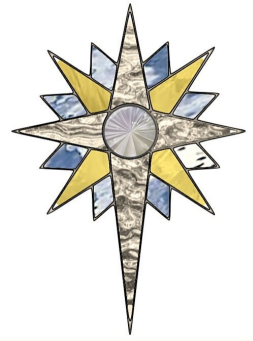




# *The Spirit*

*Holy Ghost Lutheran Church*  
*January 2025*  
*Being & Making Disciples*



New Year, New Call!

Psalm 90:12, proclaims, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom!" I'm afraid that we are not very good at counting those days, are we? Or, at least, I don't think I am, because with every passing year, I'm not so sure I'm getting wiser. (Just ask my wife!) It's hard to believe, but Anne and I moved to Fredericksburg back in the summer of 2004, and I started serving as the pastor of youth and family ministries of Holy Ghost in January of 2005. 2005 was also the year that our youngest child, Clara, was born, and here we are today, 20 years later, with Clara being a sophomore at Texas A&M, and with Anne and I still getting used to being empty nesters!

So it is that we find ourselves in this new season of life, and after much prayer and wrestling, I believe the time has come for me to begin a new season of ministry and resign my call to Holy Ghost. I will begin a new chapter by serving as the pastor of both of our sister congregations in Gillespie County, St. Paul, Cave Creek, and St. Peter, Doss, splitting responsibilities 50-50. The opportunities and challenges of covering the county from end to end will be great, but I am excited to be a "circuit rider" and see what God has in store for us with this partnership as we strive to be and make disciples in Jesus' name! This transition is also unique, because at the direction of the Holy Ghost call committee and with the blessing of the churches, I will stay connected to Holy Ghost by working with the pastors and staff, keeping my office at Holy Ghost, and periodically sharing in ministry responsibilities and preaching, which will be a great blessing!

I'd also like to say that with Pastor Bobby's upcoming retirement, I cannot thank God enough for the tremendous privilege it has been to work with both Pastor Bobby and Pastor David for all these years, and likewise I look forward to the continued work of what is to come with Pastor David, Pastor Steve, Daniel, and Holy Ghost staff in this new arrangement. Looking back, I will always be grateful for all the Holy Ghost families, children, youth, grandparents, and amazing volunteers. There's no doubt that at Holy Ghost it has always been about the team! In addition, I can't begin to count all the church camp trips, the Mexico mission trips, youth fundraisers, confirmation classes, Wednesday night youth group meetings, lock-ins, youth services, chapels at the high school, and unique extracurricular connections. All these memories will forever be a blessing to me! Change is never easy, but God is always good, and God gives us His wisdom, because, most importantly, God gives us His heart. His heart is His very own Son, who bled and died for us, so we could know the depths of His love. So as we begin the new year, may we all rely on God's love and pray for His wisdom in Jesus' name! And all God's people said... "Amen!"

In Christ,

Pastor Clint <><

"Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom!" Psalm 90:12

**NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!!**

**Celebrating Marti Jennings!**

On **Sun., Dec. 29th** the congregation will give thanks to God for the gift of Marti who has so diligently and faithfully served in the capacity of "Volunteer Minister Coordinator"—a fancy name for the person who helps assimilate persons into various areas of church service. Marti has worked for HGLC for the past 13 years and has been a vital player on the team in forwarding the vision of "Being & Making Disciples."



**Baptismal Remembrances**

will be celebrated on the weekend of **January 11th & 12th** as we uplift those who were baptized at HGLC in 2024. As we remember their baptisms, we all remember God's promise to us in the waters of the sacrament.

**Pastor Bobby's Retirement Celebration**

A celebration for Pastor Bobby is planned for **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Pastor Bobby will bring the message at all services that weekend.

The celebration of his retirement will take place **following the 10:30 service**.

We have reserved the **Farm Bureau Hall** for this event and will have a chili and cornbread meal on tap. We will also be "roasting" Pastor Bobby and sharing our fond memories of him.

Mark your calendars for this special event! Please **RSVP by Jan 12th** by calling the church office at 830.997.2288.

You won't want to miss it...Amen? Amen!!!

p.s. - If you like, wear your camo!



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**



Dec. 19	Church to Church Walk	Thursday, 6pm
Dec. 22	Christmas Cookie Extravaganza	Sunday, 9:30am
Dec. 22	Christmas caroling	Sunday, 1:00pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Tuesday, 3pm:5pm:7pm
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	Wednesday, 10:30am
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Dinner (RSVP needed)	Wednesday, noon
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service	Tuesday, 6pm

**A Season for Giving!** Need ideas for giving the perfect gift for the perfect someone who has everything?

Or you just can't figure out what to get them for Christmas? Special gifts may be given to the:

- ~Endowment Fund which gives a percent of its interest & dividends to benevolent ministries!
- ~Kindernest Fund which helps provide a Montessori-hybrid educational start to children!
- ~High Tech Fund which keeps the church up with technologies of reaching out in a modern world!
- ~Capital Campaign Fund which supports the Building Program Phase One endeavor!



**THE ANNUAL CHURCH TO CHURCH WALK**

will be held on Thursday, December 19th with the four downtown churches hosting the journey stops, while outlying churches provide the message content.

The starting location is Zion Lutheran Church at 6:00pm and the walk ends at St. Mary's with a fellowship reception.



**SIGN UP to Serve &/or Eat at the Christmas Day Dinner**

which will follow the 10:30am service on Wed., Dec. 25th in the Fellowship Hall. This homecooked meal is for anyone who would like to attend, is free -- just like the gift of Jesus -- and is especially for those who may find themselves without family for the holidays! **PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE by Fri., Dec. 19th.**

*Worship*  
SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP IN JANUARY**

“Come, let us worship the Lord!”



**Tue., December 31 (New Year’s Eve):** Come and celebrate the goodness of God through worship, the Word, and Holy Communion. We will gather to give thanks and praise to God for 2024. Looking ahead, we will also confess our trust and confidence in the Lord God for His grace, love, and guidance in our lives in 2025. Close out the old year and ring in the new in worship and praise for what has been provided and what He will provide in 2025! Holy Communion is served for the final time in 2024, as we celebrate sins forgiven and a new lease on life.

**Sat. & Sun., January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>: A Celebration of Epiphany: Jesus, the Light of the World.** The Magi came from the east and worshiped the Lord Jesus, bringing gifts from afar. Jesus is the Light of the World, the light no darkness can overcome! (John 1:5 and John 8:12)

**Sat. & Sun., January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>:** The focus of the weekend is on baptism, as we celebrate all those who were baptized in this past year. Baptism is our entrance into the family of faith we call the church which is the body of Christ. Read Luke 3:15-22 as we focus on baptism.

**Sat. & Sun., January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:** Matthew 14:22-33 tells the story of Peter’s walking on the sea to Jesus. Pastor Bobby will preach his last message this weekend and reflect on the mission of the Church as the Church continues to be the Church!

**Sat. & Sun., January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** Oma, Opa and Little Stevie will make a final appearance as Oma and Opa make some hard but important decisions about life and faith. Holy Communion is served.

**The January Special Offering** is designated for the Kindernest Teacher Appreciation Fund. This pocket provides funds that are used by the school board and director to uplift, encourage, and support our hard-working teachers! Please use the small brown pew envelopes, or indicate your intention in the memo or giving line! And please contribute above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to the church programs.

**Holy Communion:**



Holy Communion will be served at the following services:

New Year’s Eve service at 6:00pm and weekend services on January 11th/12th and 25th/26th.

**HGLC Radio Broadcast**

is aired weekly on Sundays on KNAF 910AM at 10 o’clock am.

**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.



**Praise services in January**

will be January 19th and 26th at the 10:30am services.

**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.



**Offering Envelopes:** If you use them for your church support, GREAT! If not & would like to discontinue receiving them, please call the church office to cancel your order & save the church about \$18/yr. Also, contact the office to discuss on-line giving options!



**COUNCIL NOTES**  
**December 16, 2024**

1. The Church Council met December 16 at 6:00 pm.
2. Pastor Steve led the opening devotion on Psalm 95.
3. Discussed security cameras in the Spirit Haus, tabled to get more information.
4. Voted to increase insurance rates on several church properties to be in line with appraisals.
5. Received a copy of revised Employee Handbook, and will review for next meeting.
6. Received Pastor Clint's letter as he moves to serve Cave Creek and Doss in the coming year, while remaining as part of Holy Ghost Staff.
7. Approved compensation structure for pastors for IRS Tax Purposes.
8. Approved regular meeting minutes and treasurer's reports.
9. Welcomed new council members, Carolyn Weidenfeller, Jerry Gross, Alice Segner, and Tudy Tritsch.
10. Elected Officers for 2025:  
President: Chris Nevins  
Vice-President: Valerie Bonn  
Secretary: Nancy Lochte  
Treasurer: Jerry Gross
11. After thanking off-going council; Ron Rickerhauser, Laurie Bristol, Polly Zenner, and Bruce Christian, closed with Prayer by Pastor Bobby.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

**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!

**2024 Contributions**

If you would like for your contributions to be recorded in 2024, please submit your offerings to the church office by noon on December 31st or place them in the offering plate at the New Year's Eve service. Mailed in gifts must be post marked on or before December 31, 2024.

*Thank you for your financial support!*


**BI-ANNUAL MEETING**  
**December 15, 2024**

1. President, Ron Rickerhauser, called the meeting to order. Eighty-four members were in attendance.
2. Karen Watson was named the parliamentarian.
3. The previous spring bi-annual meeting minutes were passed.
4. Treasurer, Hiram Lucius, presented the financial state of the church as well as the 2025 proposed budget of \$1,190,602 that was passed.
5. Call team chairs, Chris Nevins and Steve Olfers, gave a call team update on the search for another pastor. Mobility is very tight not only in the Lutheran Church, but throughout the Christian Church.
6. Hiram Lucius also gave a report on the Historical Tax Credit that the church applied for during the construction process which should yield at least \$600K, and the Employee Retention Credit which should yield about \$280K. Once received, the congregation will later be asked about how to spend these funds.
7. Teresa Ganis, Council Nomination Team Chair, gave The report of the four candidates that the team is recommending to the congregation: Alice Segner, Gerry Gross, Carolyn Weidenfeller and Tudy Tritsch. After Ron Rickerhauser asked if there were any nominations from the floor, the motion was made to accept these four by a vote of acclamation, which was done.
8. The new year bi-annual meeting will be Sunday, February 23, 2025.
9. Outgoing council members were appreciated: Bruce Christian, Polly Zenner, Laurie Bristol and Ron Rickerhauser (2 terms).
10. The 2025 council was installed, and the meeting ended with the singing of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".


**2024 Annual Reports** are due to the church office by **Friday, January 31**. All leaders of teams, groups, organizations and ministries area asked to turn in reports as well as financial statements that will be part of the annual report in February. Please email your reports to [blaken@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:blaken@holyghostfbg.org).

Thank you!





## HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH



**LWR COLLECTION:** Thank you! Thank you! Due to the generosity of the HGLC congregation, we received \$3,306 to help with shipping costs of the quilts, health care kits, baby layettes, school kits, and fabric kits.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

March 30	Epiphany Tea	Fellowship Hall
April 15	Southwest Texas NALC Women of Faith Gathering	Immanuel Lutheran Church, La Vernia



**WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:**

<b>Circles</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Group
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Emmie Burrer
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Sue Gustin

**ALTAR GUILD:**

<b>January:</b>	Lisa Olfers Judy Nardini Sherry Durst	Sandra Poole Susana Renteria
	<b>Robes:</b>	<b>Joan Bonn</b>
<b>February:</b>	Donna Rees Linda Kneese	Debra Duecker Teresa Schneider
	<b>Robes:</b>	<b>Karen Grona</b>

**The Holy Ghost  
Lutheran Church office will be closed  
as follows for the holidays:**  
**Christmas Eve - will close at noon**  
**Christmas Day - closed**  
**New Year's Day - closed**


Our staff wishes you a  
Merry Christmas and a  
blessed New Year!

**“Grieving a Loss”**


Bethany Lutheran Church is offering a weekly grief support group on Thursdays from 10am-Noon at 110 W. Austin St. It begins on January 9 and concludes on April 10. It is a FREE ministry of Bethany!

**Furnishing Donations Needed**  
 for the **Prayer Chapel** to fit the setting and finish of the project: large rug, curtains, seating, small tables, lamps, etc., that are all coordinated and not hodge-podged.

**Financial donations** are being received for this purpose, so please contact the church office at 830.997.2288 if you'd like to help complete the Prayer Chapel.



**FBG FOOD PANTRY**  
 As the winter and holiday season approaches, staple items (nonperishable) are needed: flour, sugar, peanut butter, canned foods, etc. HGLC has a basket at the entrance to receive such items and deliver them to the food pantry on your behalf! Thank you!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p><b>WV MISSION TRIP</b></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: Baptism: Hennicksen</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>6pm - Worship w/Comm</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm - AA: RM 3</p> <p>8pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm - AA: RM 3</p> <p>8pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>5</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>6:30pm - High School Youth Bible Study:</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir: Basement</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Caregiver's Support</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>9</p> <p>9:30am - Lydia Circle</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</p> <p>6pm - AA: RM 3</p> <p>8pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm/Baptismal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm/Baptismal</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>RSVP Deadline for BV's Luncheon</b></p> <p>8am - Worship/Comm/Baptismal</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</p> <p>10:30am - Worship/Comm/Baptismal</p> <p>6:30pm - High School Youth Bible Study:</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir: Basement</p> <p>6pm - Evening Guild</p> <p>6:30pm - AA: RM 3</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 - 2nd Samuel Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm - 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd John Bible Study</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>16</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>11:30am - Holyark Cardmakers: Catfish</p> <p>5:15pm - Investment Team Mtg. : Alpha</p> <p>6pm - AA: RM 3</p> <p>8pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>
<p>19</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</p> <p>12pm - Pastor Bobby's Retirement Party</p> <p>6:30pm - High School Youth Bible Study:</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir: Basement</p> <p>6pm - Men In Mission</p> <p>6pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> <p>6:30pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>5:30pm - 2nd Samuel Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm - Stewardship Team Mtg.</p> <p>7pm - Lay Comm. Visitors. Mtg</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12pm - 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd John Bible 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>23</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>6pm - AA: RM 3</p> <p>6pm - Game Night</p> <p>8pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6pm - Worship/Comm</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>Feeding 500m</b></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>12pm - Mother-Son Bowling</p> <p>6:30pm - High School Youth Bible Study:</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am - LWR Quilters</p> <p>1pm - HG Quilters</p> <p>4pm - Youth Choir: Basement</p> <p>6pm - Church Council</p> <p>6:30pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>28</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 - 2nd Samuel Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Alan Williams Small Group-Off</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12pm - 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd John Bible Study</p> <p>4pm - After School Club</p> <p>5:45pm - Grace Notes</p> <p>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</p> <p>6pm - AA: RM 3</p> <p>8pm - AA: RM 3</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Council Retreat</b></p> <p>All reports due for annual report</p> <p>6:30pm - Friday Night Live</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm - Worship</p>

# JANUARY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Jan. 4	6:00pm	Nancy	Glenda Mott, Yvonne Fox Patti Feller, Ola Mae Pehl	Gordon Eckert		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 5	8:00am	Ron	Vicky Lucius, Susan McMahon Gordon & Karen Grona	Polly Zenner		Luke Moellering	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Jan. 5	10:30am	Todd	Nancy Sagebiel, Grace Sagebiel Hannah Sagebiel, Rayann Sagebiel	Teresa Canis		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 11	6:00pm	Nancy	Mark & Mickey Koennecke Curtis & Dianne Staudt	Pastor	Dawn Donaldson, Mark & Susan Stroehrer Pew: Corrine Jung, Polly Zenner	Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 12	8:00am	Ron	Ben & Courtney Priem Debbi Ersch, Helen Usener	Megan Blizzard	Geratd Shanks, Judy Vordenbaum Pew: Pam Ransleben, Mark Moellering	McKenzie Moellering	Chris Bauer	Luke Moellering
Jan. 12	10:30am	Todd	Nancy Sagebiel, Grace Sagebiel Hannah Sagebiel, Rayann Sagebiel	Molly Spencer	Ellis & Tudy Tritch Pew: Greg & Karen Henricksen	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 18	6:00pm	Nancy	Butch & Teresa Weihehausen Patti Feller, Lois Weidenfeller	Sandy Platfoot		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 19	8:00am	Ron	Ben & Courtney Priem Debbi Ersch, Helen Usener	Bryan Moellering		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Luke Moellering
Jan. 19	10:30am	Todd	Timothy & Dina Johnson Chris & Leah Strackbein	Pastor		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 25	6:00pm	Nancy	Tim & Kim Terry	Lois Weidenfeller	Mark & Susan Stroehrer, Emmie Burrer Pew: Patti Feller, Lisa Kaman	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Jan. 26	8:00am	Ron	Todd & Radonna Spies Debbi Ersch, Helen Usener	Pastor	Gil Becker, Steve Krueger Pew: Larry & Charlotte Taylor	Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Luke Moellering
Jan. 26	10:30pm	Todd	Lance & Virginia Feuge Deborah Johnson, Susan West	Pastor	Kay Pressler, Sue Gustin Pew: Greg & Karen Henricksen	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson

## CONFIRMATION - WEEKEND SERVICES

**Acolytes:** Saturday 6:00pm - Luke Damuth, Will Martin, Carter Cathey  
 Sunday 8:00am - Matthew Moellering, Jacob Winn, Brooks Bonn  
 Sunday 10:30am - Henry Cornett, Perry Tait, Jaron Ellebracht



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

**Hospice List:**

*Sidney Ellebracht  
Stanley Feller  
Lynette Kramer  
Leroy Jung  
Victoria Loeffler*



**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Baptisms:**

11/30/24 Oliver Blase Moellering

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.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

JoAnn Krauskopf	01/05/1931
Lillyann Feller	01/07/1928
Emma Hirschfield	01/10/1931
Dorothy Lochte	01/30/1935

Steve & Karen Juenke	01/06/1973
Harold & June Ashley	01/29/1966



**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.

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





**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

**"Sharing Is Caring"**

The Cancer Support Group is hosted at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and is open to the community and surrounding areas. Please join us for support, advice, and prayers for cancer survivors and thrivers, caregivers, and family. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. However, we will be take a break in January, so our next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**. For more information, please contact Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.



**Game Night**

this month will be January 23rd. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.

**HolyMark Cardmakers to start the new year on January 16th!**

Attention all Cardmakers and Wannabe Cardmakers! It is a New Year! You are invited to join us for lunch at Catfish Haven at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 16. Following lunch, we will move to the Fellowship Hall for cardmaking.

We do some *important stuff!* We make cards for grieving families of Holy Ghost. We make birthday cards for folks over 90. We make anniversary cards for couples celebrating 50+ years. We make Christmas and Easter cards for all our members who are confined to their homes. And we make cards for adults and children who have accomplishments worthy of getting their pictures in the newspaper.

Pastor Jan just *loves* to make personal cards for people and loves to teach *regular* people just like YOU how to make them! Won't you check it out, and see if you enjoy it, too? No special talents needed...



See you on January 16th!

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP!!!**

We invite you to pause for an hour to spend some time talking and reflecting with others who are caring for their loved ones. This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. This month's meeting will be held on January 8th. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Steve at 830-997-2288. May the Lord God bless and refresh you as you love and serve your loved one!



**Band of Brothers**

Happy New Year! We will get the Band of Brothers back together on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 8:00 – 11:00 am. If you are a retired man or someone with a flexible schedule, join us for food, fellowship, and work on various projects around the church campus. For more info or to RSVP, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830/456-1349. All men are welcome!

**Widow's Might**

If you're looking for a place to connect with other women who have experienced the status of widowhood, join us! We don't dwell on the status but focus on the sisterhood and move forward to celebrate our new selves through the grace and mercy God has given us! Call Rhonda at 830-456-4617 for more information.

**Ladies' Lunch Study**



Ladies looking for connection with other ladies and with Jesus in the new year are invited to join us every -other Wednesday from noon to 1ish in the Holy Ghost Fellowship Hall for friendship and study. This month we will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and will begin a new study, *Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus* by Angie Smith. This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through Biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend. For more information, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

**Feeding John Program**



**Feeding John**

Feeding John this month will be on January 26th. HGLC partners with the Needs Council to prepare, cook, and deliver meals to the elderly and lonely.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**

Three support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church: one on Mondays at 5:30pm and the others on Thursdays at 6pm & 8pm in the Spirit Haus (110 E. Creek Street). Please make use of the support resources available to yourself, your family, and/or your friends.

HGLC supports those in recovery!

**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**  
**See the choices below!**

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.

**Adult Education for January**

The Sage Class is currently engaged in a study entitled, "Jesus is King Forever" by David C. Cook. The other Sunday morning offering during Sunday School is led by the Pastors and will continue to look at the Miracles of Jesus. Each Sunday both classes are held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:15 am. All are welcome to attend.

**Breakfast Bar On Hold**

Due to some needed repairs in the kitchen scheduled for January, the breakfast bar will be closed on January 5 and 12, and possibly the 19, depending on how long the repairs take. Coffee will still be available. Please look for further updates as to when the breakfast will be back in service.

A great big thank you to all of you from the Fishers for Christ Team for a successful nativity display again this year! It takes a lot of hours to accomplish this task, and it could not be done without the generosity of many people who come together to give of their time and those who share their beautiful, artistic, and unique representations of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of you who assisted with setting up, taking down, sharing your nativity sets and angels, inviting guests, and viewing the displays.



Additionally, \$274.00 was given as a donation to the Needs Council "Feed the Children Program." Thank you to all those who gave to this special program.

Our prayer is that the birth and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would give peace and hope to all people.



**From the R Team - Read your Bible Daily!**

Read the Bible daily! Well, it's a new year, and everyone is probably making resolutions about exercise and weight loss and keeping up with chores...and so on. However, perhaps one resolution we should all make is to read our Bibles daily! And if we already do so, to maybe read them with more intent! Who knows what we might learn?

Wishing you a blessed 2025 from the R Team!

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|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 2 Timothy 2:15    | Mark 1:15   | Proverbs 4:21       |
| Galatians 5:14    | 1 John 3:18 | James 4:17          |
| Colossians 3:1-25 | Romans 8:28 | Luke 14:28-30       |
| 2 Corinthians 9:7 | Luke 1:37   | Philippians 3:13-14 |
| 1 Peter 5:2       |             |                     |

**New 7-week Bible Study: "1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> John"**

- will be held on Wednesdays from noon-1:15 pm
- beginning on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steve will lead our study from Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Each session will be recorded and available on YouTube in case you miss it. There is no cost for the class.
- Materials: your personal Bible. Please contact Pastor Steve or the church office if you're interested in attending.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Pastor David will lead a Bible study class on Tuesday evenings on 2 Samuel which covers the reign of King David. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 14th at 5:30 pm. Anticipate a ten-week class, with a break for Fat Tuesday on March 4th.

You may RSVP to Pastor David at [pastord@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:pastord@holyghostfbg.org), text him at 830-456-4607, look for a sign-up sheet, or call the church office at 830-997-2288.

Pastor David looks forward to digging into the Word of God with you!

**Women's Evening Bible Study**

Contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424 for more information.



KINDERNEST NEWS



Hello, 2025!

Hoping you all had a Christmas season filled with warm memories with your families and friends.

On December 5th we had our Christmas program! Our 3yr and pre-K classes told "The Nativity" story through song. We are so incredibly proud of the hard work the students and staff put in every year to make this program so special.

Small shout out to Pastor Bobby Vitek. Thank you for helping create the culture of Kindernest. You have been the pillar of support for our school, our families, our staff, and to me. The unwavering strength, optimism, and quiet wisdom you bring into any situation is truly inspiring. You're my hero! Thank you for all you have done for Kindernest and our community. Happy retirement!

As we wrap up the year and dive into 2025, we are filled with so much gratitude. We are so blessed to have another amazing year in this community with the constant support from HGLC. Thank you for another great year!

Happy New Year, HGLC!

In His service,  
Annisa Alonzo



**KINDERNEST PRESCHOOL**  
**Matching Fund Gifts**  
**up to \$25,000 match on**  
**funds received by Dec. 31, 2024.**  
**Partnered with**  
**CREATE HEALTHY**  
**Contact 830-997-8939**



**Altar Flowers REMINDER for JANUARY:**

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

- January 4/5: Jeanette Schneider
- January 11/12: Jan & Paul Unger
- January 18/19: Deborah Johnson
- January 25/26: Joan Bonn



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



JANUARY 2025

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

6PM SATURDAY  
Luke Damuth  
Will Martin  
Carter Cathey

8AM SUNDAY  
Matthew Moellering  
Jacob Winn  
Brooks Bonn

10:30AM  
SUNDAY  
Henry Cornett  
Perry Tait  
Jaron Ellebracht

## SUMMER 2025

REGISTER TODAY!



**REGISTER NOW at [rainbowtrail.org](http://rainbowtrail.org)!**

Get on the list asap so you don't miss out! Email [danielh@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:danielh@holyghostfbg.org) to tell us you've signed up. For incoming 9th-12th grades.



**Individual registration opens January 31!**

Go to [crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com](http://crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com) to sign up, and make sure you select to be part of the Holy Ghost group reservation. For out-going 2nd-7th grades.



JANUARY 2025



9:15AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL



# Mother & Son Bowling

Start 2025 with a strike!  
We'll gather for lunch and a devotion at noon, then head to BB's!  
\$10/person



In 2025,  
don't be afraid to dig a little deeper

HOLLY GHOST  
PICTURES

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

JAN 31 • KIDS K • 5TH • 6:30PM • 8:30PM

# wywp

Wednesday Youth  
Worship + Praise

WEDNESDAYS 8PM • SR HIGH  
YOUTH CENTER • @FBGWYWP

## FRONT PORCH BIBLE STUDY

mondays @ 6:30pm  
high schoolers hang out +  
talk about scripture  
(with snacks)

meet on Daniel's porch  
(house next to the church)

# BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

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

Monthly Report			
Oct 2024			
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	\$6,577.10		
Receipts	\$80,233.74		
Expenses	-\$78,204.94		
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	\$8,605.90		
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>			
NALC Disaster Relief (TX Mission District)			
<b>FINANCIAL BAROMETER</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>plus/minus</b>
Monthly	\$80,233.74	-\$78,204.94	\$2,028.80
Year-To-Date	\$805,655.60	-\$819,387.31	-\$13,731.71
<b>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</b>			
<b>Dedicated Fund Starting Monthly Balance</b>	\$ 221,997.67		
Receipts this month	\$11,511.88		
Expenses	-\$177,318.93		
Dedicated CCF for Debt Service	\$200,000.00		
<b>Balance End of month</b>	<b>\$256,190.62</b>		
<b>Offerings General Fund</b>	\$79,556.68		

Monthly Report			
Nov 2024			
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	\$8,605.90		
Receipts	\$69,511.48		
Expenses	-\$97,577.32		
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	-\$19,459.94		
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>			
NALC Disaster Relief (TX Mission District)			
<b>FINANCIAL BAROMETER</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>plus/minus</b>
Monthly	\$69,511.48	-\$97,577.32	-\$28,065.84
Year-To-Date	\$875,057.08	-\$916,964.63	-\$41,907.55
<b>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</b>			
<b>Dedicated Fund Starting Monthly Balance</b>	\$66,105.62		
Receipts this month	\$20,595.47		
Expenses	-\$27,375.50		
Dedicated CCF for Debt Service	\$200,000.00		
<b>Balance End of month</b>	<b>\$259,325.59</b>		
<b>Offerings General Fund</b>	\$69,098.22		

**Church Financial Secretary Needed:**

Work as a part of the office team to pay bills, process payroll, create financial reports, record contributions, oversee offering counting & deposits, maintain employee files, etc. 32 hrs/week. Some benefits. Inquire with Shanese Lochte at the church office for an application & duty description. 830-997-2288.

**Maintenance Technician/Landscape Assistant Needed!**

As the HGLC campus continues to grow, so does the need for care of the property and buildings. Currently we have a 20 hour/week employee, but the church council has determined a need for an additional person to join the team for another 20 hours/week. Please contact Shanese Lochte to inquire. 830-997-2288.



**Attendance at a Glance**

**JANUARY**

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

**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: 570  
 2024 On-line Views: 341  
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 2023 In Person: 335  
 2023 On-line Views: 143

**APRIL**

2024 In Person: 361  
 2024 On-line Views: 275  
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 2023 In Person: 421  
 2023 On-line Views: 279

**MAY**

2024 In Person: 370  
 2024 On-line Views: 349  
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 2023 In Person: 337  
 2023 On-line Views: 214

**JUNE**

2024 In Person: 343  
 2024 On-line Views: 308  
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 2023 In Person: 293  
 2023 On-line Views: 164

**JULY**

2024 In Person: 326  
 2024 On-line Views: 333  
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 2023 In Person: 293  
 2023 On-line Views: 182

**AUGUST**

2024 In Person: 351  
 2024 On-line Views: 449  
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 2023 In Person: 326  
 2023 On-line Views: 181

**SEPTEMBER**

2024 In Person: 451  
 2024 On-line Views: 428  
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 2023 In Person: 269  
 2023 On-line Views: 140

**OCTOBER**

2024 In Person: 382  
 2024 On-line Views: 349  
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 2023 In Person: 293  
 2023 On-line Views: 140

**NOVEMBER**

2024 In Person: 340  
 2024 On-line Views: 312  
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 2023 In Person: 295  
 2023 On-line Views: 190

**DECEMBER**

2024 In Person: December attendance will be reported next month.  
 2024 On-line Views:  
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 2023 In Person: 322  
 2023 On-line Views: 208



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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:**

Barnabas Team	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
Building Committee	David Bullion	830-998-1889
"C" Team Contact	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
"C" Team Contact	Sharon Johnson	830-992-3408
Cancer Support Group	Iris Burrer	830-456-5711
Cancer Support Group	Karen Dolezal	512-517-3180
Cemetery Team	Alan Saenger	830-992-8564
Cemetery Team	Susan Stroecher	830-456-3143
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 Klaehn	830-456-1650
Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	Vacant	
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	830-992-9473
Holy Ghost Quilters	Sharon Kott	406-580-5129
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Allen Ersch	830-889-2471
Kindernest Team	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Kindernest Team	Shayna Thompson	830-992-1673
Kitchen Team	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
Kitchen Team	Judy Nardini	361-774-3219
LWR Quilters	Roslee Lochte	830-992-8820
NH Comm. Coordinator	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
NH Devotions	JoAnn Durst	830-997-2245
"P" Team	Donald Pressler	830-329-3603
Passion of Christ	(currently vacant)	
Property Team	Seth Moelling	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	Pastor Steve Qualben	830-997-2288
Stewardship Team	Kathy Boos	830-456-7218
Tele-Buddy Ministry	Marti Jennings	830-992-7049
Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

**WORSHIP TEAMS:**

Altar Guild Coordinator	Virginia Fuege	830-998-7857
Altar Guild Coordinator	Donna Rees	210-355-6971
Communion Servers	Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
Disciple Team Leader	Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Organist/Pianist Coordinator	Tammy Vitek	830-456-1799
Readers Coordinator	Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
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

**GROUPS:**

Church Council President	Ron Rickerhauser	830-992-9597
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Women of Faith	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Youth Group	Rylie Schneider	830-997-2288
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 If your address, email, or cell phone information changes, please let the church office know, 830-997-2288.

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*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. " On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ~ Matthew 2:10-11*