



# *The Spirit*

*Holy Ghost Lutheran Church*  
*February 2026*  
*Being & Making Disciples*



## Lent: Parables of Jesus

January is coming to a close, and February is upon us. February is the month of valentines and love. What a perfect segue to Lent, and the season where we focus on the One who loved us so much that He was willing to go to the cross and die so that we might have forgiveness and eternal life. That person is Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. And during the season of Lent we journey with Jesus and remember all that He taught, and all that He did to bring that promise of eternal life through His suffering, death, and resurrection.

This year for our Lenten journey, for both our worship services and our Lenten devotional booklet, we will be journeying with Jesus through one of the primary methods He used to teach us about life and the kingdom of God—parables. Our word “parable” comes from the Greek. Parables are a fundamental part of Christian teaching which Jesus used in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke to convey profound spiritual truths in a form that was both relatable and memorable. Parables typically use everyday situations and examples to engage listeners and impart important lessons.

Jesus often used examples from nature, or from things that were common, ordinary, everyday things like bread, water, light, lamps, doors, sheep, and so forth. He used these common and familiar parts of life to convey a spiritual or heavenly meaning to guide us in our lives of faith. Jesus also used parables to challenge us with thought-provoking content to invite us to reflect more deeply on our lives and even to move us to have a change of heart.

Having read through the devotions, both Pastor Steve and myself were very pleased at the depth and content of many folks who shared their own personal stories and struggles of their faith. What a great resource that has been, and continues to be, as we walk through this season of Lent and journey with Jesus.

These parables will then be the focus for the messages for our weekend worship Services, as well as our Wednesday services, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will also be bringing back some short skits during the Wednesday evening services between Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Daniel will use his gifts and passions with theatre to bring some of these parables alive for us with a good cast and crew.

May God guide us as we journey together in faith, to understand more of the truths which Jesus taught us, and continue to grow in our faith journey, remembering also Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection as we move toward that great celebration of new life at Easter!

God’s grace and peace be with you!  
Pastor David

## HEART OF THE VALENTINE DINNER

This dinner is for those who have lost a spouse in the journey of life. We will have a special home-cooked meal and fellowship gathering with other persons who have lost a wife or husband during the course of life. No matter if that is recent or fifty years ago, all widows and widowers are invited to gather around a special meal in the Holy Ghost Fellowship Hall prepared by the church cooking team. The event is on **February 13<sup>th</sup> and will begin at noon.**

**Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 9th.**

We hope to see you at this special gathering!

**BIANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING - FEBRUARY 22  
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M.  
SERVICE!**

**Ash Wednesday** will be here before you know it. Once again, we will offer "**Ashes to Go**" on **February 18, from 7:00-8:00 a.m.** along with a breakfast taco, coffee, or juice for those who would like. This event is open to the public. Folks can enter off of Adams Street, drive around the fellowship hall under the awning between the fellowship hall and the church office to receive ashes and/or a taco, and exit out on to East San Antonio Street.

## Lent Schedule for Parables

Feb 18	The Two Debtors	Luke 7:41-50
Feb 21 & 22	The Workers in the Vineyard	Matt 20:1-16
Feb 25	The Persistent Widow	Luke 18:1-8
Feb 28/Mar 1	The Watchful Servants	Luke 12:35-40
Mar 4	The Lamp on a Stand	Matt 5:14-16
Mar 7 & 8	The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
Mar 11	Hidden Treasure and Pearl	Matt 13:44-46
Mar 14 & 15	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
Mar 18	The Mustard Seed	Mark 4:30-32
Mar 21 & 22	The Sower and the Seed	Mark 4:1-20
Mar 25	The Barren Fig Tree	Luke 13:6-9
Mar 28 & 29	The Sheep and the Goats	Matt 25:31-46
Apr 2	The Great Banquet	Luke 14:12-24
Apr 3	The Tenants	Matt 21:33-44

## ANNUAL REPORT INFO

Here are some important dates you need to know:

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

## Lenten Devotion

*The Parables of Jesus*, the 2026 Lenten devotional booklets written by the Holy Ghost Family of Faith, will be available as you exit church starting the weekend of February 14-15. Other ways you can enjoy the daily devotions include:

- Daily videos of author readings on Facebook (Search Holy Ghost Lutheran Church)
- Daily text on the R-Team's Facebook page (Search Holy Ghost Daily Devotions)
- Full electronic booklet at: [holyghostfbg.org](http://holyghostfbg.org)

We hope you'll enjoy reading these personal insights as we turn our focus to the Lenten season.

Lilies to be used for decorating for the Easter service are now available for purchase through the church office.



Cost: \$15.00 each  
**Deadline is March 5, 2026**

Given in honor of:

Given in memory of:

Lilies may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service or at the office the following week. Thank you!

## COUNCIL NOTES

January 26, 2026

1. Church Council met on January 26 by Zoom due to the weather.
2. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Steve at 6:03 p.m. on *New Beginnings* as we prepare for Pastor Heike to begin his ministry.
3. Jennifer Easterwood, our Financial Manager, was a guest and shared her vision and goals for the financial aspects of the church.
4. Due to an exceptional December in income, We were able to meet all of our obligations, and more. \$3,849 that was in other benevolence was given to Der Stadt Friedhof to assist with their work in enhancing the City Cemetery.
5. When we are blessed with extra income, we get to give a tithe of that to assist other ministries. \$5,000 was given to the N.A.L.C. for their 20/20 Vision emphasis. \$3,716.42 was given to the Golden Hub to help in their work of providing meals for the elderly.
6. Approved the Bi-Annual Meeting agenda for The February 22 Bi-Annual Meeting coming up. Along with that, designated three entities for distribution of the annual income from the Anniversary Trust Funds to be voted on at the meeting.
7. Pastor Clint has set up his office in the Spirit Haus to allow for Pastor Tobias to have office space.
8. Pastor Tobias made it to Austin, and will stay overnight due to weather. He will arrive in Fredericksburg on Tuesday, January 27.
9. Heard reports from Kinderfest, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry.
10. Voted on the Grant Disbursements from the Investment Team, awarding grants totaling \$17,619.54 to seven different applicants for the 2025 year end.
11. Approved regular meeting minutes, and the Bi-Annual congregational minutes from the December meeting.
12. Approved the Treasurer's report, and thanked God for all those who were generous in their giving as we received over \$250,000 in income for the month of December.
13. Offered prayer over several prayer concerns and closed the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

### The 2026 Church Council

Valerie Bonn - President;  
Nick Thompson - Vice President  
Rhonda Martin - Secretary; Treasurer - Jerry Gross

Council Members:  
Nancy Lochte, Alice Segner, Carolyn Weidenfeller,  
Tudy Tritch, Ken Messinger, Jeff Boyd, Ricky Priess,  
Chris Nevins

Please pray for your leaders!

Many thanks to outgoing council: Hiram Lucius,  
Jeff Boyd & Todd Weiss.

## Attendance at a Glance

### DECEMBER 2025

2025 In Person: 359  
2025 On-line Views: 314  
2024 In Person: 349  
2024 On-line Views: 434

### JANUARY 2026

\* 2026 In Person: 327  
2026 On-line Views: 319  
2025 In Person: 427  
2025 On-line Views: 463

*\*January 2026 In Person number takes in account that church was closed for bad weather on the weekend of January 25 and 26.*

## HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – The Women of Faith send their thanks to each and everyone of you who purchased a Christmas basket.

**THANK YOU to you,** the Congregation, for your generous contribution to the LWR shipping fund. The total collected was \$4,159.00.

**EPIPHANY TEA** – The Epiphany Tea will be held on March 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the fellowship hall. See more information below.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH CARE KITS** – February is the month to collect items for our LWR health care kits. There will be a display of red hearts on an easel as you enter church with the items needed listed on the hearts. Each kit consists of 52 x 27 inch lightweight, dark towel, 2 bars of soap (4-5 oz. each), adult toothbrush, one sturdy comb and one metal nail clipper (attached file optional). If you prefer, a monetary donation will be accepted and the necessary items will be purchased; place offering in brown envelope and mark “kits”. Please take as many hearts as you are able to provide. After the items have been purchased, bring them back to church and place them in the collection box by **March 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The theme is “I will give you rest. Come.” (Matthew 11:28-30) We are starting a new series of Bible Study on Forgiveness. The title is Seventy Times Seven. We'd love to have you join us. The circles meet at different times, as scheduled below.

### Dates to Remember

Feb. 9	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 12	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Feb. 12	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Mar. 6	World Day of Prayer	10:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Catholic Church
Mar. 8	Spring Epiphany Tea	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Apr. 11	Southwest Texas NALC Women of Faith Gathering	TBD	St. John Lutheran Church, Goliad, TX

### WOMEN OF FAITH LEADERS

Circles	February	March
Evening Guild	Group	Carol Feuge
Lydia Circle	Emmie Burrer	Laverne Cuddy
Katherine Luther Circle	Sandy Birdlebough	Sue Gustin

### ALTAR GUILD

#### February

Donna Rees	Teresa Schneider
Debra Duecker	<b>Robes: Karen Grona</b>
Linda Kneese	

#### March

Barbara Grona	Helen Scroggs
Laverne Boos	Pamela Meyer
Kay Pressler	<b>Robes: Joan Bonn</b>

Be sure to check out the chart on [page 9](#) to see where the quilts and health care kits put together by WOF in 2025 went! We could not have done it without your help!

**SPRING TEA**  
Sunday, March 8  
9:00 a.m.  
HGLC Fellowship Hall  
Tickets: \$5.00



The Epiphany Tea will be held on **March 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the fellowship hall**. To decorate a table, please contact Sue Gustin at 830-456-4512, no later than March 1, 2026. **Tickets will be available starting before and after church services on the weekend of February 14, 2026.** Tickets will also be available at the church office. We need volunteers to help before and after the Tea. All help is appreciated.

### Altar Flowers REMINDER for FEBRUARY:

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

January 31/February 1	Joan Bonn
February 7/8 :	Deborah Johnson
February 14/15:	Nancy Sagebiel
February 21/22:	Lent
February 28/March 1:	Lent

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





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

**Hospitalizations:**

Marilyn Wood  
Tudy Tritch  
Sylvia Lochte  
Glenn Jung  
Kevin Solbrig  
Alice Behrends

**Sympathies to the**

**Families of:**

Ora Knopp  
Deborah Meier  
Marilyn Webb Vordenbaum  
Florence Eckert  
Charlie Feller  
Helen Allred  
Kermit Feuge

**Hospice List:**

Emma Hirschfield



*Please pray for those on Hospice and those in need!*

### NURSING HOME COMMUNION IN FEBRUARY - ZION

**FIRST WEDNESDAYS: FEBRUARY 4**

Knopp Assisted Living                      9:30 a.m.  
Knopp #2 NH                                      10:30 a.m.

**FIRST THURSDAYS: FEBRUARY 5**

Heritage Place                                  9:30 a.m.  
Enchanted Rock NH                              10:30 a.m.

**SECOND WEDNESDAYS: FEBRUARY 11**

Villages of Windcrest                          9:30 a.m.  
Fredericksburg NH                              10:30 a.m.

**SECOND THURSDAYS: FEBRUARY 12**

Knopp Retirement Center                      9:30 a.m.  
Knopp #1 NH                                      10:30a.m.

## CELEBRATIONS



James Welgehausen 02/01/1934  
Alice Behrends                      02/23/1933  
Gladys Ottmers                      02/24/1933

### JANUARY PASTORAL ACTS

**BAPTISMS:**

12/27/2025    Brett Williams

**FUNERALS:**

1/10/2026    Deborah Meier  
1/12/2026    Florence Eckert  
1/13/2026    Ora Knopp  
1/14/2026    Charlie Feller  
1/21/2026    Helen Allred

**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.**

You - the HG congregation - generously provide sheets and material for quilts and items for health care kits. The chart below shows where those items went in 2025. Thank you for your generosity!

803,181 QUILTS & KITS							
IN 15 COUNTRIES							
	COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS
315,818 QUILTS	ANGOLA	Maryland	33,000	16,900	27,000	9,000	
	DJIBOUTI	Minnesota	9,520	15,225			
179,200 SCHOOL KITS	GEORGIA	Minnesota			65,100		
		Maryland	49,500				
231,811 PERSONAL CARE KITS	HONDURAS	Minnesota		29,290			
	JORDAN	Maryland	6,600	6,500			
66,984 BABY CARE KITS	LIBERIA	Minnesota	5,100			3,500	
	MADAGASCAR	Minnesota	9,520			7,350	
9,368 FABRIC KITS	MALI	Maryland	51,975	19,500	15,000	6,000	1,568
	ROMANIA	Maryland	6,270	3,380	3,900		
	SERBIA	Maryland	7,425		6,300		
	SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota		15,225		7,350	
	TANZANIA	Minnesota	9,520			7,350	
	UKRAINE	Maryland	8,250		6,000		
	UNITED STATES - EAST	Both	85,737	40,794	65,561	20,950	5,360
	UNITED STATES - CENTRAL	Both	17,720	4,350	9,150	784	1,800
	UNITED STATES - WEST	Both	10,581	28,036	33,800	1,200	640
	ZIMBABWE	Minnesota	5,100			3,500	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>315,818</b>	<b>179,200</b>	<b>231,811</b>	<b>66,984</b>	<b>9,368</b>

This shipping information is from LWR's 2025 Fiscal Year (Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025).

lwr.org | facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief | instagram.com/LuthWorldRelief | youtube.com/LutheranWorldRelief

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

**Contact the Church Office** when you or a family member are in the hospital. Due to current HIPA 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.



**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.

**Join us for The Breakfast Bar Sunday  
mornings from 8:30-9:15.**

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.  
Food is free, but donations are accepted.



**Weekly Bible Study - Book of Daniel**

Pastor David's Bible study class on the book of  
Daniel meets on **Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.**  
**The class will conclude on February 10th.**  
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.

**Women's Evening  
Bible Study**

The next Women's Evening Bible Study will start on  
**Feb. 10.** We will study "Walking With God" by Beth  
Moore. The book is available on Amazon, but it might  
take over a week to arrive, so order now! We will meet:

**Feb. 10, Feb. 24, Mar. 10, Mar. 24, April 7**

All are welcome! For more info contact Karen Nevins at  
830-992-9424.

**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"**

The pastors will continue the series on the Lord's Prayer. We  
meet in the Alpha Room of the fellowship hall at 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday mornings. Here is February's agenda:

- Feb. 1 The 6th Petition, "And lead us not into temptation".
- Feb. 8 Meet Pastor Tobias! We will meet in the fellowship  
hall to get to know him better as he shares his story.
- Feb. 15 The 7th Petition, "But deliver us from evil".
- Feb. 22 The Doxology, "For Thine is the Kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory forever and ever".

**"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.

**Bible Study on  
2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians on Tuesdays at noon**

Pastor Steve is leading a 12-week study focused  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 email Pastor Steve at  
pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org.

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

What would it be like if everyone had a bracelet that said "Just Be Nice!" If more people made a  
conscious effort to be nice, the world would be a much better place. And, of course, the Bible  
definitely addresses the concept of being nice. So as you make your way through your days, try to  
make the conscious effort to be kind. After all, we've got to start somewhere, and where better than  
with ourselves?!

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 7:12

Psalm 141:5

Proverbs 119:22

Micah 6:8

Philippians 2:4

Matthew 5:43-48

Galatians 6:1-18

James 1:27

Romans 12:19

Colossians 4:6

Luke 6:35

1 Corinthians 13:13

## Current Sermon Series

*This month we will finish our sermon series, "I Am With You". On Ash Wednesday, February 18th, we will begin our Lenten journey with "Jesus in the Parables."*

## Worship SCHEDULE

## Messages in February



**Sat. & Sun., Jan. 31/Feb. 1:** We continue our sermon series "I Am with You", that great promise from John 14:1-6, where Jesus reminds us, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me."* Jesus has prepared a place for us, and that promise gives us a great foundation upon which to build our lives.

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 7 & 8:** "I am With You: Through Service": Jesus promises to be with us in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit and, miraculously, as we serve and care for our fellow human beings. Please read and consider carefully Matthew 25:31-46 as you prepare your hearts for worship.

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 14 & 15:** "I am with you always til the end of time": Our "I am with You" series concludes with Jesus' parting words to the disciples in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus proclaims one of the most important promises (*and Jesus never breaks a promise*) ever made to humanity: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt. 28:20 – NIV) What does this mean for us? Come and see!

**Ash Wed., Feb. 18:** We begin our Lenten journey with Jesus in the Parables with Luke 7:41-50 and **The Two Debtors**. On this Ash Wednesday when the ashes are placed on our forehead in the sign of the cross, and we remember our mortality; it also brings us before the foot of the cross, to humble us and remind us that Jesus paid the debt that we owe, and set us free from the bondage of sin.

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 21 & 22:** Today's parable is from Matthew 20:1-16, The Workers in the Vineyard. While we cry out about fairness, Jesus reminds us of the abundance of God's grace which is sufficient for everyone of us.

**Wed. Feb. 25:** Luke 18:1-8 brings us to the parable of The Persistent Widow. While the parable is about a widow seeking justice, it reminds us of our need to be persistent in prayer coming before God our Father in every aspect of our lives to continue to build and strengthen our relationship with our Father in Heaven.

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 28/Mar. 1:** The parable before us this weekend is the parable of The Watchful Servants from Luke 12:35-40. This parable reminds us about preparedness. Are we living our lives in such a way that if Jesus were to come, we'd be ready? Or do we need to make some adjustments in the way we are living?

## Holy Communion this month:

Holy Communion this month will be served on:

- ♦ the weekend of Feb. 7th & 8th
- ♦ Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th (11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)
- ♦ the weekend of Feb. 21st & 22nd

## Praise Services

The Heart of Worship Praise Team will lead services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends of each month at the **10:30 service**. This month the Praise Services will be held on the **15th and 22nd**.

**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.



## Our February Special Offering

is focusing on a special ministry we share with Zion Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran Church. Our three congregations own and operate Der Stadt Friedhof cemetery. We invite you to join us in Holy Ghost's shared financial commitment with Zion Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran Church for the maintenance, restoration, and preservation of this irreplaceable part of our shared history and to accommodate future growth for future generations.

## 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.

*See the Lent schedule of "The Parables" on page 2.*

**HGLC Radio Broadcast**  
is aired weekly on Sunday mornings on KNAF 910AM at 10 o'clock.



## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

"Sharing is Caring"

Has cancer been a part of your life - either currently or in the past, as a patient, caregiver, family member or friend? We would love to have you join us for fellowship, support, encouragement, discussions, prayers and informative speakers. Our non-denominational group is open to the community and surrounding areas. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 11, 2026.** For more information contact Iris Burrer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

## **Ladies' Lunch Study**

All ladies are invited to join us in our new study: *What is the Will of God for My Life?* The goal of this study is to provoke thought on using your spiritual gifts to meet the will of God. Bring your Bible (and lunch if you wish). No advance preparation or other materials are needed. We meet every-other Wednesday – **February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> this month – at noon in the Spirit Haus.** For more information, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

## **Widow's Night**

Widow's Night 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.



## **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, February 10, 2026, 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!

## **Game Night**



Game Night for February will be held on **Thursday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. In the fellowship hall!**

## **HolyMark Cardmakers**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, **February 19.** Our fellowship **lunch will be 11:30 at Hondo's, followed by card making at 12:30.** We sure can use your help!



## **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 **February 11th.**

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!



## Feeding John



Feeding John will be held on the third Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted. This month it will be held on **Sunday, February 15th.**

## 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. and 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!

## Fredericksburg Food Pantry

HGLC is taking donations for the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. Staple items (non perishable) are needed: flour, sugar, peanut butter, canned foods, etc. HGLC has a basket at the entrance to receive items and deliver them to the food panty on your behalf! Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community.

## **HGLC is looking for volunteers to lead our Prayer Warrior group!**

Once a month the prayer warrior leader will receive five prayer requests via email. In turn, the leader will email these requests to those in your prayer group.

Being a Prayer Warrior leader is a way to enrich others and yourself! Prayerfully consider this and contact Imogene Schollian at 830-456-3200 or Pastor David at the church office, 830-997-2288.

# GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

## **\$ HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT ¢**

Monthly Report December 2025 - Preliminary		
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>		
Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$249,672.70
Interest	41602	-\$17,251.17
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$717.75
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$0.00
Expenses		-\$156,137.19
Net Monthly Income		\$77,002.09
<b>YTD Receipts less expenses</b>		<b>\$78,447.74</b>
<b><u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u></b>		
Mexico Mission		\$2,580.00
Kindernest		\$1,000.00
Quilt Postage		\$1,386.00
<b><u>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</u></b>		
This account is being restructured in our financials.		
We should have details on this soon.		
Thank you for your patience.		
June Woerner, Finance Secretary		



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8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM 10:30am - Worship/ Baptism: Nolan 12pm - Family Bowling @ SS&S Bowling	9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6:30pm - AA: RM 3 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study: Daniel's	9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 12pm - 2nd Corinthians Bible Study 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Daniel Bible Study	11:30am - Ladies Lunch Study 11:30am - Ladies Lunch Study: Conf. Rm 4pm - After School Club 5:15pm - Widow's Might 5:15pm - Widow's Might: Spirt Haus 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6pm - MS Youth: Youth RM 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 8pm - WILD: Youth RM	7am - Men's Community Bible Study 10am - Vereins Quilt Guild: Large Rm 10:15am - KNEST Devo. 6pm - AA: RM 3 8pm - AA: RM 3	2pm - Veriens Quilt Guild: So Busy Bee:   6pm - Father-Daughter Dance 6pm - Worship	8am - Church Council Rerest @ the 6pm - Father-Daughter Dance 6pm - Worship
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# FEBRUARY MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Jan. 31	6:00pm	Jerry Gross	Betty Sagebiel, Lois Weidenteller Tim & Kim Terry	Pastor Jan Unger		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 1	8:00am	Valerie Bonn	Garret & Valerie Bonn Brady & Brooks Bonn	Craig Sander		Megan Blizzard	Honnie Eirsch	Nicole Robertson
Feb. 1	10:30am	Kathy Boos	Chris & Tricia Ayala Stuart & Dawn Barron	Sue Gustin		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 7	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Ricky & Luana Priess Patti Feller	Mary Beth Bauer	Gordon & Dianne Eckert, Patti Feller Pew: Debbie Klaehn, Emmie Burrer	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 8	8:00am	Nancy Lochte	Garret & Valerie Bonn Brady & Brooks Bonn	Pastor	Mandy Herber, Joan Bonn Pew: Susan McMahon, Genny McCaffrey	Linda Adams	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Feb. 8	10:30am	Mark/Kim Gibbs	Chris & Tricia Ayala Amy & Jake Stehling	Will Crain	Danny & Sandy Poole Pew: Mike & Sandy Birdleough	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 14	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Chris & Suzanne Turner	Carol Stead		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 15	8:00am	Nancy Lochte	Garret & Valerie Bonn Brady & Brooks Bonn	Pastor		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Feb. 15	10:30am	TBD	Stuart & Dawn Barron Sam & Gus Barron	Royce Baethge		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 18	11:00am	TBD	Ricky & Luana Priess		Joan Bonn, Susan West Pew: Corrine Jung, Harriet Crenwelge			Nicole Robertson
Feb. 18	6:30pm	Carolyn Weidenteller	Stuart & Dawn Barron		Stuart & Dawn Barron Pew: David & Lisa Bullion	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 21	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Ricky & Luana Priess Patti Feller	Pastor	Patti Feller, Debbie Klaehn, Kathy Paige Pew: Tim & Kim Terry	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 22	8:00am	Jerry Gross	Garret & Valerie Bonn Brady & Brooks Bonn	Pastor	Mandy Herber, Joan Bonn Gerald Shanks, Judy Vordenbaum	Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Feb. 22	10:30am	Nick Thompson	Stuart & Dawn Barron Sam & Gus Barron	Rayann Sagebiel	Stuart & Dawn Barron Pew: Danny & Sandra Poole	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 25	11:00am	Kathy Boos	Ricky & Luana Priess					Nicole Robertson
Feb. 25	6:30pm	Carolyn Weidenteller	Stuart & Dawn Barron			Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Feb. 28	6:30pm	Carolyn Weidenteller	Ricky & Luana Priess	Carol Stead		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson

## CONFIRMATION - WEEKEND SERVICES

**Acolytes:** Saturday 6:00pm - Luke Damuth  
 Sunday 8:00am - Brooks Bonn, Cade Durst, Greyson Schmidt  
 Sunday 10:30am - Jaron Ellebracht, Lyla McCollum, Nikolaus Robertson

## LOOKING FOR SCRIPTURE READERS!!!

Those interested in being a Scripture reader may now **sign up by scanning the QR code**. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. New readers are always welcome!





FEBRUARY 2026

# CHILDREN+FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

## FAMILY BOWLING DAY



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
NOON-2PM • \$10/PERSON  
SS+S BOWLING (FORMERLY BB'S)

## FATHER & DAUGHTER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 • 6:30PM-8PM  
HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dads and daughters should dress to impress and bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

We'll have games, crafts, dances, souvenir polaroids, and more!

Don't miss this chance to spend time with your princess!



HOLY GHOST'S  
**Friday Night Live**

practically perfect in every way!

in the youth room February 20!

HOLY GHOST PRESENTS "FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE" STARRING KIDS K-5TH FROM 6:30PM-8:30PM

**Family Pancake Supper**

**FAT TUESDAY FEB 17 6PM-7PM**

FREE-WILL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT SUMMER CAMP!

SUNDAY SCHOOL? MORE LIKE

**SUNDAYS COOL!**

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

WE HAVE MORE FUN WHEN YOU'RE HERE!

**CAMP HOLY GHOST**

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 18

RSVP REQUIRED! SCAN HERE!

\$10 8AM-4PM KIDS K-5TH

**BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!**



February 2026

# Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

## The Skinny on Youth Ministry

December was a busy, but also calm month. We had our last youth group night of 2025 by having a Christmas party. Then, we said goodbye for three weeks. During the Christmas break, John and Daniel did much-needed purging of the youth room. Some of the most interesting things we found were, but not limited to: Youth Ministry magazines from 2001, food from 2019, a weird stain on the floor that doesn't match any of the paint in the youth room, someone's retainer underneath a couch, and glow-in-the-dark bubbles. There's more that needs to be done in the youth room, but a facelift was much needed. The youth officially returned on January 14<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed the new look!

We kicked off our new series, "After You", which is all about how we can love others well. We're challenging our teens to figure out ways we can love others in our community, our schools, and in our church.



Our middle schoolers enjoying a "non-competitive" game of Gagaball!

### Dates to keep in mind:

Youth Group Every Wednesday Night:

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

**February 15:** Youth Valentine Fundraiser

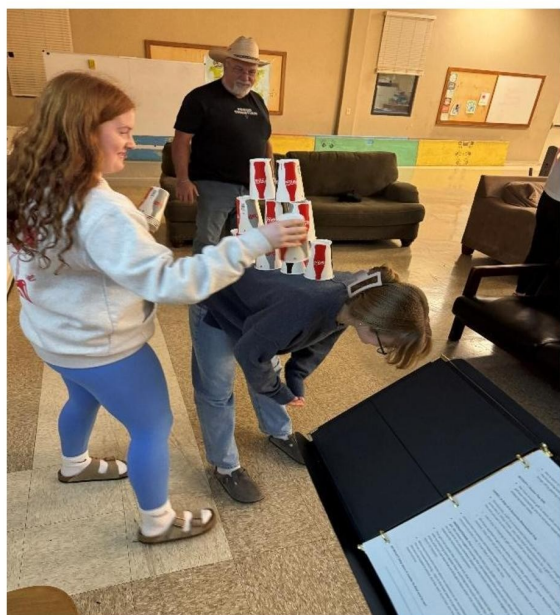
**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Lock-in

**April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Senior Sunday

**May 27<sup>th</sup>:** Last day of youth group

**July 4-11<sup>th</sup>:** Rainbow Trails

**July 19-24<sup>th</sup>:** Camp Chrysalis



Hello to our HGLC family!

A very wintry welcome to all! We have been so busy the past few months, enjoying holiday activities, singing Christmas songs, and jumping into 2026 with renewed energy! Here's to another great year at Kinderneest!

We are so excited to announce the completion of our playground project! Thanks to Create Healthy we were able to purchase a sun shade for the back half of the Kinderneest playground, as well as a small play structure for our 18-month students! These additions have truly added something special to our outdoor space!

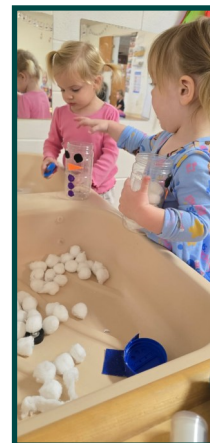
On **February 27<sup>th</sup>** we will have our annual **Kinderneest Family Fun Night Fundraiser!** Join us for a silent auction, Bingo, cake walk, games and food! Free admission, food, and games!

Bingo and cake walk are pay to play.

**6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall!**

Wishing you all a month of love and laughter!

In His service,  
Annisa Alonzo



*Thank You!*

A sincere thank you to our Holy Ghost Church family for all the prayers, phone calls and offers to help during and after my recent ACDF surgery. Your graciousness was overwhelming.

Allen Ersch

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support for the relief effort in Texas after the devastating floods. We are able to provide long-term help for the community because of your investment.

Sharalynn Lucero  
Mercy Chefs, Church Relationship Manager

We wanted to send a sincere thank you to Pastor Steve and Pastor Priem for the heartfelt funeral services they lead for my parents, Harvey and Vernell Ellebracht. We are deeply grateful for the care, compassion, and reverence with which everything was handled. Thank you for the beautiful music provided and to the ladies of the church for the reception after the burial at the Fellowship Hall. We truly appreciate the church community for surrounding us with love and faith, and for helping us honor the lives of our loved ones in such a meaningful way.

Thank you,  
The family of Harvey and Vernell Ellebracht





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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

### MINISTRY TEAMS:

Building Committee	David Bullion	830-998-1889
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"C" Team Contact	Sharon Johnson	830-992-3408
Cancer Support Group	Iris Burrer	830-456-5711
Cancer Support Group	Karen Dolezal	512-517-3180
Cemetery Team	Alan Saenger	830-992-8564
Cemetery Team	Susan Stroehrer	830-456-3143
Christmas Day Dinner	Denise Usener	830-456-1742
Feeding John	LeAnn Segner	830-456-3705
Float Team	(vacant)	
Fishers for Christ	Debbie Klaehn	830-456-1650
Global Leadership Summit	Amy Montgomery	210-844-1987
Health Care Team	(vacant)	
Holy Ghost Quilters	Helen Usener	830-992-9473
Holy Ghost Quilters	Sharon Kott	406-580-5129
Hospitality Team	Kat Jacoby	210-391-4407
Investment Team	Kristi Beyer	830-456-4809
Kinderneest Team	Seth Moellering	830-456-1304
Kinderneest Team	(vacant)	
Kitchen Team	Laverne Boos	830-739-4263
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LWR Quilters	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
NH Comm. Coordinator	Yvonne Fox	830-998-4600
NH Devotions	JoAnn Durst	830-997-2245
"P" Team	Donald Pressler	830-329-3603
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Resource Management	Janie Trantham	830-990-9675
Small Group	Pastor Steve Qualben	830-997-2288
Stewardship Team	Kathy Boos	830-456-7218
Tele-Buddy Ministry	Imogene Schollian	830-456-3200
Worship Decorating	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

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Altar Guild Coordinator	Virginia Feuge	830-998-7857
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Communion Servers	Corrine Jung	830-889-8640
Disciple Team Leader	Glenna Hartman	361-739-5637
Disciple Team Leader	Marjorie Otte	830-992-0418
Disciple Team Leader	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Organist/Pianist Coordinator	Tammy Vitek	830-456-1799
Readers Coordinator	Joyce Thiele	830-456-1617
Sound Coordinator	Nicole Robertson	830-307-4757
Video Tech Coordinator	Linda Adams	830-889-3250

### CHOIRS:

Bell Choir	Joyce Priem	830-456-1226
Sanctuary Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668
Youth Choir	Katie Hofmann	830-383-4668

### GROUPS:

Church Council President	Valerie Bonn	512-496-9510
Men in Mission	Harvey Hengst	830-456-7663
Sunday School Supt.	Kayla Schmidt/	830-456-8849
	Allison Durst	830-225-0280
Band of Brothers	Doyle Moellering	830-456-1349
Women of Faith	Carol Feuge	830-285-1301
Women of Faith	Polly Zenner	830-889-5701
Youth Group	TBD	830-997-2288
Widow's Might	Rhonda Simpson	830-456-4617

**Pastor Clint's office is now located inside the Spirit Haus, Room 1. You can still reach him by phone by calling the church office, 830-997-2288.**

### CONTACT INFO NOTE

If your address, email, or cell phone information changes, please let the church office know, 830-997-2288.

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*Love is patient.  
Love is kind.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4a*

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