



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
January 2026
Being & Making Disciples



“Make the Most of Every Opportunity”

We couldn't have chosen a better weekend to host our Nativity Scene display on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. Thousands of people descended on Fredericksburg for Christmas celebrations including the incredibly well-attended Christmas Parade on Friday night. I was so pleased and proud to see you, Church, step up to the plate and open our doors to people from all over the state, nation (and the world) who were in Fredericksburg for the weekend. The beauty of our displays, the warmth and hospitality (and great snacks, punch and hot chocolate) were enjoyed by everyone who walked through our doors. The most wonderful thing about it: it was all about Jesus! Jesus was the centerpiece of every nativity; the angels in the center of the room proclaimed the Messiah's birth. The shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the Wise Men all gathered with their focus on the one true King.

When our guests came in off the street, they were welcomed with Christmas lights, warmth, and music. I was reminded of Matthew, chapter 4 (*based on Isaiah 9*): “The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” We live in a world full of darkness and dread, but here in Christ's beloved Church, we proclaim the light that shines in the darkness and gives us great hope. Well done, Church!

As we take our first steps into 2026, let us walk together and set a priority for our lives. St. Paul writes to the Colossian community: “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity” (Colossians 4:5). This past weekend we truly made the most of an incredibly important opportunity – a weekend with so many people in town at the right time of year in the right location for the right purpose: to reach people for Jesus! In the new year there will be other big opportunities to reach folks (like the Nativity Display) but also weekly, very personal opportunities like worship and small groups. Let us set a priority to make personal invitations to a friend or someone you meet in the community to join us for worship or attend an activity or Bible Study. Your efforts can make an eternal difference in someone's life! Make the most of every opportunity!

May the Lord bless you and pour the Holy Spirit into your hearts in the New Year!

Peace and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Steve

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Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24 @ 3, 5, & 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services



December 25 @ 10 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

December 25 @ 11 a.m. Christmas Dinner for the Community in the Fellowship Hall

December 31 @ 6 p.m. New Year's Eve Service

Baptismal Remembrance Celebration

On the weekend of **January 10 & 11** we will have a special celebration during each of the weekend services to celebrate all those who were baptized in 2025. As we celebrate these baptisms, we give thanks to God for His promise of forgiveness in the waters of baptism.



ATTENTION HG SCRIPTURE READERS!!!

Those interested in being a Scripture reader may now **sign up by scanning the QR code below**. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

New readers are always welcome!



Celebrating June Woerner!

The congregation is invited to give thanks to God for the gift of June Woerner who has diligently served Holy Ghost in the capacity of Financial Secretary for ten years. Please join us on Sunday, **January 11th at the Breakfast Bar (8:30-9:30)** to show our appreciation to June for her dedicated service!



ANNUAL REPORT INFO

It is time to start prepping for the Annual Report! Here are some important dates you need to know:

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| Dec. 30 | Emails will go out to staff and all teams requesting information (reports). |
| Jan. 29 | All reports/information due to Blake (blaken@holyghostfbg.org) |
| Feb. 12-13 | Annual Report will be printed. |
| Feb. 14-15 | Annal Report packets will be handed out to the congregation. (One per family.) |
| Feb. 22 | Congregational Meeting following 10:30 a.m. service. |





COUNCIL NOTES December 15, 2025

1. The meeting began with a devotion by Pastor David sharing "The Spirit of Christmas" written by Betty Ellebracht, reminiscing about the specialness of Christmas, even after the loss of a spouse.
2. Welcomed new council members.
3. Shared feedback of the bi-annual congregational meeting.
4. Parsonage 2 is in the process of some repairs and updates before pastor Tobias and family arrive in the new year.
5. We have been asked to consider a gift to the North American Lutheran Church 20/20 Vision with it's four-fold emphasis of 1) raising up future church leaders, 2) strengthening area support as the church grows, 3) expanding our global witness through mission work, and 4) to foster growth and provide formative community for our seminary students.
6. Reminded council about coverage for our upcoming Christmas and Holiday services, and expanded covering using former council members in the new year.
7. Pastor Clint will be relocating his office to the Spirit Haus to make room for Pastor Tobias. Our sister congregations will help with those expenses.
8. Voted to approve the Compensation structure for IRS Tax savings purposes for Pastoral and Youth staff.
9. Council Retreat will be held on February 7.
10. Information shared about the upgrade to computer security and server for the church office.
11. Heard reports from Kinderfest, Children's Minister, and Youth Ministers.
12. Approved regular Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's reports.
13. Approved the recommendation from Investment Team for Randall Beckmann and Brenda Beaty who are re-upping for terms, and for Krisit Beyer to chair the team.
14. Elected Council leaders for 2026: President, Valeria Bonn; Vice President, Nick Thompson; Secretary, Rhonda Martin; and Treasurer, Jerry Gross.
15. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm, with council members teaming up to pray with one another.

The church office will close at noon on New Year's Eve and remain closed all day New Years.

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

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

SEPTEMBER

2025 In Person: 356
2025 On-line Views: 301
2024 In Person: 451
2024 On-line Views: 428

OCTOBER

2025 In Person: 395
2025 On-line Views: 294
2024 In Person: 382
2024 On-line Views: 349

November

2025 In Person: 341
2025 On-line Views: 260
2024 In Person: 346
2024 On-line Views: 312

December attendance will be posted in the next newsletter.



Dates to Remember

Jan. 8	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 8	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 12	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall



WOMEN OF FAITH LEADERS:

<u>Circles</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Group
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Emmie Burrer
Katherine Luther	Pastor	Sandy Birdlebough

ALTAR GUILD:

January

Debbie Phelps	Lisa Olfers
Sandra Poole	Sherry Durst
Suzana Renteria	Robes: Joan Bonn

February

Donna Rees	Teresa Schneider
Debra Duecker	Robes: Karen Grona
Linda Kneese	

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS:

Please 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 JANUARY:

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

January 3/4 :	Aimee & Lynn Roy Ransleben
January 10/11:	Cindy Harper
January 17/18:	Helen Usener
January 24/25:	LeAnne Segner
January 31/February 1:	Joan Bonn



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

Hospitalizations:

Emma Hirschfield
 Roy Klaehn
 Adela Wunderlich
 Paul Moellering
 Florence Eckert
 Allen Ersch



Sympathies to the

Families of:
 Victor Sultemeier
 Henry Frantzen

Hospice List:

Emma Hirschfield

Please pray for those on Hospice and those in need!

DECEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

WEDDINGS:

11-22-2025 Anna Koenig & Jacob Wienecke

FUNERALS:

12-10-2025 Victor Sultemeier

**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: JANUARY - BETHANY

First Wednesdays

01/07/2026	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 a.m.
01/07/2026	Knopp #2 NH	10:30 a.m.

First Thursdays

01/08/2026	Heritage Place	9:30 a.m.
01/08/2026	Enchanted Rock NH	10:30 a.m.

Second Wednesdays

01/14/2026	Villages of Windcrest	9:30 a.m.
01/14/2026	Fredericksburg NH	10:30 a.m.

Second Thursdays

01/15/2026	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 a.m.
01/15/2026	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.

CELEBRATIONS



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



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

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.



The Breakfast Bar will return on January 11 and will resume serving from **8:30-9:30 each Sunday morning.**

This is a great opportunity for food and fellowship. Following the Breakfast Bar we encourage you to attend one of the Sunday morning opportunities for Christian Education for youth and adults.

Weekly Bible Study - Book of Daniel

Pastor David will offer a six-week Bible study class on the book of Daniel. The class will meet on **Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m., starting on January 6th through February 10th.**

This book includes a couple of stories familiar to many people, the fiery furnace and Daniel in the Lion's Den. That's only the tip of the iceberg! Come and join us to discover more about Daniel, and how God worked through him during a difficult time in Israel's history, and how that ties in to God's plan of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Adult Education

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

"Journey Through the Lord's Prayer"

Throughout the month of January, the pastors will continue our series on the Lord's Prayer. Dive into Scripture and Martin Luther's teachings on this wonderful prayer! We meet in the Alpha Room of the fellowship hall at 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

"Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith"

The Sage Class will continue this study with leader, Norm Nevins. The class will look at the life and teaching of Jesus to see more of what God is like and what His intentions are for humanity.

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

Gil Becker will continue this class on apologetics and how we defend our faith, especially in these modern times.

New Bible Study on a New Day:
2nd Corinthians on Tuesdays at noon
beginning January 13th!

Pastor Steve will begin a new 12-week study focused on 2nd Corinthians. We will meet on **Tuesdays from 12:00-1:15 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend! The study will also be available to view on YouTube (posted a day later). Sign up by contacting the church office (830) 997-2288 or Pastor Steve at pastorsq@hollyghostfbg.org.



Women's Evening Bible Study

Watch the bulletin for details regarding our next study.

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily!

Sometimes when technology quits working unexplainably it just needs a hard reset. That applies to people as well; we get so caught up in 'stuff' that we forget about what is important. As expected, God's word addresses our need to occasionally reset. Wishing all a happy and blessed 2026 as we all reset.

Isaiah 43:18-19

Psalms 51:10-13

Revelation 21:5

Ephesians 4:23-32

John 4:23-24

Hebrews 8:12-13

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

Luke 17:20-21

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Mark 16:14-16

Micah 7:18-20

Ezekiel 11:18-20

Romans 12:1-2

Current Sermon Series

Our new sermon series for January is called: **"I am with You!"** The Lord God promises, throughout Scripture, to be present with His beloved children. Our seven-week series will explore several Scripture texts that reinforce the promises Jesus makes to us: "I am with you always." (Matt. 28:20)

Worship SCHEDULE

Messages in January



Sat. & Sun., Jan. 3 & 4: We begin this series, "I am with You," focusing on Jesus' promise to send The Advocate, the Holy Spirit to be with the church in the world today as Jesus was preparing to go back to the Father. Our text is from John 14:16-17.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 10 & 11: "Where two or three are gathered" - The Lord God cares deeply about how His children treat one another and how they work through conflicts. The idea of Shalom (peace) is centered in reconciliation and well-being. Our passage for the weekend explores Matthew 18:15-22. In verse 20, Jesus promises that when we come together to seek reconciliation, He is with us!

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 17 & 18: How often have you been afraid, or faced anxiety or apprehension about the future? Today we focus on two solid passages that remind us of God's presence in our most trying times, and that reminder that God is present with us. We look at Isaiah 41:10 and Psalm 23:4.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 24 & 25: "The Lord's Supper" - The phrase: "In remembrance" held a deep, deep meaning in the ancient world of Jesus and the disciples. Jesus promises to connect us to Himself through this remarkable meal that is His gift to us! Please read through and meditate on Luke 22:14-20 in preparation for the weekend proclamation.

Sat. & Sun., Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: When we are troubled and worried about our future salvation, Jesus reminds us of why He came. John 14:1-6 is a passage with a promise, that gives us great hope as we journey through this life and look forward to the promise that is to come.

Holy Communion New Year's Eve & January:

Holy Communion this month will be served on:

- ♦ **New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m.**
- ♦ the weekend of **January 10 & 11**
- ♦ the weekend of **January 24 & 25**

Praise Services

The Heart of Worship Praise Team will lead services on the 3rd and 4th weekends of each month at the **10:30 service**.

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.



HGLC Radio Broadcast

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



The January Special Offering

is designated for the Kindernest Teacher Appreciation Fund. This pocket provides funds that are used by the school board and director to uplift, encourage, and support our hard-working teachers! Surprise blessings for the staff might include a breakfast taco, a Starbucks treat, a shared giant cookie from HEB, etc. Such little things are actually BIG things for these women who give so much in this service ministry of our church! Appreciations are shared about every other month.

Please use the small brown pew envelopes or indicate your intention in the memo or giving line! And please contribute above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to the church programs.

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.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP "STRONGER TOGETHER"

Find social and emotional support with our group which is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer encouragement, support, devotions, discussions, prayers, and fellowship to cancer survivors and thrivers as well as their caregivers and family. We meet the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. **Our next meeting will be January 14th.**

Ladies' Lunch Study

The Ladies' Lunch Study will be taking a break during the month of January. Please watch for information when we reconvene in February.



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 **January 14th**.

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 meets the **first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Spirit Haus**.

Please call Rhonda Eckert at 830-456-4617 for more information. All widows are invited to attend.



HolyMark Cardmakers

We are starting off the New Year on **Thursday, January 15, with lunch at 11:30 at Campo Azul**. **Please arrive a few minutes early, as they seat the entire party when all have arrived.**

Following a great fellowship lunch of fabulous Mexican food, we will reconvene in **Fellowship Hall at 12:30** for about 90 minutes of card-making. We will make a variety of cards to cheer Holy Ghost members. Who wouldn't want to be part of that?

No experience is needed. We will find a task for you. And if you don't like it, you are free to change to a new task. So, make a New Year's resolution to try something new for 2026 – like card making!

THANK YOU for 2025!
It was a great year for us!



Band of Brothers

Hey Men! We will kick off the new year on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**. Please join us for food, fellowship, and working on various projects as we prepare the church campus for an exciting year here at Holy Ghost! For more info please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830/456-1349. All men are welcome!



Game Night

Game Night for January will be held on **Thursday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall!**

Feeding John Program



Feeding John


Feeding John this month will be on **Sunday, January 25th.**

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 you, your family, and/or your friends. HGLC supports those in recovery!

FBG FOOD PANTRY

The Fredericksburg Food Pantry has sent out a request for specific items that are needed to provide for students who might otherwise not have access to nutritious food while school is not in session. If you can help provide any of the items listed below, please place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. We will make sure the Food Pantry receives the items on your behalf. Thank you!

Tuna Kits	Beanie Wienies	Trail Mix/Nuts
Applesauce	Protein Bars	Breakfast/Granola Bars
Fruit Cups	100% Juice Boxes	Beef Jerky/Meat Sticks
	GoGo Squeeze Yogurt	Peanut Butter (Individual Servings)
		Crackers w/ Cheese/Peanut Butter

GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

\$ HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT ¢

Monthly Report Oct 2025

GENERAL FUND

Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$70,934.91
Interest	41602	\$3,369.27
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$180.00
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$303.95
Expenses		-\$69,218.83
Net Monthly Income		\$5,569.30
YTD Receipts less expenses		\$14,758.79

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LWR/World Hunger	\$867.00
Kinderneest	\$2,025.00
Quilt Postage	\$25.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$1,336.00

Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund

This account is being restructured in our financials. We should have details on this next month.

Thank you for your patience.

June Woerner, Finance Secretary

Monthly Report November 2025

GENERAL FUND

Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$68,654.13
Interest	41602	\$2,950.97
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$0.00
Expenses		-\$82,509.04
Net Monthly Income		-\$10,903.94
YTD Receipts less expenses		\$3,966.94

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Grace Center	\$230.00
Kinderneest	\$0.00
Quilt Postage	\$2,748.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$445.00

Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund

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June Woerner, Finance Secretary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<div>Feeding John</div> <div>8am - Worship/Comm</div> <div>9:15am - Sunday School</div> <div>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</div> <div>10:30am - Worship/Comm</div>	<div>9am - LWR Quilters</div> <div>1pm - HG Quilters</div> <div>4pm - Youth Choir: Basement</div> <div>6:30pm - AA: RM 3</div>	<div>9am - LWR Quilters</div> <div>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</div> <div>1pm - HG Quilters</div>	<div>12pm - Office Close</div> <div>4pm - After School Club</div> <div>6pm - New Year's Eve Worship/Comm</div>	<div>Office Closed</div> <div>10am - Vereins Quilt Guild: Large Rm</div> <div>6pm - AA: RM 3</div> <div>8pm - AA: RM 3</div>	<div>2pm - Vereins Quilt Guild: So Busy Bee:</div> <div>6pm - Worship</div>	
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<div>8am - Worship</div> <div>9:15am - Sunday School</div> <div>10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM</div> <div>10:30am - Worship</div> <div>12:30pm - Christmas Tree Decorations</div>	<div>9am - LWR Quilters</div> <div>1pm - HG Quilters</div> <div>6:30pm - AA: RM 3</div> <div>6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study: Daniel's</div>	<div>9am - LWR Quilters</div> <div>9:55am - KNEST Devo.</div> <div>1pm - HG Quilters</div> <div>5:30pm - Book of Daniel Bible Study</div>	<div>5pm - God Squad small group</div> <div>5:15pm - Widow's Might</div> <div>5:15pm - Widow's Might: Spirit Haus</div> <div>5:45pm - Grace Notes</div> <div>7pm - Sanctuary Choir</div>	<div>7am - Men's Community Bible Study</div> <div>9:30am - Lydia Circle</div> <div>10:15am - KNEST Devo.</div> <div>1pm - Kath. Luther Circle</div> <div>6pm - AA: RM 3</div> <div>8pm - AA: RM 3</div>		<div>Baptismal Remembrance</div> <div>6pm - Worship/Comm</div>
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JANUARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast	Sound Board
Jan. 3	6:00pm	Jerry Gross	Betty Sagebiel, Yvonne Fox	Johnna Alberthal		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
			Glenda Mott, Polly Zenner					
Jan. 4	8:00am	Todd Weiss	Karen Grona, Helen Usener	Megan Blizzard		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
			Ben & Courtney Priem					
Jan. 4	10:30pm	Nick Thompson	Peter & Sheridan Stringer	TBD		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
			Kay Pressler, Susan West					
Jan. 10	6:00pm	Jerry Gross	Betty Sagebiel, Patti Feller	TBD	Kay Melcer, Polly Zenner, Sandy Platfoot	Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
			Mark & Mickey Koennecke		Pew: Paul & Nancy Lochte			
Jan. 11	8:00am	Todd Weiss	Mackie & Taylor Looney	Doyle Moellering	Larry & Charlotte Taylor	Linda Adams	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
			Helen Usener, Karen Grona		Pew: Pam Ransleben, Tootsie Broksch			
Jan. 11	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Richard & Nancy Sagebiel	Chris Ayala	Kay Pressler, Rhonda Eckert Simpson	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
			Rayann & Hannah Sagebiel		Pew: Craig & Kay Steinbring			
Jan. 17	6:00pm	Jerry Gross	Betty Sagebiel, Lois Weidenfeller	Pastor Alan		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
			Butch & Teresa Welgehausen					
Jan. 18	8:00am	Todd Weiss	Blaine & Debbie Phelps	Polly Zenner		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
			Helen Usener, Karen Grona					
Jan. 18	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Lance & Virginia Feuge	Kathy Boos		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
			Chris & Leah Strackbein					
Jan. 24	6:00pm	Jerry Gross	Betty Sagebiel, Patti Feller	Carol Stead	Kenneth & Barbara Sagebiel, Lisa Kaman	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
			Curtis & Dianne Staudt		Pew: Paul & Nancy Lochte			
Jan. 25	8:00am	Todd Weiss	Ben & Courtney Priem	Mandy Herber	Steven Krueger, Janie Guynes	Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
			Helen Usener, Genevieve McCaffrey		Pew: Dan & Sherry Gallini			
Jan. 25	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Richard & Nancy Sagebiel	Karen Nevins	Deborah Johnson, Sue Gustin	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
			Rayann & Hannah Sagebiel		Pew: Rick & Vicky Ristau			
Jan. 31	6:00pm	Jerry Gross	Betty Sagebiel, Lois Weidenfeller	Jan Unger		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
			Tim & Kim Terry					
Feb. 1	8:00am	Todd Weiss	TBD	Craig Sander		TBD	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Feb. 1	10:30am	Nick Thompson	TBD	Sue Gustin		TBD		Nicole Robertson

ACOLYTES: Saturday 6:00pm - Luke Damuth
Sunday 8:00am - Jacob Winn, Konrad Ransleben (January 18 & 25 only)
Sunday 10:30am - Henry Cornett, Perry Tait, Freddie Zenner

JANUARY 2026

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL? MORE LIKE

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SUNDAYS COOL!



KIDS PreK-5TH! JOIN US 9:15AM
IN THE SPIRIT HAUS!

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

Mother & Son Bowling

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
12PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM
\$10/person

We'll share a pizza lunch and
a devotion, then head to the
NEW bowling center at 1PM!



HELP GHOST'S

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



KIDS K-5TH GRADE
6:30PM-8:30PM

JANUARY 30

CAMP CHRYSALIS

NEW DATES!
JULY 19-24
GRADES 2ND-7TH

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 5!
[CROSSTRAILS.CAMPBRAINREGISTRATION.COM](https://crosstrails.campbrainregistration.com)

BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

January 2026

Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

What's going on in Youth Ministry this month?

We're heading into a busy season here at the church, and that means youth programming is busy, as well! We had off for Thanksgiving break, and the teens were missed! We're back in action until Christmas break, with a Nacho Libre Movie night happening! We also had a pool table donated by Kelly Ellebracht, and the teens love it! Over Christmas break, Daniel Hoffman and John are going to do some purging/cleaning of the youth room to make it less cluttered and more "youthy". (Yes, that's a word.)

Confirmation is wrapping up the Old Testament, and we will be moving into the New Testament at the turn of the year. We're going to see how the Old Testament points to a Savior, and that Savior is named Jesus!

High School Sunday School has a strong core of students who participate. They currently watch videos and have a discussion afterwards. They are currently watching a video series about how to unplug from Social Media.



Some of our teens playing pool on our new table donated by Kelly Ellebracht!

Dates to keep in mind:

Youth Group Every Wednesday Night:

Middle School: 6-7:30 pm/ High School: 8-9:00 pm

January 30-31: Generate Youth Conference in San Antonio

February 15: Youth Valentine Fundraiser

March 13th: Lock-in

April 19th: Senior Sunday

July 4-11th: Rainbow Trails

July 19-24th: Camp Chrysalis

Thank you!



Just wanted to say thank you to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church for all you did for Dr. Rev. William Breen and his funeral.

A special thank you to Pastor Steve who did a beautiful service for him and thank you to Rhonda Gross for playing the piano. Thank you to the ladies of the church for the reception after the burial at the Fellowship Hall. Thank you all so much!

May God bless you all!

From Julia Walker Breen
All of Bill's family and Julia's family

A Thank You from Pastor Steve and Annette!

Annette and I are so grateful for the opportunity you gave us to live in the beautiful corner parsonage for these past three and a half years. When we arrived in Fredericksburg in June of 2022, our son, James, was preparing to start his senior year in High School and our middle son, Jacob, was just beginning his career at the Wellness Center. The parsonage was a perfect spot for the four of us to get settled into Fredericksburg and our Holy Ghost family. As many of you know, James is now in the U.S. Navy (having exchanged his queen size bed for a very small berth on a very big aircraft carrier - the U.S.S. Nimitz) and Jacob now has his own apartment in town. With Tobias and his family arriving in just a few months, we realized it could be an opportune time for us to make a transition to a smaller home in Fredericksburg, thus opening up the parsonage for the Heike family. Thank you for providing us with a place to call home! We look forward to continuing to serve the Lord with you from just a bit further away (a mile and a half) at 614 Tanya St.

Peace and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Steve and Annette Qualben

Merci!



Danke!



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

Although admission was free, several generous people gave donations totaling \$377.60. In turn, we gave this to the Fredericksburg Food Pantry as a donation. Thank you to all those who gave to this special program.

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

God's blessings to you all,

The Fishers for Christ Team

Thank you so much for your donation in support of disaster response! The funds will be used to purchase needed supplies to fill the warehouse. Your generosity will be helping many families in need. We so appreciate your continued support!

God bless you!

Michael & Pat Dittrich
NALC Disaster Response



¡Gracias!



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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!

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Holy Ghost Quilters

Holy Ghost Quilters

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Investment Team

Kinderneest Team

Kinderneest Team

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Kitchen Team

LWR Quilters

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Prayer Team

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