

What's on Your Mind?

Israel and Gaza? Hezbollah and Iran? Speaker of the House chaos? The health of loved ones (or your own diagnosis)? Money issues? Troubles at work? Relationship challenges? The list of things and events that can hijack our thoughts and sometimes our sleep may seem endless. Many people, even those who don't believe in Jesus Christ, have a sense that the world is not as it should be. Injustice, pain, suffering, war, and broken hearts are but signs that there is a deep and abiding problem with this world. The world is, to put it bluntly, broken. Who of us, when something precious to us breaks, doesn't grieve at least a little? So what are we to do?

One of the most comforting hymns of the Church was originally penned as a poem by Joseph Scriven in 1855. Scriven was a man well-acquainted with tragedy. His fiancé died in a drowning accident the day before their wedding. In his grief, he moved from Ireland to Canada to start over. There he fell in love again, and just weeks before the wedding, his fiancé died of a terrible illness. He was just 25 years old. In the midst of his grief, he devoted himself to serving the poor. A few years later, his mother in Ireland became seriously ill. With no money to travel back home, Scriven wrote a poem of encouragement and hope for her. We know that poem as "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." When your mind is filled with thoughts of the troubles of this life in the coming month, I encourage you to not only listen to or sing this song but also to lift it up as a prayer: "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear – All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!" And what will the Lord do for you? "In his arms, he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there."

As you pray throughout this coming month, dive deeply into God's Word. Consider these verses as you pray, and consider God's promises to you: Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6-7; Colossians 4:2-4; James 5:13, and, for a wonderful summary of how God is at work through Jesus Christ: Colossians 1:9-23.

Finally, another word of encouragement. In Revelation 21 we hear these words: "⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." In other words, no matter how much trouble comes on this earth or in our lives, in the end, Jesus wins (and we win with Him)! He will indeed "take and shield you" dear beloved children of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May you experience His peace that passes all understanding in these coming days!

Peace and joy in the Lord Jesus,

Pastor Steve

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Phil. 4:6-7

A FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP will be offered immediately following the 10:30am 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.

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 <u>holyghostfbg.org</u>! Call the church office for special gifts.

The BUILDING PROGRAM!

Tremendous progress is being made in the basement (confirmation space and nursery) as well as at the 110 E. Creek St. house (education space & community use). New louvers have now replaced the rotted-out ones in the bell tower. <u>Please keep the workers in prayer</u> as the construction business is dangerous work. Please also continue your faithful support with your pledges, special gifts, and memorials to the <u>Capital Campaign Building Program</u>, remembering the <u>regular</u> <u>ministry budget</u> so that current programs will continue to remain strong and healthy as we seek to "Be and Make Disciples!"

<u>A Word about a Special TAX SAVINGS Opportunity to Give</u>: *Required Minimum Distribution*

The dreaded RMD is the requirement from the IRS that once you reach the age of 70 1/2, you must take distributions from your IRA, SEP, Simple, or retirement account. In most cases, this results in taxable income to add to the tax return in the year of the distribution. But wait! There is an exception! The IRS allows you to make a taxfree transfer to a charity of your choice from your retirement account. You don't need to itemize deductions to get the tax benefit. Making a tax-free transfer also keeps the money out of your gross income. That could help you avoid the Medicare high-income surcharge in certain tax brackets. Keeping money out of your adjusted gross income could also make less of your Social Security benefits taxable. Do you have an RMD this year? *Talk to your accountant and your broker* to see if you can designate some of the required amount paid to the charity of your choice. For example:

Required Minimum Distribution	\$5,000
Check from broker payable to the charity of your choice	\$1,000
Taxable distribution for 2023 to your return	\$4,000

Lenten Devotion Writing Sign-Ups

Do you have a faith story or insight you'd like to share? With the Lenten Season happening early in 2024, sign-ups to write in our annual Holy Ghost Family of Faith Lenten Devotion booklet will start the weekend of November 11-12. Look for the sign-up table after each service or contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

As Pastor Alan Williams retires from providing pastoral care and services to our homebound and residential care members at the end of the year, <u>a new team is being trained</u> to help provide Holy communion to those he has been visiting. If interested, please visit with Pastor Steve Qualben.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TEAM UPDATE:

HELP!! The Medical Equipment Team inventory is out of wheelchairs and has only a few rollators. If you know of any not in use, please contact Paul Unger (512-760-5788) or Sandy Birdlebough (830-998-4504) or drop them off at the church office.

The Medical Equipment Team continues to maintain a supply of slightly used medical devices to loan to HGLC members and their immediate families at no cost. In the past equipment was provided primarily for back surgeries, and knee and hip replacements. Since Covid, the need for short term transitions from nursing facilities to homes has greatly expanded to where our supply of rollators and wheel chairs is quite limited. We still have a good supply of slider and wheeled walkers, crutches, and canes.

We would like to expand this ministry to include Doss and Cave Creek. With your help we can resupply our inventory to get us where we need to be. If you have an unneeded wheelchair, rollator, or other medical assistance device, please consider donating it. Also, if you have borrowed any equipment and no longer need it, please return it for others to use. Items can be dropped off at the church office or by contacting any of the team members.

Also, additional team members are needed to give a timelier response to requests. Would you consider joining the team? Team members are Paul Unger (512-760-5788) and Sandy Birdlebough (830-998-4504). Give us a call if you're interested in learning more about joining us!



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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, or 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 **November 8**. This group is open to the community and surrounding areas.

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

Widow's Might

Widows who are wanting to connect with other women and seeking hope for this season in their life are invited to attend this group that typically meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 pm in the parsonage next door to the church (former Priem residence). We are currently reading *Seamless*, by Angie Smith.

For the month of November we will only meet on the 8th at 5:30. Our December meeting will be December 13th, and we will also have a social gathering at a date to be determined. For more information, please contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

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WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

"Come, let us worship the Lord!"



NOVEMBER WORSHIP THEMES

Messages in November:

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 4 & Nov. 5: It is All Saints Weekend as we set aside time in our worship service to honor and remember those from our family of faith who died this last year. Our faith word for this week is HOPE. Our ultimate hope is in the Lord who created us, redeemed us, and gave us the victory over sin and death with the promise of eternal life.

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 11 & Nov. 12: "Encouragement" is the faith word of the week as the focus is on the strength we receive from others as well as the hope that God calls us to pour into others. The Women of the Church lead parts of the worship service while one of the pastors brings the Word! Holy Communion is served.

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 18 & Nov. 19: "LOVE" - The Apostle John tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16) and He is the source of love. (1 John 4:7). God's love for us and our call to love the Lord God above any other is a central tenet of our faith. But what does God say about the true nature of love and how we are designed to live as human beings? We invite you to carefully meditate on both 1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1 and 1 John 4:7-21 as you prepare for the weekend.

Wed., Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Eve: "Thanksgiving" is the appropriate faith word as we enter into Thanksgiving weekend. Fifth graders receive their first communion as we all give thanks to God for God's gift of Jesus to us! Services are at 11am & 6:30pm.

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 25 & Nov. 26: "SHALOM" Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Shalom) announced by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 9:6). The Apostle John records Jesus' words to His disciples shortly before He would be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27) There are many practical and important implications of the gift of peace. It is a gift for you that is shared with us and sustained in us through the Holy Spirit. We invite you to consider carefully John 14:25-27 and Galatians 5:22-23. Holy Communion will be served.

The Fall Sermon Series is titled "Faith Words" as

common but complex words used in the church are further explored and explained.

Holy Communion in November:

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



Praise Services for November Praise services will be at the 10:30 am worship service on November 5th and 12th.

<u>ALL worship services including the midweek services are</u> posted on the HGLC Facebook and YouTube site. You DO NOT have to be on Facebook to watch the services.



All Saints Weekend, Nov. 4th and 5th Holy Ghost will set aside time during each service to honor and remember those from our family of faith who died this last year.

The Special Offering for NOVEMBER is

designated for Lutheran World Relief Quilter Postage! Our LWR quilters put together over 500 quilts every year, not to mention the lap robes and health kits that get distributed to those in need. These quilts are then prayed over and shipped to third world countries where the recipients use them for beds, countries where the recipients use them for beds, warmth, shade, baby wraps, grocery transport, and even burials. The women of our church do the hand-work, and the rest of us get to help get them to their destination by providing offering for the postage which runs about \$2K. 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/on-line give memo with:"Q" for Quilts!

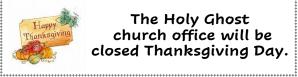
HGLC Radio Broadcast

Listen in to the Word! 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 great way to start your day in the morning or have it playing in the background all day long.



The Holy Ghost church office will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

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COUNCIL NOTES October 23, 2023

- Pastor Steve opened with a devotion about training in 1. prayer.
- 2. David Bullion, the chairperson of the Building Team, offered an update on the building project. Phase one is approximately one-third complete with about \$1.2M being spent.
- 3 A sound task force is being formed to provide direction for sound and technology as the move is made back to the sanctuary.
- Hiram Lucius, congregational treasurer, presented an ACH 4. program that the church will participate in with 1st United Bank.
- 5 The 2024 budget will be finalized at the November council meeting.
- The Christmas day dinner will be served for members and 6. community inviting St. Paul, Cave Creek & St. Peter, Doss.
- The Christmas day worship service will be held in the Youth 7. Center due to the Christmas day dinner being in the Fellowship Hall.
- 8. Christmas Eve services this year will be at 3pm, 5pm & 7pm. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday regular weekend services will also be held on Saturday, 6pm, and Sunday, 8am & 10:30am.
- 9. The meeting ended at 8pm & Pastor David concluded the meeting with prayer.

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.

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.

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!



<u>The Congregational Bi-Annual Meeting</u> is <u>Sunday, December 10th</u> following the 10:30am service. The 2024 council persons will be elected, the new year ministry budget will be presented, a building team update will be offered, and other reports will be shared.

<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. Dollars may be spent on other church support, but \$100/weekend for flowers seems a bit steep! (No offense to flower dealers!) 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 present at a funeral or placed 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!



NATIVITY SCENES DISPLAY UPDATE:

The Fishers for Christ Team wants to let the church family and friends know that the nativity scenes display will not take place this Christmas Season. This event is always anticipated with excitement by our team as we look forward to beginning the Christmas season with this display to help remind us all that Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. As our renovation of the church building continues, and we are using the Fellowship Hall for worship, we do not have adequate space elsewhere for the display, so we opted to wait until 2024. Thank you for understanding and we hope to see all of those beautiful nativity scenes once again next year. Have a Happy Thankogiving and a very Blessed Christmas.

In Christ,~ The Fishers for Christ Team

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HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

LWR Quilting News - We are so thankful to each of you who have shared your fabric with us. It has been put to use to sew quilt tops. It is always amazing to see the beautiful tops that on the different fabrics

come together from the different fabrics.

We can always use more. Our supply of fabric is being depleted, but what can you expect when you sew 400-500 quilts a year? If you have any to offer, please call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701, or bring the fabric to the church office.

We are always open to having new quilters join us. Ola Mae Pehl was a hair stylist for years and never thought she would be able to quilt or even be interested in quilting. Once she visited the LWR Quilters, she was hooked. She has learned to put a quilt together, but her favorite part is tying the quilts. We are happy she has joined the LWR Quilt Group.

If you are interested in helping the LWR Quilters or just stopping by to see what we do, you can find us Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00am to noon. You also may want to check out the Hand Quilters who also meet on Mondays and Tuesdays at various times.

Soap Drive - The Soap Drive has ended, but if you have soap, we will accept it. Thank you to each of you who participated.

Epiphany Tea - The Epiphany Tea will not be held in January due to construction. At this time, we are looking to have a Spring Fling Tea in April. More details will be made available at a later time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 9	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 9	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 12	Thankoffering services	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 13	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall



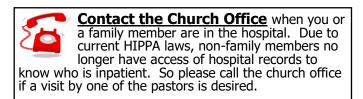
April 20, 2024: Southwest Texas NALC WOF Gathering at Three Rivers. More info to follow.

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Save the Date The "Spring Fling Tea" will be held on April 14th. This will replace the Epiphany Tea/Cowboy Breakfast. Contact Gue Gustin if you have any questions.



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November Newsletter

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 who volunteered and purchased BBQ plates from our chicken BBQ fundraiser on September 24th! We made a profit of \$4,406.81! We are so grateful!

Kindernest kids have been so busy with all things fall, pumpkin, and Halloween! We were excited to sing at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church picnic on Sunday October 8th! We are so proud of those sweet voices. Our local family baskets were a wonderful addition to all of the items in the silent auction. Thank you for having us!

As we finish out the month of October, we look forward to Halloween parties, dress up days, and a very special trunk or treat at Bethany Lutheran Church. Happy Halloween to our Holy Ghost Lutheran family!

In His Service, Annisa Alonzo



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.



Holy Ghost Church

Nov 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	τţ	Fri	Sat
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8am - Worship/Comm	9am - LWR Quilters	LWR Collection Lay	8:30am - Comm. Child Care Mtg.	7am - Men's Community Bible Study		All Saints
8:30am - Breakfast Bar	1pm - HG Quilters	9am - LWR Quilters	12pm - "Parable of Jesus" Course: Alpha	6pm - AA		6pm - Worship
9:15am - Sunday School	4pm - Youth Choir	9:55am - KNEST Devo.	12pm - Ladies Lunch Study	Bpm-AA		
10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM	6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study	1pm - HG Quilters	4pm - After School Club			
10:30am - Worship/Comm	6:30pm - AA	6pm - Budget Team Mtg.	5:30pm - Non Pauline Epistles Bible			
5pm - War Room Study			5:45pm - Grace Notes			
			6:30pm - Sanctuary Choir			
			7:15pm - Women's Ensemble			
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	9am - LWR Quilters	Newsletter News Due	6.30am - Men's Breakfast	7am - Men's Community Bible Study	6:30pm - Friday Night Live	Lenten Devo. Sign- Up
8am - Worship	1pm - HG Quitters	9am - LWR Quilters	10am - Caregiver's Support	9:30am - Lydia Circle		Thank Offering Serv.
8:30am - Breakfast Bar	4pm - Youth Choir	9:55am - KNEST Devo.	12pm - "Parable of Jesus" Course: Alpha	1pm - Kath. Luther Circle		6pm - Worship/Comm
9:15am - Sunday School	5:30pm - Benefits Task Force Mtg.	1pm - HG Quilters	4pm - After School Club	5:15pm - Investment Team Mtg.: Alpha		
10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM	6:30pm - AA		5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha Rm	6pm - AA		
10:30am - Worship			5:30pm - Non Pauline Epistles Bible	Bpm - AA		
5pm - War Room Study			5:30pm - Widow's Might			
			5:45pm - Grace Notes			
			7pm - Sanctuary Choir			
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Lenten Devo. Sign- Up	9am - LWR Quilters	8am - Band of Brothers	12pm - "Parable of Jesus" Course: Alpha	7am - Men's Community Bible Study	11:30am - HolyMark Card Makers:	6pm - Worship
Thank Offering Serv.	1pm - HG Quilters	9am - LWR Quilters	12pm - Ladies Lunch Study	6pm-AA	6pm - First Holy Comm. Retreat	
WOF Thank Offering Service	4pm - Youth Choir	9:55am - KNEST Devo.	4pm - After School Club	Bpm - AA		
8am - Worship/Comm	6pm - Evening Guild	1pm - HG Quilters	5:30pm - God Squad Small Group			
8:30am - Breakfast Bar	6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study		5:30pm - Non Pauline Epistles Bible			
9:15am - Sunday School	6:30pm - AA		5:45pm - Grace Notes			
10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM	2		7pm - Sanctuary Choir			
10:30am - Worship/Comm			8pm - WYWP			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8am - Worship	9am - LWR Quilters	9am - LWR Quilters	11am - Thanksgiving Eve Worship	6pm-AA	24	6pm - Worship
8:30am - Breakfast Bar	1pm - HG Quilters	1pm - HG Quilters	5:45pm - Grace Notes	Bpm-AA		6pm - Worship/Comm
9:15am - Sunday School	6pm - Men In Mission		6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship/First			
10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM	6:30pm - AA					
10:30am - Worship						
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Feeding John	9am - LWR Quilters	Print Newsletter	Newsletter: Assemble/Mail/Email/Post to	7am - Men's Community Bible Study	Light the Night Christmas Parade	6pm - Worship
8am - Worship	1pm - HG Quilters	9am - LWR Quilters	12pm - Ladies Lunch Study	6pm-AA		
8am - Worship/Comm	4pm - Youth Choir	9:55am - KNEST Devo.	4pm - Atter School Club	Bpm-AA		
8:30am - Breakfast Bar	6pm - Allan Williams Small Group	1pm - HG Quilters	5:45pm - Grace Notes			
9:15am - Sunday School	6pm - Church Council	5:30pm - Christmas Day Dinner Mtg.	7pm - Sanctuary Choir			
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Nov. 4	6:00pm	Nancy	Lisa Kaman	Pastor Williams		Johnna Alberthal		
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Nov. 5	8:00am	Craig	Harvey Hengst	Gil Becker		Luke Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
		Nancy	Nancy, Paul & Davis Lochte					
Nov. 5	10:30am	Bruce	Sherry Keyser	Karen Lochte		Linda Adams		
		Polly	Shirley & Floyd Nielsen					
Nov. 11	Nov. 11 6:00pm	Nancy	Karen Immel	Sandy Platfoot	Self-serve	Kimberly Bauer		
		Ron	Patti Feller					
Nov. 12	Nov. 12 8:00am	Craig	Nancy, Paul & Davis Lochte	Joyce Thiele	Self-serve	Luke Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
		Nancy						
Nov. 12	10:30am	Bruce	Susan West, Sherry Keyser	Dawn Barron	Self-serve	Paul Seidensticker		
		Polly	Genevieve McCaffrey					
Nov. 18	Nov. 18 6:00pm	Nancy	Karen Immel, Lisa Kaman	Dianne Staudt		Kimberly Bauer		
		Ron	Patti Feller					
Nov. 19	Nov. 19 8:00am	Craig	Harvey & Nan Hengst	Harvey Hengst		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
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Nov. 19	10:30am	Bruce	Susan West, Sherry Keyser	Molly Spencer		Paul Seidensticker		
		Polly	Genevieve McCaffrey					
THANKS	THANKSGIVING EVE							
Nov. 22	Nov. 22 11:00am		Susan West, Glenda Mott	Pastor	Self-serve			
			Yvonne Fox					
Nov. 22	6:30pm		Steve & Lisa Olfers Patti Feller	Pastor	Self-serve	Linda Adams		
Nov. 25	Nov. 25 6:00pm	Nancy	Karen Immel	Corinne Jung	Self-serve	Johnna Alberthal		
		Ron	Melissa & Neal Eckert					
Nov. 26	Nov. 26 8:00am	Craig	Nancy, Paul & Davis Lochte	Nan Hengst	Self-serve	Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
		Nancy						
Nov. 26	10:30am	Bruce	Susan West	Pastor	Self-serve	Linda Adams		
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Acolytes:

CONFTRMATION Saturday 6:00pm - Vacant Sunday 8:00am - Jacob Winn, Clayton Winn, Davis Lochte Sunday 10:30am - Jake Stehling, Jinger Ellebracht, Landon Denton Thanksgiving Eve 11:00am - Vacant Thanksgiving Eve 6:30pm - Meredith Stevens

WORSHIP ATTTENDANCE AT-A-GLANCE

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ALTAR GUILD:

November: Mandy Herber Wynell Herbert **Robes:** December: Cheryl Sione Virginia Feuge Valerie Bonn **Robes:**

Amy Montgomery Sandra Davis **Karen Grona** Kristen Crenwelge Laura Lundquist

Karen Grona

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Evening Guild	Helen Usener	Christmas Party
Lydia Circle	Laverne Cuddy	Christmas Party Luncheon
Katherine Luther	Jeannie Klett	Christmas Party Luncheon

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: NOV - ZION

First Wednes	<u>days</u>	
11/01/2023	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
11/01/2023	Knopp #2	10:30 am
First Thursda	<u>ys</u>	
11/02/2023	Heritage Place	9:30 am
11/02/2023	Windcrest	10:30 am
Second Wedr	<u>nesdays</u>	
11/08/2023	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
11/08/2023	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am
Second Thurs	<u>sdays</u>	
11/09/2023	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
11/09/2023	Knopp #1	10:30 am



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

11/10/1933	Nan Hengst
11/16/1932	Irene Grosenbacher
11/17/1930	Kermit Grona
11/18/1922	Estella Feuge
11/18/1932	Janet Beckmann
11/21/1932	Betty Olfers
11/23/1929	Mildred Wilke
11/28/1930	Dorothy Basse

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

11/19/1971	Allen & Wynell Herbort
11/26/1960	A.C. & Mary Kast
11/30/1968	Allen & Marsha Henke

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

November 2023

OCTOBER PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism	Rhea Lynn Carter	10/29/23
Funerals	Lloyd Harper	10/10/2023
	Gary Lachmiller	10/16/2023

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

Hospitalizations: Travis Burrer, Sr. Sammy Geistweidt Dale Martin Margo Stahl Helen Scroggs Patsy Hahne Clinton Feuge Jan Beckmänn Joyce Tschirhart Doug Alford Earl Knopp





Sympathies to the Families of Lloyd Harper Gary Lachmiller

DOLLARS INIS HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Balance September 1, 2023	\$81,249.50
Receipts	\$59,834.48
Expenses	-\$90,311.45
General Fund Balance September 30, 2023	\$50,772.53
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR September 2023	
Kindernest	\$4,410.00
FINANCIAL BAROMETER Income Expen	nses plus/mins
September 2023 \$59,834.48 -\$90,3	311.45 -\$30,476.97
Year-To-Date \$708,583.10 -\$692,8	810.57 \$15,772.53
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund	
Dedicated Fund Balance September 1, 2023	\$811,998.84
Receipts this month	\$21,834.00
Expenses	-\$8,103.47
Balance September 30, 2023	\$825,729.37
Offerings General Fund September 2023	\$57,066.53





on October 6, 2023!

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Dear Holy Ghost Church,



Thank you for your love of the Bible and for your strong support of the Gideon ministry through the years, and particularly in allowing your August special mission offering to be designated for the Gideons! We Gideons count it a privilege to be part of your congregation's mission outreach.

The \$1,050 given will be used to purchase almost 620 New Testaments for distribution locally, throughout Texas and the US, and in 184 countries around the world where local Gideons and churches are unable to afford to purchase their own. What a blessing to them to supply the Testaments and to give the local Gideons the privilege of placing them in schools and other venues as they evangelize their neighborhoods.

In His Service, Clarence Dykstra, for the Texas Hill Country Gideons

Dear Members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, On 8.28.23, my father-in-law, Danny Kneese passed away. We had his funeral at your location on 9.7.23. After we took Danny to the cemetery, we came back to your church for a meal and visiting. We were hot, tired, and hungry. The food, drinks, and desserts were heaven-sent. I whole-heartedly thank all the kind people who made that meal happen. Thank you!

~ Leslie Kneese



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Band of Brothers

The monthly meeting of the Band of Brothers will be Tuesday, November 14 from 8:00 - 11:00 am. If you are a retired man or someone with a flexible schedule, join us for food, fellowship, and work on various 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 of all ages are invited to join us for fellowsnip and study every-other Wednesday at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will meet on November 1st, 15th & 29th for a special short-term study: *Finding Patience, Peace, and Presence in Advent.* Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.



The HolyMark Cardmakers

HolyMark Cardmakers will meet for lunch at Catfish Haven at 11:30 am Friday, November 17. Following lunch (around 12:30) we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to make cards for various ministries of Holy Ghost. We always welcome newcomers

to our fellowship and are happy to teach you how to make these cards and to tailor a job to you!

For questions, call Pastor Jan Unger at 512-760-0093.

Music Ministry

Dear Friends,

There is so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Season, and I am certainly thankful for the gift of music! If you had told me five years ago that my job would be solely focused in music (something I've always dreamed of), I don't think I would have believed you. Thank God that He always has a plan, often times bigger and better than any plan we have for ourselves. In this time of gratefulness, I encourage you to look at all of the things God has put in your path that you are thankful for; whether completely unexpected or something that has been prayed over with intention. God always has a plan, and it is always good!

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Continuing in the theme of thankfulness, a big THANK YOU to Patsy Stevens for sharing this beautiful, traditional piece with me! We had the fun opportunity to sing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" as a quartet earlier this year, and I just had to bring it along for the full choir to lend their voices to it as well. The four-part harmony works together to create a complex sounding musical treat that has become a favorite benediction for many congregations. I hope it will be a favorite for Holy Ghost, as well. Enjoy!

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

I am also thankful for Jane Remmert and her vast knowledge of music! Last summer, Jane and I were sorting through the sanctuary choir's library in the hopes of organizing and paring down the music files. I must admit, I had this song in the "file away" pile. Then Jane told me how much she loved the song and so I rescued it from that pile and I'm so glad I did! The arrangement we present to you is in the form of a Women's Ensemble and they do such a beautiful job with it. Originally a Quaker song, this piece is a delicate and uncomplicated message about how music and indeed music in the form of worship can provide peace and comfort. We hope you enjoy "How Can I Keep from Singing"!

~ With a Joyful Heart, Katie







November 2023

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

So much to be thankful for, even during challenging times and rough spots - God's glory in nature, in our children and grandchildren, and in the daily blessings we take for granted. Of course all are mentioned in scripture!

Job 12:7-10 Nehemiah 9:6 Psalm 127:3-5 Mark 10:14 Luke 6:38

Psalm 96:11-12 Isaiah 55:12 Matthew 18:10 Philippians 4:19 Psalm 145:5 Proverbs 17:6 3 John 1:4 James 1:17



Women's Evening Bible Study

All ladies are welcome to join us for study and fellowship. (Typically every-other Monday evening.) This month we will meet November 13th at 6pm in the HG Youth Room. For more 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 meets 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. If interested, please call the church office to register or sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall. Study materials are \$12.00.



MidWeek Bible Study - Non Pauline Epistles

Pastor David is leading a Midweek Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. We will be studying the books of James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3rd John, and Jude. This is an 11-week study, ending on Wednesday, November 15th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall where there is available space. Please call the office to let Pastor David know if you would like to attend.

"Letter to the American Church"

This course has been cancelled but may be re-offered next spring. Thank you so much for your interest. - Pastor Alan Williams

The FBG Food Pantry is in need of the following basics!

Sugar, Flour, Peanut butter, Canned meat Soup, Cereal, Canned fruit and vegetables

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



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Adult Class Opportunities

G.R.A.C.E.D! <u>The "C" means "Connect in a Study or</u> <u>Small Group</u>!"

Sunday Morning Opportunities

Adult Sunday School choices! Join in at 9:15-10:15am! The coffee is on us!

Adult SS Choices include "Pastor's Class" which is a Bible study looking at various Bible readings which meets in the Fellowship Hall; and "Old Testament Truths of God, "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!



November 5 - December 17 SEVEN DAYS THAT DIVIDE THE WORLD - Gil Becker OLD TESTAMENT TRUTHS OF GOD - Norm Nevins & Jim Paige **BIBLE DISCUSSIONS - Nick Thompson**

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

> Game Night will not be held in November. Our next Game Night is scheduled for Thur., December 7th at 6:00 pm.

Feeding John

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



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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 **Building Committee** "C" Team Contact "C" Team Contact Cancer Support Group Cancer Support Group Cemetery Team Cemetery Team Christmas Day Dinner Feeding John Float Team Fishers for Christ Global Leadership Summit Health Care Team Holy Ghost Quilters Holy Ghost Quilters Hospitality Team Investment Team Kindernest Team Kindernest Team Kitchen Team Kitchen Team LWR Quilters NH Comm. Coord. NH Devotions "P" Team Passion of Christ Property Team Praise Team Task Force Prayer Team "R" Team Resource Management Small Group Vol. Stewardship Team Tele-Buddy Ministry Worship Decorating

WORSHIP TEAMS:

Altar Guild Coord. Altar Guild Coord. Communion Servers Disciple Team Leader Disciple Team Leader Organist/Pianist Coord. Readers Coord. Sound Coord. Sound Coord. Video Tech Coord.

CHOIRS:

Bell Choir Sanctuary Choir Youth Choir

GROUPS:

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Church Council Pres. Men in Mission Sunday School Supt. Band of Brothers Women of Faith Women of Faith Youth Group

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



NOVEMBER 2023

HOLY GHOST KIDS CORNER

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

TOATHOO

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

AS ALWAYS

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

UPCOMING

- Thanksgiving Day: November 23
- First Sunday of Advent: December 3

FOR FAMILIES THIS MONTH

Let's talk about thankfulness.

- What do you think it means to be thankful. What does it look like to live thankfully?
- Look up and discuss:
 - Psalm 100:1-5
 - James 1:17
- Go around the table and share what you are thankful for!
- How can you and your family use your gifts from God to spread the attitude of thanksgiving?



NOVEMBER 2023

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

The things on our prayer board right now:

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Even though we may not always agree or get along, we thank God for those closest to us. Please be with them when they need You, Jesus!

• OUR BLESSINGS

We thank God for all He has given us! We also ask that He give us chances in life for us to use these gifts to show others His Love!

RAIN

We lift up our need for rain and our want for cooler weather!

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

st Communion Retr **Vember 17: 5:30** Our fifth-graders and their parents are in for a rich evening full of faith, fun, and deep thoughts! Please RSVP to Daniel by November 14. Sundays Cool Christmas Program "LIVE FROM BETHLEHEM" Sunday, December 10 @ 10.30am Everyone is invited to join in this annual traditionthere will be parts for all ages and abilities! Put this date on your calendars along with our Rehearsal: December 9 @ 10am so your family can participate!

SUNDAY SCHOOL? MORE LIKE

KIDS PreK-5TH CAN JOIN US AT 9:15AM IN THE KINDERNEST

WE HAVE MORE FUN WHEN YOU'RE HERE

BUILDING

LEARNING THE BEATITUDES THROUGH MUSIC Matthew 5.4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

HGLC YOUTH CHOIR

READ MORE! JOB5:11



November 2023

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

November 2023

Reaching out in Jesus' name! **Operation Christmas Child** Wrap Party – November 12th

Middle School Confirmation and Sr High will gather together with Elementary in the Fellowship Hall to package our Operation Christmas Child Gifts! Gift ideas at www.samaritanspurse.org.





Christmas Mexico Mission Gifts! Adopt-a-Family Angel Board & Bins Beginning November 26th

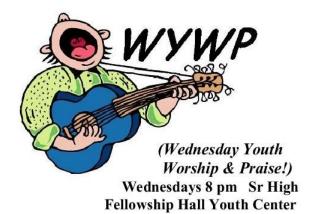
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please consider adopting a Mission de Candelilla family and providing one or two gifts per person. Beginning Sunday, November 26th, sign up by taking an envelope from our Christmas Angel Board in the Fellowship Hall or at the church office during the week. Grab a plastic bin to package your gifts. The envelope will have all the info!!

Youth Group & Family Matters

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Christmas Mexico Mission Trip December 27th-30th

For more info or to register contact Pastor Clint!



+Confirmation+ Middle School Program

Understanding the Old Testament 9:15 AM Church Basement

- Nov 5- 9th/10th Commandments
- Nov 12- Operation Christmas Child
- Nov 19- Group Sunday School
- Nov 26- Group Sunday School



Sunday 8:00 AM Jacob Winn, Clayton Winn, Davis Lochte

Sunday 10:30 AM Jake Stehling, Jinger Ellebracht, Landon Denton





Saturday 6:00 PM (Open! If you can help, please let us know!!)

Sr. High Sunday School Kindernest Building 9:15 AM The Book of James

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





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