



# *The Spirit*

## *Holy Ghost Lutheran Church*

### *September 2025*

#### *Being & Making Disciples*



### **Journeying with God**

Life is full of ups and downs and challenges along the way. There is a misconception that if we follow God and believe in Him, life will all of a sudden be a lot simpler and easier, and we will be free from the burdens that plague everyone else. For those who have grown in their walk with Christ, many have found the struggles and challenges don't go away, and sometimes we face even greater challenges. The key difference for a person of faith, as opposed to someone who is not journeying with God, is that as Christians we know we are not alone in our journey, but that God goes with us. And it is often in facing those challenges with God's help that we grow stronger in our faith.

I think of the prophet Jeremiah whose message was challenging to hear for the people of Israel. He reminded them that they would go through a period of captivity and hardship in Babylon, but when that time of exile was ended God would fulfill His promise to bring restoration to them. We have that powerful verse in Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" What a great reminder that God sees the bigger picture. While we are down in the trenches of life, we worry and fear and wonder if we are doing the right things or, even at times, if God is there. That's where trust comes in. I can picture God looking down and gently whispering in our ears, "Don't worry my child! I've got this, just trust me!"

It has been a journey for our congregation. We've gone through the trenches of Pastor Bobby's retirement, and the call committee and council's deliberating the best way to navigate the waters of current pastors' roles in conjunction with valuing the ministry of our sister congregations. With the current shortage of available pastors (which is true across all denominations), the well seemed a bit dry. In evaluating where the congregation should focus its priorities, the decision was made to also add an additional youth minister. Just when we were down in the trenches and wondered if we were going off the beaten path, God said, "Hang in there! Be patient and trust me! I've got this!"

As God always does, doors were opened. John LaRocque answered the call to fill the position of our youth minister for junior and senior high youth. He is already making great connections with youth and family in our congregation and community. Then another door opened, all the way from Germany, as Pastor Tobias Heike came for a visit and answered the call. A vote was taken by the congregation on August 17<sup>th</sup> to overwhelmingly extend the call to him. A phone call was made to him following the meeting, giving him time to respond. With excitement in his voice, he shared that he and his wife Christie had been praying and discussing this all week long, and their answer was an immediate **"YES! We will accept the call!"** He called me later that afternoon, knowing that we have details to work out, as he will not be able to be with us until after the first of the year. But his words to me were, "Today is a day of celebration!"

God has been very good and has guided us through this time of transition. And now we look forward with much anticipation to all the things God has planned for us, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" God has opened some amazing doors for us, and now God invites us to respond as a congregation to offer support, both financial and otherwise, which includes our continued prayers and commitment to the future of what God has in store for Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. May we be reminded that we do not journey alone but that God journeys with us!

In Christ,  
Pastor David

See page 14 for a photo of  
the Heike family.

## Sixth through Eighth Graders:

Please be sure to check out John's letter on page 13. There are QR codes to register for confirmation classes and youth groups as well as other important information!



## New Member Retreat

A new member retreat will be held on **Sunday, October 19 following the 10:30 service.** A meal will be provided, and the retreat will take place from 11:45 to 3:00 (including meal time). Please reserve that date on your calendar. Contact the church office or one of the pastors for more details.



# SANCTUARY CHOIR

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM,  
STARTING AUGUST 20**

*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](mailto:katiebmurphy12@gmail.com)*



## Church Picnic - October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Holy Ghost will join with its sister congregations, St. Paul, Cave Creek and St. Peter, Doss, for a county-wide church picnic on **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.** **Activities begin at 9:15 a.m.** with Sunday School for children and confirmation youth, a historical presentation by Glen Treibs, youth silent auction, and plenty of fellowship. **Worship is at 10:30** with our Holy Ghost Cowboy Band taking a nostalgic look at some of the music from the 50's and 60's with the theme: Rockin' and Rollin' in God's Word! A BBQ meal with all the trimmings will be served at noon. Hot dogs and PBJ will be provided for the kiddos! Youth activities, a 42 domino tournament, and more fellowship will continue into the early afternoon. We hope to see you all at the three-church, county-wide picnic on **October 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**\*NOTE\*** There will be a Saturday service at Holy Ghost on **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** for those who are not able to attend the picnic!

The church office will be closed  
Monday, September 1st for  
Labor Day.





## COUNCIL NOTES August 25, 2025

1. Holy Ghost Church Council met on Monday, August 25, 2025. The meeting opened at 6:01 p.m. with a Devotion by Chris Nevins using a clip from the movie "Secretariat" to offer thanks to the council and call committee for all the hard work and allowing God to direct us in both hiring a Youth Director and calling an additional pastor.
2. Welcomed guests from First United Bank who shared some ways for us to make our bank operations and finances more secure, along with protecting our investments.
3. Shared feedback from the meeting to extend the call to Pastor Tobias Heike, and his quick response to accept the call.
4. Discussed continuing education, sabbatical, and vacation policies for pastors. Will table till next month to discuss further.
5. Transferred Sandra Ransleben to St. Paul, Cave Creek. Transferred Pete & Teresa Ganis to St. Peter, Doss.
6. Heard an update on the Klaerner property. The work has begun, and historical portions are being preserved as they begin construction.

7. Have interviewed several applicants for the Bookkeeping position and are still interviewing.
8. Will install John LaRocque as Youth Minister at the church picnic on October 12.
9. Put together budget task force to begin the work for the 2026 budget.
10. Nomination Team is put in place for council nominations for the upcoming year which will be voted on at the December meeting of the congregation.
11. Approved regular monthly council minutes, along with a special council meeting on August 17, and the Special Congregational meeting on August 17.
12. Approved the treasurer's report which included a good offering for the month of July.
13. Adjourned at 8:03 pm, and paired up for prayer.

### **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

### **AUGUST - Will be reported next month**

2025 In Person:  
2025 On-line Views:  
2024 In Person: 351  
2024 On-line Views: 449



## HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

**FALL FESTIVAL** - The Fall Festival will be held **September 20, 2025**, at the **Marktplatz at 9:00 a.m.** The Holy Ghost Women of Faith will have a booth and can use any sale item or baked goods. We have been blessed with fruits for jam and jellies. Please come by and visit our booth and support the WOF! If you have items to donate and need help getting them to the church, please contact Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701 by Friday, September 19th. We are always in need of help to set up and take down, as well as working the booth. If anyone is interested in helping us cook jellies and jams, please give Polly a call at the number above. We will start the latter part of August and beginning of September.

**JAMS AND JELLIES SALES** - We will sell jams and jellies the weekend prior to the Fall Festival on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** at the church. Please stop by and purchase your jellies and jams.

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL PROJECT** - It's time to fill the tub with soap for the Lutheran World Relief Health Project. Soap keeps hands and bodies clean, keeps germs at bay and helps people present themselves with dignity. Please bring new, wrapped bars of soap (4 oz.), and put them in the tub located at the entrance of church.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 8	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
September 11	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
September 11	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
September 13 & 14	Sale of Jams & Jellies	After worship services	HGLC
September 20	Fall Festival	9:00 a.m.	Marktplatz

### **ALTAR GUILD:**

#### **September:**

Polly Zenner                      Patricia Herrera  
Sheridan Stringer                Bettina Edwards  
**Robes: Joan Bonn**

#### **October:**

Ola Mae Pehl                      Cindy Clegg  
Jocelyn McDonald                Deborah Johnson  
**Robes: Karen Grona**

### **WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:**

<b><u>Circles</u></b>	<b><u>September</u></b>	<b><u>October</u></b>
Evening Guild	Gloria Kammlah	Pastor
Lydia Circle	Jeanette Schneider	Pastor
Katherine Luther	Sandy Birdlebough	Pastor



**Remember to return the keys when you are finished with them. There is a sign/in out sheet in the basket in the Altar Guild Room to help with this process.**

### **Altar Flowers REMINDER for SEPTEMBER:**

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

September 6/7	Suzie Traugott
September 13/14	Deborah Johnson
September 20/21	Erwin & Amy Montgomery
September 27/28	Laverne Cuddy & Corrine Jung



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



# GRACED - GO to God in Prayer

## (Pastoral Acts & Prayer Requests/HG Family Celebrations)

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

### **Hospitalizations:**

Mary Hobbs  
Gina Jenschke  
Larry Stahl  
Gerald Shanks  
Betty Ellebracht  
Dorman Crenwelge  
Patsy Crenwelge



### **Sympathies to the Families of:**

Stanley Feller  
Dottie Schneider

### **Hospice List:**

Leroy Jung

### **AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS**

#### **Baptisms:**

8/24/2025 Jack Allen Loth  
8/24/2025 Kayla Peters Loth

#### **Funerals:**

8/13/2025 Stanley Feller  
8/26/2025 Dottie Schneider

**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: SEPTEMBER—HGLC**

#### **First Wednesdays**

09/03/25	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 a.m.
09/03/25	Knopp #2 NH	10:30 a.m.

#### **First Thursdays**

09/04/25	Heritage Place	9:30 a.m.
09/04/25	Enchanted Rock NH	10:30 a.m.

#### **Second Wednesdays**

09/10/25	Villages of Windcrest	9:45 a.m.
09/10/25	Fredericksburg NH	10:45 a.m.

#### **Second Thursdays**

09/11/25	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 a.m.
09/11/25	Knopp #1 NH	10:30 a.m.



### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 90+**

C. Roger Spencer	8/30/1935
Dorothy Eckert	9/30/1924



**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.



### **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES - 50+**

Don & Carole Shoffner	9/02/1959
Curtis & Dianne Staudt	9/02/1972
Kermit & Annette Sultemeier	9/02/1961
Danny & Sandy Poole	9/05/1964
Clinton & Carol Feuge	9/06/1969
Ronnie & Carol Reeh	9/07/1972
Norman & Sandra Nevins	9/08/1962
Elmer & Mary Hansen	9/08/1962
Buzz & Sue Gustin	9/28/1964

**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 a.m.  
The coffee is on us!

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

**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.

**The Apostle's Creed - Pastors' Sunday Morning  
Study begins on September 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Apostles' Creed is rooted deeply in the Bible and  
in the history of the early church. Pastor David and  
Pastor Steve will lead us in this seven-week study  
through one of the most important statements of faith  
in the Christian church. We'll explore: where the  
Creed came from and why it was necessary; the  
Biblical roots for each article of faith and why the  
Creed is still important today. We meet each week in  
the fellowship hall on Sundays at 9:25 am.

**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.

**Gil Becker's class** is taking a break. Keep  
watching for his new class coming soon.

***A breakfast bar is served each Sunday  
from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.***

**Weeknight Bible Study - 2 Kings**

Pastor David will host a ten-week Bible study on  
**Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m., beginning September  
9<sup>th</sup>** and continuing through November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 p.m. 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**

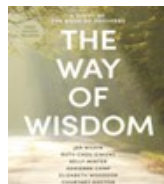
The Women's evening Bible study will meet at  
**6 p.m. in the HGLC Spirit Haus on  
the following dates:**

**September 16 and 30**

**October 14 and 28**

**November 11**

**December 2 and 16**



We are studying *The Way of Wisdom: A Study of  
the Book of Proverbs*. Books are available on  
Amazon or Lifeway.

**New 'Wednesday Noon' Bible Study begins September 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Pastor Steve will begin a new Bible study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians  
beginning **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We'll meet each week in the  
**Fellowship Hall Alpha Room from noon until 1:15.**

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). Please sign up today by calling the church  
office at (830) 997-2288 or by contacting Pastor Steve.

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

Healing is something that everyone has to do at some time or another. It may be physical healing from illness or injury, or it may be emotional healing from tragedy or trauma. Regardless of the type of healing you might be experiencing, all healing takes place through God's mercy and grace. Here are some of the places in the Bible that discuss healing! Please consider turning to scripture to help you on your path to healing.

Jeremiah 17:14

1 Peter 2:24

Isaiah 53:5

Psalms 147:3

James 5:15

Psalms 103:2-4

3 John 1:2

Exodus 15:26

Proverbs 4:20-22

Matthew 10:8

2 Chronicles 7:14

Mark 5:34

## Worship SCHEDULE

### Messages in September



**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>:** All of us desire to follow Jesus; however, we often come up with a list of excuses as to why we can't follow at the moment. We want to follow Jesus, but . . . ! How do we focus and make Him a higher priority in our lives?

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor David will conclude the "Follow Me series" with today's message. We are reminded to follow Jesus in our daily walk of faith.

**September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>:** "Epic Fails - God Prevails: Failure in the Garden" - The first "Epic Fail" recorded in the Bible is the fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden. Only one boundary was set for Adam and Eve, and they failed miserably. What happened next? Trouble comes, and yet God doesn't give up on us!

**September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>:** We continue the Epic Fails sermon series this week by looking at the Children of Israel after they had been freed from slavery in Egypt. God had chosen them, but they kept rejecting God. Where are we turning away from God and seeking to go in our own direction? Pastor Clint will be here to deliver this weekend's message.

### **New Sermon Series begins on September 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> - "Epic Fails - God Prevails"**

God's will prevails in the midst of the muddled mess we make of things in our lives and in this world. The Bible continually points to God's work in this world. The children at Kinderneest often sing together: "My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do." That one little verse expresses a basic truth that we see throughout the Bible: no matter how many times those who have gone before us have failed - God is still at work!

### **Holy Communion in September:**

Holy Communion this month will be served on:

- ♦ the weekend of September **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**
- ♦ the weekend of September **27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**



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.

### **SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER: KINDERNEEST! (with matching funds)**

For the month of September our special offering will focus on support for a vital ministry of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. Kinderneest has been a part of Holy Ghost's outreach to our wider community for many years. The Kinderneest director and our board have been excellent stewards of limited resources, and your contributions through the years have helped the ministry to continue (and to thrive). This year, we have some folks who have offered up to \$3,000 to match your contributions (dollar for dollar). In other words, if we get \$3,000 in contributions, we'll get a total of \$6,000 for the ministry! May the Lord bless you as you consider sharing a gift for this long-standing ministry of Holy Ghost. Please contact Pastor Steve if you have any questions.

### **Praise Services**

Our Heart of Worship Praise Team will lead our praise services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of each month at the **10:30 service**. **Praise services in September will be held on the 21st and 28th.**

**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.



### **HGLC Radio Broadcast**

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

### Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group is led by Pastor Alan Williams the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for anyone experiencing grief or who has lost a loved one. People who come to the group are asked to keep the following in mind:

- 1) Anything shared is confidential
- 2) You don't have to talk if you don't want to
- 3) The time is shared by those present
- 4) The purpose of the group is not to 'fix' people but to be a friend on the journey
- 5) It's a strong reminder that you are not alone
- 6) Faith plays a central part of our journey
- 7) Cell phones turned down or off

**If there is enough interest, Pastor Alan would be willing to continue hosting the group into October.**

Pastor Alan has worked with a Survivors of Suicide grief group when a hospital chaplain in Midland, TX. The group provided care for 12 years. He has worked with Compassionate Friends group co-leading with a hospice social worker for several years. This is a group for parents or grandparents of children who have died. Lastly, I've worked for six years with Peterson Hospice in Kerrville as grief care coordinator and chaplain. We had grief group opportunities for all ages. Please know that you are welcome.

### HolyMark Cardmakers

There will be no meeting in September.

Mark your calendars for **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, the third Thursday. We will lunch together at Catfish Haven and proceed to the Fellowship Hall to make cards. It makes for a very satisfying afternoon. Join us!



### CANCER SUPPORT GROUP **'STRONGER TOGETHER'**

Cancer is a journey we can help you with. Our group is open to the community and surrounding areas and offers social and emotional support, advice, encouragement, and fellowship for cancer patients, thrivers and survivors, and their caregivers, families, and friends. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the **Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us. Contact Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more information.



### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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!

### Ladies' Lunch Study



All ladies are invited to join us as we begin Max Lucado's new study: *Tame Your Thoughts*. This month we will meet on **September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1:00-ish, in the Spirit Haus**. If you're looking for a place to plug in this fall, join our friendly group of ladies for fun, faith, and fellowship! Bring your lunch if you wish. For more information, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

### Widow's Might

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

This month's meeting will be held on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

In June, we started a new six-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.



### Band of Brothers

September is the month we celebrate Labor Day, so, men, come join us and **Labor for the Lord!** Join us for food, fellowship, and working on various projects around the church campus. The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.** For more info, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!



# GRACED - ENGAGE in Service (Community News)

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Feeding John Program



## Feeding John

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



## Game Night

Join us on Thursday, **September 25th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall!

## FBG FOOD PANTRY

The FBG Food pantry is in need of staple items (nonperishable) such as flour, peanut butter, canned foods, etc. HGLC has a basket at the entrance of the church to receive such items and will deliver them to the food pantry on your behalf! Thank you!

## 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.

## Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Three support groups meet at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church: one on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and the others on Thursdays at 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. 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!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TELE-BUDDY?

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](mailto:rschollian@austin.rr.com).

# GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

## DOLLAR\$&¢CENTS

### HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Report July 2025		
GENERAL FUND BUDGET	GL Acct #	
<b>General Fund - Monthly Income/Expense</b>		
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$104,629.91
Interest	41602	\$3,544.36
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$165.50
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$0.00
Expenses		-\$84,497.01
<b>Net Monthly Income</b>		<b>\$23,842.76</b>
<b>Offerings General Fund</b>		<b>\$104,629.91</b>
<b>Receipts less expenses YTD</b>		<b>\$5,367.55</b>
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>		
Backpacks		\$2,634.00
Mision De Candalilla		\$827.00
Flood Relief		\$12,102.00
<b>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</b>		
Dedicated Fund Starting Monthly Balance		\$1,250,080.79
Receipts this month		\$20,254.65
Expenses		-\$47,844.86
Dedicated CCF for Debt Service		\$200,000.00
<b>Balance End of month</b>		<b>\$1,422,490.58</b>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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# SEPTEMBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast	Sound Board
Sept 6	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Patti Feller	Mary Beth Bauer		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
			Chris & Suzanne Turner					
Sept 7	8:00am	Valerie Bonn	David Lochte, Norm Nevins	Nancy Lochte		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
			Jason & Robin Barnes					
Sept 7	10:30pm	Nick Thompson	Greg & Karen Hennicksen	Sue Gustin		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
			Sue Gustin, Carolyn Weidenfeller					
Sept 13	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Justin, Stephanie & Blair Marschall	Lois Weidenfeller	Sandy Platfoot, Mark & Susan Stroehrer	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
					Pew: Kathy Paige & Corrine Jung			
Sept 14	8:00am	Valerie Bonn	Cade, Marcia, Parker, & Callan Bonn	Polly Zenner	Pam Ransleben & Mandy Herber	Kimberly Bauer	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
					Pew: Shawn & Patsy Stevens			
Sept 14	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Brad, Sarah, Jack & Chapel Howard	Lisa King	Daniel & Sandra Poole	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
					Pew: Rick & Vicky Ristau			
Sept 20	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Jason & Robin Barnes	Deborah Johnson		Johnna Albertthal		Nicole Robertson
			Lois Weidenfeller					
Sept 21	8:00am	Valerie Bonn	Tory, David, Isabella, & Nathan Mendez	Youth - TBD		Linda Adams	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Sept 21	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Karen Lochte, Kael Watson	Youth - TBD		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
			Howard & Deedee Reyes					
Sept 27	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Kenneth & Barbara Sagebiel	Kay Melcer	Ray & Debbie Klaehn, Kay Melcer	Johnna Albertthal		Nicole Robertson
			Craig & Kay Steinbring		Pew: LeAnn Segner & Alice Segner			
Sept 28	8:00am	Valerie Bonn	Judy Vordenbaum, Gerald Shanks	Corrine Jung	Mandy Herber, Steven Krueger	Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
			Doyle & Stacey Moellering		Pew: Dan & Sherry Gallini			
Sept 28	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Ricky Gant	Pastor	Mike & Sandy Birdleough	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
			Jarrold, Carole, Andon, & Audie Uscher		Pew: Dwayne & Kathy Boos			

**ACOLYTES:** Saturday 6:00pm - Need Volunteers

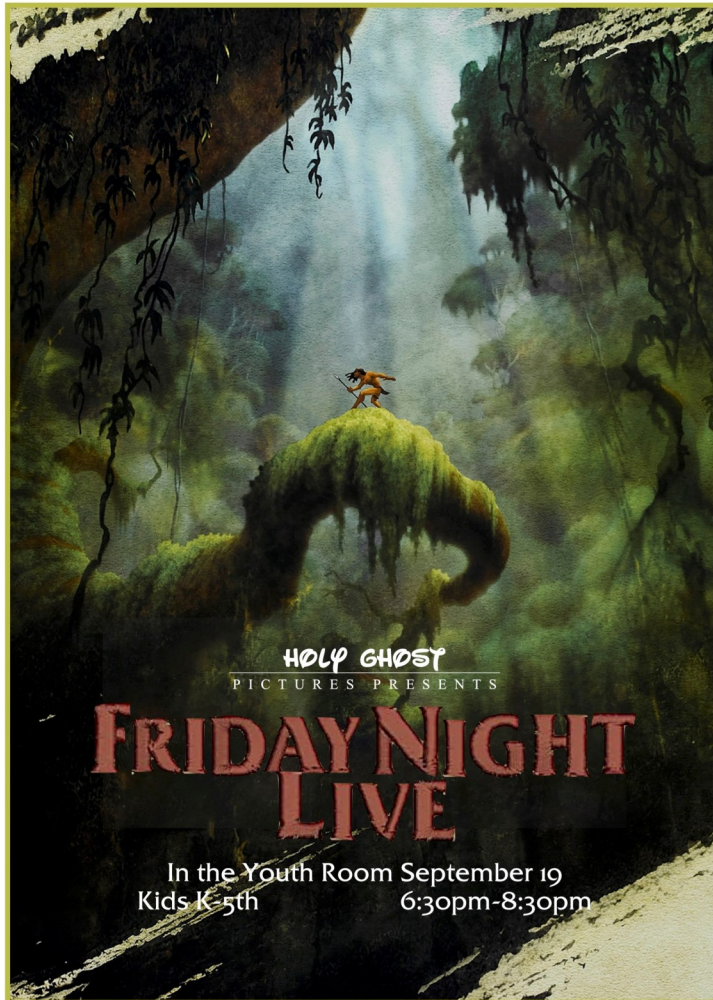
Sunday 8:00am - Lyla McCollum & Matthew Moellering

Sunday 10:30am - Jaron Ellebracht & Margaret Stevens



SEPTEMBER 2025

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



SUNDAY SCHOOL? MORE LIKE

## SUNDAYS COOL!

STARTING RALLY DAY AUG 10!  
KIDS PreK-5TH!  
JOIN US 9:15AM IN THE SPIRIT HAUS!

WE HAVE MORE FUN  
★ WHEN YOU'RE  
★ HERE!

Join the

## Breakfast Bar

before  
Sunday School  
in the Fellowship Hall

## YOUTH CHOIR

**MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL STARTING AUGUST 18**  
CALLING ANY 2<sup>ND</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING!  
HGCL 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

## AWE

Lord, I am filled with awe!  
Habakkuk 3:2

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE**  
**SEPT 24 • 7:30AM**  
**FREDERICKSBURG ELEMENTARY**

## BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!



September  
2025

# Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

## New Youth Minister!

If you haven't heard, Holy Ghost Lutheran Church has a new youth minister! His name is John LaRocque, and he officially started on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

John will be leading our 6th-12th-grade youth programming. John will lead Confirmation on Sundays, as well as lead a mid-week youth group program on Wednesday Night. Confirmation will take place in the church basement during Sunday School hours starting September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday Night Youth Group program will start on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) meeting from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) meeting from 8:00 pm-9:00 pm, at the church.

Throughout the year, there will be various youth events for teens to attend. Some upcoming events:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Wednesday night youth group for middle school and high school

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Start of Confirmation

September 24<sup>th</sup>: See Ya at the Pole

## A quick note from John and Carly:

Thank you so much, Holy Ghost Congregation, for the outpouring of love through cards, warm welcomes, visits, and food. We so greatly appreciate it and look forward to getting to know our new church family!



John and his wife, Carly, at a Minnesota Twins baseball game

## Thank you for all the teens who helped at VBS!

We couldn't have made VBS as amazing as it was without those who helped with the kids and from behind the scenes!



Middle School Youth Group QR  
Code: Scan to register your  
Middle Schooler for youth group.



Confirmation QR Code:  
Scan to register your teen  
for Confirmation.



High School Youth Group QR  
Code: Scan to register your  
High Schooler for youth  
group.



Pastor Tobias Heike, his wife, Christie,  
and their daughters Malin (11) and Kirsten (9)

Pastor Heike and his family have accepted the call to come to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church all the way from Germany. Please keep them in your family as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives!



*For I know the plans  
I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans for welfare and  
not for evil,  
to give you a future and a hope.  
(Jeremiah 29:11)*



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# NALC

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# lcmc

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

### **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

Worship Decorating

David Bullion

Laverne Boos

Sharon Johnson

Iris Burrer

Karen Dolezal

Alan Saenger

Susan Stroehrer

Denise Usener

Sandy Birdlebough

(vacant)

Debbie Klaehn

Amy Montgomery

(vacant)

Helen Usener

Sharon Kott

Kat Jacoby

Allen Ersch

Donna Rees

Shayna Thompson

Laverne Boos

Judy Nardini

Roslee Lochte

Yvonne Fox

JoAnn Durst

Donald Pressler

(vacant)

Seth Moellering

Karen Nevins

Laverne Cuddy

Mary Beth Bauer

Janie Trantham

Pastor Steve Qualben

Kathy Boos

Imogene Schollian

Rhonda Simpson

830-998-1889

830-739-4263

830-992-3408

830-456-5711

512-517-3180

830-992-8564

830-456-3143

830-456-1742

830-998-4504

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830-329-3603

830-456-1304

830-992-9424

830-456-0782

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