

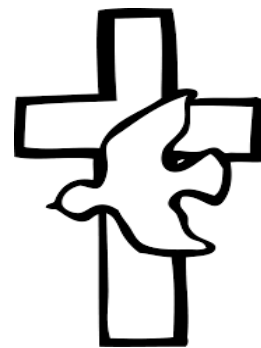


The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

March 2024

Being & Making Disciples



"It's Not Too Late!"

With just two weeks of the 2024 Lenten season in the rearview mirror, there is yet a full month of worship, devotional, and service opportunities ahead! In addition to the midweek (Wednesday 11am & 6:30pm) and weekend (regular times) services that are all following the Lenten theme titled "The Grand Plan," the 10th edition of the devotional is one of the best ever when it comes to content and faith inspiration! The devotional is available in hard copy (from the church office), on the church website: holyghostfbg.org and posted daily to the Daily Devotions Facebook page. Scan the QR code at the bottom of this page for the link to the FB page where you can see and hear the actual author's recording of it!

Holy Week will see some version of devotional breakfasts with fellow Lutheran churches yet to be determined, but anticipate something happening at 7am on at least Monday and Tuesday of that special week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worships will be unique opportunities as we truly turn the corner to Christ's suffering and death, only to be followed by the celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection beginning with worship on Saturday at 6pm, Sunday outdoor sunrise service at 7am, and festive worships at 8am & 10:30am! The traditional butterfly release will occur at 10am.

Lent is traditionally a time for "giving up" something (fasting). This custom need not be dietary or beverage-oriented but could include things like cutting back on technology dependence or unhealthy personal lifestyle habits. Other suggestions might include *giving up or fasting* one or more of the following: complaining, worry, judgment, discouragement, bitterness, anger, pettiness, jealousy, gossip, blaming, etc. The idea is rooted in remembering what Christ gave up for us by sacrificing Himself on the cross and our then "doing without" something special to us as a small sacrifice reminder of His outpouring of love for sinners on the cross.

Others consider "taking on" something as opposed to the "giving up" idea in terms of adding things like: silence, kind words, forgiveness, gratitude, patience, hope, simplicity, prayer, joy, compassion, volunteering in a service capacity, joining a small group, attending adult Sunday school class or Bible study, tithing for the month, etc.

One of the primary Bible passages that speaks to what God in Jesus has done for us is reflected in Isaiah 53: *"Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and he LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."*



Lent is a church season in which we are all invited to consider deepening our relationship with God by engaging in some intentional practices connected to God's great love-deed for saving sinners wrapped in Christ's passion on the cross. Our response to God's mercy and grace is how we then live our lives going forward—not "taking on or giving up" certain things to be saved—but because we are saved!

So, it's not too late to utilize the days in this next full month toward moving into a deeper faith relationship with our Lord and Savior! We hope to see you in worship as well as some adult spiritual growth places, and we pray that you also extend your personal time with God in some form or fashion, so that when Easter weekend arrives, you may have a greater appreciation of the one we call Jesus!



Scan for the Daily Devotions

Amen? Amen!
+Pastor Bobby Vitek



COUNCIL NOTES
February 26, 2024

1. Pastor David Priem opened the meeting with the "I am" statements of Jesus.
2. David Bullion, chairperson of the building team, updated the council on the progress and budget line of the program. Budget is on target.
3. Kathy Boos, who is working on the furnishing of the lower level and Creek Street property, offered suggestions on some basic tables and chairs. Funds can be used from the "contingency" portion of the building program. \$25K was allotted.
4. At the bi-annual congregational meeting, a motion was passed to allow council to study the possible application of \$89K in "Future Needs" funds to pay down the building program debt. After much discussion and consideration of the motion, the decision was made to keep these resources in the Future Needs pocket as "rainy day" funds for potential congregational unknowns.
5. All three worship services will be offered the weekend of the eclipse (April 8). An online service will also be provided. Church parking will be blocked off for attendees to have parking.
6. A seminarian fund policy will be presented at the next council meeting for consideration.
7. The Good Friday drive through will be postponed until next year due to the unknowns of whether we'll be in the church or fellowship hall. There is also the possibility we'll be moving back into the church during Holy Week and people resources will be needed for this effort. (All hands on deck!)
8. A Call Team update was provided with the first meeting of the group being on March 7.
9. Hiram Lucius, the church treasurer, provided a January financial report with \$13K in the black for the month. He also offered a building project report which continues to be strong.
10. Valerie Bonn offered a Kinderneest Preschool report sharing that the school currently has 59 students.
11. Council will ponder the 20+ names that the congregation offered for the Creek Street property until the next meeting.
12. Pastor Bobby closed the meeting with prayer.

BI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
February 18, 2024

1. President Ron Rickerhauser called the meeting to order at 11:45am.
2. Seventy-six persons were in attendance.
3. A ballot team was named, and Norm Nevins was called upon to be parliamentarian.
4. The previous bi-annual meeting minutes were approved.
5. Treasurer Hiram Lucius presented the financials for 2023 and reported finances were solid.
6. Kathy Boos reported that the financial review team of Lisa Olfers, Debbie Phelps, and herself reviewed the income/expense books, and all was found to be in order.
7. With Pastor Bobby retiring in January of 2025, Ron Rickerhauser reported that a call team has been assembled. (See related article on page 4 of this newsletter that provides an update and team names.)
8. Pastor Bobby offered the pastor's report uplifting strong attendance numbers for the eleven months that the congregation has been out of the sanctuary. He commended the congregation for its resilience in faithfulness to worshipping in the fellowship hall and offered thanks to God for the space that we have had to rely on.
9. Lester Frantzen offered a motion that the church council be given congregational authority to spend the \$89K in the Future Needs Dedicated Account to pay down the capital campaign debt. The council will discern the matter. The vote passed.
10. Ron Rickerhauser entertained a motion to receive all the teams' and organizations' annual reports. The vote passed.
11. The meeting closed at 12:30pm with Pastor David leading the group in singing "The Doxology".



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



In lieu of the drive-through Passion event, "**The Passion of Christ**" movie will be shown in the youth center on **Good Friday, following the 6:30 service**. The Stewardship Team is hosting this time as we enter into Holy Week. Snacks will be offered, and there is no admission. Please note that **the movie is rated R for violence, and parents are advised to guard children of various ages from viewing this graphic, but realistic, movie.**

The 2024 Church Council members include

Jeff Boyd, Todd Weiss, Bruce Christian, Laurie Bristol, Valerie Bonn, Chris Nevins, Ken Messinger, Polly Zenner, and officers are president - Ron Rickerhauser, vice-president - Nick Thompson, Secretary - Nancy Lochte, and treasurer - Hiram Lucius. Please pray for your leaders!

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE Course

will be offered at Bethany Lutheran Church beginning Thursday, April 4, 7-8:30pm and continue through the end of May. Child care will be provided. Call Bethany's church office to sign up at 830-997-2069.

Worship SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IN MARCH

“Come, let us worship the Lord!”

MARCH WORSHIP THEMES



Lenten Worship Themes in March:

Sat. & Sun., March 2/3: “Conquest Fears/Golden Years”

Wed., March 6: “Kingdom Divided/Enemies Resided”

Sat. & Sun., March 9/10: “Prophets Spurned/Temple Burned” (Holy Communion)

Wed., March 13: “Exile Pains/Remnant Regains”

Sat. & Sun., March 16/17: “World Still Torn/A Savior Born”

Wed., March 20: “Jesus Teaching/People Reaching”

Sat. & Sun., March 23/24 (Palm Sunday): “Palm Praise/Eyebrows Raise” (Holy Communion)

Thur., March 28 (Maundy Thursday): “Bread & Wine/Communion Time” (Holy Communion)

Fri., March 29 (Good Friday): “Humans Lied/Jesus Died”

Sun., March 31 (Sunrise, 7am): “Christ is Risen!”

Sat. & Sun., March 30/31 (Easter): “Christ is Risen/No More Prison!” (Holy Communion)

The March Special Offering & The Designated Lenten Offering will be one and the same! The Good Samaritan Center will receive one-half of mid-week Lenten offering as well as any gifts that come to the church in a Lenten envelope, along with the Sunday special offering (brown envelope) gifts. Combining these keeps things simpler for everyone. The Good Samaritan Center ministers to the medical and health needs of those in the community that struggle to afford health care. At the December bi-annual meeting the congregation voted to continue our four-year tradition of remembering Christ’s sacrifice for us on the cross by giving away half of our mid-week service offerings. This does not apply to dedicated gifts or special offerings that come to the church. This is a step in faith as we trust that God will provide for our every need as we entrust these gifts for the mission of the church outside ourselves and beyond our regular benevolence commitments! Thank you for your giving above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings.



Holy Communion in March:

Holy Communion in March will be on the weekends of 9/10 and 23/24 as well as Easter weekend including the sunrise service.

HGLC Radio Broadcast

Listen in to the Word! Church service can be heard either on KNAF 107.9FM or AM910 on Sunday at 10am.

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



on the Holy Ghost website.



Christian Radio Station

Tune into FM 88.1—KLOVE to hear some great Christian lyrics and music. It’s a good 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 on Monday, April 1st.



Praise Services in March will be on March 17 & 24 at 10:30am.

The Sanctuary Portion of the Building Program

is ever closer to completion. God willing and the creek don't rise with bad weather days, workforce issues, and supply chains, we hope to be back in the church by late March! Please continue to pray for the workers' safety as the construction business can be dangerous business. And while we wait, we thank God that He has abundantly provided for us with the fellowship hall. (What would we do without it?!)

Capital Campaign Support Gears Up for Year 3 of 3!

As Phase One of the building program gets ever closer to completion, we will also end year two of the capital fundraising and beginning the third year of three years! What this means is that we will start our final year for all who made pledges in April of 2022 and beyond. Letters of thanks will be mailed with financial and building updates given with the invitation for those who have not been given the opportunity to be on board to join in the program. All are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting the capital campaign with your additional offerings above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings. Donations can be made through the PINK offering envelopes as well as electronically online.

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 at 830-997-2288.

The Pastor's adult SS class will begin a book study of Max Lucado's newest titled, "*God Never Gives Up on You*" (Bible story of Jacob) on **Sun., Mar. 10th**. Call the church office to reserve a book (\$10) while they last, or snag one from your favorite vendor.

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!"

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.

Lenten Devotion

If you haven't received a copy of *The Grand Plan*, the 2024 Lenten Devotional Booklets written by the Holy Ghost family of faith, check with the ushers as you exit church. The devotions are also available on the church's website and the Daily Devotions Facebook page. New this year, you may also watch daily videos of the authors reading their devotions on Facebook and YouTube. (Search for Holy Ghost Lutheran Church). If you are unable to pick up a copy, please contact the church office at 830-997-2288 to have a copy mailed to you. We hope you'll enjoy reading these personal insights as we turn our focus to the Lenten season.



CALL COMMITTEE

Your Call Team members are:

Council Reps:

- Chris Nevins
- Valerie Bonn
- Nancy Lochte

At-Large Members from the Congregation:

- Doyle Moellering
- Mandy Herber
- Kim Gibbs
- Sarah Howard
- Ellis Tritch
- Steve Olfers

Youth Rep:

- Rylie Schneider

Office Rep:

- Shanese Lochte

The above all have voice and vote.

Ex-Officio Members: (voice but no vote)

- Ron Rickerhauser, cong. president
- Nick Thompson, cong. v.p. (in the absence of the pres.)
- Pastor Steve Qualben
- Pastor Clint Pluenneke
- Pastor David Priem

The call committee is in the process of setting up its first meeting date with the NALC Call Process Coordinator. The initial stages for the call committee will be to elect a chair of the call committee, go over a list of responsibilities and actions, and begin working on a congregational profile that will be sent out to members for their input. Those steps will help us determine our needs to give the call committee the direction to proceed and then prepare a profile of the congregation to be listed before we begin taking applications. This process will take time.

We look forward to this process and ask congregation members to pray for your call committee, your pastors, and the congregation, knowing that God will provide the pastoral leadership that we need going into the future. We will give regular updates along the way in this process.



**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN
WOMEN OF FAITH**

EPIPHANY TEA - The Epiphany Tea will be held on May 5, 2024 at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. To decorate a table, please contact Sue Gustin at 830/456-4512 or Liz Hohenberger at 830/889-6534. The deadline is April 28, 2024. Tickets will be available April 13.

BIBLE STUDY - The circles are studying the Life of Martin Luther. This is an historical journey and Bible study. We'd love to have you join us. Refer to the schedule below to see when each circle meets.

NEWS FROM THE QUILTERS - It is exciting to arrive at the Quilt Haus and find a box of fabric that someone has donated. We are so thankful to each of you for sharing your fabric. It is always amazing to see beautiful tops come together from the different fabrics. If you have any to offer, please call Polly Zenner at 830/997-5701. You can also bring the fabric to the church office during business hours.

If you are interested in helping the LWR quilters, they meet Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to noon. The hand quilters meet at various times, usually on Monday and Tuesday.

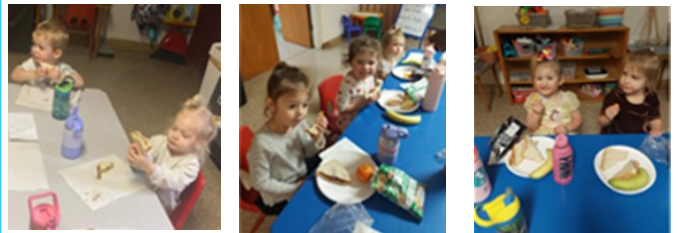
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH CARE KITS - Items for the LWR health care kits will be collected until March 10th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 1	World Day of Prayer	11:00am	Bethany Lutheran
Mar. 11	Evening Guild meeting	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Mar. 14	Lydia Circle meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
Mar. 14	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Apr. 20	Southwest Texas NALC WOF Gathering in Three Rivers	More information to come	
Apr. 21	Graduation dinner for high school seniors	TBD	Fellowship Hall
May 5	Epiphany Tea	9:00am	Fellowship Hall



 Happy Spring to our HGLC community!
 In February we celebrated 100 days of school at Kindernest! We are so thankful for our amazing teachers, students, and families that make our program a truly special place for early childhood education.
 We want to send out a huge thank you to the Holy Ghost members who donated to our teacher appreciation fund in the month of January! The teacher appreciation fund and committee has been such a fun addition for our teachers. We have enjoyed special lunches, snacks, Starbucks runs, and even a few special staff outings over the past 3 years. What a great way to uplift and nurture our caregivers! Our staff members have 155 years of teaching experience combined, with 100 of those years teaching at Kindernest! Wow!
 We had our first sack lunch day of the school year, and as always we want to give so much thanks to Laverne Boos and her team of helpers that continue to bless our students with their time and delicious lunches! The children so look forward to sack lunch days!
 Keep an eye out for our annual Family Fun Night and silent auction in March! Have a blessed month!
 In His service,
 Annisa Alonzo



**HAPPY
EASTER**



EPIPHANY TEA
Sunday, May 5
9:00 a.m.
HGLC Fellowship Hall
Tickets: \$5.00

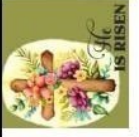


Ladies, if you would like to decorate a table, please contact Sue Gustin at (830) 456-4512 or Liz Hohenberger at (830) 889-6354 **by April 28.** Tickets will be available before and after church services, **April 13-April 28**, or in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Gustin.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Feeding John</p> <p>Feeding John</p> <p>8am - Worship Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p>	<p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Alan Williams Small Group</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>Print Newsletter</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>10am - Sue Gustin: Small Group: Alpha</p> <p>10am - Sue Gustin: Small Group: Alpha</p> <p>Newsletter Due</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p>	<p>Newsletter: Assessment/Ministry Copy</p> <p>11am - Lent Worship</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study: Youth Rm</p> <p>5:30pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>11am - Lent Worship</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Youth Room</p> <p>5:30pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>5:30pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p>	<p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6:30pm - Call Comm. Mtg.</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>World Day of Prayer</p> <p>10am - Bertrand Cabato: Rehearsal</p> <p>6pm - Bertrand Cabato: Rehearsal Dinner</p>	<p>3:30pm - Wedding: Bertrand & Brad & 6pm - Worship</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p> <p>Wedding: Kaitlyn James and Matthew 7: 6pm - Worship</p>
<p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship Comm</p>	<p>8am - Band of Brothers</p> <p>8am - Band of Brothers</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg.: Omega Rm</p>	<p>8am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p>	<p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8am - Camp Holy Ghost: Youth Room</p> <p>8am - Camp Holy Ghost: Youth Room</p> <p>10am - Caregiver's Support: Alpha Rm</p> <p>10am - Caregiver's Support: Alpha Rm</p> <p>11am - Lent Worship</p>	<p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p>	<p>Wedding: Kaitlyn James and Matthew 7: 6pm - Worship</p>	<p>Wedding: Brook Sagner Chase Crosby 6pm - Worship Comm</p>
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<p>7am - Sunrise Worship</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study:</p>	<p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>4pm - After School Club: Youth Room</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>6pm - Worship</p>

MARCH MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Mar. 2	6:00pm	Laurie	Gordon & Dianne Eckert	Karrie Klier		Linda Adams		
Mar. 3	8:00am		John & Vicki Mielke	Kayla Schmidt		Luke Moellering	Konnie Erisch	Nicole Robertson
Mar. 3	10:30am	Chris	Michael & Sheri Majors	Dawn Barron		Paul Seidensticker		
Mar. 6	Lent Service 11:00am		Don & Donna Reinke					
	6:30pm		David & Lisa Bullion			Linda Adams		
Mar. 9	6:00pm	Laurie	Johanna Alberthal Alice Segner	Pastor Jan Unger		Kimberly Bauer		
Mar. 10	8:00am		Ronald Erisch Robert & Robbie Bourquein	Polly Zenner		Mckenzie Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Mar. 10	10:30am	Chris	Annie Frantzen Shane Harvey	Molly Spencer		Linda Adams		
Mar. 13	Lent Service 11:00am		Don & Donna Reinke					
	6:30pm		Nick Haun Polly Zenner			Luke Moellering		
Mar. 16	6:00pm	Laurie	Cindy Clegg Johanna Alberthal	Johanna Alberthal		Kimberly Bauer		
Mar. 17	8:00am		John & Vicki Mielke	Gil Becker		Luke Moellering	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Mar. 17	10:30am	Chris	Annie Frantzen David & Lisa Bullion	Lisa Bullion		Linda Adams		
Mar. 20	Lent Service 11:00am		Larry & Charollette Taylor					
	6:30pm		David & Lisa Bullion			Kimberly Bauer		
Mar. 23	Palm Sunday 6:00pm	Laurie	Don & Donna Reinke, Corrine Jung Karen Immel, Polly Zenner	Dianne Staudt		Johanna Alberthal		
Mar. 24	8:00am		Ronald Erisch, John & Vicki Mielke Blaine & Debbie Phelps, Patsy Stevens	Corrine Jung		Mckenzie Moellering	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Mar. 24	10:30pm	Chris	Michael & Sheri Majors, Alice Segner Temple & Jeannie Klett	Sue Gustin		Paul Seidensticker		
Mar. 28	Mundy Thursday 11:00am		Jeanette Schneider Don & Donna Reinke					
	6:30pm		Nick Haun Polly Zenner			Linda Adams		
Mar. 29	Good Friday 11:00am		Jeanette Schneider Don & Donna Reinke					
	7:00pm		Nick Haun Polly Zenner			Linda Adams		
Mar. 30	Easter Weekend 6:00pm	Laurie	Karen Immel, Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott Don & Donna Reinke, Alice Segner	Grace Sagebiel		Johanna Alberthal		
Mar. 31	Sunrise Service 7:00am			TBD				
Mar. 31	8:00am		Blaine & Debbie Phelps, Vaughn & Rhona Usener Megan & Jackson Blizzard	Nancy Lochte		Linda Adams	Sidney Ellebracht	Nicole Robertson
Mar. 31	10:30am	Chris	Temple & Jeannie Klett, Whitney Leary Cade & Marcia Bonn, Ola Mae Pehl	Nancy Sagebiel		Linda Adams		



CONFIRMATION - WEEKEND SERVICES

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Dillon Crain, Kaden Beyer, Leah McDade
 Sunday 8:00am - Matthew Moellering, Isabella Mendez, Vivian Weiss
 Sunday 10:30am - William Martin, Carter Cathey, Will Crain

CONFIRMATION - SPECIAL SERVICES

Acolytes: Wednesday Mar. 6, 6:30pm - Nikolaus Robertson, Kaden Beyer
 Wednesday Mar. 13, 6:30pm - TBD
 Wednesday Mar. 20, 6:30pm - Kaden Beyer, Aubrey Thompson
 Thursday, Mar. 28, 6:30pm - Jake Stehling, Jinger Ellebracht
 Friday, Mar. 29, 7:00pm - Luke Damuth

ALTAR GUILD:

March: Barbara Grona Helen Scroggs
Laverne Boos Pamela Meyer
Kay Pressler

Robes: Karen Grona

April: Lisa Kaman Sherry Keyser
Vicki Ristau Sammie Knopp

Robes: Karen Grona

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Evening Guild	Carol Feuge	Pastor
Lydia Circle	JoAnn Durst	Pastor
Katherine Luther	Sandy Birdleough	Pastor

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: MARCH – ZION

First Wednesdays

03/06/24	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
03/06/24	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

03/07/24	Heritage Place	9:30 am
03/07/24	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

03/13/24	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
03/13/24	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

03/14/24	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
03/14/24	Knopp #1	10:30 am



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

James Paige	03/06/1933
Leroy Jung	03/15/1930
Harvey Hengst	03/19/1934
Lawrence Deike	03/23/1934
Nora Fiedler	03/27/1930
Victoria Loeffler	03/27/1933

FEBRUARY PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals Floyd Nielsen 2/20/24
Lee Cunningham 2/24/24



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

Hospitalizations:

Coy Akin
Sandra Nevins
Margo Stahl
Mike Maurer
Patsy Hahne



Hospice List:

Stanley Feller
Lynette Kramer
Darlene St. Clair
Leroy Jung
Emeline Stubblefield

Sympathies to the Families of:

Floyd Nielsen
Lee Cunningham



CONTACT INFO NOTE

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

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



Contact the Church Office when you or a family member are in the hospital. Due to current HIPPA laws, non-family members no longer have access of hospital records to know who is an inpatient. So please call the church office if a visit by one of the pastors is desired.

GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR CANCER



The Cancer Support Group is hosted at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer encouragement, support, education, fellowship, and prayers for cancer survivors and thrivers, caregivers, and their families. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. However, during the Lenten season we will meet in the Omega Room of the FH on **Tuesday, March 12th!** For more information, please contact Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.



Band of Brothers

The Band of Brothers will meet on Tuesday, **March 12** from 8:00 – 11:00am. 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!



Game Night is scheduled for **Thur., March 28th** at 6:00 pm in the youth room.

Ladies' Lunch Study



Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and study every-other Wednesday at noon in the youth room. This month we will meet on March 13 and 27. We are studying *The Chosen, Season 3*. 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 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, March 21** at Catfish Haven.

Following lunch we will reconvene at the fellowship hall for cardmaking. Our cards take no special artistic ability, and the results are often lovely. If you have never seen what we do, please come and get an introduction. Let Pastor Jan know if you plan to join us for lunch (512-760-0093).



Dear Holy Ghost Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous donations to The Grace Center this past year. We appreciate all of your support in 2023. Please find enclosed your 2023 contribution statement which totaled \$7,227.44.

This past year, we completed our \$6.4 million capital campaign as well as completed construction on the shelter center. On August 7, 2023, we opened The Grace Center for shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children. In the first five months, we provided emergency shelter and services to 88 women, men and children fleeing domestic violence. Our 12 bedroom, 47-bed facility consistently stays at approximately 24 adults and children at a time.

We would not be able to provide emergency shelter and essential services without the support of donors like you.

For more information on The Grace Center and how to get involved, please feel free to reach out to myself or Nia at 830-307-3383.

Sincerely,
Hattie L. Allen,
Executive Director

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. Location to be determined. For more information, contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

AAA: Alcoholics Anonymous

Three support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church--one on **Mondays at 5:30pm** and the others on **Thursdays at 6pm and 8pm** in the Quilt House. HGLC supports those in recovery!



Feeding John

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

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

March is often a time of change on many different levels, and humans are often resistant to change. What does the Bible say about change?

Hebrews 13:8	Joshua 1:9	Jeremiah 29:11
Ecclesiastes 3:1	Romans 12:1-2	2 Corinthians 5:17
Deuteronomy 31:6	James 1:17	1 Corinthians 15:51
Malachi 3:6	2 Peter 3:9	Proverbs 18:15
Ephesians 4:22-24		



Bible Study — Gospel of Matthew

Pastor David started a Bible study on Tuesday evenings covering the Gospel of Matthew. The study began January 9 and will go through May 21, taking one or two chapters a week. We will meet at 5:30pm each Tuesday, and each class should last approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

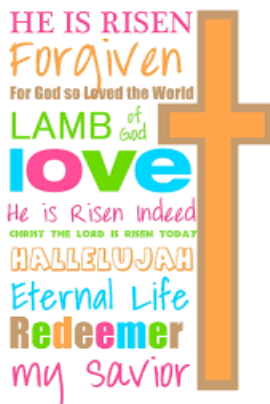
The Gospel of Matthew is the first Gospel in the New Testament, which was written to a largely Jewish background audience to share the story of Jesus Christ and all that God sent Jesus to accomplish. Please email Pastor David or call the office if you are interested in being part of the class. If you can't make every session, that is understandable; come when you can, but please give us an indication if you'd like to attend.

Women's Evening Bible Study

The Women's Evening Bible Study began a new book on Tuesday, January 9. We will study Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore. Study guides are available at Amazon or your favorite online Christian bookstore. Meeting dates are March 5 & 19 and April 2 at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost youth room. For more information, contact Karen Nevins, 830-992-9424.

SMALL GROUPS HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN **SMALL GROUP CORNER!**

"Chasing Vines" by Beth Moore is a six-week, DVD-based series. It is a wonderful study for small groups that will guide participants through how God can use every part of our lives (even the rocky parts) to make a difference for His Kingdom. This resource is available to check out from our small group library located in the church office.



Adult Class Opportunities

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

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

Sunday Morning Opportunities

Adult Sunday School choices!

Join in at 9:15-10:15am!
The coffee is on us!



The Breakfast Bar is available
Sundays from 8:30-9:15am.

No Breakfast Bar on Easter Sunday!

Studying God's Word together is where we grow with others in our faith.

Holy Ghost Family and Adult Bible Class

There are currently three adult Sunday School classes. Check out the options below. We look forward to seeing you soon in an adult Bible class at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.

Resurrection - Gil Becker will teach a 1-week class On March 3rd which meets in the fellowship hall Alpha Room.

Old Testament Truths of God - Norm Nevins and Jim Paige lead this class which meets in the church office. (Enter by the side door.)

Bible Discussions Class - Led by Nick Thompson and Todd Weiss. This class is taking a temporary pause.



COMING SOON!

PASTOR'S CLASS - Pastor Bobby will begin a book study of Max Lucado's newest, titled, "*God Never Gives Up on You*" (Bible story of Jacob) on **Sun., Mar. 10th**. Call the church office to reserve a book (\$10) while they last, or snag one from your favorite vendor.

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. This group usually meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00am, but due to mid-week Lenten services, we encourage you to call the church office or Pastor Steve for information regarding the meeting in March.

May the Lord God bless and refresh you as you love and serve your loved one!

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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:

Table listing various ministry teams and their members with phone numbers, including Barnabas Team, Building Committee, Cancer Support Group, etc.

WORSHIP TEAMS:

Table listing worship teams and their members with phone numbers, including Altar Guild Coordinator, Communion Servers, Disciple Team Leader, etc.

CHOIRS:

Table listing choir members and their phone numbers, including Bell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir.

GROUPS:

Table listing various groups and their members with phone numbers, including Church Council President, Men in Mission, Sunday School Supt., etc.

MARCH 2024

HOLY GHOST KIDS NEWS

“JESUS SAID, ‘LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME.’” -MATTHEW 19:14

contact

Daniel Hofmann
Children’s Minister
830-997-2288
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microsoft.com

as always

We offer Sunday School for kids PreK-5th grade! Join us in our Kinderneest building at 9:15!

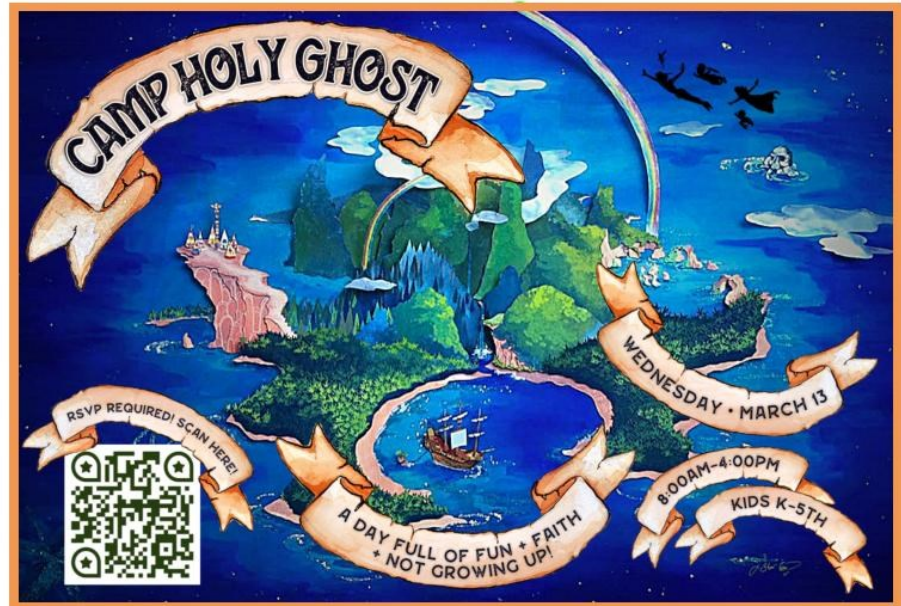
upcoming

- Daylight Saving Begins: night of Mar 9
- Spring Break: Mar 11-15

for families this month

Look up and read together
Psalm 51:10-11.

- What is this verse saying to you?
- The passage talks about “clean” hearts.
- How do you clean things?
- Is it easy for you? Is it hard?
- How can our hearts get cleaned? Can we do it on our own?
- How does God help us with that?



A poster for 'Kinderneest Family Fun Night' with a black and white checkered background. At the top, the text 'SUNDAYS COOL!' is written in a stylized font. Below it, 'Kinderneest FAMILY FUN NIGHT' is written in large, bubbly letters. The event is scheduled for 'Friday, March 22' from '6pm-8pm' at the 'HGLC Fellowship Hall'. It is a fundraiser for the 'BELOVED MONTESSORI MINISTRY!' and asks attendees to 'DRESS IN YOUR BEST '50'S DUDS!'. The poster lists activities: 'SILENT AUCTION', 'FOOD & DRINKS', and 'COSTUME CONTEST'. It also mentions 'discounted tuition raffle + more!'. Admission is '\$10/PERSON (5 TICKETS INCLUDED)' and 'AGES 12 + UNDER ARE FREE!'. Ticket prices are '1/\$1 OR 6/\$5'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of people dancing.

Lord, hear our prayer

The things on our prayer board this month:

- **LENT**

A lot of us give up things during this season in order to grow closer to God. We ask for help, guidance, and perseverance.

- **WEATHER**

Some of us enjoy the enduring cold, and some of us yearn for warmer weather. But we can all thank God for nourishing His earth.

- **STOCK SHOW SEASON**

We've got many people involved in shows- we thank God for their success and ask Him to calm their nerves!

- **REST**

March means spring break, and spring break means some rest and relaxation. As we take a break, we ask God to recharge us and fill us with His peace and purpose.

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



Youth Group News & Family Matters

March 2024

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

March 2024

Youth Service Project!

Sunday, March 24 Noon

After all the church construction for the last year, it's time for a special youth service project to help with the transition! Many hands make light work, so everybody (youth and adults) come help!! Join us after the late worship service on Sun, Mar 24, for a lunch in the Youth Room and get ready to work for the glory of God!



Special thanks to Rylie & Chloe for speaking at this year's Father Daughter Dance.



Father Daughter Dance 2024

Summer Mexico Mission Trip

Roof Construction Project, VBS w/ Niños & Worship w/ Community!

Jaboncillos Chico & San Miguel

May 29-June 2 Mision de Candelilla

\$100 deposit www.mdcmexic.org



Sr High WYWP- February 21st



Confirmation

8th Graders & Parent's Meeting & Spring Service Project!!



On Sunday, March 24, there will be an important meeting for 8th grade students and their parents at the late worship service in the Youth Room. We will discuss the details for Confirmation Sunday and pass out the Confirmation Packets. Everyone bring some work clothes because following the brief meeting we will have our special Holy Ghost SERVICE project at noon!!

Middle School Confirmation & Youth Group

- March 3- Lesson on Lord's Supper
Lunch & Fellowship Fun with Daniel
- Mar 10- King David Lesson Part I
- Mar 13- Camp Holy Ghost- Youth Volunteers Needed
(Wednesday of Spring Break)
- Mar 17- King David Lesson Part II
- Mar 24- Lesson on Lord's Prayer/Palm Sunday
- Mar 31- Easter Sunday Celebration & Butterfly Release



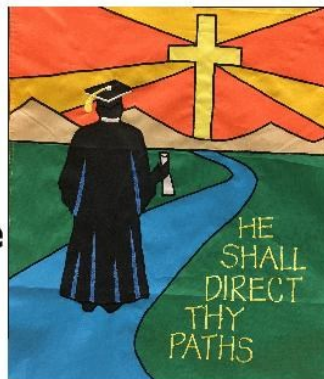
Easter Butterfly Release- March 31st

Mark your calendars...

High School Grads Recognition & Luncheon Sunday, April 21

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Noon Luncheon w/Program

Thanks to our Women of Faith hosting luncheon!



"Growing Up" pictures for special slide show due Apr 8th.

**Students will be recognized at the 10:30 worship service. For the luncheon slide show we will need up to 10 digital/scanned baby and "growing up" pictures. Please email pictures to clintp@austin.twcbc.com or drop off flash drive to church office by Monday, April 8th. THANKS!



Middle & High School Youth Community-Wide Worship
March 6th FHS GYM
Doors Open at 6:30pm
Worship from 7-8pm
Coach David Perez, Worship Team
Coach Bill Wilder, Speaker

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Attendance at a Glance

JANUARY	
2024 In Person:	241
2024 On-line Views:	219
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2023 In Person:	361
2023 On-line Views:	211

FEBRUARY	
2024 In Person:	328
2024 On-line Views:	185
+++++	
2023 In Person:	326
2023 On-line Views:	163



Lilies to be used in decorating for the Easter service are now available for purchase through the church office.

Cost for lilies: \$15.00

Deadline is March 24th, 2024

Given in honor of

Given in memory of

**Lilies may be picked up after the
10:30am Easter service
or at the office the following week.
Thank you!**