

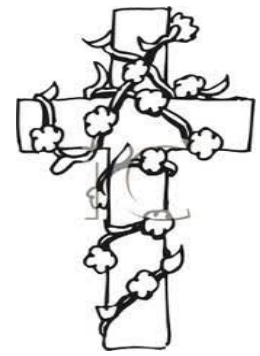


The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

May 2024

Being & Making Disciples



"A Dimension of the Prayer Life"

My son and I were talking about prayer. He sent me an article from Conception Abbey about monastic prayer. I remembered reading it a long time ago and tried it but I'm afraid I haven't done it for quite a few years.

Prayer daily? Yes. Scripture reading daily? Yes. But not altogether in this wonderful format. Conception Abbey put four steps of the exercise, as follows, using Latin as a title for each step. Choose a text of the Scriptures that you wish to read. It might be from our *Portals of Prayer*.

Place yourself in a quiet environment. Turn off your cellphone. Calm your anxieties and thoughts and acknowledge God's presence by offering a prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance. It could be something like, "Come, Holy Spirit. Enlighten my heart and mind to listen to your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen"

1. Lectio: Read the text slowly and prayerfully, constantly listening for that word that God has prepared for you. You may want to re-read the same text multiple times to help quiet yourself internally and focus on God's voice. Listen and receive the Word that God speaks to you.

2. Meditatio: When a word or phrase strikes you, stop and rest with it. Repeat the word or phrase to yourself. Allow it to speak to you in a personal way by pondering the word in your heart, reflecting on what it means to you. Memorize it and repeat it to yourself, allowing it to interact with your thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires.

3. Oratio: Prayer is your response to God's word. It begins your dialogue with God that comes from your heart. Formulate a prayer as a response to God. What do you want to say to the Lord in response to the Word spoken to you? Enter into this loving conversation with God.

4. Contemplatio: Rest in God's presence and receive His transforming embrace. Sit still with God, realizing that in this deep and profound relationship, words are not necessary. Be content and at peace with a wordless, quiet rest in God, which brings joy to the heart. Remember that contemplation is not your action or doing, rather it is allowing God to act in you.

When you think about it, it fits into our Holy Ghost acronym: G. R. A. C. E. D. However, the contemplation of the last step about being still with God fits in with the scripture, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46) I challenge you as I challenge myself to try that last step of contemplation as you read God's Word, pray and think about what you've read.

+Rev. Alan Williams





Cowboy Breakfast! Join the men ONLY event at 9:15am on Sunday, May 5 for a wonderful meal, devotion and fellowship outside the Fellowship Hall, weather permitting. In the Youth Center if it's raining. (We pray it's raining!)



PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE
The Call Committee has met a couple of times and is visiting with our current pastors as to what their roles and responsibilities will be when Pastor Bobby retires. That process will help the congregation determine what gifts and qualities we will be looking for in an additional pastor. Please pray for the call committee, your pastors, and the congregation as we move forward in this process.

Global Leadership Summit

is August 8 & 9 this year and sign-up is open for registration. An additional \$20 scholarship is available for first time attendees. Contact Amy Montgomery (210-844-1987) or Pastor Bobby for more info (830-997-2288). You can 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**

BONN-FIRE for MEN ONLY!

Join in the gathering of men at the Bonn Ranch (9370 S State Highway 16) on Sat., May 11 from 4:30pm - 8:30pm for fajitas, fellowship, fun and faith! **It's FREE**, but please **RSVP** by May 8th to the church office at 830-997-2288.

Altar Flowers REMINDER for MAY:

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

- May 4/5: Todd & Lasca Weiss
- May 11/12: Steven & Johnna Alberthal
- May 18/19: Rachael Stotz
- May 25/26: Lyndal & Jane Remmert



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

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION:

For those who would like to learn more about Holy Ghost Church, Lutheranism and even Christianity -- please attend the gathering on Sunday, May 19 from noon-3:30pm with Pastors Steve & Bobby. A nice homecooked meal will be provided followed by plenty of information as well as time for any and all of your faith questions! Please RSVP to the church office at 830-997-2288. This can, but does not have to lead to Holy Ghost Church membership! AND Holy Ghosters who would like to hear more or ask questions are also welcome!

The Name of the Creek St. Property has been decided. There were many great names suggested for the two-story building. The council has decided on "The Spirit Haus!" Initially this space will be used by the children's Sunday School program relieving the shared space with Kindernest. The adult Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall as they prefer to stay close to the Breakfast Bar and enjoy the room in the Fellowship Hall!

Worship SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IN MAY
"Come, let us worship the Lord!"
MAY WORSHIP THEMES



Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5: The Grand Plan continues this week with the theme, "Believers Bled/Word Spread." We look at Acts 7 and 8 and the Stoning of Stephen, and how even that terrible event lead to God's Word being spread, and to seeds planted for even greater future growth. The 10:30 service will be Confirmation.

Sat. & Sun., May 11 & 12: "Church Founded/Gospel Compounded" is the theme for how "The Story Continues." As the Word of God begins to reach the regions of the known world, the church begins to grow legs and more formally organize. But even though it needs structure, it needs passionate servant leaders to continue stepping up and being involved. Holy Communion is served and "motherly types" are celebrated on Mother's Day!

Sat. & Sun., May 18 & 19: The Story Continues: "End Predicted/Hardship Inflicted." Jesus shared some troubling words about the end times with His disciples. Please consider reading all of Matthew 24 with a special focus on verses 1-14. The end will come and things will look terrible in those days, but Jesus will be with us!

Sat. & Sun., May 25 & 26: "Satan Bends/Jesus Wins" is the message focus as the final book of the Bible reveals Christ as the ultimate victor. A new heaven and earth emerge with Satan being forever defeated. Communion is served and we observe Memorial Day weekend.

The Post Easter Sermon Series for May is titled "The Story Continues" and is a continuation of the Grand Plan Lenten series. This sequel will begin at the resurrection and lead us through Revelation.

The May Special Offering is designated for partnering with the local Rotary Club to assist in uplifting children's health and education in Tanzania! Special offerings on the weekend need to be placed in the brown pew envelopes or the special offering baskets. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.



Holy Communion in May: Holy Communion in May will be on the weekends of the 11/12 & 25/26.

Praise Services in May will be on May 19 & 26 at 10:30am.

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 worship services on Sundays.

The new schedule is: 9am-Bethany; 10am-HGLC; 10:30am-Zion. All are aired on KNAF 910AM on the radio dial!



Christian Radio Station

Tune in to 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.



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION 2024 will be on Sunday, May 5th at the 10:30am service

Confirmands are:

- Brylea Dawn Berardi
Brady Grayson Bonn
Landon Reece Denton
Jinger Olivia Ellebracht
Davis James Lochte
Isabella Lehne Mendez
Collin Ray Ottmers
Jake Fischer Stehling
Vivian Gale Weiss
Clayton Wayne Winn

Congratulations to these young women and men as they seek to continue to grow in faith, love, and obedience to the Lord!

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.



COUNCIL NOTES
March 25, 2024

1. Pastor Steve opened with a devotion on Acts chapter 8 and how the Holy Spirit directed Philip to bring the Good News to an Ethiopian and followed the Spirit's prompting.
2. The council discussed details about life back in the church, along with the challenges of being back in that wonderful building.
3. Ron, Valerie, and Nancy gave a brief update on the call team in conversation with the current pastors about their roles.
4. Pastor Steve discussed the concerns of parking on Saturday evenings for services with all the other activity in town.
5. The council will swap meeting nights in May to the third weekend, May 20, to avoid conflict with Memorial Day on May 27th.
6. Pastor Steve gave an update on the sound system and where we are at in that process.
7. Lifted up a couple of opportunities for regional gatherings, LCMC July 26-27 in Kerrville, and NALC July 23-24 in Temple.
8. Ron uplifted the Global Leadership Summit August 8-9 and early bird registration of \$139 through May 8.
9. Todd shared a Stewardship Team Report and the desire to elevate all aspects of Stewardship, Time, Talents, and Treasures to the congregation.
10. Nick gave an update on Parsonage One.
11. Pastor David shared a closing prayer.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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!



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.

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.

The Capital Campaign begins the third year of the three year pledge that many friends and members of HGLC committed in the spring of 2022. As phase one gets close to being completed with the sanctuary being finished and attention now turning to "The Spirit Haus," Klaerner home, and prayer chapel--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.

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



The Church Office will be closed on May 27.

Emergency calls can be directed to Pastor Bobby at 830-456-0000 or Pastor David at 830-456-4607.



**HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN
WOMEN OF FAITH**

THE SPRING TEA - The Spring Tea will be held on May 5, 2024 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We are 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.

GRADUATE DINNER - The Women of Faith honored the 2024 graduates with a delicious meal on April 21, 2024. A total of 70 were served, including parents and guests. After the luncheon, guests viewed pictures of the graduates and heard stories from graduates, as well as parents.

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 fabrics. 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.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS NALC WOF GATHERING - Four ladies of our congregation attended the Spring Gathering at Our Savior Lutheran Church at Three Rivers on April 20, 2024. The theme of the Gathering was "The Fruits of the Spirit". The guest speaker was from the Live Oak County Child Welfare Board, and they received the monetary offering. The physical offering of throw blankets went to NALC Disaster Relief and 15 were delivered. The ladies also delivered 16 quilts and 11 personal care kits to NALC Disaster Relief.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 5	The Spring Tea	9:00am	Fellowship Hall
May 9	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
May 9	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00pm	Fellowship Hall
May 13	Evening Guild	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall



May Newsletter

Hoping everyone is enjoying the warm and sunny weather! In April we were so thrilled to share, teach, and experience the solar eclipse. Our students each got a set of glasses and a special moon pie to prepare for the event! What a blessing it was to experience this in our hometown.

I would like to thank everyone again that 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 had so much fun with the 50's theme!

May is a busy time at Kindernest! On Thursday May 9th we are hosting our first Mom's night out event! This event will take place at Pontotoc Weingarten and will spoil the Mom/Wife/Special women in your life! Tickets are \$25 and will include entry, a glass of wine, snacks and access to onsite surprises and a silent auction! Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets or to donate. All proceeds benefit Kindernest!

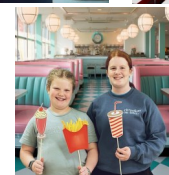
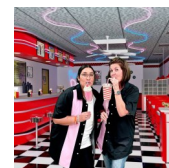


On May 21st, we will have our Kindernest Graduation! We are so so blessed to have another year of amazing kids to send out into the world! As always, thank you all for your constant support, prayers, and love! Happy May!

In His service,
Annisa Alonzo

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

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Gustin (830) 456-4512.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>Feeding Jobn</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 Chicken Fundraiser</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4:15pm - Altar Guild Mtg.: Alpha Rm</p> <p>6pm - Pastoral Call team meeting</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>Newsletter: Assemble/Main/Email Copy</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>6:15pm - Men's Ensemble Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>8pm - WYWP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Neatboat 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>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>9am - Spring Epiphany Tea/Cowboy</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>7</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>6pm - Childcare Forum</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study:</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Caregiver's Support: Alpha Rm</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study: Omega Rm</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. Alpha Rm</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>6:15pm - Men's Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30pm - Men's Bon Fire @ Bonn Ranch</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>1pm - Nailed It Family Event</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p> <p>7pm - One Night Comm. Worship @ FHS</p>	<p>14</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 - Gospel of Matthew Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</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>16</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>11:30am - HolyMark Cardmakers/Campo</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>5:15pm - Investment Team Mtg. - Alpha</p> <p>6pm - AA</p> <p>6pm - Dave Ramsey FPU</p> <p>8pm - AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2pm - Jenna Rickerhauser Concert</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Camp Brake Sale</p> <p>8am - Sunday School Teacher Mtg.</p> <p>8am - Worship: Baptism: Myra</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>12pm - 2nd Grade Bible Class</p> <p>12pm - New Member Retreat</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6pm - Men In Mission</p> <p>6:30pm - AA</p>	<p>21</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>6:30pm - Kindest Graduation</p> <p>7pm - Lay Comm. Visitors. Mtg</p>	<p>22</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>23</p> <p>Last Day of School</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>24</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Feeding Jobn</p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm</p> <p>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School (Adult Only)</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</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>28</p> <p>Print Newsletter</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>10am - Sue Guerin: Small Group: Alpha</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Alan Williams Small Group-Off</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mexico Mission Trip</p> <p>Newsletter: Assemble/Main/Email Copy</p> <p>12pm - Ladies Lunch Study: Off-site</p> <p>12pm - Making Disciples Class</p> <p>5:30pm - Widow's Might</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30</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>31</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>1</p>

MAY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
May 4	6:00pm		Yvonne Alberthal, Emmie Burrel Arthur Jung, Sandy Platfoot	Deborah Johnson		Johnna Alberthal		
May 5	8:00am	Bruce	Lynn Robinson, Jerry Prochnow Dwayne & Kathy Boos	Harvey Hengst		McKenzie Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
May 5	10:30am	Jeff	Rick & Vicki Ristau Irene Grosenbacher, Farren Basse	Confirmands		Paul Seidensticker		
May 11	6:00pm		Larry & Vicky Duecker, Glenda Mott Emmie Burrel, Sandy Platfoot, Yvonne Fox	Mary Beth Bauer	Sherry Durst, Janie Guynes Annette Qualben	Johnna Alberthal		
May 12	8:00am	Bruce	Roy & Debbie Klaehn, Cheryl Sione	Clayton Winn	Judy Vordenbaum Gerald Shanks	Luke Moellering	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
May 12	10:30am	Jeff	Irene Grosenbacher, Ginger Heimann Kevin & Marci Kramer, Angel & Jaclyn Hernandez	Pastor	Paul & Betty Seidensticker	Linda Adams		
May 18	6:00pm		Peggy Reichnau, Yvonne Alberthal Imogene Schollian, Lois Weidenfeller	Lois Weidenfeller		Kimberly Bauer		
May 19	8:00am	Bruce	Joe & Robin Martin Lyle & Allison Durst	Bryan Moellering		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
May 19	10:30am	Jeff	Roland & Katie Wilke Dwayne & Kathy Boos	Chris Ayala		Paul Seidensticker		
May 25	6:00pm		Yvonne Alberthal, Leroy & Darlene Stehle Jeanie Bel Crenweige, Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott	Sandy Platfoot	Imogene Schollian Chuck & Gina Jenschke	Luke Moellering		
May 26	8:00am	Bruce	Dwayne & Kathy Boos, Lynn Robinson Roy & Debbie Klaehn	Polly Zenner	Shawn & Patsy Stevens	Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
May 26	10:30pm	Jeff	Rick & Vicki Ristau, Ginger Heimann Greg & Karen Henricksen, Mark Cornett	Paul & Betty Seidensticker	Lisa Kaman Deborah Johnson	Linda Adams		

CONFIRMATION - WEEKEND SERVICES

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Dillon Crain, Kaden Beyer
 Sunday 8:00am - Isabella Mendez, Vivian Weiss, Karsyn Klaemer
 Sunday 10:30am - Emma Reeh, Logan Roemer, Bella Stotz

Attendance at a Glance

Month	In Person	On-line Views
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	
MARCH		
2024 In Person:	570	
2024 On-line Views:	341	
+++++		
2023 In Person:	335	
2023 On-line Views:	143	
APRIL		
2023 In Person:	361	
2023 On-line Views:	275	
+++++		
2023 In Person:	421	
2023 On-line Views:	279	

APRIL PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

04.13.24 Case John Hill
 04.20.24 Lila Jo Leyendecker
 04.28.24 Isaac Daniel Hofmann

Funerals

03.28.24 Patsy Hahne
 04.14.24 Peggy Treibs
 04.17.24 Cody Friedrich
 04.22.24 Linda Segner
 04.25.24 Arlen Wayne Ramsey

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

Hospitalizations:

Rita Heiner
 Helen Scroggs
 Clayton Grona
 Kenneth Otte



Hospice List:

Stanley Feller
 Lynette Kramer
 Leroy Jung
 Emeline Stubblefield

Sympathies to the Families of:

Peggy Treibs Patsy Hahne Helma Koster
 Cody Friedrich Linda Segner

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



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of funds to the Rosenberg Disaster Response Warehouse! We are in the process of restocking in preparation for hurricane season. Your generosity will help many families who have been victims of disasters. Thanks again for your support!

God bless you,
 Michael & Pat Dittrich

**DOLLAR\$&CENTS
 HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Fund Balance	\$42,548.49		
Receipts	\$83,298.80		
Expenses	-\$88,175.65		
Posting errors Feb2024 in QB's	-\$7,429.56		
General Fund Balance	\$30,242.08		
SPECIAL OFFERINGS			
Good Samaritan Center		\$2,635.00	
FINANCIAL BAROMETER			
	Income	Expenses	plus/minus
Monthly	\$83,298.80	-\$88,175.65	-\$4,876.85
Posting errors in Feb2024 QB's		-\$7,429.56	-\$7,429.56
Year-To-Date	\$236,495.43	-\$241,253.35	-\$4,757.92
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund			
Dedicated Fund Starting Monthly Balance	-\$169,800.85	Balance differs from end of Feb balance due to transition of expenses back to CCF account due to Historical Commissions Application.	
Receipts this month	\$48,460.47		
Draw Loan	\$0.00		
Expenses	-\$310,193.88		
Balance End of month	-\$431,534.26		
Offerings General Fund	\$82,364.03		

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: MAY- ZION

First Wednesdays

05/01/24 Knopp Assisted Living 9:30 am
 05/01/24 Knopp #2 10:30 am

First Thursdays

05/02/24 Heritage Place 9:30 am
 05/02/24 Windcrest 10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

05/08/24 Villages of Windcrest 9:45 am
 05/08/24 Fredericksburg NH 10:45 am

Second Thursdays

05/09/24 Knopp Retirement Center 9:30 am
 05/09/24 Knopp #1 10:30 am



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Roland Borchers 05/06/1926
 Irene Crutcher 05/30/1931

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Marjorie Otte 05/04/1963
 Hans & Bernice Basse 05/12/1962
 Edward & Yvonne Holleman 05/22/1971
 Lyndal & Jane Remmert 05/23/1964
 Ronald & Laverne Cuddy 05/28/1972
 Willie & Geana Pfeiffer 05/30/1964

ALTAR GUILD:

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

June: Annie Frantzen Linda Cheslak
 Yvonne Holleman Sue Gustin
Robes: Karen Grona

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

Circles **May** **June**
 Evening Guild Joyce Priem Ruth Welgehausen
 Lydia Circle Jan Unger Judy Nardini
 Katherine Luther Marti Jennings Annette Sultemeier



GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR CANCER

IT'S ABOUT SURVIVING

Find social and emotional support with our group, which is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer encouragement, support, devotions, discussions, laughter, prayers and fellowship to cancer survivors and thrivers as well as their caregivers and families. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**. For more information, please contact Iris Burrer @ 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal @ 512-517-3180.



Band of Brothers

The Band of Brothers will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 8:00 – 11:00 am. 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. 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. This month we will finish our study of *The Chosen, Season 3* on May 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall Omega (big) Room and will meet on May 29 at noon offsite for a Summer Kickoff Luncheon. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

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 May 8th 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!



Game Night is scheduled for **Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm** in the youth room.

The HolyMark Cardmakers

We will meet at Campo Azul for lunch together at 11:30 a.m., **Thursday, May 16**. Following lunch we will proceed to the fellowship hall for an hour and a half to two hours of cardmaking. We always welcome the curious to come check us out and give it a try. We have a task for everyone!



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, May 26th**.

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.

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

As you grow older, some things slow down and become less important. Hopefully that is NOT true of your study of the Bible. Speaking for myself, and many others I know, Bible reading becomes much more interesting and meaningful as you grow older and, hopefully, allows us more opportunity to share our faith. And, of course, the Bible addresses aging as it does all other aspects of life. So whether you are still in your prime or age is starting to creep up on you, remember to read your Bible daily!

- 2 Corinthians 4:16 Psalm 71:18 Proverbs 16:31
- Job 12:12 Isaiah 46:4 Psalm 92:12-15
- Psalm 103:5 Job 32:7 Deuteronomy 34:7
- Philippians 3:20-22 Deuteronomy 32:7 Joel 2:28
- 1 Timothy 5:1-2



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!

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

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.

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.)



SMALL GROUP CORNER!

"A Summer in the Psalms" guide is available for everyone to enjoy reading through all of the Psalms this Summer beginning on June 1st and continuing through the end of August. Each day you'll be guided to read one or two Psalms along with a brief commentary on each Psalm. Copies are available in the church office, in the fellowship hall and after church on Sundays. Contact Pastor Steve if you have any questions.

Women's Evening Bible Study

The women's evening Bible study will begin a new book on Tuesday, May 7. We will study "The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy with God," by Beth Moore. Study guides are available at Amazon or your favorite online Christian bookstore. Meeting dates are May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, and July 2 & 16 at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost youth room. Contact Karen Nevins 830-992-9424 for more information.



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NH Devotions	Irene Crutcher	830-997-7072
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Passion of Christ	(currently vacant)	
Property Team	Seth Moellering	830-456-1304
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Sanctuary Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668
Youth Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668

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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.

HOLY GHOST KIDS CORNER

contact

Daniel Hofmann
Children's Minister
830-997-2288
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as always

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

upcoming

- **Mother's Day:** May 12
- **Pentecost:** May 19
- **Last Day of School:** May 23
- **Memorial Day:** May 27
- **Father's Day:** June 16

for families this month

Look up some MOMS: Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Naomi, Mary, Elizabeth

- What do they all have in common? How are they each different?
- Do they remind you of your own mom?
- How did these moms show love for their families? How does your mom show love to you?
- What can you do to show your mom you love her?

camp buddies

We're taking our kids to CAMP CHRYSALIS in JUNE!
We need our family here at HGLC to sign up to prepare some loving notes/cards for each of our campers. Reach out to Daniel if you're interested!



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!

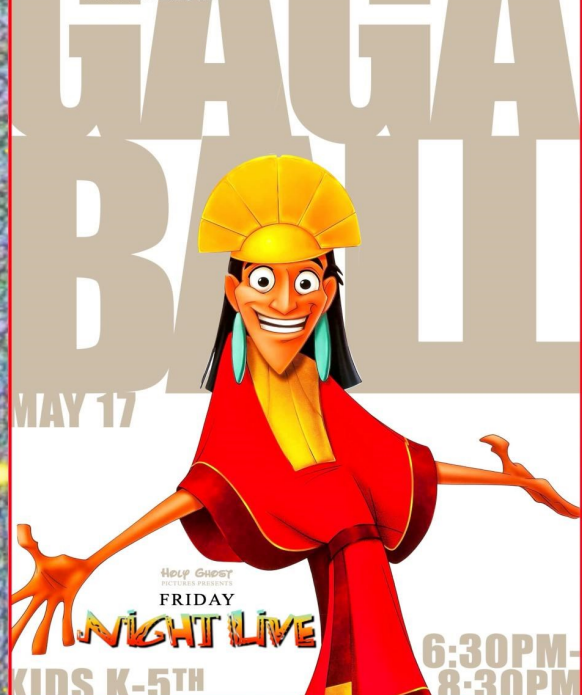
MAY 12 • 1:00PM

RSVP REQUIRED • \$20/TEAM



RSVP to the church office by MAY 6; 830-997-2288
• checks payable to HGLC •

IT'S ALL ABOUT...



LORD, hear our prayer...

The things on our prayer board right now:

• SCHOOL

In between tests and due dates, God helps to keep us calm and guides us as we learn.

• RAIN

We need more rain to get rid of this pollen in the air!

• SUMMER

Those warmer days are almost here, and the rivers and beaches are calling us! As we prepare to break from school, remember where all of these awesome things come from: God!

...What else can you pray for this month?



BAKED GOODS NEEDED!

We'll have a Bake Sale on Sunday, May 19, and we need goodies to sell!

If you'd like to donate, please bring individually-wrapped treats to Sunday School and drop them off to the table out front.

Proceeds will benefit kids going to camp!

SUNDAY SCHOOL? MORE LIKE

SUNDAYS COOL!



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

LAST REGULAR DAY: MAY 19

Starting June 2, all ages will gather in the Youth Room.

FILM+ FELLOWSHIP
JUNE 6 • 6PM • AT BETHANY


FROZEN

DOOR PRIZES!

GREEN SCREEN PHOTO BOOTH!

POPCORN + SNO-CONES!

DISNEY NIGHT
WEAR YOUR BEST DISNEY DUDS!



Youth Group News & Family Matters

May 2024

+HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH+

May 2024

BBQ Chicken Dinner Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped out and supported our bbq chicken youth fund-raiser this year!
We thank God for your support!!



Life-Saver Devo! ☺



Confirmation Sunday

May 5, 2024

10:30 Worship Service

Gillespie County Ministerial Association Baccalaureate Service Sunday, May 19th 6:00 PM

First Baptist Church

Graduates wear red graduation robes



Baccalaureate

**“The worship is now ended
and the SERVICE begins!”**

Summer MEXICO Mission Trip May 29-June 2

**online registration & \$100 deposit @
www.mdcMexico.org/signup/**

Construction Projects, VBS w/Niños, Worship
w/Community! Misión de Candelilla
If interested, contact Pastor Clint.



**“One Night” Youth Worship
Battlin’ Billies Stadium
Monday, May 13 6:30 PM
Middle & High School Youth
Community Wide!**



Luncheon Hosted by our Women of Faith



**CONGRATS 2024 High School Grads!
The Lord bless you and keep you!!**

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