

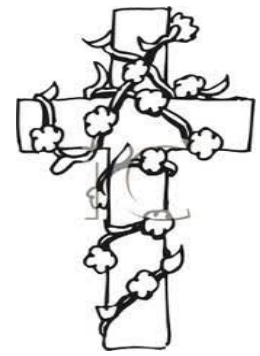


The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

April 2024

Being & Making Disciples



The Majesty of God



April is fast approaching, and this year we are privileged to be able to witness the majesty of God as the heavens will align before us when the moon passes between the earth and the sun and we will get to witness a total solar eclipse. For many, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event. We will experience that total eclipse for over four minutes in our area. That will be a sight to behold.

The Bible is filled with accounts that point to God's majesty and the wonders which God has created. One of those that comes to mind is Psalm 8 which begins and ends with these words, *"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"* Those bookends remind us that God is our Creator; He has made this earth and everything in it.

But there is more! Verses 3 and 4 tell us, *"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"* If you have ever had a chance to be out in the country away from the city lights and just sat back or laid back and looked up at the heavens on a cloudless night, there are no words to describe the wonder and amazement of it all.

We need to do that more often—just take a break from the busy lives that we lead, sit back, gaze at the heavens, and ponder it all. How many galaxies are out there? How many stars? And how many planets are there orbiting those various stars? And is there life out there somewhere? Some of those are questions that will only be answered when we get to heaven. And if we think the view is amazing from the earth, just wait to see what God has in store for us in the future!

But there is more! Those next two verses open up for us an amazing revelation. *"Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet."* When you gaze at the awe and wonder of the heavens and then come back down to earth and realize that God has made us—humanity—to be the crown of His creation. And God has given us dominion to be caretakers and good stewards of all that He has created.

That is both frightening and awe-inspiring in the same breath, knowing that we are imperfect, sinful human beings, and God has placed everything in our care. That's the scary part. The inspiring piece in all of this is that God had a plan to save us. We have just celebrated Easter and are reminded that the same God who created all of this, the universe, the earth, and us, came down in the flesh among His creation. God sent His only begotten Son to experience our life to the fullest. But the Good News, the Great News, is that Jesus came to redeem us. He went to the cross to pay the price for all of our mistakes and our sins, so that we would have a promise of eternal life and be able to see the majesty of God from heaven's perspective.

As wonderful as the eclipse will be, and as amazing as the stars are to gaze at, the greatest act of God was to bring life from death. That's what Jesus did on Easter to defeat sin, death, and the devil so that we might have forgiveness, life, and salvation. There is the true majesty of God!



Blessings!
Pastor David

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has met with the NALC Call Process Coordinator and our local Mission District Dean to begin the process of putting together a congregational forum and survey so that we may get the congregation's input into what we are looking for in calling an additional pastor as Pastor Vitek works toward retiring early next year. As we put together these opportunities, we ask that you prayerfully consider responding either by attending a forum or filling out a survey. Your input will be important as the call committee begins to put together a congregational profile for potential pastoral candidates to be able to match our needs with their gifts. Keep the committee and the church in your prayers as we move ahead in this process.

Call Committee Members are: Chris Nevins, Valerie Bonn, Nancy Lochte, Doyle Moellering, Mandy Herber, Kim Gibbs, Sarah Howard, Ellis Tritch, Steve Olfers, Rylie Schneider, and Shanese Lochte.

Ex-Officio Members are: Ron Rickerhauser, Nick Thompson, Pastor Steve Qualben, Pastor Clint Pluenneke, and Pastor David Priem.

MEN ONLY!

A bonfire fellowship gathering is planned for Saturday, May 11 at the Terry & Joan Bonn Ranch from 5pm- 8:30pm. Fajitas will be served, and men are invited to bring the drinks of their choice. A fire-lit devotion will be offered. **Please RSVP** by calling the church office, 830-997-2288, so that food preparations can be made.



YARD CROSSES! It's time to turn around those Lenten crosses to celebrate the Easter news that "**Christ is risen!**" Thanks to the Men in Mission for their faith work in the project which points to Christ all over the county!

Re-dedication of the Church: April 20-21!

With the congregation returning to the sanctuary, it's time for us to gather & celebrate God's provision for His people! Services that weekend will be especially focused on thanking God for the restored spaces which will not only serve this generation, but generations to come. As our ancestors provided for us today, so we are blessed to share it forward! **A FREE meal** will be served in the fellowship hall after the 10:30am service. **Please RSVP** by calling the church office so that food preparations can be made, 830-997-2288.

Global Leadership Summit

is August 8 & 9 this year, and sign-up is open for registration. A \$20 scholarship is available for first-time attendees. Contact Amy Montgomery (210-844-1987) or Pastor Bobby, for more info (830-997-2288), or register online at: <https://globalleadership.org>. The Fredericksburg site is: **#466** & the price per person is **\$139** through May 8 & **\$159** through July 17th. Use the discount code: **HOSTGLS24**

ECLIPSE WEEKEND! Worship services will be held at HGLC on April 6 & 7. The doors will be open and the gospel will be preached for all who want to come and worship! Sunday school classes (children through adult) will be held. An online version of the service on FaceBook and Youtube will also be available for those who choose to stay home.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The 9-week course by famed expert Dave Ramsey will be offered at Bethany Lutheran Church on Thursdays, 7-8:30pm from April 4th through May 30th. If you ever feel like you can't get control of your finances or, at end of the month, wonder what happened to your money, you're not alone. Good news! Millions of people have found financial peace by attending the FPU class that lays the entire foundation for handling money and is the fastest, most streamlined way to get control of your finances. FPU will give you the tools to change your habits so you can transform your money and your future. You can sign up by calling Layne at the Bethany church office 830.997.2069, or go to the class link which is <https://www.FPU.com/OA2A34>. The cost is \$80 to cover materials and course.

Worship SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IN APRIL "Come, let us worship the Lord!"



APRIL WORSHIP THEMES

Messages in April: The Post-Easter Sermon Series for April and May is titled "The Grand Plan, Part II" and is a continuation of the Grand Plan Lenten series. This sequel will begin at the resurrection and lead us through Revelation.

Sat. & Sun., April 6 & 7: "40 Days/Jesus Displays" kicks off the post-Easter message series as some of the various appearances of Christ raised from the dead point to the reality of the resurrection from the dead.

Sat. & Sun., April 13 & 14: "The Grand Plan: Jesus Departed/Spirit Imparted". Jesus promised his disciples that a time would come when the Holy Spirit would come (John 16:7). The first two chapters of the Acts of the Apostles vividly describe our Lord's ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. All of this is part of God's Grand Plan! Holy Communion will be served.

Sat. & Sun., April 20 & 21: "Started with Saul/Changed to Paul" is the theme for the weekend. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5 that "anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!" Changed for the better and transformed lives is what the resurrected Christ works in our hearts daily living! Need a change of heart? See you at church!

Sat. & Sun., April 27 & 28: The Grand Plan continues with "Mission Trips/Good News Lips." Jesus instructed the Disciples, before He ascended back into heaven, to take the show on the road. They were to share the Good News of the Gospel starting small - beginning with their own families, and communities, and then continuing to expand it to ever-widening circles until this Good News reached the ends of the earth and every person has a chance to hear about Jesus. How are we continuing to disciple others today? Holy Communion will be served.

The April Special Offering is designated for the NALC seminary fund which supports the training of future church pastors; and since HGLC is currently in the call process, this effort hits close to home! Please designate your gift by indicating **NALC**. Thank you for your support above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings.



Holy Communion in April:

Holy Communion in April will be on the weekends of the 13th/14th and 27th/28th .

Sunday Morning Worship on the Radio

There are a number of members from Zion, Bethany, & Holy Ghost Lutheran Churches who enjoy tuning in for all the worships on Sundays.

The new schedule is:

9am-Bethany; 10am-HGLC; 10:30am- Zion.

All are aired on KNAF 910AM on the radio dial!



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.

Praise Services in April will be on April 21st & 28th at 10:30am.

The Holy Ghost church office will be closed for Easter on Monday, April 1st and for the eclipse on Monday, April 8th.





COUNCIL NOTES
March 25, 2024

1. Pastor Bobby opened the meeting with a devotion about Holy Saturday.
2. Chris Nevins and Steve Olfers provided a call team update indicating that the team is in motion.
3. Plans for re-entering the church were discussed.
4. HGLC will receive another gift from the Clementine Greenberg estate amounting to \$36K.
5. The church's seminarian scholarship program was discussed. The pastors will do some research on their beginnings and get back to the council.
6. Nick Thompson provided a report on the progress of parsonage one.
7. Hiram Lucius updated the council on the Employee Retention Tax Credit which should yield some funds.
8. Todd Weiss offered a Stewardship Team report on what the team is doing to engage the congregation on our time, gifts, and resources.
9. Pastor David provided a report on current and upcoming adult education opportunities.
10. The eclipse weekend was discussed and the normal HGLC weekend worship schedule will be offered.
11. The naming of the two-story Creek Street building was decided and the selected name will be announced at the April 21 rededication service.
12. Pastor Steve closed the meeting with prayer at 9pm.

The 2024 Church Council members include

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



The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Board would like to say *"Thank you"* to everyone who has donated their time or supported us financially with a donation or a bequest.

We are a 501(c)(13) non-profit corporation owned by Bethany Lutheran Church, Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, and Zion Lutheran Church. For more information on how you can support the cemetery, please contact us through the church, DerStadtFriedhof@gmail.com or P.O. Box 973 Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.



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 to hospital records to know who is an inpatient. So please call the church office if a visit by one of the pastors is desired.

The Capital Campaign

Year two of the three-year Capital Campaign will end in April and the third year will begin. Many HGLC members and friends made a pledge in the spring of 2022, committing to the campaign. As Phase One comes close to being completed and we return to the refurbished sanctuary (with the fire suppression system and renovated lower level) please continue to designate giving to the building program. Or, if you have not made a regular giving commitment, please consider being part of the effort as HGLC is not just building buildings but growing ministries! Call the church office for more information on how to give, or see the QR code below, or visit the church website at holyghostfbg.org.



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.



Congratulations to
Daniel & Katie Hofmann
on the birth of their son

Isaac Daniel Hofmann
March 4th, 2024

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 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 before and after church services April 13-28 or in the church office on weekdays beginning April 15th. We are also in need of volunteers to help before and after the Tea. All help is appreciated.

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 - The kits have not been Assembled; therefore, we do not have a number yet. Thank you, each and everyone of you, for your contribution.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was held at Bethany Lutheran Church on March 1. The theme was, "I beg you...bear with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:1-3) The program was written by Palestinian women and was very uplifting. Holy Ghost will be responsible for the service in 2025.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS NALC WOF GATHERING will be held in Three Rivers on April 20. The theme is "The Fruit of the Spirit." The monetary offering will go to the Live Oak County Child Welfare. The physical offering will be throw blankets (any size, rolled up). The blankets will be given to the NALC Disaster Relief. For more information, call Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 11	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
April 11	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
April 15	Evening Guild	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Apr. 20	Southwest Texas NALC WOF Gathering		Three Rivers, TX
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!

Hoping everyone had a blessed Easter! At Kindernest we have enjoyed our spring break, love the warm spring weather, and are loving all things bright and sunny! Our students so enjoyed hunting for Easter eggs and learning about our holiest day of the year! We are so loved and blessed!

Before we left for spring break we had a special spaghetti day lunch for our students and staff. As always we want to thank Laverne Boos and her team of volunteers for blessing us with delicious food for our kids and teachers! We are so grateful for their time and support for Kindernest!

We also would like to thank everyone who made it out to the Kindernest Family Fun Night Fundraiser at the end of March! This fundraiser is always such a fun time for our Kindernest families, old and new, to get together and raise money for our special program. We are so thankful for the donations and to the people who volunteered their time to help make this night a success for Kindernest!

Wishing you all an April filled with blessings!

In His service,
Annisa Alonzo



Altar Flowers REMINDER for APRIL:

The following have signed up to provide altar flowers the month of April:

- March 30/31: Kermit Crenwelge
- April 6/7: Ed & Yvonne Holleman
- April 13/14: Polly Zenner
- April 20/21: Joan Bonn
- April 27/28: Dwayn & Kathy Boos



Thank you so much for this important part of our worship service!!



**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 starting **April 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Gustin.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>7am - Sunrise Worship</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Easter Monday</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>2</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>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study:</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>9pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>6:30pm - Pastoral Call Comm. Mtg.</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Solar Eclipse Day</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>9</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>10</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Caregiver's Support: Alpha Rm</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am - Lydis Circle</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School/Comm/Robe Fit &</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>1pm - Peggy Trelos Mem. Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tax Day</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6pm - Men In Mission</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p> <p>6:30pm - Pastoral Call Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>16</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 Support Group</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - Lay Comm. Visitors. Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5pm - Youth & Family Mtg.</p> <p>5:30pm - God Squad Small Group</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>11:30am - Holymark Cardmakers: David's</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>SW TX NALLO WOP Gathering</p> <p>Church Dedication</p> <p>6pm - Worship: Baptism: Lyia</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Church Dedication</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Praise</p> <p>11:30am - Graduate Luncheon</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Allan Williams Small Group</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>10am - Sue Gustin: Small Group: Alpha</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm - Friday Night Live</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6pm - Worship Comm</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Reading John</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9am - Confirmation Parent's Mtg.</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am -</p> <p>11am - BBQ Children Fundaiser</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Print Newsletter</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>1</p> <p>First Day of Asian Pacific American</p> <p>Newsletter Assembly/Email Remit Copy</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>

APRIL MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Apr. 6	6:00pm	Hiram	Mike & Karen Dolezal	Jarrett Ersch		Linda Adams		
Apr. 7	8:00am	Ken	Sherry Durst, Gil Becker Caroly Weidenfeller	Doyle Moellering			Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Apr. 7	10:30am	Bruce	Laverne Boos ***Eclipse Weekend***	Kathy Boos		Paul Seidensticker		
Apr. 13	6:00pm	Hiram	Laverne Boos, Patti Feller Alan Saenger	Lois Weidenfeller	Don Keener Steve & Lisa Olfers	Kimberly Bauer		
Apr. 14	8:00am	Ken	Gil Becker, Carolyne Weidenfeller Kermit Gold	Harvey Hengst	Doyle & Stacey Moellering	Luke Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Apr. 14	10:30am	Bruce	Mike & Sandy Birdlebough Chris & Kristin Janik	Karen Nevins	Laverne Boos, Sue Gustin	Linda Adams		
Apr. 20	6:00pm	Hiram	Mike & Karen Dolezal	Gina Jenschke		Johnna Alberthal		
Apr. 21	8:00am	Ken	Sherry Durst Cathy Itz	Mandy Herber		McKenzie Moellering	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Apr. 21	10:30am	Bruce	Ted & Rhonda Eckert Simpson Royce Ann Baethge	Marci Kramer		Paul Seidensticker		
Apr. 27	6:00pm	Hiram	Kermit Gold, Patti Feller Lester Frantzen, Alan Saenger	Preacher	Larry Klier, Don Keener Sandra Davis	Linda Adams		
Apr. 28	8:00am	Ken	Royce Ann Baethge Gil Becker	Valerie Bonn	Dan & Sherry Gallini	Luke Moellering	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Apr. 28	10:30pm	Bruce	Royce Ann Baethge Willie & Geana Pfeiffer	Preacher	Erwin & Amy Montgomery	Linda Adams		

CONFIRMATION - WEEKEND SERVICES

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Collin Ottmers
 Sunday 8:00am - Jacob Winn, Clayton Winn, Will Martin
 Sunday 10:30am - Jake Stehling, Jinger Ellebracht, Bella Stotz



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
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 2023 In Person: 326
 2023 On-line Views: 163

MARCH
 2024 In Person: Will report next month.
 2024 On-line Views: Will report next month.
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 2023 In Person: 335
 2023 On-line Views: 143

MARCH PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings

3.2.24 Bradley & Amelia (Cabato) Bertrand
 3.16.24 Matthew & Kaytlen (James) Tucker
 3.23.24 Chase & Brooke (Segner) Grona

Baptisms

3.17.24 Mason Neal Looney
 3.24.24 Eleanor Jane Blocker
 3.24.24 Sterling Wade Blocker
 3.24.24 Evan Marshall Stahl

Funerals

3.14.24 Darlene St. Clair
 3.25.24 Kenneth Kothe

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

Hospitalizations:

Nora Fiedler
 Imogene Schollian
 Katie Hofmann
 Betty Seidensticker
 Ora Knopp
 Helen Balcar

Hospice List:

Stanley Feller
 Lynette Kramer
 Leroy Jung
 Emeline Stubblefield

Sympathies to the Families of:

John Williams
 Darlene St. Clair
 Kenneth Kothe
 Patsy Hahne

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: APRIL- BETHANY

First Wednesdays

04/03/24 Knopp Assisted Living 9:30 am
 04/03/24 Knopp #2 10:30 am

First Thursdays

04/04/24 Heritage Place 9:30 am
 04/04/24 Windcrest 10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

04/10/24 Villages of Windcrest 9:45 am
 04/10/24 Fredericksburg NH 10:45 am

Second Thursdays

04/11/24 Knopp Retirement Center 9:30 am
 04/11/24 Knopp #1 10:30 am



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Hans Basse 04/02/1934
 Charles Feller 04/04/1934
 Lilliann Hahn 04/06/1928
 Vernell Arhelger 04/19/1933
 Adela Wunderlich 04/25/1934

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Francis & Helen Birck 04/02/1967
 Stanley & Kathy Keese 04/06/1961
 Pastor Alan & Linda Williams 04/06/1969
 Harvey & Vernell Ellebracht 04/14/1956

DOLLARS & CENTS

HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Balance - Jan 1, 2024	\$35,000.00		
Receipts	\$84,624.04		
Expenses	-\$71,666.50		
General Fund Balance	\$47,957.54		
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MONTH			
Kindernest	\$2,526.00		
Quilt Postage	\$500.00		
Mexico Mission Trip	\$50.00		
Der Stadt Friedhof	\$1,805.00		
FINANCIAL BAROMETER	Income	Expenses	plus/mins
Monthly	\$84,624.04	-\$71,666.50	\$12,957.54
Year-To-Date	\$84,624.04	-\$71,666.50	\$12,957.54
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund			
Dedicated Fund Balance Jan 1, 2024	\$362,712.73		
Receipts this month	\$24,265.00		
Expenses	-\$491,084.77		
Balance - Jan 31, 2024	-\$104,107.04		
Offerings General Fund Jan 2024	\$83,288.66		

General Fund Balance - Feb 1, 2024	\$47,957.54		
Receipts	\$68,572.59		
Expenses	-\$73,981.64		
General Fund Balance	\$42,548.49		
SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MONTH			
Der Stadt Friedhof	\$400.00		
Texas Disaster Relief	\$860.00		
Good Samaritan Center	\$1,925.50		
FINANCIAL BAROMETER	Income	Expenses	plus/mins
Monthly	\$68,572.59	-\$73,981.64	-\$5,409.05
Year-To-Date	\$153,196.63	-\$145,648.14	\$7,548.49
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund			
Dedicated Fund Balance Feb 1, 2024	-\$104,107.04		
Receipts this month	\$42,406.35		
2nd Draw Loan	\$360,000.00		
Expenses	-\$417,366.98		
Balance - Feb 29, 2024	-\$119,067.67		
Offerings General Fund Feb 2024	\$67,397.80		

ALTAR GUILD:

April: Lisa Kaman Sherry Keyser
 Vicki Ristau Sammie Knopp
Robes: Karen Grona

May: Rhonda Usener Dianne Eckert
 Dianne Staudt Phyllis Leifeste
Robes: Karen Grona

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

Circles	April	May
Evening Guild	Pastor	Joyce Priem
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Jan Unger
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Marti Jennings



GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR CANCER

IT'S ABOUT SURVIVING

The **Cancer Support Group** is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer social and emotional support, encouragement, prayers, and fellowship to cancer survivors and thrivers as well as their caregivers and family. Our April meeting will be **TUESDAY, APRIL 16th** at 5:30 pm in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (Omega Room). Our guest speaker will be Jennifer Page from Methodist Hill Country Hospital. For more information please contact:

Iris Burrer @ 830-456-5711 or
Karen Dolezal @ 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 time to pray and consider a verse or two of scripture. This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. This month's meeting will be held on April 10th in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Pastor Steve for information, 830-997-2288.

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

The HolyMark Cardmakers

HolyMark Cardmakers will meet the 3rd Thursday in April (**April 18**) at 11:30 at David's Pit BBQ for lunch. About 12:30, or a little earlier, we will continue to the fellowship hall for card making.



Game Night is scheduled for **Thur., April 25th at 6:00 pm** in the youth room.

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



Band of Brothers

If you are a retired man or someone with a flexible schedule, join us for food, fellowship, and working on various projects around the church campus. The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, from 8:00 – 11:00am.

NOTE: This is the third Tuesday instead of the usual second Tuesday of the month, due to the occurrence of the eclipse on April 8. For more info or to RSVP, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!



Ladies' Lunch Study

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and study every-other Wednesday at noon in the Youth Room. This month we will meet on **April 10th & 24th**. We are studying *The Chosen, Season 3*. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

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.

A Message from the Stewardship Team:

Ease the burden on your loved ones by communicating your wishes for your funeral. The church can keep a copy on file as to your favorite Bible verses and songs. Do any of us know when Jesus will call us home? Don't delay and always pray!

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Feeding John Program



Feeding John

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, April 28th**.

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

Sometimes life isn't quite what you planned or expected it to be. However, God has a plan whether or not it coincides with our plan. So read about it, and hang in there!

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| Ephesians 2:8-9 | Jeremiah 29:11 | Proverbs 3:5 |
| Psalms 139 | Ephesians 2:10 | Romans 8:28 |
| John 3:16 | Jeremiah 1:5 | Genesis 1:1 |
| Titus 3:5-7 | 1 Timothy 2:4 | Colossians 1:16 |
| Romans 12:2 | | |



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.

"How to Make Disciples!"

Our training will run from Wednesday, April 17th through May 29th from 12:00 until 1:00. You can also attend on Thursdays (April 18-May 30) from 12:00-1:00pm. Wednesdays and Thursdays will use the same material; you can switch back and forth depending on your schedule. Our goal is to help you learn how God works to bring people to faith and how we can help people grow and mature as disciples of Jesus. Pastor Steve will guide you through how to personally walk with and encourage curious non-Christians (curious about Jesus) and how to help new (or even old) Christians deepen their relationship with Jesus and His beloved Church. One of our resources will be "I Once Was Lost" by Don Everts and Doug Shaupp. The cost of the course is \$14.00 (for the book). All other resources are provided free of charge. We will have a Zoom link each week, and the Wednesday session will be recorded each week and posted on YouTube. To sign up, please contact the church office, sign up during worship, or contact Pastor Steve by April 9th.

Women's Evening Bible Study

The Women's Evening Bible Study began a new book on Tuesday, January 9th. We are studying Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore. Study guides are available at Amazon or your favorite online Christian bookstore. The next meeting date is April 2nd at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost youth room. For more information, contact Karen Nevins, 830-992-9424.

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 will take a break for the two "E" weekends: Easter (March 31) & Eclipse (April 7)! It will reopen on Sunday, April 14 from 8:30am-9:25am

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

Holy Ghost Family and Adult Bible Class

There are currently two 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.

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.

PASTOR'S CLASS - Pastor Bobby has started a book study of Max Lucado's newest, titled, "God Never Gives Up on You" (Bible story of Jacob.)



Dear Mission Committee Members, Holy Ghost,
I am writing on behalf of The Good Samaritan Center board of directors to thank you for your recent donation of \$1,346.34, in support of our mission to provide high quality and affordable medical and dental care to the un-insured members of our community. Your gift is greatly appreciated by our patients, our staff members, and our volunteers! You are all a blessing to our community. May God bless you all, your families, and your church members.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Phil Maple, MD



SMALL GROUP CORNER!

"Crazy Love" by Francis Chan is a ten-session Bible study video series for small groups. In Chan's own words: "If we truly grasped the improbability and overwhelming power of God's love, we would be changed forever. We would think differently. Feel differently. Live differently. Nothing would be the same." "Crazy Love" is available in our small group library in the church office. Check it out and enjoy!

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Building Committee	David Bullion	830-998-1889
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Christmas Day Dinner	Denise Usener	830-456-1742
Feeding John	Sandy Birdlebough	830-998-4504
Float Team	Bob Jennings	830-992-7049
Fishers for Christ	Debbie Klachn	830-456-1650
Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	Vacant	
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	830-992-9473
Holy Ghost Quilters	Sharon Kott	406-580-5129
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Allen Ersch	830-889-2471
Kinderneest Team	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Kinderneest Team	Shayna Thompson	830-992-1673
Kitchen Team	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
Kitchen Team	Judy Nardini	361-774-3219
LWR Quilters	Roslee Lochte	830-992-8820
NH Comm. Coordinator	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 Volunteer	Pastor Steve Qualben	830-997-2288
Stewardship Team	Kathy Boos	830-456-7218
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Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

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Disciple Team Leader	Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
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Readers Coordinator	Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
Sound Coordinator	Jacob Harrington	512-827-1564
Sound Coordinator	Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
Video Tech Coordinator	Linda Adams	830-889-3250

CHOIRS:

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

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Church Council President	Ron Rickerhauser	830-992-9597
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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

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!

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

APRIL 2024

Holy Ghost Kids Corner

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

contact

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

as always

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

upcoming

- Mother's Day: May 12
- Pentecost: May 19

for families this month

Let's talk about NEW LIFE!

- Read the Easter story from each Gospel with your family! What's different in each one? What's the same?
- Do you think we could've been saved without Jesus? Why or why not?
- Jesus' resurrection is God's new covenant with us. What does "covenant" mean?
- What is God promising us through Jesus? Does knowing Jesus' promise change how we live our lives?

HOLY GHOST INVITES YOU TO OUR
Easter egg hunt
Special Guests: the Easter Bunny + baby animals!
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • 10AM
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH • 110 W AUSTIN

Join us for
Easter!
SUNDAY MARCH 31
Worship + Communion:
8am + 10:30am
Sundays Cool: 9:15am
Butterfly Release: 10am

Lord, hear our prayer

The things on our prayer board right now:

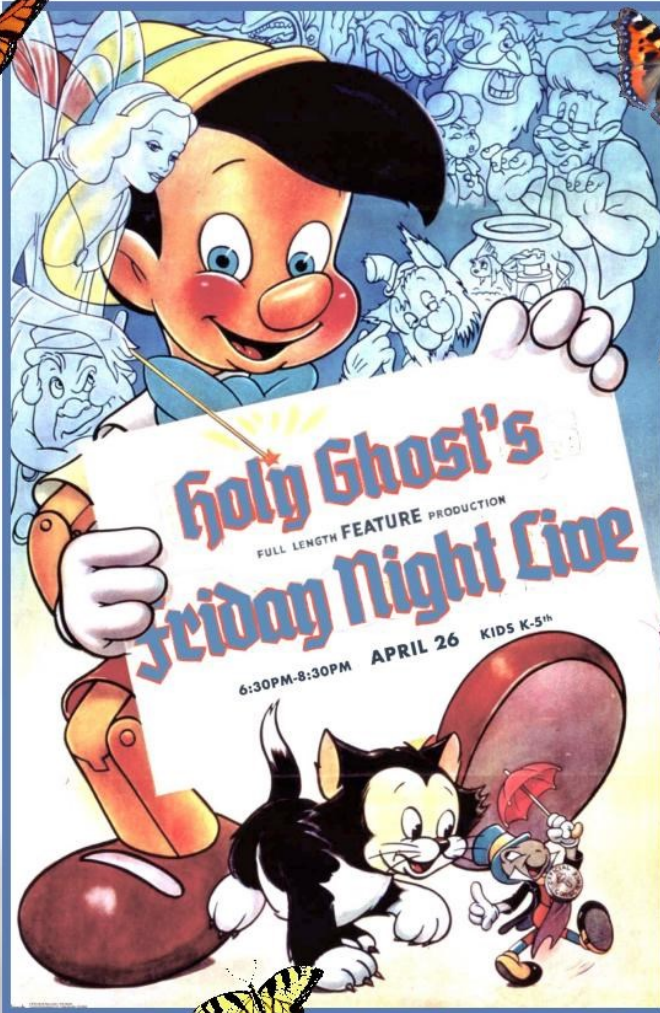
- **FOCUS**

It's that time of year when we'd all rather be outside! As we look forward to summer, we ask God to help us keep up our good work!

- **EASTER!**

Glory to God for His Risen Son! Let's give thanks and celebrate how great our God is!

What or who else can you pray for this month?



SUNDAYS COOL!



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

WE HAVE MORE FUN WHEN YOU'RE HERE!

Nailed It!

MOTHER'S DAY EDITION

MOMS AND THEIR KIDS are invited to a fun cake-decorating competition in the fellowship hall- *no baking talent needed!*

Everyone will get to take their cake home afterwards, and may take home some other prizes, too! Cakes and other materials will all be supplied. Be sure to wear clothes to get slightly messy in!

MAY 12 • 1:00PM

RSVP REQUIRED • \$20/TEAM

RSVP to the church office: 830-997-2288

• checks payable to HGLC •



Youth Group News & Family Matters

April 2024

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

April 2024

Praise God for our Youth & Family Spring Service Project!
Thanks to everyone who was able to help!!



Easter Egg Hunt– Saturday, March 30th
Youth Volunteers Greatly Appreciated!
Setup 9:00 AM @ Bethany Lutheran Church

Easter Butterfly Release– Sunday, Mach 31st
Sunday School Spirit Rally in Youth Room
9:15-10:15 am



Confirmation Countdown



- Apr 7- Group Sunday School (Eclipse Weekend)
- Apr 14- Faith Papers Due, Test Review, Folder Check, Robe Fitting, Pictures
- Apr 21- Semester Test
- Apr 28- Candidates Presented to Church Council
Confirmation Rehearsal
- May 5- Confirmation Sunday!

BBQ Chicken Dinner

Sun, Apr 28 11 a.m. until sold out
\$15 donation Drive Through

East Church Parking Lot via Creek St.
 Thanks for supporting our youth!!



wywp- stations of the cross

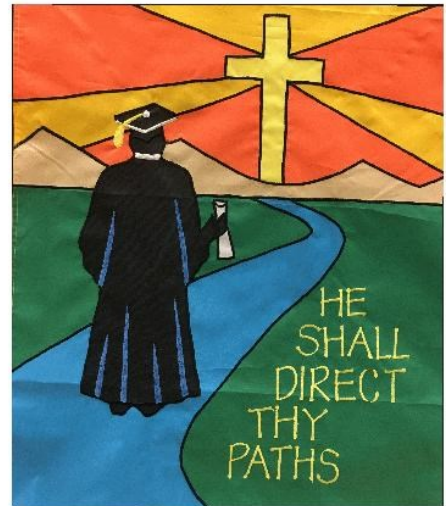
High School Grads Recognition & Luncheon

Sunday, April 21

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

Lunch Hosted by Women of Faith

***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 asap. THANKS!*



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



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