



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

August 2025

Being & Making Disciples



New Things

Isaiah 43:19 shares, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” It’s always amazing to see the doors that God opens if we will simply trust in Him to lead and guide us. The congregation at the Special Meeting on May 18 got on board with a bold vision, that quite frankly, was a leap of faith. That vision was to hire both a Youth Minister to focus on Jr. High and High School youth and their families, while continuing the pursuit of an additional pastor to come on board and fill out our staffing needs.

As I write this, John LaRocque and his wife Carly, are making their way to Texas to start their journey with us. John will fill the youth ministry opening for our older youth and their families and work closely with the rest of the staff to strengthen our ministry to the youth of our community.

God has opened some amazing doors! We are blessed to have a pastoral candidate. Rev. Tobias Heike and his wife, Christie, will be visiting the congregation on the weekend of August 8-10. Tobias will preach at all services that weekend and be available to meet and greet the congregation during the Sunday School hour between services. The call committee had a very positive interview with him and has recommended him to the church council. We are looking forward to a great visit with him. We encourage folks to come to worship that weekend and meet and greet this pastoral candidate on August 9 & 10. His introduction follows:

A Letter from Tobias Heike

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Paul teaches us that “...we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7). Some of us, it seems, just have to walk a little farther than others to follow the Lord’s call! As I prepare to step on a plane and travel 5,194 miles to visit you, I can’t help but marvel at the spiritual and physical paths God has laid before me — paths that now lead to the doors of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, TX. But as Psalm 37:5 reminds us: “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.” With that confidence in God’s guidance, allow me to introduce myself:

My name is Tobias Heike, and I’m a Lutheran pastor-in-training from Germany, currently discerning a call to serve in the North American Lutheran Church. I’m married to Christie, my American high school sweetheart, whom I met during an exchange year in the U.S., and we have two daughters - Malin (11) and Kirsten (9).

I’m a second-career pastor, having recently retired from the German military where I served as an officer in various command and staff positions including overseas and deployment assignments. As my retirement approached, I began to reflect on my future, and though I felt the Holy Spirit gently drawing me toward ministry, part of me wondered if it was too late to take on such a calling. Then, without prompting, my wife, my pastor, and several elders in our congregation each encouraged me — independently — to consider pastoral ministry. As a military man, I took that as a clear order from above!

I enrolled at the Theological Seminary at the University of Greifswald and completed my studies shortly before my retirement last summer. As a family, we felt the time was right to return to the U.S. and seek a church home where we could serve and grow. Holy Ghost immediately stood out to us as a Bible-based, family-friendly, and inspiring active congregation, where God’s word is preached and where faith is lived out. We were also attracted by your impressive youth program for our two girls, many ministry opportunities for Christie, and a chance for me to grow as a pastor with the guidance of experienced pastoral mentors. We also feel drawn to Fredericksburg as an area on many levels, rural and peaceful, yet with a good infrastructure and access to urban areas — a perfect blend for us. I grew up in the German countryside and am an avid hunter and outdoorsman, while Christie, a university lecturer, was raised in U.S. East Coast suburbia. The balance would fit us well. And the many tie-ins to German culture in your area will hopefully lessen our culture shock after the transcontinental move significantly!

As a future pastor, I’m deeply rooted in the Lutheran confessions, committed to preaching Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins, and passionate about teaching Scripture and walking alongside people in faith. Outside of church, I enjoy spending time in nature (hunting, fishing, hiking), and I love to cook and eat — especially barbecue and other savory dishes since I’m not much of a sweet tooth.

I’m truly excited for the opportunity to visit you in August. I look forward to getting to know you, worshiping alongside you, and prayerfully exploring what God may have in store for us — together.

Peace and joy to you in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Tobias Heike

Happy August, Church!

I am overjoyed to begin another year of music at HGLC! After being away for the summer, both the Youth Choir and Sanctuary Choir will hit the ground running this month, and we've got a great year planned! I am also looking forward to hearing our song leaders, men's quartet, bell choir, praise teams, men's and women's ensembles and all of the talented folks in our congregation who generously do special music throughout the year.

Holy Ghost has been richly blessed musically, and an important part of my work that I take delight in is to steward those special talents and gifts. So, if you've ever thought you might like to give our music ministry in its various forms a try, I'd like to encourage you to do just that! Whatever your skill set or comfort level, there is a place for you! This is your invitation to come make a joyful noise!

With a joyful heart,

Katie Hofmann

katiebmurphy12@gmail.com or 830-383-4668

Please contact me at the above phone number or email if you are interested in any or all of the following:

Youth Choir - ages 2nd - 6th grade, Mondays at 4 pm starting August 18th!

Sanctuary Choir - adults of any age and singing level welcome! Wednesdays @ 7 pm starting August 20th!

Men's and Women's Ensembles will provide special music throughout the year - contact Katie Hofmann for rehearsal and special music dates.

Song Leaders lead service music for the congregation weekly, contact Katie Hofmann to be added to the rotation.

Special Music - singers and instrumentalists provide special music during services and communion.

Special Congregational Meeting

The Church Council has called a **Special Congregational Meeting for August 17th following the 10:30 am service** to vote on the recommendation of the Call Committee to extend a call to Rev. Tobias Heike to fill the additional pastor position. See the front page article for his visit to the congregation, and an introduction from Tobias. We encourage attendance both for his visit on August 8-10, and for the Special Meeting on August 17th.

Save the Date!

Attention all Parents of Confirmation Students (incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders)

Please plan to attend a **special parents' meeting on Rally Day (August 10th) at 9:15 am** to meet with our new middle and high school youth minister, **John LaRocque**. We will meet in the sanctuary basement to discuss the plan for the year (including the days and dates we will be meeting each week). **This meeting is for parents and students! Please bring your calendars!!!**

ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to provide altar flowers for a weekend from October through December 2025 & January through September 2026, the sign-up calendar will be available after all three worship services on **August 16th & 17th and August 23rd & 24th**.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!



For interested adult singers of any skill set!

Don't worry about being able to read music or singing in harmony - if you enjoy singing, please join our musical family. Let's sing praise together!

For more info, contact Katie Hofmann: 830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com

Church Picnic - October 12, 2025

Just a heads up to remind everyone about our church picnic scheduled for the second Sunday of October. There will be events for children and youth during Sunday School, a 2-year old Bible class, and an opportunity for adults, along with a silent auction to benefit our youth. Joining us for worship at 10:30 a.m. will be our sister congregations, St. Peter Doss and St. Paul Cave Creek. A great meal by our BBQ Team with all the trimmings will follow. There will be games for kids and, as always, a domino tournament for adults. Put it on your calendar for **Sunday, October 12th**, and invite friends and family to come and join us.

COUNCIL NOTES

July 21, 2025



1. The meeting opened at 6:00 with a devotion led by Pastor David about shining our light, the light of Christ, in the darkness of our world.
2. Heard a report from the Budget Task Force on concerns for a potential budget shortfall as we add staffing. The council voted to use the ERC (employee retention credit) monies to be set aside for any potential shortfall. They also voted to scale back the storage facility for the Klaerner property which also is in line with application for historic tax credits.
3. Rev. Tobias Heike, a pastoral candidate recommended by the call committee, will be with us August 7-10. He will preach at weekend services on August 9 & 10 and do a meet and greet during Sunday School that morning. The council has set a congregational meeting for August 17 following the 10:30 service to discuss his visit and whether to extend a call to him.
4. The parking lot task force has recommended placing signage on the East and South sides of the parking lot indicating the lots are primarily for Holy Ghost parking. With the increase in tourism, there has been a strain on our parking lot.
5. Additional repairs on parsonage 3 to fix a roof leak and other items discovered at an additional cost of \$1,250.
6. It was voted to increase our personal dishonesty policy on the insurance for \$200,000 coverage at an annual cost of \$247.

7. We look forward to welcoming our new Youth Minister, John LaRocque, and his wife Carly. They will be here at the end of July, and he will officially be in the office on Monday, August 4.
8. Flood Relief. We continue to take monetary donations and are working closely with Zion Lutheran in Kerrville to distribute those funds where they are needed. Folks can volunteer. Please call the church office for more details.
9. Projector and screen have been installed in the Fellowship Hall, which will greatly enhance our hosting of the Global Leadership Summit this year and many future events to come.
10. Regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes to approve work on parsonage 3 were approved, along with the treasurer's report, noting that income for June versus expenses was a \$10,800 deficit.
11. Council paired up with prayer partners to close the meeting and adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The 2025 Church Council

Chris Nevins - President, Valerie Bonn - Vice President, Jerry Gross - Treasurer, and Nancy Lochte - Secretary, Hiram Lucius, Nick Thompson, Tudy Tritch, Ken Messinger, Alice Segner, Carolyn Weidenfeller, Jeff Boyd, & Todd Weiss.

Please pray for your leaders!

Attendance at a Glance

JANUARY

2025 In Person: 427
2025 On-line Views: 463
2024 In Person: 241
2024 On-line Views: 219

FEBRUARY

2025 In Person: 313
2025 On-line Views: 363
2024 In Person: 328
2024 On-line Views: 185

MARCH

2025 In Person: 343
2025 On-line Views: 317
2024 In Person: 570
2024 On-line Views: 341

APRIL

2025 In Person: 471
2025 On-line Views: 385
2024 In Person: 361
2024 On-line Views: 275

MAY

2025 In Person: 318
2025 On-line Views: 279
2024 In Person: 370
2024 On-line Views: 349

JUNE

2025 In Person: 306
2025 On-line Views: 285
2024 In Person: 343
2024 On-line Views: 308

JULY

2025 In Person: 298
2025 On-line Views: 326
2024 In Person: 326
2024 On-line Views: 333





FALL FESTIVAL

FALL FESTIVAL - It's that time of year to think about cooking jellies and jams and you know what that means: **FRUIT!** If you have any to share or if you know of anyone who has some to share, please give me a call, Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701.

We can use peaches, plums, mustang grapes, strawberries, apricots, figs, and anything I may have missed. We also need 8-ounce jars. Those can be dropped off at the church office or the Quilt Haus.

If anyone is interested in helping us cook jellies and jams, please give Polly a call at the above number. We will start the latter part of August and the beginning of September.

We have a lady who has been sewing pants, tops, pajamas, and blankets for the LWR layettes we ship with our quilts and health care kits. She and her husband are winter Texans and are friends with Liz and Perry Hohenberger. She has done this for years. The lady is Doreen Greenalph. She and her husband will be moving back to Nebraska. We have been so blessed to have her in our presence. She is not a member of HGLC, but her heart has been with us for years. Many, many blessings are sent their way.

FABRIC - If you have any fabric to share, please bring it by the church office or you can bring it to the Quilt Haus on Monday or Tuesday mornings.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 11	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
August 14	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 am	Fellowship Hall
August 14	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 pm	Fellowship Hall



WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Evening Guild	TBD	Gloria Kammlah
Lydia Circle	Emmie Burrer	Jeanette Schneider
Katherine Luther	Tudy Tritch	Sandy Birdlebough

THANK YOU TO HGLC

The Traugott family would like to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of loss.

A special thank you to those who assisted with the meal following the service.

We love and appreciate all of you!

ALTAR GUILD:

August:

Carolyn Weidenfeller
Lois Weidenfeller
Kathy Boos

Cheryl Feuge
Sondra Sultemeier
Robes: Karen Grona

September:

Polly Zenner
Teresa Ganis

Patricia Herrera
Bettina Edwards
Robes: Joan Bonn

Altar Flowers REMINDER for AUGUST:

The following have signed up to provide altar flowers the month of August.

August 2/3	Mandy Herber
August 9/10:	Tracy Laratta
August 16/17	Royce Ann Baethge
August 23/24:	Gina & Chuck Jenschke
August 30/31:	Jerry & Rhonda Gross



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

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

Hospitalizations:

Lillyan Feller
Caiden Lopez



Sympathies to the Families of:

Jeanie Bel Crenwelge
Randy Leifeste

Hospice List:

Stanley Feller
Leroy Jung
Dottie Schneider

JULY PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals:

07/10/25 Jeanie Bel Crenwelge
07/22/25 Randy Leifeste

Weddings:

06/26/25 Rilae Crow & Gideon Kruse
07/19/25 Aylin Neri & Cole Jenschke
07/26/25 Paoli Baez & Corbin Treibs

**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.**

NURSING HOME COMMUNION: AUGUST—ZION

First Wednesdays

08/06/25	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 am
08/06/25	Knopp #2	10:30 am

First Thursdays

08/07/25	Heritage Place	9:30 am
08/07/25	Windcrest	10:30 am

Second Wednesdays

08/13/25	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 am
08/13/25	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 am

Second Thursdays

08/14/25	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 am
08/14/25	Knopp #1	10:30 am



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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS - 90+

Irene Klinksiek	08/05/1930
Bob Theis	08/14/1932
Vernell Ellebracht	08/21/1934



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES - 50+

Gregory & Holly Schmidt	08/03/1974
Gordon & Dianne Eckert	08/08/1970
Wayne & Kay Geistweidt	08/10/1968
Carroll & Susan Bryla	08/16/1975
Gil & Malenica Becker	08/21/1971
Don & Donna Reinke	08/21/1969
Michael & Karen Dolezal	08/22/1970
Clayton & Barbara Grona	08/30/1969

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

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 on this page.

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

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

Weeknight Bible Study – 2 Kings

Pastor David will host a 10-week Bible Study on
Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm, beginning September 9th
and continuing through November 11. We will study
2 Kings in the Old Testament, as we look at historical
figures like Elijah, Elisha and, Jeremiah and also cover the
downfall of Israel and Judah. We will meet weekly on
Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Please call the office or let
Pastor David know if you would like to be a part of this
Bible class.

Women's Evening Bible Study

Our study of "He Speaks To Me": (20th Anniversary
Edition) by Priscilla Shirer began on June 3rd.
Study books can be purchased on Amazon. We meet
every other Tuesday at **6pm at Holy Ghost Church
Spirit Haus. Meeting dates for the
month of August are the 12th and
the 26th.**



Adult Education in August

There are currently three adult education classes
being offered during the summer at 9:15 to 10:15 each
Sunday morning.

"Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings" – The Sage
Class, taught by Norm Nevins, is studying
"Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings" which
covers parts of Genesis, Matthew, Luke, John,
Romans, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, Hebrews,
and 1 Peter. This study continues through the
summer months.

The Ten Commandments is being taught by
the pastors this summer as we look at one of
the basic tenets of our faith and how these
commandments shape our lives today.

Gil Becker's class will be taking a break. Keep
watching for his new class coming in the fall.

A breakfast bar is served each Sunday
from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

*****Note August 10 will be a meet-and-greet with our
pastoral candidate, Rev. Tobias Heike.*****

New Wednesday Noon Bible Study begins September 3rd:

Pastor Steve will begin a new Bible Study on 1st Corinthians
beginning on **September 3rd. We'll meet from noon until
1:15 each week.** Everyone is welcome to attend (and bring a
friend). Bring a lunch if you're on break. Also, Pastor Steve
will record each session and post it on YouTube in case you
have to miss one (or all of them).

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

What a time to need our Bibles; tragedy often causes questioning – even in the faithful. Here are some
of the verses in the Bible that address tragedy and faithfulness. Keep the faith, keep on reading, and
keep on praying!

John 16:33
Isaiah 61:1-3
Matthew 24:35
1 Corinthians 4:5
Psalm 23:4

Psalms 34:18
James 1:2-4
Revelation 21:4
Romans 5:3-5

Lamentations 3:31-33
Habakkuk 3:17-19
2 Corinthians 4:8-10
Proverbs 3:5-6

Worship SCHEDULE

Messages in August



August 2nd and 3rd: It is one thing to know about Jesus and quite another to believe and follow him. Jesus commands us: "Follow Me," and then in His wonderful, grace-filled way, He transforms our hearts, our minds and our lives as he gives us the heart, the means, and the will to "fish for people" and make disciples. Our Bible verses for the day are Matthew 4:18-20.

August 9th and 10th: Our pastoral candidate, Tobias Heike, will be preaching all weekend and will continue our theme of "Follow Me," by focusing on John 13:36: "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." It is also Rally Day weekend.

August 16th and 17th: In John 10:27 Jesus shares, "My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me." Where do we hear the voice of Jesus calling us to follow in the midst of other voices vying for our attention?

August 23rd and 24th: All of us desire to follow Jesus, however, we come up with a list of excuses why we can't at the moment. We want to follow Jesus, but . . . ! How do we focus and make Him a higher priority in our lives?

August 30th and 31st: What is the cost of following Jesus? Discipleship is a daily journey of taking up our cross, focusing on Jesus, and following our Lord on a path of sacrificial service and love. It is a path of re-ordering our priorities to fit with God's priorities. Our Bible verses for the day are Luke 9:23-25.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST—"NALC DISASTER RESPONSE WAREHOUSES"

Months ago, our stewardship team prayerfully considered encouraging our congregation to adopt a new special offering for the month of August. The decision was made to support the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Disaster Response warehouses in Rosenberg and Tyler with our special offerings. The funds will be used to replenish supplies for flood buckets and others items needed. Little did we realize the great need that would arise for those flood supplies just 25 miles to our south. Please consider sharing a financial gift in August to support the wonderful ministry of our Texas NALC Disaster Response Warehouses. Supplies/warehouses need to be restocked so that others can benefit from the generosity of Lutherans throughout Texas. Please indicate "NALC Disaster Response" on your check or with your electronic giving. Any questions, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office.

Holy Communion in August

Holy Communion this month will be served on:

- ♦ the weekend of August **9th/10th**
- ♦ the weekend of August **23rd/24th**



Those who do not commune are welcome to come up for a blessing. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please indicate that to an usher.



Join us for the
breakfast bar
Sunday mornings at
8:30-9:30 in the
Fellowship Hall.
Donations accepted.

HGLC Radio Broadcast

is aired weekly on Sunday mornings on
KNAF 910AM at 10 o'clock.



Praise Services

Our Heart of Worship Praise Team will lead our praise services on the
3rd and 4th weekend of each month at the **10:30 service**. Praise services in
August will be held the 17th and 24th.

ALL Worship 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 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.

Grief Support Group

Pastor Alan Williams is offering a grief support group twice a month in **August and September**. It will be offered on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**. This is for anyone who is experiencing grief or who may have lost a loved one. Pastor Williams brings a wealth of experience having previously been a hospital chaplain. This group is open to anyone. If you are interested or would like to find out more information, please contact the church office at 830-997-2288.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Our caregivers support group meets the second Wednesday of the month at **10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**. This month we will meet on **August 13th**.

Anyone who has been a caregiver for a loved one is welcome to attend one hour of sharing and caring for one another. Our group is led by Pastor Steve and LeAnn Segner. Call Pastor Steve for information at 830-997-2288. May the Lord God bless and refresh you as you love and serve your loved one!

Widow's Might

Widow's Might is now meeting the first Wednesday of the month at **5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**.

(We will meet in the **Spirit Haus for AUGUST only** because GLS will be in the Fellowship Hall.)

This month's meeting will be held on **August 6th**.

In June, we started a new 6-session study, *"Wine in the Word,"* by Randy Frazee. After that study we plan to pick up with *"God Never Gives Up on You,"* by Max Lucado. Both of those books are available through Amazon.

We invite widows who are seeking a low-key group of women to visit, study, connect, and share with. If you have any questions, call the church office or visit with Rhonda Eckert, 830-456-4617.

Ladies' Lunch Study

We will meet at noon on Wednesday, **August 13th** for food, faith, and fun at an offsite location. Our regular every-other Wednesday schedule will resume in September. All ladies are welcome! **Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information and the location.**



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

'STRONGER TOGETHER'



Our group is hosted by Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and is open to the community and surrounding areas.

We offer social and emotional support, encouragement, devotions, prayers, and fellowship for cancer patients, thrivers and survivors, as well as their caregivers, families, and friends.

We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the **Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm**. Our next meeting is **August 13th**. For more information please call Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more information.

Band of Brothers



ATTENTION, Men! Please join us for food and fellowship as we set up for the *Global Leadership Summit* and work on various projects around the church campus. The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**, from 8:00–11:00 am. Note that this is the **FIRST Tuesday** in August. For more info or to RSVP, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at [830/456-1349](tel:8304561349). All men are welcome!

HolyMark Cardmakers Meet August 21st

We are back on our normal schedule of the third Thursday, so that puts us on Thursday, **August 21**. We are going to give **Los Tios** a try. **Meet us there shortly before 11:30 am**. Following lunch we will reconvene in the Fellowship Hall for card making. We will need a lot of cards for all the events that our members, and especially our kids, are involved in at the start of the new school year! We will not gather in September, so be sure to join us this month!



GRACED - ENGAGE in Service (Community News)

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Feeding John

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



Game Night

Join us on Thursday, **August 28th at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall!

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Three support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church: one on Mondays at 5:30 pm and the others on Thursdays at 6 pm & 8 pm in the Spirit Haus. Please make use of the support resources available to yourself, your family, and/or your friends. HGLC supports those in recovery!

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 at 830-997-2288.

GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

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

Monthly Report			
June 2025			
General Fund Balance	\$29,866.97		
Receipts	\$68,508.98		
Expenses	-\$79,347.65		
General Fund Balance	\$19,028.30		
SPECIAL OFFERINGS			
Golden Hub	\$100.00		
Mision De Candalilla	\$2,340.00		
FINANCIAL BAROMETER			
	Income	Expenses	plus/minus
Monthly	\$68,508.98	-\$79,347.65	-\$14,942.70
Year-To-Date	\$461,863.29	-\$477,835.29	-\$15,972.00
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund			
Dedicated Fund Starting Monthly Balance	\$252,433.73		
Receipts this month	\$1,010,125.50		
Expenses	-\$12,478.44		
Dedicated CCF for Debt Service	\$200,000.00		
Balance End of month	\$1,450,080.79		
Offerings General Fund	\$67,092.65		

Global Leadership Summit

is August 7th & 8th this year and registration is open! An additional \$20 scholarship is available for first time attendees. Contact Amy Montgomery (210-844-1987) or Pastor Clint (830-997-2288) for more information or register on the Holy Ghost website.

Discount code: **25TEAMGLS.**



GLS Prayer Vigil

Did you know that there will be a prayer vigil going on during the time that the Global Leadership Summit is taking place? It happens every year as speakers and attendees all over the globe are being prayed for in each location. We will have our own prayer vigil as we host the event at the church this year.

Capital Campaign Debt Reduction Update

We ask you to prayerfully consider participating in another three-year commitment to retire our debt of \$2.63 million and make our monthly payments of \$19,488.16 to the bank. This is in addition to your regular support for the mission and ministry of the church.

We currently have a total of 64 pledges in the amount of \$409,936.74. New "Commitment Forms" will be available at the church. To give to the Capital Campaign Fund you may use your Capital Campaign envelopes, place a bank check in the offering plate with "CCF" in the memo line, mail it to the church, scan the QR code below, text Holy Ghost to 73256 or to make a gift online visit holyghostfbg.org. (Click "Donate" and "Capital Campaign.")



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Feeding John</div> <div>8am - Worship/Comm</div> <div>8:30am - Breakfast Bar</div> <div>9:15am - Sunday School/VBS Training</div> <div>10am - Worship: KNAF 9:10am/107.9FM</div> <div>10:30am - Worship/Comm</div>	<div>9am - LWR Quilters</div> <div>1pm - HG Quilters</div> <div>6pm - Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>Print Newsletter</div> <div>9am - LWR Quilters</div> <div>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</div> <div>1pm - HG Quilters</div> <div>6pm - Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>Newsletter Assembly/Announcements/Prayer Copy to</div> <div>6pm - Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>6pm - Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>6pm - Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>6pm - Worship</div>
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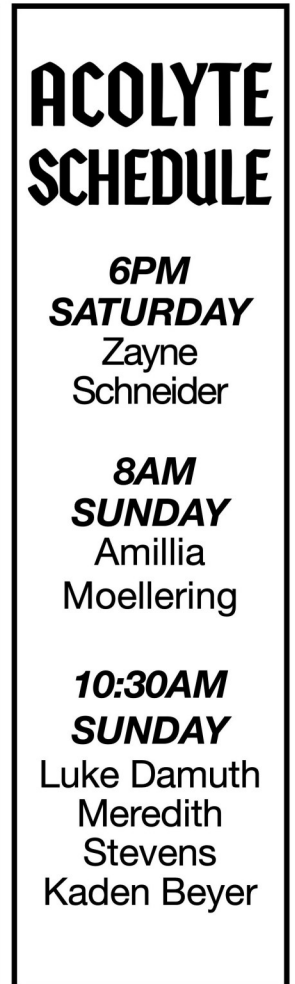
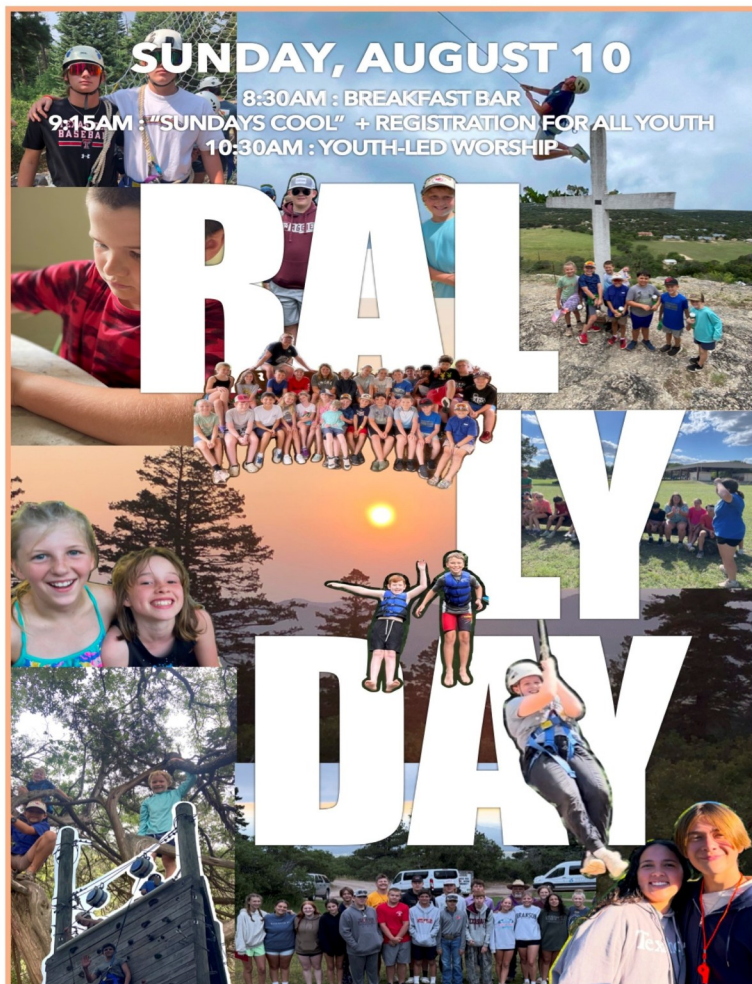
AUGUST MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcasts	Sound Board
Aug 2	6:00 pm	Todd Weiss	Buddy & Joanie Kramer Lasca Weiss	Cindy Harper		Nicole Robertson		Nicole Robertson
Aug 3	8:00 am	Jerry Gross	Roy & Debbie Klaehn	Debbie Klaehn		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Aug 3	10:30 am	Jerry Gross	Ellis & Tudy Tritch Kassandra Ersch, Lynne Parker	Bryan Moellering		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Aug 9	6:00 pm	Todd Weiss	Mark & Susan Stroehrer Lasca Weiss	Pastor Alan Williams	Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott, Nancy Lochte Paul & Davis Lochte	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Aug 10	8:00 am	Jerry Gross	CM & Barbara Grona	Cade Durst	Clayton & Barbara Grona	Linda Adams	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Aug 10	10:30 am	Jerry Gross	Rodney & Sharon Kott Ricky & Vicki Ristau	Sue Gustin	Pew - Janie Guynes & Harvey Hengst Ellis & Tudy Tritch	Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Aug 16	6:00 pm	Todd Weiss	Yvonne Fox Glenda Mott	Mary Beth Bauer	Pew - Sue Gustin, Bryan Moellering	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Aug 17	8:00 am	Jerry Gross	Roy & Debbie Klaehn Paul & Betty Seidensticker	Valerie Bonn		Linda Adams	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Aug 17	10:30 am	Jerry Gross	Kip & Jene'e Weinheimer Kassandra Ersch, Teri Hoyt	Betty Seidensticker		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Aug 23	6:00 pm	Todd Weiss	Buddy & Joanie Kramer	Roxanne Frantzen	Polly Zenner, Steve & Lisa Offers Pew - Lynne Parker, Ginny McCaffrey	Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Aug 24	8:00 am	Jerry Gross	Erwin & Amy Montgomery Bryan & Dana Moellerig	Lisa Kaman	Robert & Robbie Bourquin Pew - Erwin & Amy Montgomery	Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Aug 24	10:30 am	Jerry Gross	Danny & Sandra Poole	Bruce Christian	Don & Glenna Hartmann Pew - Susan West & Kay Pressler	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Aug 30	6:00 pm	Todd Weiss	Mark & Susan Stroehrer	Gordon Eckert		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Aug 31	8:00 am	Jerry Gross	TBD	Joyce Thiele		Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Aug 31	10:30 am	Jerry Gross	Chirs & Karen Nevins Bryan & Dana Moellerig	Nancy Sagebiel		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson

ACOLYTES: Saturday 6:00pm - Zayne Schneider
Sunday 8:00am - Brooks Bonn (10th & 17th)
Sunday 10:30am - Luke Damuth, Meredith Stevens, Kaden Beyer

AUGUST 2025

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS





MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL STARTING AUGUST 18

CALLING ANY 2ND-6TH GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING!

HGLC will pick up from school, + parents can pick up from church at 5pm
for more info and to sign up, contact Katie Hofmann
830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com

After School Club

WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
STARTING AUGUST 20!
HGLC will pick up 2nd-5th grade
kids from area schools.
Parent pick-up will be at 5pm!

Reach out to
Danielh@holyghostfbg.org if
interested!

SPACE IS
LIMITED!
**ACT
FAST!**

We'll make
time for:
**HOMEWORK!
PLAY!
A SNACK!
+JESUS!**

THE VOICES IN YOUR HEAD ARE BEGGING YOU TO BE THERE!

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

AUG 29
KIDS K-5TH
6:30PM-8:30PM

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FRONT PORCH BIBLE STUDY

starting aug 18 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!



KINDERNEST NEWS

Hello to our HGLC family!

July was filled with summer fun for our Kindernest students! We had picnics, dinosaur adventures, went to space, and dove into the fantasy world with our storybook week! Our themed weeks for summer program have been so fun for our students and staff.

Of course, this month has been bittersweet for us. Our hearts pour out to our neighbors. We are incredibly saddened by all the lives that were lost during the flood. I know we all hugged our students a little bit longer when they returned to us the following Monday. Life is so precious! We have been praying, and will continue to pray, for everyone impacted.

As we wrap up our summer program we are so excited to welcome another school year. Kindernest will be closed August 4th-8th for our staff to prepare and rest up for the new year! We are praying for another safe, healthy, and fun school year for all students and staff in our community!

In His service,
Annisa Alonzo



OTHER HGLC NEWS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TELE-BUDDY?

With the long, hot summer months and going into holidays (often a more difficult time for some), wouldn't it be nice to have a friendly voice calling you either daily or weekly?

We are looking for new partners to serve our church need for Tele-Buddies. This team encourages the buddy system by pairing two people to keep in touch by telephone either daily or weekly. The Tele-Buddies encourage and lift each other up in prayer. This does not take a lot of time but may give someone peace of mind. If you would like to have a Tele-Buddy or would like to be a Tele-Buddy to someone, please call Imogene Schollian at 830-456-3200 or email rschollian@austin.rr.com.

Captain Comet and the Intergalactic Patrol

With summer here, encourage your children to read for enjoyment and inspiration. We have become a visual screen-oriented movie-oriented generation, but the world doesn't have to entrap us. Reading for enjoyment can include Christian books, like *Captain Comet and the Intergalactic Patrol*. Reading for inspiration starts in God's Word with incredible stories of God's people like in the book of Acts or in Genesis. If the Internet goes down or the power goes out, books don't fail you.





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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:

Building Committee

"C" Team Contact

"C" Team Contact

Cancer Support Group

Cancer Support Group

Cemetery Team

Cemetery Team

Christmas Day Dinner

Feeding John

Float Team

Fishers for Christ

Global Leadership Summit

Health Care Team

Holy Ghost Quilters

Holy Ghost Quilters

Hospitality Team

Investment Team

Kinderneest Team

Kinderneest Team

Kitchen Team

Kitchen Team

LWR Quilters

NH Comm. Coordinator

NH Devotions

"P" Team

Passion of Christ

Property Team

Praise Team Task Force

Prayer Team

"R" Team

Resource Management

Small Group

Stewardship Team

Tele-Buddy Ministry

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David Bullion

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JoAnn Durst

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830-456-0782

830-329-0344

830-990-9675

830-997-2288

830-456-7218

830-456-3200

830-456-4617

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Communion Servers

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830-456-1617

830-307-4757

830-889-3250

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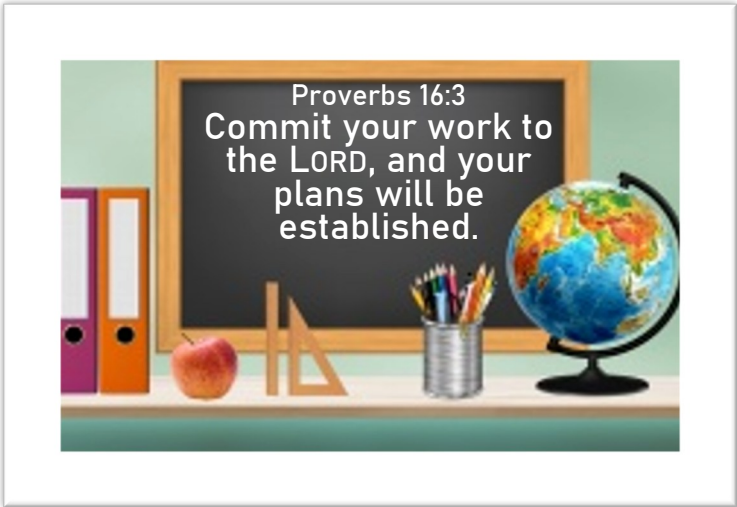
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