



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

October 2025

Being & Making Disciples



Picnic and Partnership

October is a great month to be in Texas. The temperature finally begins to retreat a bit from the summer heat, and hopefully we are blessed with a few rain showers to water and nourish the earth. October is also the time for our annual church picnic. Over the years this event has grown from having it at the Pioneer Pavillion to expanding to the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. Two years ago, we invited our sister congregations of St. Paul, Cave Creek, and St. Peter of Doss to join us in this great fellowship event.

The Picnic is a great celebration of our partnership together and the things that we have accomplished in supporting and encouraging one another in the ministry.

St. Paul shares some instrumental words about the partnership that churches have as he writes to the church at Phillipi. *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:3-6)

The focus is the partnership and working together for a higher purpose, which is to share the Good News of the Gospel with others. That is the central message of the church, and when we can work together to share that news, and encourage one another, we actually strengthen the witness of the church, which is the body of Christ.

There is great joy when we not only work together, but come together for worship and fellowship. The annual picnic is a great opportunity for us to gather in a relaxed environment, to make the most of the time that we spend together. We invite you to come and enjoy the time that we will spend together as people of faith gathered around God's Word and our partnership with one another.

We hope to see you on Sunday, October 12 at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. Details are listed on page two of this newsletter. May we continue to work together to make this world a better place, and to celebrate all that God has done in this place.

Peace,
Pastor David





CHURCH PICNIC - OCTOBER 12, 2025



This year's theme is: Rockin' & Rollin' with God's Word

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 12th** at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. **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 12th!**

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

OCTOBER 2025 CHOIR NEWS

This month, the Sanctuary Choir will sing a very special song that has been on my heart for a few years now.

As many of you know, Daniel and I lost our son Caleb in December of 2022. During that time of sorrow, as I prepared to come back and direct the choir, I grabbed a few pieces from our library in the hopes of finding a song to sing for Easter. Instead, I found "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" and it was like a big giant hug from God. Not only is this piece moving and gorgeous, but on closer inspection, I saw that it was dedicated in memory of a little boy named Colin. I do not know the circumstances of little Colin's passing, but I have faith that not only was "heaven's gate held opened wide" for both Colin and Caleb, but that Jesus was also there to "let His little child come in." This song is an absolute treasure to me and I'll never forget it. I am honored for you all to hear "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me", dedicated to all the little children that Jesus loves (including you and me). Enjoy!

Additionally, I am looking forward to welcoming back the Youth Choir to sing for our congregation at the 10:30 a.m. service on October 5th. We have a great group of kids who are excited to sing "Jesus Is My Friend" for you! This song is from the wonderful Dove award winning Christian kid's series "Bullfrogs and Butterflies" which was a staple in the cassette player in my mom's car growing up. I had a delightfully nostalgic time teaching this song to the choir and it is full to the brim with the joy of knowing that Jesus is our friend. We hope you enjoy! - Katie

New Member Retreat

A New Member Retreat will be held on **Sunday, October 19th from 12 noon - 3 p.m.** for anyone interested in joining the church or finding out more information about who we are as Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. A free meal is provided by the church, and we will start serving at 11:45 a.m. **Please RSVP to the church office at 830-997-2288 or email to holyghost@holyghostfbg.org.** Please indicate if you need child care.

All Saints Remembrance



All Saints Weekend falls on **November 1st and 2nd** this year. Each year we pay tribute to those among our family of faith who passed away in the previous year since the last All Saints Weekend. We will have a special memorial tribute for those families during each service that weekend. We will be asking families who have lost loved ones to please submit a picture of your loved one for the special video tribute that we put together. The deadline for submitting those pictures is Wednesday, October 22. As we remember your loved ones, we also remember the promise of new life that we have through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

HG Endowment Fund Grants

Applications for Holy Ghost Endowment Fund Grants are now being accepted. Applications **must be submitted by October 31st** to be considered. Decisions on funding are made in January of the following year. Distributions are then made in February. To make an application go to the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church web site holyghostfbg.org and scroll to the bottom of the page. Under Main Links click on Endowment Fund Documents. Applications may be mailed, dropped off at the church office or emailed.



Pastor Tobias Heike

*Thanks to the congregation for voting to call Pastor Tobias Heike as an additional pastor to join the staff at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. He has accepted the call and is excited about being in ministry with us. There are a lot of transition pieces for him and his family as he makes the move from Germany. **His start date will be February 1, 2026.** We are still working on an ordination date for him, as his family will come later in March. We look forward to our partnership with him in the ministry.*



COUNCIL NOTES September 22, 2025

1. The church council met on Monday, September 22, and opened the meeting at 5:58 with a Devotion from Pastor Steve from the C.S. Lewis book, "Mere Christianity."
2. Judy Vordenbaum came to make a presentation to council about the lights in the church stairwells, and handicap access in the restrooms.
3. Mandy Herber came to present recommendations from Benefits Task Force on a housing allowance for Pastor Steve, and on staff salaries, and other benefits.
4. Heard that Pastor Tobias Heike's official start date with Holy Ghost will be February 1, 2026.
5. The council is entertaining bids on security cameras for the Spirit Haus.
6. A building update was given on the Klaerner House. The demolition is complete. Construction will begin soon. Historical tax credits have been filed on the property.

7. Property Team will do an assessment of Parsonage 2 to see what repairs need to be made.
8. Discussed shifting council duty for church services to other volunteers, and allowing council to focus on primary duties.
9. Will begin process for nominations for council in early October.
10. Approved monthly meeting minutes & treasurers report, noting that income was above expenses for the month of August.
11. Adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. to pair up and pray with prayer partners.

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!

Installation of John LaRocque

John hit the ground running with us as he came on board this summer, working with Jr. & Sr. High Youth, and confirmation. We'd like to officially recognize and install him and celebrate his ministry. The installation will take place at the Church picnic on Sunday, October 12, at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. The installation will take place during our worship service that day.

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

2025 In Person: 364
2025 On-line Views: 261
2024 In Person: 351
2024 On-line Views: 449

SEPTEMBER Will be reported next month

2025 In Person:
2025 On-line Views:
2024 In Person: 451
2024 On-line Views: 428

HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

FALL FESTIVAL - The Fall Festival was held September 20, 2025. The Holy Ghost Women of Faith had a booth with many jams and jellies and baked goods. As of the time of this writing, we do not have the results of the sale. We thank everyone for the fruits, jars and sugar provided. It is always a challenge to see what type of jellies and jams we will have.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL PROJECT – The tub for the soap drive will remain in the church for the first two weeks of October. Thank you for giving.

LWR COLLECTION – The Lutheran World Relief collection will be held November 4, 2025. There will be 12 churches (as well as ours) bringing their items to be loaded into a U-Haul. We will need help to load, so if you are available, please give Polly a call at 830-997-5701.

SPECIAL OFFERING – The Special Offering for November will be for postage for shipping of the quilts, health care kits and layettes. Your generosity in the past has been phenomenal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| October 9 | Lydia Circle | 9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall |
| October 9 | Katherine Luther Circle | 1:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall |
| October 12 | Church Picnic | 9:15 a.m. activities begin 10:30 a.m. worship | Gillespie County Fairgrounds |
| October 13 | Evening Guild | 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall |
| October 18 & 19 | Quilt Dedication | During worship services | Sanctuary |
| October 19 | Fall General Meeting | 2:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall |
| November 4 | Ingathering | 8:00 a.m. - noon | Fellowship Hall parking lot |

ALTAR GUILD:

October:

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

November:

Amy Montgomery Mandy Herber
Rhonda Simpson Sandra Davis
 Robes: Joan Bonn

WOMEN OF FAITH STUDY LEADERS:

Circles

Evening Guild
Lydia Circle
Katherine Luther

October

Pastor
TBD
Pastor

November

Group
Emmie Burrer
Jeannie Klett

Altar Flowers REMINDER for OCTOBER:

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

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| October 4/5 | Shirley Nielsen |
| October 11/12 | Nan & Harvey Hengst |
| October 18/19 | Bryan & Dana Moellering |
| October 25/26 | Steve & Johnna Alberthal |



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



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.

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:

Ola Mae Pehl
Clinton Feuge
Kermit Feuge
Larry Stahl
Roy Klaehn
Helen Allred
Gina Jenschke

Sympathies to the Families of:

Vernell Ellebracht

Hospice List:

Leroy Jung



SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

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| 9/6/25 | Levi Matthew Banks |
| 9/6/25 | Jacob Matthew Banks |
| 9/20/25 | Vernell Doebller |

Funerals:

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| 9/13/25 | Vernell Ellebracht |
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**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: OCTOBER - BETHANY

First Wednesdays

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| 10/01/2025 | Knopp Assisted Living | 9:30 a.m. |
| 10/01/2025 | Knopp #2 NH | 10:30 a.m. |

First Thursdays

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| 10/02/2025 | Heritage Place | 9:30 a.m. |
| 10/02/2025 | Enchanted Rock NH | 10:30 a.m. |

Second Wednesdays

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| 10/08/2025 | Villages of Windcrest | 9:45 a.m. |
| 10/08/2025 | Fredericksburg NH | 10:45 a.m. |

Second Thursdays

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| 10/08/2025 | Knopp Retirement Center | 9:30 a.m. |
| 10/08/2025 | Knopp #1 NH | 10:30 a.m. |



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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - 90+

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| Harvey Ellebracht | 10/09/1934 |
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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES - 50+

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| Kermit & Laverne Boos | 10/01/1966 |
| Larry & Carol Brinkmann | 10/06/1972 |
| David & Janet Jung | 10/11/1975 |
| Harvey & Nan Hengst | 10/12/1951 |
| Mark & Kay Durst | 10/21/1967 |
| Steven & Johnna Alberthal | 10/26/1974 |

**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

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

"The Apostles' Creed"

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.

"Judah, From Isaiah to Exile"

The Sage Class, taught by Norm Nevins, is
studying "Judah, From Isaiah to Exile (God Helps
and Guides Us Today)". This study will continue
through November.

**"You Can Handle the Truth -
Survey of Christian Apologetics"**

Gil Becker will begin a new class on **October 19th.**
This class will visit apologetics and how we
defend our faith.

Weeknight Bible Study – 2 Kings

Pastor David is hosting a ten-week Bible study on
Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. During our study of
2 Kings in the Old Testament, we will look at historical
figures like Elijah, Elisha and Jeremiah and also cover the
downfall of Israel and Judah. Please call the office at
830-997-2288 or let Pastor David know if you would like
to be a part of this Bible class.

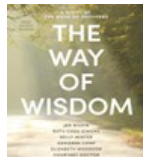
Women's Evening Bible Study

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

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.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study :

Pastor Steve is hosting a Bible study on 1st Corinthians
**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.



Join us for the
breakfast bar
**Sunday mornings at
8:30-9:30 in the
fellowship hall.**
Donations accepted.

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

We are getting well into the school year/football season/volleyball season/hunting season/everything else season.....and it gets very
easy to put all things church-related on the back burner. However, that's when it becomes even more important to make time for your
Bible. Putting God first helps everything else you are distracted by become maybe a tad less important. And, as you can imagine, the
Bible has a lot to say about this! Happy October!

Matthew 6:33

Proverbs 16:3

John 3:30

Colossians 3:1-4

Romans 8:5

1 Corinthians 10:13

Exodus 20:1-3

Ephesians 4:27

James 4:4-8

Luke 12:28-31

Deuteronomy 6:5

Psalms 37:4

Acts 5:29

Current Sermon Series - "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 Kinderfest 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!

Worship SCHEDULE

Messages in October



October 4th & 5th: "Epic Fails - God Prevails: David and Bathsheba"

King David committed adultery and then murdered Bathsheba's husband. God confronted David through the prophet Nathan and David was deeply moved and convicted of his sin. A humbled David cries out to the Lord, seeking forgiveness and restoration. In preparation for this weekend's message, please read 2nd Samuel chapters 11 and 12 and all of Psalm 51 (David's cry to the Lord).

October 11th & 12th: We step away from our sermon series this week as we celebrate together with our sister churches for the Annual Church Picnic at Gillespie County Fairgrounds. The theme is Rockin' & Rollin' in God's Word. There will be a Saturday evening service at 6 p.m. No 8 a.m. service, but everything will kick off at the fairgrounds at 9:15 with a presentation by Glenn Treibs on the history of Lutherans in Gillespie County, three-year-old Bibles, and activities for our Sunday School children. Worship will follow at 10:30 with our Cowboy Band doing some 50's Rock and Roll music with a Christian Theme. Then a great BBQ meal to follow with all the fixin's. There will be a silent auction to benefit our Youth, and other activities and events.

October 18th & 19th: "Epic Fails - God Prevails: King Solomon"

At the beginning of his reign, King Solomon asked God for wisdom to rule Israel wisely. He received that wisdom, but used it selfishly. Solomon's heart was turned to worshipping other gods and he built temples for them at the request of his many wives. (See 1st Kings 11:1-8.) How will God prevail? Praise the Lord that God's steadfast love endures forever.

October 25th & 26th: This is Reformation Weekend, and we continue our sermon series: Epic Fails; God Prevails, with a look at Jonah the prophet who went in the opposite direction from where God called him to go. Where do we struggle with where God is calling us?

Holy Communion in October:

Holy Communion this month will be served on:

- ♦ the weekend of October **4th & 5th**
- ♦ the weekend of October **25th & 26th**



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.

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 October will be held on the 19th and 26th.**

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.



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

**is designated for
Operation Christmas Child
and
Lutheran World Relief
World Hunger**

One of our Christmas traditions at Holy Ghost is participating in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child." Our children and youth will be gathering supplies to fill shoeboxes for children in need throughout the world. One half of our special offerings will help with the shipping costs of those boxes. The other half of special offering funds will go to Lutheran World Relief to assist with food, clean water, medications, and other basic human needs in third world countries.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve Qualben.
(830) 997-2288

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 **2nd and 4th 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

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, he worked for six years with Peterson Hospice in Kerrville as grief care coordinator and chaplain for people of all ages.

Please know that you are welcome!

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 **October 8th**.

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 we continue our study of Max Lucado's: *Tame Your Thoughts*. This month we'll meet on **October 1st, 15th, and 29th, noon to 1:00ish, 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.

HolyMark Cardmakers

On **Thursday, October 16 we will gather at Hondo's at 11:30** for our fellowship lunch, and then move to the Fellowship Hall for card making. This is a change from the announcement last month about eating at Catfish Haven. Sadly, Catfish Haven is now in fish heaven – no longer open.



Widow's Might

Widow's Might is now meeting the **first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Spirit Haus**. **Mark your calendars for our meetings on October 1st, November 5th, and for a special "outing" on December 3rd**. More info on this to come.

We are currently studying "Wine in the Word", by Randy Frazee. After this study, we plan to begin "*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.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Let us walk with you through your cancer journey.

Our Group is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer social and emotional support, encouragement and fellowship for cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers, family and friends. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **October 8th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Leighton Henderson from Texas Oncology will be our guest speaker. For more info contact Iris Burrer (830-456-5711) or Karen Dolezal (512-517-3180).



Band of Brothers

Hey Men! Please join us for food, fellowship, and working on various projects around the church campus. The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 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!

Pre-Natal Loss

The month of October is pre-natal loss awareness month. We will have a special remembrance during worship on the weekend of **October 18 & 19** to lift up all who have experienced such a loss. Pre-Natal Loss bracelets are available for those that would like to wear one in remembrance.

Feeding John Program



Feeding John

Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, October 26th**

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!

FISHERS FOR CHRIST ANNUAL NATIVITY SET DISPLAY

The Fishers for Christ Team wants to remind our church family that we are again asking the congregation to consider offering Nativity sets for display for this annual event. The goal is to add many new sets to the display. Nativity Sets will be on display Friday, December 5th through Sunday, December 7th. We will continue the angels display as part of the Nativity set display, so please consider lending angels for the display, as well. There is a lot of work that goes into this event and team members are very appreciative of any assistance offered. Anyone who wishes to help in any way will have the opportunity to volunteer and specific times for everything will be given. Help is needed moving tables and chairs, setting up tables, putting up all the lights and everything that goes with preparing for the display. We also appreciate help in monitoring the sets during the times they are on display. After the event, we need help to put everything back in order in the Fellowship Hall. More information will follow in the November newsletter.

Game Night

Join us on Thursday, **October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall!



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings time ends on November 2, so remember to set your clocks back the night before!

GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

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HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT

| Monthly Report Aug 2025 | | |
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| GENERAL FUND BUDGET | GL Acct # | |
| General Fund - Monthly Income/Expense | | |
| Receipts - Weekly Offering | 41501 | \$88,362.43 |
| Interest | 41602 | \$3,605.32 |
| Facilities Rental Income | 41601 | \$119.75 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 41603 | \$0.00 |
| Expenses | | -\$74,816.84 |
| Net Monthly Income | | \$17,270.66 |
| Offerings General Fund | | \$88,362.43 |
| Receipts less expenses YTD | | \$17,270.66 |
| SPECIAL OFFERINGS | | |
| Flood Relief | | \$519.60 |
| NALC Disaster Response | | \$2,864.00 |
| Kindernest | | \$20.00 |
| Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund | | |
| Dedicated Fund Starting Monthly Balance | | \$1,222,490.58 |
| Receipts this month | | \$27,831.20 |
| Expenses | | -\$13,527.07 |
| Dedicated CCF for Debt Service | | \$200,000.00 |
| Balance End of month | | \$1,436,794.71 |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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OCTOBER MINISTRY

| Date | Time | Council Members | Disciple Teams | Readers | Communion Assistants | Video Techs | Radio Broadcast | Sound Board |
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| Oct 4 | 6:00pm | Carolyn Weidenfeller | Deborah Johnson, Rhonda Bonn Carletta Bonn, Yvonne Fox | Dianne Staudt | Royce Ann Baethge, Lisa Kaman & Tracy Laratta Pew: Curtis & Dianne Staudt | Linda Adams | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 5 | 8:00am | Valerie Bonn | Janie Guynes, Pam Ransleben Debbie Bruce, Debbie Klaehn | Doyle Moellering | Doyle & Stacey Moellering Pew: Gil Becker & Brooks George | Megan Blizzard | Ronnie Ersch | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 5 | 10:30pm | Chris Nevins | Rebecca Shirley, JoAnn Durst Kelly & Jinger Elebracht | Kathy Boos | Lynn Roy & Aimee Ransleen Pew: Deborah Johnson, Sue Gustin | Paul Seidensticker | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 11 | 6:00pm | Carolyn Weidenfeller | Judy Nardini, Debbie Klaehn | Johnna Alberthal | | Kimberly Bauer | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 12 | 8:00am | Valerie Bonn | CHURCH PICNIC: Activities start at 9:15 and worship starts at 10:30! | | | | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 12 | 10:30am | Chris Nevins | Debbie Bruce, Pam Ransleben Debbie Klaehn | | | Linda Adams | Chris Bauer | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 18 | 6:00pm | Carolyn Weidenfeller | Debbie Klaehn Ferri & Suzie Durst | Carol Stead | | Johnna Alberthal | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 19 | 8:00am | Valerie Bonn | Janie Guynes, Pam Ransleben Debbie Bruce, Carol Feuge | Youth | | Linda Adams | Carey Bonn | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 19 | 10:30am | Chris Nevins | Kevin & Shanese Lochte Rebecca Shirley, JoAnn Durst | Youth | | Linda Adams | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 25 | 6:00pm | Carolyn Weidenfeller | Judy Nardini, Rhonda Bonn Carletta Bonn, Patti Feller | Pastor Jan | Kim & Tim Terry, Emmie Burre | Kimberly Bauer | | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 26 | 8:00am | Valerie Bonn | Janie Guynes, Pam Ransleben Debbie Bruce, Debbie Klaehn | Megan Blizzard | Gil Becker, Joyce Thiele Pew: Todd & Radonna Spies | Paul Seidensticker | Paul Unger | Nicole Robertson |
| Oct 26 | 10:30am | Chris Nevins | Rebecca Shirley, Deborah Johnson Mark & Karen Cornett | Pastor | Chirs & Allison McDade Pew: Greg & Karen Hennicksen | Megan Blizzard | | Nicole Robertson |

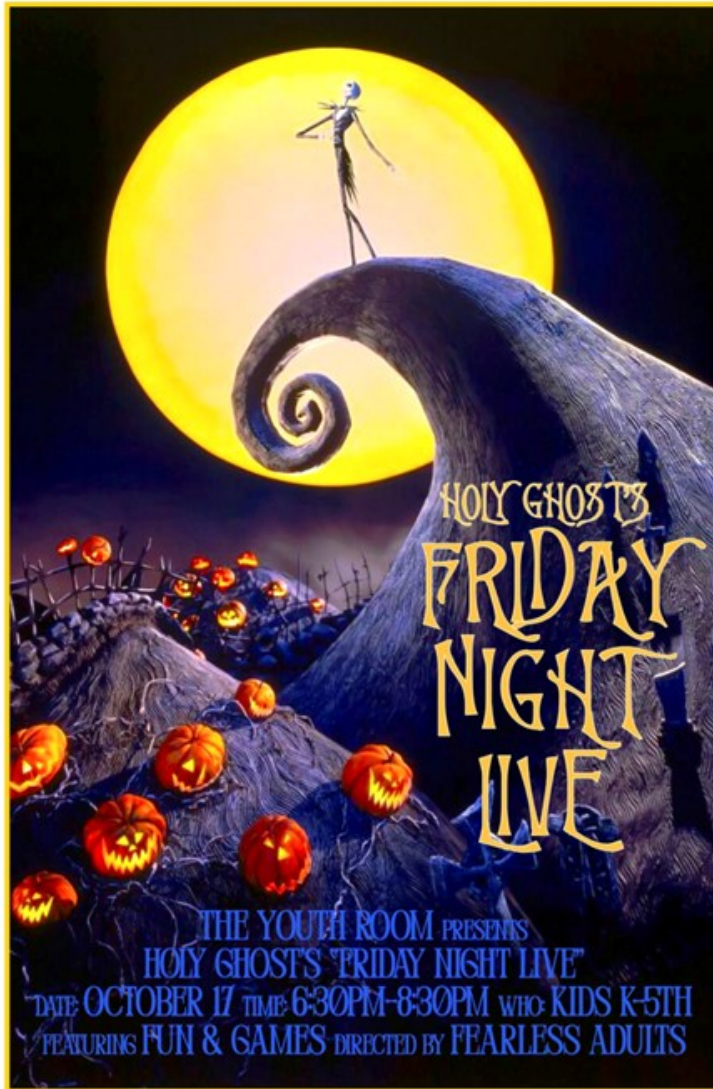
ACOLYTES: Saturday 6:00pm - Kaden Beyer

Sunday 8:00am - Matthew Moellering, Cade Durst, Greyson Schmidt

Sunday 10:30am - Lyla McCollum, Jaron Elebracht, Nikolaus Robertson

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



ALL OCTOBER LONG!

Collect items for **Operation Christmas Child**, and bring them to church on **Sunday, November 9!** We'll gather in the youth room and pack our boxes together!

Visit operationchristmaschild.com for ideas on what and what NOT to pack!

"boo-thany" and "holy ghooost" invite y'all to our

FALL
carnival

October 29
5:30pm - 7:30pm

free admission • food • games • crafts
photo station • candy • trunk-or-treat

110 w austin st
the gravel lot behind bethany

BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

October
2025

Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

What's going on in Youth Ministry this month?

We officially kicked off youth group last week for our middle school and high schoolers! We're so excited to see what God does this year in the ministry! We also resumed our High School Bible Study! High School Bible Study meets on Monday nights, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We're currently going through the Book of Ephesians. Lastly, we have 5 student leaders who are going to help shape the vision of the youth ministry! Be on the lookout for a new youth group name chosen by the student leaders and their peers!



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



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



One of our recent High School Bible Study nights!

Dates to keep in mind:

October 26th: Six Flag Youth Group event

January 3-6: Mexico Mission Trip

January 30-31: Generate Youth Conference in San Antonio



KINDERNEST NEWS

Hello to our HGLC family!

We have had a very busy start to our school year! Our first day of school was on August 11th and we have hit the ground running ever since! We had our open house night with Kona Ice on the scene and held a very special "Goodies with Grands" breakfast to celebrate Grandparents Day. We also had our very first special lunch day, thanks to Laverne Boos and her team of kitchen angels! Alfredo pasta was a huge hit!

In October we are looking forward throwing ourselves into the Fall season and spirit, in hopes that cooler weather may soon come our way. We are ready for pumpkins, apples, spooky fun, and Fall leaves!

Kindernest is looking for children's book donations for our Little Free Library. We have given our library some updates and some love, but now we need to stock it! Please contact us at 830-997-8939 to donate children's books or feel free to drop donations off at Kindernest or the HGLC Office. Thank you for helping us to spread the love of books!

In His service,
Annisa Alonzo





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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:

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"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

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Sharon Johnson

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Susan Stroehrer

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Roslee Lochte

Yvonne Fox

JoAnn Durst

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830-998-4600

830-997-2245

830-329-3603

830-456-1304

830-992-9424

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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Altar Guild Coordinator

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