

The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church October 2023 Being & Making Disciples



A Three-Church Picnic? Why Not!?

St. Paul, Cave Creek, St. Peter, Doss, and Holy Ghost, FBG will join together in a three-congregation picnic on <u>Sunday, October 8 at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds!</u> It initially began as a question, "Why not?!" And with nothing but positive affirmations from the three church council leadership teams—it's going to happen!

This business of "being Church" a bit differently has received the attention of the national office of the North American Lutheran Church! The unique ministry program of developing relationships with area "sister congregations" cannot go unnoticed in a church-wide climate that now struggles to fill all congregations with their own pastors.

It began locally almost eight years ago when St. Paul Lutheran Church had gone without a regular pastor for quite some time. Conversations among the congregational leaders from St. Paul and Holy Ghost aligned with Pastor Clint Pluenneke's sense of call and desire to step back a bit from being a full-time youth pastor to experiencing some of the overall duties, joys, and challenges of being a parish pastor.

Upon St. Paul's departure from their previous denomination, Pastor Clint was called to serve St. Paul one-third time as pastor and Holy Ghost two-thirds time in the position of youth pastor. Since that time, that role has shifted to his being fifty/fifty with equal time shared in both. With Pastor Clint's leadership at St. Paul, the attendance, stewardship, youth involvement, congregational identity, and sense of purpose has truly blossomed, and the Holy Ghost youth program has not lost a beat! Praise be to God!

Likewise, a similar conversation began about two years ago when St. Peter Lutheran was in the midst of discerning their church body affiliation, and upon departing from their predecessor church, Pastor Alan Williams (one of our Holy Ghost visitation pastors) served St. Peter for a little over a year. During this time, Holy Ghost was beginning a search for an additional pastor to add to the staff. Discussions among both leadership teams led to the possibility of creating a relationship akin to that of St. Paul. With the addition of Pastor Steve to the Holy Ghost staff, Pastor David took the call to serve St. Peter Lutheran one-third time and remain with Holy Ghost two-thirds time. This relationship is now only 14 months old, and the vitality, energy, and sense of identity that St. Peter has received has truly been the work of the Holy Spirit! Averaging now forty souls in worship, celebrating four baptisms, and now with a confirmation program with eight youth, has the church in Doss is on fire!

And as for Holy Ghost Church—we are grinning from ear to ear with joy and thanksgiving to God Almighty, whose Spirit brings creative innovation and fresh ideas of how to be and do church in this day and time. In all the moving and shaking, HGLC has actually gained about one-half time of an additional pastor which was sorely needed in the effort of sharing the Gospel in our area!

So when the idea came up about having a three-church picnic this fall, the reasoning didn't just rest on "why not?!" But it was an all-around "AMEN" as we seek to celebrate this unique way of being and doing Church!

Activities begin at 9:15am with Sunday School for children and confirmation youth, a historical presentation by Glen Treibs, youth silent auction, and plenty of fellowship. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with the Holy Ghost Cowboy Gospel Band leading music! A BBQ meal with all the trimmings will be served at noon for \$10/plate donation. Youth activities, a 42-domino tourney, and more fellowship will continue in the afternoon. We hope to see you all at the three-church picnic on October 8!

Amen? Amen! +Pastor Bobby

OCTOBER 8

PICNIC WEEKEND NOTES: There will be a Saturday, 6pm worship service at the HGLC Fellowship Hall on October 7, but there will NOT BE an 8am service that weekend!!! Additionally, there will not be a Breakfast Bar that

THE SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BAR

The Breakfast Bar is open to all and a wonderful way to begin the first day of the week being fed with fine, nutritious food, fellowship and faith! No breakfast will be served October 8th, due to the church <u>picnic.</u>



ALTAR FLOWERS UPDATE

There are a few spots left.

Dates available to reserve are:

(2023) Sept. 30-Oct. 1;

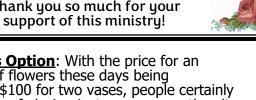
(2024) Jan. 6-7, Aug. 31-Sept.1, Sept. 21-22, Sept. 28-29.

Contact the church office to sign-up,

830-997-2288.



Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!



<u>Altar Flowers Option</u>: With the price for an arrangement of flowers these days being approximately \$100 for two vases, people certainly have the option of placing just one vase on the altar. Flowers are placed on the altar in celebration or memory of someone or something, and thanks be to God that flowers bring color and life to the worship setting. Ultimately, just as flowers at a funeral or on a grave point to the resurrection, so those placed on the altar point to Christ's sweet-smelling victory over death--but one vase can suffice for this testimony to remain true!

The BUILDING PROGRAM continues with lots of activity in the basement, as a new face will be put on that space which will be hardly recognizable from the past look! <u>Creek Street renovations on the two-story</u> building are progressing with lots of renovation being made inside as well. Louvers for the bell tower are near completion and could be ready to install this month. The prayer chapel will have a porch floor made and the custom windows and doors are closer to being made. 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 <u>budget</u> so that current programs will continue to remain strong and healthy as we seek to "Be and Make Disciples!"

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Cancer Support Group

Cancer is a word, NOT a sentence. Our group is open to the community and surrounding areas. If cancer has been a part of your life, either currently or in the past,

as a patient, caregiver, or family member or friend, please join us for fellowship, devotions, speakers, and discussions the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of our October meeting we will be celebrating the beginning of our 6th

year. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10th at Catsfish Haven Party Room.

> For more information contact Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

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 **October 11th**) 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

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 5:30 p.m. in the parsonage next door to church (former Priem residence). We have been reading various books and relating them to our current lives. We will start a new study on October 11th. We will be studying, Seamless, by Angie Smith. For more information, please contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.





WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

"Come, let us worship the Lord!"



OCTOBER WORSHIP THEMES

Messages in October:

<u>Sat. & Sun., Sept. 30 & Oct. 1</u>: We finish up our Women of Faith sermon series this weekend with that great narrative of the widow who gave her best, the two copper coins that she gave as her offering. Are we giving our best? How are we supporting God's Kingdom work in the world today?

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 7 & 8: On this Octoberfest and Sister Church Picnic weekend, we celebrate our partnership in the Gospel and our legacy of faith, family, and God's grace in Jesus. Pray for an extra dose of the Holy Ghost! (2 Kings 2:9; 2 Timothy 1:7)

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 14 & 15: The first faith word in the new fall sermon series is "Sin", which created alienation from God and eternal punishment. This is the reason that God Almighty made the plan of salvation for sinners. It is due to human rebellion that sin came into the world, and it was then out of love that God sent Jesus into the world. Holy Communion is served!

<u>Sat. & Sun., Oct. 21 & 22</u>: "Trust" is the small but significant word of the week. Most Christ followers believe in God, but do we trust Him? Belief in God is a head and heart activity of faith, while trust is our lives in motion living out our beliefs.

<u>Sat. & Sun., Oct. 28 & 29</u>: "Grace" is one of the foundational words of the Christian faith and has been a source of freedom, hope, and inspiration for countless generations of Christians. Our focus for the weekend will be on the power of God's gift of grace. Our text is Ephesians 2:1-10 with a special emphasis on verse 8: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (NIV) Holy Communion is served!

A NEW Sermon Series will begin on October 14/15 titled, "Small but Significant Words."

Holy Communion in October:

Holy Communion! The water has turned to wine as we again have a wine supply instead of just the grape juice option for communion! Beginning in October, Holy Communion will be served continuous style with the individual cups and regular wafers! **NOTE**: Due to the picnic, communion dates in October are the 14th & 15th and 28th & 29th.

<u>ALL Worship</u> services, including the midweek services, are posted on the HGLC FaceBook and Youtube site. You DO NOT have to be on FaceBook to watch the services.

<u>Praise Services for October</u>

Praise service will be at the 10:30 am worship service on October 1st and 15th.

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 OCTOBER is designated for Operation Christmas Child.

It is not too early to begin thinking about Christmas in light of supporting children overseas! The children and youth Sunday School program leads us in this venture. Your gifts will go to purchase additional gift items to fill a Christmas box or help cover postage. Please give above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings, and use the small brown envelopes on the round tables for these gifts, or mark your check or online give memo with: "Christmas".

HGLC Radio Broadcast

Worship service may be heard every Sunday at 10am on the radio. Tune in to radio AM910.



CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION

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

Offering Envelopes! If you use the church provided envelopes, GREAT! If you do not use the envelopes you receive, and you give electronically, on-line, give loose offering cash or just drop a check in the offering (or if you just don't use them period)—let the church office know so your order can be stopped and it will save the church money. Thank you!



COUNCIL NOTES September 18, 2023

- 1. Pastor David led the meeting with a devotional on mission featuring a video from Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba.
- 2. An update by Hiram Lucius reported that application has been made for the Employee Retention Tax Credit.
- 3. Research has been done and the church office will use the services of a company to provide internet protection.
- 4. Church council will begin holding its regular meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at 6pm.
- 5. As Pastor Alan Williams retires in December, some of the visitation ministry needs will be met by a lay volunteer communion program supervised by Pastor Alan.
- 6. The Budget team and Council Nominations team have begun their work for 2024 proposals to the congregation at the meeting on Dec. 10.
- 7. Due to worship being held in the Fellowship Hall into January, the Nativity Display will be suspended this year.
- 8. A community eclipse meeting will be attended by the pastors as plans are being made for the big event in 2024.
- A parsonage #1 report was given by Teresa Ganis. A "painting party" will be held on Sept. 24, and Staudt Construction will begin their interior work upcoming.
- 10. A Kindernest Preschool report including financials was offered by Teresa Ganis.
- 11. After two years of being the church staff person working with small groups and another two years of volunteering services to the program, Kim Gibbs will step back from that role but will continue to offer input through a team that will be created.
- 12. Pastor Bobby led the closing prayer, and the meeting ended at 8:32pm.

The 2023 Church Council Includes

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

A FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP will be offered immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship on Sun., Oct. 29 in the Alpha Room (small) of the Fellowship Hall with a FREE light lunch being provided. Randy Beckmann, funeral director at Mason Funeral Home (and Holy Ghoster), will provide some of the basics of what happens and decisions that need to be made at the time of a funeral. Norm Nevins will provide info for any legal matters associated with the passing of a loved one, and Pastor Bobby will offer thoughts on how a family works through planning the actual funeral service. Please RSVP for the meal if you intend to attend.

The FBG Food Pantry is in need of the following basics: sugar, flour, peanut butter, canned meat, soup, cereal, and canned fruits and vegetables.

You may take your donations directly to the Food Pantry at 701 Mustang St., drop it off at the church office, or leave it on the table in the Fellowship Hall Worship space!

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 Hoy Ghost Lutheran Church which is to Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Applications may be picked up at the church office, 113 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 at 830-997-2288.

YOUR Capital Campaign contributions are key to the success of the program. To give online, use the QR code in this newsletter, donate through the envelope system, or from the HGLC website at <a href="https://hold.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm.no.ndm

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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Some Thrivent Financial Services members are able to designate "fraternal" dollars to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Kindernest 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!"

Thank

MANY THANKS to Kim Gibbs who served as the Small Group Leader (on staff) for two years during the hardest time ever to start a small group rush (during COVID), and for the past two years serving in the same capacity as a volunteer! She will to support the program as she and Pactor Stave

continue to support the program as she and Pastor Steve work together to form a small group team to help give the program broader direction and focus. Please pray for this ministry as it has grown first of all under the leadership of Marti Jennings and then Kim Gibbs!

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 describes 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.



HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH



FALL FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival was held Sept. 16, 2023. Our special THANKS to each of you who donated jars, fruits, baked goods, candies, and hand crafted items. Also, THANK YOU to all who visited our booth, made purchases, and helped set-up and operate the booth. Without the generosity of the congregation, we would not have reached our goal!

The lady we want to recognize this month is Roslee Lochte. Roslee has been with the quilting group so long that she is considered a "fixture". She's always there and will do anything whether it is putting quilts together, sewing tops for quilts, boxing quilts, and do any sewing necessary. She's even good at repairing machines! Since she is using a walker, we tell her she can't come when no one else is quilting; she's that dedicated! Roslee's faith is so strong that when we run short of fabric, she always says, "God will provide," and He always does! Roslee, your dedication is appreciated!!

LWR SOAP PROJECT: Our soap box will be on display until the 1st week of October.

LWR COLLECTION: The LWR Collection will be Oct. 31st. There will be 12 churches bringing their LWR items to be loaded into a U-Haul, as well as ours. Do we have any strong people (will even take weak ones!) to help with this endeavor? If so, please call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701. We are loading Bethany's items the day before and will need help with that also.

QUILTING FABRIC: Our supply of fabric is quickly depleting, but what can you expect when you sew between 400-500 quilts a year? If you have any to offer, please call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701 or bring it to the church office. If you are interested in helping the LWR quilters, they meet Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The hand quilters meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday, as well. Thank you so much to those who have already brought us fabric!

Oct. 8	Church Picnic		
Oct. 9	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 12	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:00am	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 12	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 21-22	Quilt Dedication		
Oct. 31	LWR Collection		



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

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.



October Newsletter 2023

Happy Fall to our HGLC community! In the month of September, Kindernest was blessed to receive donations from Holy Ghost church members. We so appreciate your support and generosity! Our program is truly blessed with this community.

We also would like to thank everyone that volunteered and purchased BBQ plates from our chicken bbq fundraiser on September 24th! We enjoy this fundraiser every year and appreciate your support!

As we settle into the new school year, my heart has been so full to see our new families and students become part of the Kindernest family, as well as welcoming back familiar smiling faces from past years. We are excited for the cooler weather, pumpkin everything, and warm memories to come!

Wishing you all a fun and exciting October!

In His Service, Annisa Alonzo













Holy Land Guided Tour: Victory Church in FBG is hosting a ten-day Holy Land tour with an optional three-day extension into Jordan to see

Petra. The cost is \$3675pp with double occupancy from San Antonio. We invite anyone who would like to experience the Scriptures in a personal and meaningful way to join us in Israel on May 8-17, 2024. If you would enjoy sharing this experience with other community members we would love to have you join us. Pastor Michael Burdick; 830-456-6785.

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5pm - War Room Study 5:45pm - Grace Notes			5:45pm - Grace Notes			

OCTOBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast	Sound Board
	0	Members					Recorders	Volunteers
Oct. 1	8:00am	Cheryl	Roy & Debbie Klaehn	Doyle Moellering		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
		Laurie	Eric Klaehn, Faye Schkade					
Oct. 1	10:30am	Jeff	Becky Shirley, JoAnn Durst	Karen Nevins		Linda Adams		
		Laurie	Carlette Bonn, Verdie Pezzaro					
Oct. 7	e:00bm	Teresa	Donald & Kristie Pressler	Lisa Kaman		Kimberly Bauer		
		Laurie	Ferrl & Suzie Durst					
Oct. 8	8:00am		NO SERVICE				Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Oct. 8	10:30am	Jeff	The Cornett Family		Church Picnic			
		Laurie						
Oct. 14	md00:9	Teresa	Carey & Rhonda Bonn	Dianne Staudt	Self-serve	Johnna Alberthal		
	8 8	Laurie	Corrine Jung, Patti Feller					
Oct. 15	8:00am	Cheryl	Janie Guynes, Carol Feuge	Mandy Herber	Self-serve	Luke Moellering	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
	8	Laurie	Roy & Debbie Klaehn					
Oct. 15	10:30am	Jeff	Becky Shirley, Carlette Bonn	Bryan Moellering	Self-serve	Paul Seidensticker		
	0 - 00 0 - 00	Laurie	Jason & Kelly Ellebracht					
Oct. 21	md00:9	Teresa	Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott	Karen Immel		Johnna Alberthal		
1		Laurie	Roy & Debbie Klaehn					
Oct. 22	8:00am	Cheryl	Janie Guynes, Rhonda Bonn	Pastor		Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
9		Laurie	Donald & Kristie Pressler				7	
Oct. 22	10:30am	Jeff	The Cornett Family	Paul Seidensticker		Linda Adams		
		Laurie						
Oct. 28	e:00pm	Teresa	Rhonda Bonn, Pattie Feller	Mary Beth Bauer	Self-serve	Linda Adams		
	2000	Laurie	Fred & Judy Nardini					
Oct 29	8:00am	Cheryl	Debbie Phelps, Kay Pressler	Debbie Klaehn	Self-serve	Linda Adams	Sidney Ellebracht	Nicole Robertson
		Laurie	Roy & Debbie Klaehn					
Oct 29	10:30am	Jeff	JoAnn Durst	Pastor	Self-serve	Linda Adams		
. 3		Laurie	Kevin, Shanese & Hewston Lochte					

CONFIRMATION

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Kael Watson, Leah McDade, Kaden Beyer Sunday 8:00am - Matthew Moellering, Vivian Weiss, Isabella Mendez Sunday 10:30am - Emma Reeh, Logan Roemer, Brylea Berardi

APRIL 2023 In Person: 2023 On-line Views: ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	MAY 2023 In Person: 2023 On-line Views: ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++	2023 In Person: 2023 On-line Views: ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
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ALTAR GUILD:

October: Darlene Lochte Cindy Clegg Ola Mae Pehl Jocelyn McDonald

Robes: Karen Grona

November: Mandy Herber **Amy Montgomery**

> Wynell Herbort Sandra Davis **Robes: Karen Grona**

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Helen Usener
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Laverne Cuddy
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Jeannie Klett

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: OCT - Bethany

<u>First Weanes</u>	<u>aays</u>	
10/04/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
10/04/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am
First Thursda	<u>ys</u>	

Heritage Place 9:30 am 10/05/2023 Windcrest 10:30 am 10/05/2023

Second Wednesdays

Villages of Windcrest 9:45 am 10/11/2023 10/11/2023 Fredericksburg NH 10:45 am

Second Thursdays

Knopp Retirement Center 9:30 am 10/12/2023 10/12/2023 Knopp #1 10:30 am



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

10/05/1928	Ethelyn Durst
10/16/1932	Victor Mazinke
10/17/1927	Annie Herbort

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

10/01/1966	Kermit & Laverne Boos
10/02/1971	Floyd & Shirley Nielsen
10/06/1972	Larry & Carol Brinkmann
10/12/1951	Harvey & Nan Hengst
10/21/1967	Mark & Kay Durst

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

SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS



Weddings: McGhee/Melcer 9/2/23 **Funerals: Raymond Kluttz** 8/31/23 Mabel Henke 9/6/23 **Danny Kneese** 9/7/23 **Helen Jacoby** 9/9/23 Hilda Kuhlmann 9/16/23 **Gwen Oberlin** 9/23/23

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

Hospitalizations: <u>Sympathies to the Families of</u> Raymond Kluttz Patsy Hahne

Lloyd Harper Måbel Henke Mårlene Karger Danny Kneese Garv Lachmiller Helen Jacoby Patti Penick Hilda Kuhlmann Gwen Oberlin

Hospice List:

Stanley Feller Lvnette Kramer Ďarlene St. Clair



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General Fund Balance July 1, 2023 Receipts Expenses			\$65,174.26 \$90,805.37 -\$74,730.13
General Fund Balance July 31, 2023			\$81,249.5
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR July 2023 Gideon's Bibles			¢4.050.00
Needs Council Backpacks			\$1,050.00 \$346.00
FINANCIAL BAROMETER July 2023 Year-To-Date		Expenses -\$74,730.13 \$602,499.12	\$16,075.24
Capital Campaign Fund General Fund			
Dedicated Fund Balance July 1, 2023			\$1,029,958.58
Receipts this month Expenses			\$31,755.00 -\$242,159.41
Corrected previous duplicate deposit Balance July 31, 2023			\$7,555.33 \$811,998.84
Offerings General Fund July 2023			\$87,642.79

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.





Band of Brothers

Calling All Retired and Flexibly-Scheduled Men! Join us Tuesday, October 10, 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!



SPECIAL THANKS!!

A special thanks to all the volunteers who braved the heat so that we could have our float in the Gillespie County Fair Parade. There are a number of ways we can be a witness for Jesus, and this is one of them!! Thanks again to all who volunteered their

~ HGLC Float Committee

I wish to thank the church and all individuals who acknowledged my 90th birthday and the gifts you gave me. Especially the beautiful quilt. Be sure to notify the guilters how much I appreciate the guilt. Great job!

Kermit Crenwelge

Just wanted to say thank you for all you did to honor Pastor Bill. Thank you for the gift card and to the cooks that did a great meal. Also the cake.

It was so nice and we appreciate everything. It was a great day. You made it very special. Again we thank you. Thank you! We love you all.

William and Julie Breen

"Letter to the American Church"

Pastor Alan Williams is leading 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 vet 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.

The first class was held on September 14th, but anyone is welcome to join at anytime. The class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall - Youth Room. The book can be purchased from Amazon. 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.



Ladies' Lunch Study

We are taking a break for the month of October. We'll start a special Advent study on November 1st. See the November newsletter for more details or contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

The HolyMark Cardmakers

We will meet Friday, October 20th at Campo Azul for lunch at 11:30 a.m, before making cards at 12:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall (Alpha Room.) We need as many card makers as possible this month. Please give Pastor Jan a call at 512-760-0093 if you plan to join us for lunch.

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!

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

It's never a bad time to think about kindness. It's easy to be kind to people we like or who are kind to us...not always so easy otherwise. The Bible has a lot to say about kindness! Let's all try to be kind to someone who is more of a challenge to us!

Ephesians 4:32 Luke 6:35 Proverbs 11:17 Colossians 3:12 1John 3:18 Galatians 6:10 Galatians 5:22 Philippians Chap.2 **Romans 11:22** Acts 20:35 Micah 6:8 Matthew 5:42

Joshua 2:13





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 October meeting times are Oct. 16th and Oct. 30th.

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

Study the Parables of Jesus this fall with Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve is leading 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.

MidWeek Bible Study - Non Pauline Epistles



Pastor David leads a Wednesday evening Bible study on the Non-Pauline Epistles (Letters not written by Paul). We gather each Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the Youth Room. Please join us anytime as we study together James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, and Jude. Everyone is welcome.

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 ½" 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

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 "Pastor's 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 meeting 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 Bible Discussion - Nick Thompson

January 14 - March 3 CULTURE SHOCK - Bruce Christian and Pastor Bobby PASTOR'S CLASS - Pastor Steve

<u>April 7 - May 19</u> BIBLE DISCUSSIONS - Nick Thompson FORENSIC EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION-Gil Becker THE SAGE CLASS - Norm Nevins

Game Night will be held October 26th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come!

Feeding John

Feeding John will be on Sunday, October 22nd.



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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.

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 Stroeher	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 Klaehn	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
Kindernest Team	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Kindernest 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	830456-7218
Tele–Buddy Ministry	Marti Jennings	830-992-7049
Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

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Vacant	
Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Bernice Basse	512-569-1643
Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
Jacob Harrington	512-827-1564
Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
Linda Adams	830-889-3250
	Donna Rees Corrine Jung Glenna Hartman Marjorie Otte Polly Zenner Bernice Basse Joyce Thiele Jacob Harrington Nicole Robertson

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 KDS CORNER

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me.'" - Matthew 19:14

contact

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

upcoming

- Daylight Saving Time ends: night of Nov 4
- Friday Night Live: Nov 10
- First Communion Retreat: Nov 17

for families this month

Let's talk about "gluttony".

- What do you think that means? Look it up in your dictionary and your Bible.
 What could gluttony have to do with this time of year?
 Think of a certain thing we do with candy...
- Look up and discuss:
 - Romans 12:1
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
- Gluttony is taking too much for yourself and not caring for the gifts God has given you.
- When have you been guilty of gluttony? What can you do to guard against it?
- How can you instead share your blessings from God?





Lord, hear our prayer

The things on our prayer board right now:

• INJURED FRIENDS

We ask God to cover anyone hurt in His healing, peace, and care.

COOLER WEATHER

We thank God for the fall and we ask Him to keep our eyes open so we can see Him in His creation!

PATIENCE

Dear Jesus, calm our hearts! We can lose sight of you when we are filled with worry all the time. Help us take time to be with You.

...what can you and your family pray for this month? Create a prayer board of your own and keep track!







October 2023

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

October 2023

HGLC Church Picnic

Gillespie County Fair Grounds
Sunday, October 8th 10:30 AM Worship

Youth Group Silent Auction Camp Fundraiser 9:15 AM Confirmation at Fair Grounds







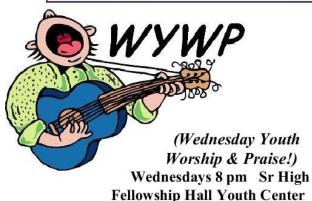
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Church Picnic Silent Auction Fundraiser! October 8th

Yes, I would like to	donate the following item(s):	
(Please indicate the estin	mated retail value)	
Yes, I would like to	donate money directly to the youth fund.	
Name:	Phone:	- with group
Mailing Address:		youth group fundraiser
Email Address:		

PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

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



Fall Carnival October 25th 5:30-7:30 PM Behind Bethany Lutheran

MIDDLE SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED! Costumes welcomed! If you like, walk over after school.





+Confirmation+ Middle School Program

The Ten Commandments 9:15 PM Fellowship Hall Youth Center

Oct 1- 4th Commandment

Oct 8- 5th Commandment at

Church Picnic!

Oct 15- 6th Commandment

Oct 22- 7th Commandment

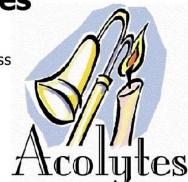
Oct 29- 8th Commandment

October Acolytes

Sunday 8:00 AM Matthew Moellering, Vivian Weiss Isabella Mendez

Sunday 10:30 AM Emma Reeh, Logan Roemer, Brylea Berardi

Saturday 6:00 PM Kael Watson, Leah McDade, Kaden Beyer



Sr. High Sunday School Kindernest Building 9:15 AM Time to Grow!!

Come enjoy Breakfast Bar before Sunday School! Fellowship Hall 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM



WYWP FROM THE FRONT! WYWP FROM BEHIND! EITHER WAY IT'S DIVINE!!





(same wywp group from front & back!)

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