aspects of life including politics, he encourages believers to actively confront and address societal issues, rather than remaining silent, sitting on the fence. His reference to the German Church's failure to speak out against Hitler's regime serves as a poignant reminder of the consequences of complacency and silence in the face of evil. With a concise length of only 139 pages, Metaxas' book offers a condensed yet impactful exploration of these themes. The study guide that accompanies the book could provide valuable resources for facilitating meaningful discussions and reflections on the text. If anyone is interested in joining the course, they are encouraged to reach out to the church office at 830.997.2288 or contact Pastor Alan directly for further information. The class will be held in the youth center on Thursdays at 5:30pm beginning on September 14.

LAY VISITATION COMMUNION PROGRAM: With the retirement of Pastor Alan Williams who has so faithfully served HGLC these many years, those interested in learning more about taking communion to HGLC homebound & residential care facilities are invited to get details and ask questions at an upcoming meeting on **Aug. 30 at 5:30pm** in the fellowship hall. Pastor Alan and some of the other pastors will offer a presentation and field questions. There are "no strings" of commitment in being involved in the program by just attending the meeting. If the Spirit prompts you to check this out please come, or call Pastor Steve at 830-997-2288 for more info.

The HolyMark Cardmakers will meet at Hondo’s for lunch on Friday, September 15 and proceed to the fellowship hall to make cards. Please call Pastor Jan at (512-760-0093) to let us know if you plan to be at lunch.



From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

From the R Team - read your Bible daily. As another hot and dry (very dry) summer comes to an end, the weather is very much on our minds. Carry your umbrella as we pray, and believe that rain will come soon and that temperatures will moderate. And, of course, the Bible addresses the weather!

Jeremiah 17:7-8	2 Chronicles 7:13-14	1 Kings 17:1
Haggai 1:11	Isaiah 35:7	Zechariah 14:17
Isaiah 44:3	Genesis 41:53-54	James 5:17
Psalms 32:4	Hosea 13:15	Leviticus 26:4
Job 12:15		

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. Our scheduled dates to meet in **September are 9/4 and 9/18.**

For more specific information, please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.

The Lord willing, we plan to resume our Thursday morning Bible study at HGLC on Thursdays, beginning Sept. 14, at 7 AM. For those who can't physically attend, you should be able to listen on your phones. I am currently planning on doing some studies in 1 Corinthians.

We all get a boat load of emails, so if you no longer want to get the questions let me know and I will remove your name from the list. I'll also send out a reminder about the study the week before.

Hope you had a good summer despite the 100 degree temperatures!

God bless, Bill Counts

"War Room" - Prayer Training!

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

~ Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

It is one thing to learn about prayer and another to train for it. Beginning on Sunday, September 24th we will host a seven-week training event based on the movie and study guide for "War Room."* The materials are designed to help you not only to learn about prayer but also to develop an even deeper prayer life. Whether you are a prayer warrior or want to learn the basics, this series is for you.

We will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm with a meal and our study. We plan to finish by 7:00, except for week one, which will go until 7:45 (to watch the entire movie). Childcare will be provided each week upon request. Contact Pastor Steve for more information and to register for the course. Space is limited, so please register soon.

*"War Room" is a movie from the creators of the Christian films: "Fireproof," "Courageous,"

Study the Parables of Jesus this fall with Pastor Steve

Beginning on Wednesday, September 6th, Pastor Steve will lead a Crossways International course on the parables of Jesus. The class will meet from 12:00-1:00 each week through November 15th. (Please feel free to bring your lunch.) We will study 10 of our Lord's wonderful parables throughout our weeks together. Registration begins immediately and materials are \$12.00. Please sign up on the list in the fellowship hall or contact the church office or Pastor Steve if you are interested in attending.

Adult Class Opportunities

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

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

Sunday Morning Opportunities

SUMMER Adult Sunday School choices!

Join in at 9:15-10:15am!

The coffee is on us!

Summer Adult SS Choices include "Bible Class," which is a Bible study looking at various Bible Readings, which meets in the fellowship hall; and "Jesus Calls Us," led by Norm Nevins & Jim Paige meets in parsonage #1. Studying God's Word together is where we grow with others in our faith.

Holy Ghost Family and Adult Bible Class

Holy Ghost Family, thank you for your patience and flexibility surrounding our worship environment and the adult Bible class offerings due to the constraints in our facilities associated with the building program and construction. We are planning and preparing meaningful classes for this fall and throughout the year.

The following are some choices and opportunities for you to look forward to and select from for your edification and spiritual growth. Please encourage one another to pursue Jesus and His Word through your participation in one of these class offerings. Bring a friend too!

We look forward to seeing you soon in an adult Bible class!

August 13- October 1st

BIBLE DISCUSSIONS - Nick Thompson

THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins

NEWS YOU CAN USE - Bruce Christian

October 15 - December 17

YOUNG EARTH OR OLD EARTH - Gil Becker

THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins

PASTOR'S CLASS - TBD

January 14 - March 3

CULTURE SHOCK - Bruce Christian and Pastor Bobby

PASTOR'S CLASS - Pastor Steve

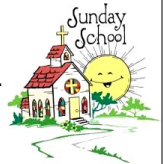
April 7 - May 19

BIBLE DISCUSSIONS - Nick Thompson

FORENSIC EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION-

Gil Becker

THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins



MidWeek Bible Study - Non Pauline Epistles

Pastor David will begin a new midweek Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm, starting on September 6. We will study the books of James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3rd John, and Jude. This will be an 11-week study, ending on Wednesday, November 15. We will meet in the fellowship hall where there is available space. Please call the office or let Pastor David know if you would like to attend.

Feeding John

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, September 24th.**

Game Night will be held **September 28th** at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come!

The Spirit is the official news publication of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, which is wholly responsible for its content.

The Ministers, the Congregation

Bobby Vitek, Pastor
David Priem, Pastor
Steve Qualben, Pastor

Clint Pluenneke, Pastor of Youth & Family Ministries
Daniel Hofmann, Minister of Children & Young Families

Shanese Lochte, Office Manager
Blake Neffendorf, Office Assistant
Kandice Wadsworth, Office Assistant
Myrna Olivarez, Office Assistant
June Woerner, Finance Secretary
Stephanie Marshall, Back-up Finance Secretary
Pastor Alan Williams, Visitation Minister
Pastor Jan Unger, Visitation Minister
Marti Jennings, Ministry Facilitator
Annisa Alonzo, Kinderneest Preschool Director
Karen Henriksen, Kinderneest Finance Secretary
Jim Parker, Maintenance Technician
Carol Brinkmann, Fellowship Hall Supervisor
Daniel Hofmann, Wedding Director

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: Office Closed

Telephone: 830-997-2288 / Fax: 830-997-7869

Address: 109 East San Antonio Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

Email: holyghost@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com

Website: www.holyghostfbg.org

Bobby Vitek - pastorbv@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com
David Priem - pastorbp@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com
Clint Pluenneke - clintp@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com
Steve Qualben - pastorsq@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com
Daniel Hofmann - danielh@holyghostfbg.onmicrosoft.com

Kinderneest Montessori Preschool
113 East San Antonio Street
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624
Telephone: 830-997-8939



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.

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!

MINISTRY TEAMS:

Barnabas Team	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
Building Committee	David Bullion	830-998-1889
"C" Team Contact	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
"C" Team Contact	Sharon Johnson	512-755-1801
Cancer Support Group	Iris Burrer	830-456-5711
Cancer Support Group	Karen Dolezal	512-517-3180
Cemetery Team	Alan Saenger	830-992-8564
Cemetery Team	Susan Stroecher	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
Fishers for Christ	Debbie Klachn	830-456-1650
Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	Vacant	
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	830-992-9473
Holy Ghost Quilters	Sharon Kott	406-580-5129
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Allen Ersch	830-889-2471
Kinderneest Team	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Kinderneest Team	Shayna Thompson	830-992-1673
Kitchen Team	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
Kitchen Team	Judy Nardini	361-774-3219
LWR Quilters	Roslee Lochte	830-992-8820
NH Comm. Coord.	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
NH Devotions	Irene Crutcher	830-997-7072
"P" Team	Donald Pressler	830-329-3603
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
"R" Team	Mary Beth Bauer	830-329-0344
Resource Management	Janie Trantham	830-990-9675
Small Group Vol.	Kim Gibbs	830-456-7299
Stewardship Team	Kathy Boos	830-456-7218
Tele-Buddy Ministry	Marti Jennings	830-992-7049
Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

WORSHIP TEAMS:

Altar Guild Coord.	Vacant	
Altar Guild Coord.	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Communion Servers	Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
Disciple Team Leader	Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Organist/Pianist Coord.	Bernice Basse	512-569-1643
Readers Coord.	Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
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

GROUPS:

Church Council Pres.	Ron Rickerhauser	830-992-9597
Men in Mission	Harvey Hengst	830-456-7663
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
Youth Group	Reid Nevins	830-997-2288

CONTACT INFO NOTE

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



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.on
microsoft.com

as always

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

upcoming

- Church Picnic: Oct 8
- Fall Carnival: Oct 25

for families this month

Let's think about the new school year!

- What are you looking forward to?
- What are you nervous about?
- Name some people you'll be depending on for this year.
- Do you think anyone will be depending on you?
- How can you show God's love this year?
- Look up these verses and talk with your family:
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
 - Philippians 4:6-7

"SUNDAYS COOL"

IS BACK!

We're gathering at 9:15am in the Kinderneest building! **Starting September 10**, we'll be splitting up into age-specific groups to better serve our kids.

Keep our adult leaders in your prayers as they lead kids through Scripture by playing games, doing crafts, eating snacks, and more!

After School Club

Starting September 6, HGLC will pick up kids on Wednesdays from area schools- 2nd-5th grades.
Parent pick-up will be at 5pm!

Reach out to Daniel if interested!

SPACE IS LIMITED!
ACT FAST!

we'll make time for:
**HOMEWORK
PLAY
A SNACK
+JESUS**

Lord, hear our prayer

The things on our prayer board right now:

• SCHOOL

The new school year is upon us! God, be with teachers and students-give them your guidance!

• RAIN

Our ground is thirsty! God, bring us some water!

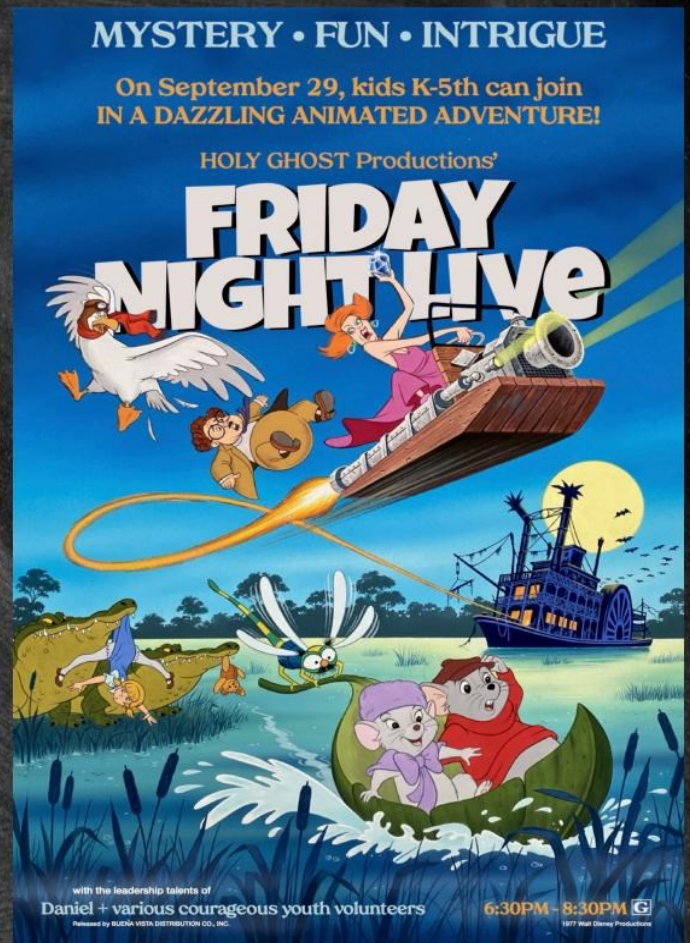
• COOLER WEATHER

With the rain, please bring relief from this blazing heat!

• OUR HGLC FAMILY

All of us here are in need of help in some way or another. God, help us to fulfill our calling in the Body of Christ here in Fredericksburg!

Look forward to these fun events!



Youth Group News

& Family Matters

September 2023 Youth Group & Family Matters September 2023

Confirmation 2023/2024

6th, 7th, 8th Graders 9:15 AM Fellowship Hall Youth Room

- Sept 3– God’s Team!
- Sept 10– 1st Commandment
- Sept 17– 2nd Commandment
- Sept 24– 3rd Commandment
- Sept 27– See You at the Pole
FMS 7:30 AM
- Sept 27– Fields of Faith
FHS Stadium 6:30 PM



Wednesday Youth Worship & Praise! 8:00-9:15 pm



WYWP Sr High Youth
Begins Aug 30th
Fellowship Hall
Youth Room



Youth Group Student Leaders

✂

Church Picnic Silent Auction Fundraiser! Oct 8th

Yes, I would like to donate the following item(s): _____
(Please indicate the estimated retail value)

Yes, I would like to donate money directly to the youth fund.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

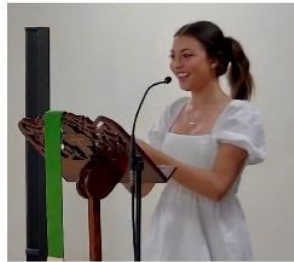
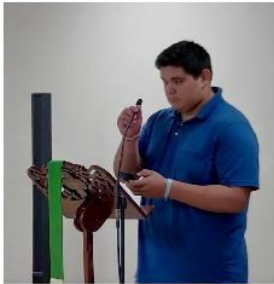
Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

**Please drop off items at the church office by Tues, Oct 3rd.
THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!**



For additional info please contact church office, Stacey Moellering or Karrie Klier.



Praise God for the testimonies of our youth at both our Rally Day Worship Service and the Mision de Candelilla Fiesta Fundraiser!!










Fields of Faith Wed, Sept 27, For All Ages

Fields of Faith is a national FCA youth event where students of all ages and their parents gather on their school's athletic field to share stories and challenge each other to apply the Bible as their "game plan for life." Youth Rally starts at Battlin' Billie Stadium at 7:00 pm with praise band.



**Jesus "I AM" Bible Study
Sr High Sunday School
Youth Room 9:15 AM**

John 6-15

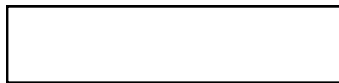
-  **1. I AM the bread of life** 6:35, 48
-  **2. I AM the light of the world** 8:12; 9:5
-  **3. I AM the gate** 10:7
-  **4. I AM the good shepherd** 10:11, 14
-  **5. I AM the resurrection and the life** 11:25
-  **6. I AM the way and the truth and the life** 14:6
-  **7. I AM the true vine** 15:1, 5

Youth Protection Awareness Program

Sun, Sept 10th Noon Youth Room

All adults who work with children and youth at Holy Ghost need to attend this class once every two years. Please bring a photo ID for the required background check.





Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Permit No. 99



HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH
109 EAST SAN ANTONIO STREET
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624-4135
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED