



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

August 2026

Being & Making Disciples



Vision and Change

There is an old saying, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." That adage can be applied to a number of areas in our lives. The question is, if we have a vision to get different results, then shouldn't we go in a different direction that will help us to achieve those results?

When it comes to Sunday School and Christian Education, we could say that our current model has served the church well. But if we rest on those laurels, we limit the possibilities of what we can achieve. One of the main goals of our Christian Education is to get youth of all ages along with their parents on the same page, which means they would be studying the same Biblical themes each week, with age-appropriate material. If we are in the business of Being and Making Disciples, then having families carry this material back to their homes for conversation and deeper discussion will help facilitate that growth.

The greater goal is continued growth of the Christian Church and witness to our world. Our faith is not something meant to be private and kept only in our personal lives. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, left His Church with a commission—the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*" Our discipleship is a way of life, and part of our responsibility as the church is to partner with parents and families to facilitate faith growth, so that it becomes an integral part of people's lives.

In order for this vision to take place, some other aspects of our church life will need to change. Time is an important factor, and more time will be beneficial to help carry out this vision for Christian Education. Even the current Adult Classes, the Sage Class and Pastors' Class, will benefit from the extended time with our other adult classes and allow for some additional growth opportunities.

Here are the changes that will be made, **starting August 9th**. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. and go through 10:45 a.m. to give a greater amount of time to dig deeper in the Word of God. What this also does is push the 10:30 a.m. service to 11:00 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. service would remain the same. We are excited about the possibilities that these changes will bring for Christian growth and discipleship!

Youth and families will all begin in the Youth room at 9:30 a.m. sharp for an opening where the theme for the day is laid out. Then there will be transition time to split into smaller, age-based groups. A parent and adult group will also cover the same material as their children and youth. Then, they will all return to the youth room for a closing time.

Please note, the Sage Class and Pastors' Classes will still meet separately, focusing on their own curriculum and Bible-based materials, so that there are options for adults. Additional education opportunities will also be shared during the year, for example a class that would go deeper with newer members or those desiring to learn more about their Lutheran Faith.

Change always takes a little time, but we believe this will be a benefit to our congregation and the community as we continue to grow the Kingdom of God and have a positive impact on people's lives.

May God be glorified!
Pastor David



NEW SERVICE TIME!!!
Beginning August 9th, the late service will
begin at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday school will start at 9:30 a.m.



Potluck Reminder!

Our next potluck meal is on **August 2nd in the Fellowship Hall, at 11:45 a.m., following the late service.**

Please bring a dish to share - whether it's meat, vegetables, salad, casserole, or dessert. **(Note that the church will NOT be providing meat.)** Plates, silverware, napkins, cups, tea, and water will be available for everyone!

To ensure food safety when bringing dishes to the potluck - especially if you're traveling - transport hot foods in insulated containers and keep cold foods in an ice chest to maintain safe temperatures.

This event offers an excellent opportunity to connect with members of the congregation and enjoy fellowship together. We hope to see you there!

See
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for new
Bible
studies
coming
soon!

Summer Reading and Movie List (August 2026) - by Pastor Steve

Books:

"The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis – Lewis was one of the best Christian writers of the last century. He was known for deep and serious books like "Mere Christianity," but one of his most beloved classics was his seven-book series, "The Chronicles of Narnia." The books are very kid-friendly but also hold a depth of symbolism that even many parents will find thought provoking.

"Too Small to Ignore" by Dr. Wess Stafford (founder of Compassion International). The child of African missionaries, Wess Stafford grew up living in the midst of great poverty. Throughout his early years, God worked powerfully in Wess' heart to mold him into a great disciple who, with the help of so many, has helped hundreds of thousands of children receive an education, good meals, encouragement and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of my favorite books on Missions!

Movies:

"The Hiding Place" (1975 version) – This wonderful old movie has a short interview with Corrie ten Boom and is a powerful, true story of God's power and grace as Corrie and her family rescue Jewish men, women and children who were being deported to concentration camps during WW2. I first read this book in high school, and it deeply impacted my faith!

"The War Room" (2015) – The power of prayer, the renewal and healing of our hearts and souls and the work of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our lives are explored in this thoughtfully written and acted movie. After you watch the movie, you may wish to do the Bible study either by yourself or with a small group of friends. The study is available to borrow in the church office.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

If you would like to provide altar flowers for a weekend from October through December 2026 & January through September 2027, the sign-up calendar will be available after all three worship services on **August 8th & 9th, and if necessary, August 15th & 16th.**

Men's Ensemble

Gentlemen of all singing levels are invited to participate!

REHEARSALS

Aug 19, Aug 26, Sept 2, Sept 9
@ 6:15pm in the basement

PERFORMANCES

September 12 @ 6pm
September 13 @ 8am and 11am



Contact Katie Hofmann for more info:
830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com

New Member Class

Sunday, September 20th there will be a new member retreat **after the 11:00 a.m. service.** We will meet in the **Fellowship Hall from 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., food will be provided.** This is an opportunity for anyone who is new to the church or wanting to take a step toward membership to gather and find out more information about the church. This is a basic get to know Holy Ghost, get an overview of the campus and the ministries that we offer, along with getting acquainted with other people who are looking to join as well.

Please RSVP to the church office before September 14th.

Church Picnic

Here is a **Save-the-Date** for our Annual Church Picnic in conjunction with our sister congregations of St. Peter and St. Paul of Doss and Cave Creek. Put it on your calendars for **Sunday, October 11.** **Sunday School events will start at 9:30 a.m., worship at 11:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ Pork meal,** along with silent auction to benefit the youth, and games. There will be a Saturday evening worship on October 10 for those that aren't able to attend the picnic on Sunday. **There will not be an 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday,** as all events will be at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

Endowment Fund Grants

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is **now accepting applications for Endowment Fund Grants.** **Applications must be received no later than October 31st** to be considered. Application forms can be found on the Holy Ghost website holyghostfbg.org. Scroll down the home page to "Endowment Fund Application" and complete the form. **Decisions on funding are usually made in January and distributions are then made in February.**

COUNCIL NOTES

July 20, 2026

1. The Meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. with a devotion by Pastor David based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 about giving beyond ourselves because we are blessed and motivated by God.
2. Reflected on the Wednesday evening worship experience and what possibilities that might hold for the future.
3. Heard a report from the Task Force on the Henry property as we determine the direction for that property. Voted to get an independent appraisal at a cost of approximately \$2,000.
4. Discussed revisiting our master site plan and reevaluating it for current and future needs.
5. Discussed forming a task force to evaluate and look at future pastoral housing.
6. The council will look into furnishing the cry room with more child-friendly furnishings.
7. Discussed the possibility of reengaging with Dr. Rick McMinn for counseling at church and in the community. This would take place remotely. More clarification is needed.

8. Council voted to use remaining undesignated estate funds from the Greenburg estate along with an additional gift to help fund benevolent items in our budget where we have a shortfall.
9. Discussed the possibility of a shorter path from the fellowship hall to the Spirit Haus, but there would be issues with ADA compliance. There is accessibility to the Spirit Haus by sidewalk, and/or parking lot behind the sanctuary.
10. Pastors reported on the website build that is underway; the vision for Christian Education for the fall with the Gospel Project; and our continued journey through the Gospel of Mark this Summer, which will end in August.
11. Gave thanks for a benevolent gift of \$25,000 that is designated for Youth Ministry, Funeral Meals, and Hi-Tech funds.
12. Reports were given for Kinderfest, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Small Group Ministry.
13. Approved regular Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Reports.
14. Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m. with council members pairing up and praying with one another.

The 2026 Church Council

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

Council Members:
Nancy Lochte, Alice Segner, Carolyn Weidenfeller, Tudy Tritch, Ken Messinger, Jeff Boyd, Ricky Priess, Chris Nevins
Please pray for your leaders!

"Wednesday Worship in July!"

We are so grateful to the Lord God for providing us an opportunity and a place to worship together on Wednesday nights this past month. We had four weeks and four different worship experiences, but we were united in our faith in Jesus Christ as we sang, prayed, and had time for fellowship. A special shoutout to everyone who provided music and helped set up our worship space each week!

Average Worship Service Attendance at a Glance

JANUARY 2026

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

FEBRUARY 2026

2026 In Person: 330
2026 On-line Views: 396
2025 In Person: 313
2025 On-line Views: 363

MARCH 2026

2026 In Person: 424
2026 On-line Views: 338
2025 In Person: 343
2025 On-line Views: 317

APRIL 2026

2026 In Person: 480
2026 On-line Views: 416
2025 In Person: 471
2025 On-line Views: 385

MAY 2026

2026 In Person: 381
2026 On-line Views: 422
2025 In Person: 318
2025 On-line Views: 279

JUNE 2026

2026 In Person: 322
2026 On-line Views: 290
2025 In Person: 306
2025 On-line Views: 285

JULY 2026

2026 In Person: 301
2026 On-line Views: 229
2025 In Person: 298
2025 On-line Views: 326

HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

JELLIES AND JAMS – It's that time of year to start thinking about jelly and jam ingredients. If you have any fruit to share, we will be happy to get it. If you need assistance in picking it, we will be here to help. We will start cooking the later part of August and early part of September. If you are interested in helping, give Polly a call at 830-997-5701.

If you have 8 oz. jars that you have no need for, we will certainly take them. We're hoping to make 700 jars of jelly and jams.

We have received many donations of fabric. It is fun to see all the different designs and sizes that we can use for bottoms and pieces for tops. Thanks to each of you for thinking of the people who are touched with the quilts.

Dates to Remember

Aug. 10	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Aug. 13	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Aug. 13	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall



WOMEN OF FAITH LEADERS

Circles	August	September
Evening Guild	TBD	Alice Segner
Lydia Circle	Shirley Preece	Jeanette Schneider
Katherine Luther Circle	Tudy Tritch	Sue Gustin

ALTAR GUILD

August

Carolyn Weidenfeller	Lois Weidenfeller
Cheryl Feuge	Sondra Sultemier
Kathy Boos	Robes: Karen Grona

September

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

Altar Flowers REMINDER for AUGUST:

The following have signed up to provide altar flowers this month.

August 1 & 2:	Ellis & Tudy Tritch
August 8 & 9:	Tracy Laratta
August 15 & 16:	Jerry & Rhonda Gross
August 22 & 23:	Karen Dolezal
August 29 & 30:	Clayton & Barbara Grona



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



Sign up to provide altar flowers for a worship service, October 2026 through January 2027. See more on page 2. This is a good way to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.

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

Hospitalizations:

Nan Hengst
Clinton Feuge
Mary Ann Krieger



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

**Sympathies to the
Family of:**

Bonnie Adams
Margo Stahl

Hospice List:

Christi Wendt
Alice Behrends
Emma Hirschfield

JULY PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS:

7-28-2026 Margo Stahl

*thank
you*

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the outpouring of love, prayers, meals, texts, calls, cards, flower arrangements, visits, and support during the tragic accident and passing of our beloved parents, David and Loyce Tatsch. Your kindness has meant more to our family than words can express. During such a heartbreaking time, we have felt surrounded by God's love through each of you, and we are deeply grateful for every gesture of comfort and care. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we navigate the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Shanese, Kevin, Hewston & Hudson Lochte
Michelle & Zane Zenner
Taylor, Chandler, Emma & Poppy Ruble

NURSING HOME COMMUNION

IN AUGUST- ZION

FIRST WEDNESDAY: AUGUST 5

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

FIRST THURSDAY: AUGUST 6

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY: AUGUST 12

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

SECOND THURSDAY: AUGUST 13

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

Thank you!

Our family would like to thank the pastors, the ladies who served us lunch, and everyone for the many prayers that were said for Curtis these past few months during his illness, especially the prayers said for our family at Curtis's passing. We also thank, Pastors David, Tobias, Steve and Jan for their visits and bringing communion to our home. A special thank you to Pastor Tobias for the fantastic message he had. It not only made a memorial statement to our family, but to all in attendance at the funeral.

-Dianne, Scott and Jenny, Kyle and Danielle Staudt

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



Irene Klinksiek 8-5-1930
C. Roger Spencer 8-30-1935

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

Gregory & Holly Schmidt	8-3-1974
Gordon & Dianne Eckert	8-8-1970
Wayne & Kay Geistweidt	8-10-1968
Carroll & Susan Bryla	8-16-1975
Don & Donna Reinke	8-21-1969
Gilbert & Malencia Becker	8-21-1971
Michael & Karen Dolezal	8-22-1970
Clayton & Barbara Grona	8-30-1969

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 us at 9:15 (**9:30 beginning August 9th**).
The coffee is on us!

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

Adult Education

Sunday School is not just for children. Holy Ghost
offers classes for adults, too! Classes are offered each

Sunday morning at **9:15. (Starting August 9th,**
Sunday School will start at 9:30.)

Come join us!

Pastors' Class

The Pastors' Class will continue our journey through
the Gospel of Mark along with our Sunday Sermon
series. This is a great opportunity to dig a little deeper
and to ask questions that might be raised as you read
through Mark this summer or if you hear something in
one of the sermons.

Sage Class

The Sage Class will continue their study titled, "Faithful
Witnesses", led by Norm Nevins. All adults are
welcome!

"Our churches teach..."

Those simple words begin the *Augsburg Confession* of 1530.
As one of the foundational documents of Lutheran theology, it
offers a rich and enduring summary of the Christian faith
rooted in Scripture.

Join Pastor Tobias for a **six-week** video study of the *Augsburg
Confession* as we explore what Lutherans believe, why we
believe it, and why these 500-year-old words continue to
speak to the Church today. This study is designed for those
who enjoy thoughtful discussion and a deeper exploration of
Scripture and Lutheran doctrine.

**This study will meet in the Spirit Haus on Wednesdays at
noon, beginning August 19th.**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov 27:17)

Interested in a monthly men's group?

Pastor Tobias invites interested men to a planning meeting/kick off
on **Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm in the Youth Room.**

P.S.: There will be Pizza!



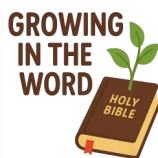
Fall Midweek Bible Class

Beginning on **Tuesday September 1**, Pastor
David will have an evening Bible class that will
meet at **5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. We
will be walking through the book of Genesis, the
first book of the Bible with themes from Creation
and the Flood, along with people like Noah,
Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob,
Esau, and Joseph. We will cover roughly 2
chapters per week. There are 50 chapters in the
book of Genesis so that will take us from the fall
all the way to Easter time, with some breaks for
the holidays. Please RSVP to the church office or
Pastor David if you would like to be a part of
walking through Genesis.

Women's Evening Bible Study

Join us for our new book study, *Abide* by Jen
Wilkin, a study of 1, 2, & 3 John. The book is
available on Lifeway or Amazon.

This month we will meet on **August 4th &
18th**. Mark your calendars for next month's
meeting dates: **September 1st & 15th**.



**Upcoming Bible Study on
Tuesdays at Noon begins
September 1st**

1st and 2nd Thessalonians!

Pastor Steve will lead a new, eight-week course on
St. Paul's letters to the Thessalonian Christians. If
you'd like to participate, please call or stop by the
church office or contact Pastor Steve directly.

From the R Team - Read Your Bible Daily!

Summer is a time of harvest in the Hill Country whether it's hay, fruit, vegetables,
grain....An important time as people and animals are fed! And of course, Scripture
addresses harvest time! Happy harvesting!

2 Corinthians 9:10
John 4:35
Proverbs 3:9
Jeremiah 5:24
Joel 3:13

Galatians 6:9
Isaiah 9:3
Exodus 23:16
Leviticus 26:3-4

Luke 10:2
Genesis 8:22
Matthew 9:38
Revelation 14:15



Messages in August



Summer Sermon Series: "The Gospel of Mark: Jesus on the Move!"

Our Summer Series races to the end as we all take time each day to grow and deepen in our faith as God speaks to us through His Holy Word. If you would like a reading guide, they are available in the sanctuary, the church office or upon request (by calling the church office). In August our weekend sermons (and Adult Sunday School lessons) will focus on the readings from the previous week in Mark.

For the month of August, our series will cover the following sections of Mark:

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 1 & 2: Mark 12:18-44; 13:1-23

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 8 & 9: Mark 13:24-37; 14:1-42

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 15 & 16: Mark 14:43-72; 15:1-41

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 22 & 23: Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-20 and re-read (or listen to) Mark 1-7

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 29 & 30: Reread or listen to Mark chapters 8 through 16

Our New Eight-Week Sermon Series begins the first weekend of September! "G.R.A.C.E.D."

NEW WORSHIP TIME!

Beginning Sunday, August 9th, the 10:30 a.m. worship service time will change to 11:00 a.m.

11:00

Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion this month:

Holy Communion is served the second and fourth weekends of each month unless otherwise noted. This month communion will be served on:

- ♦ **August 8th & 9th**, all services
- ♦ **August 22nd & 23rd**, all services



Special Offering for August

In August, we will take up a special offering for The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Disaster Response Funds. The last few years we have supported two warehouses (located in Tyler and Rosenberg) that collect and distributes very practical disaster relief supplies all over Texas and beyond. We will also share a portion of the funds with the general disaster relief fund that addresses needs across our great nation. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

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.

Praise Services

The Heart of Worship Praise Team will lead services on the 3rd and 4th Sundays this month at the **11:00 service**.

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



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.

HGLC Radio Broadcast

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



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Sharing is Caring"

Find social and emotional support with our group which is open to the community and surrounding areas. Please join us if cancer has ever been a new normal in your life! We have much to offer to current patients, survivors, 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 **Wednesday, August 12, 2026.** Mack Rachal, MD PHD, a board certified dermatologist, will be our speaker. Call Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more information.



Band of Brothers
ATTENTION: The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 8:00-11:00 a.m.** Note that this is the **first Tuesday** of the month so that we can set up the Fellowship Hall for the *Global Leadership Conference*. Join us for breakfast and a devotion as we prepare our campus to welcome guests to this upcoming event. For more information, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!

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 Simpson at 830-456-4617 for more information. All widows are invited to attend.

Ladies' Lunch Study

We are taking a break during August and will start a new study on September 9th: ***See For Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy*** by Kelly Needham. More details upcoming in the September newsletter and bulletins. We typically meet every other Wednesday at noon. All ladies are welcome! Please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Our caregivers support group meets the second Wednesday of the month at **10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** This month we will meet on **August 12.** 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!



Small Groups are a great way to grow in the Word and enjoy fellowship!

HolyMark Cardmakers

We will gather for a fellowship lunch at **11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, at Campo Azul.** Following lunch, we will reconvene at the Fellowship Hall to make cards for so many people! It will be a great time!



Game Night

Game Night for this month will be held on **Thursday, August 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!**



GRACED - ENGAGE in Service (Community News)

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Feeding John Program



Feeding John

The Feeding John meal distribution for August will be the 3rd Sunday, **August 16, 2026**. We have added people to receive meals in the last 2 months. It is a blessing to be able to serve in such a way. If you would like to participate in this service as a delivery person, please contact the church office at 830-997-2288 or LeAnn Segner at 830-456-3705. Your assistance with meal delivery would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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 the church to receive items and deliver them to the food pantry on your behalf! Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community.



The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Board would like to say
Thank you! You are making a difference!
To learn more about the cemetery visit
derstadtfriedhofcemetery.org

GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

\$ HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT ¢

Monthly Report - Unaudited May 2026

GENERAL FUND

Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$67,271.41
Interest	41602	\$225.59
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$111.50
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$0.00
Expenses		-\$81,827.24
Net Monthly Income		-\$14,218.74
YTD Receipts less expenses		-\$55,391.12

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Golden Hub	\$3,056.00
	\$3,056.00

Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund

CCF Contributions	\$29,013.00
Interest Income	\$3,202.39
Loan Principal - Scheduled	-\$6,829.41
Loan Principal - Additional	-\$10,000.00
Interest Expense	-\$12,658.75
CCF Net Income (Month):	\$2,727.23

To help our volunteers process donations quickly and accurately, **please write separate checks for designated gifts** (e.g., one check for the building fund, another for memorials and another for general offering). **Thank you for your support!**

Klaener House Update (7/16/26)

The initial budget for completion of the project was \$866,359. Due to scope change from issues uncovered during restoration, an additional \$53,159 was required leading to the current budget of \$919,518. To date we have completed 57% of the project. As you can see, the new addition is progressing and next steps include a new roof, parking lot and windows. The project started last September and we anticipate completion in the next few months.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 10:30am - 12pm - VBS	6pm - Vacation Bible School					6pm - Worship
	9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters	Print Newsletter 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 10am - Sue Gustin: Small 11am - Funeral: Margot Stahl - 1pm - HG Quilters	Assemble Newsletter/E-Mail Kerrville Disaster Response	7am - Men's Community Bible		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:15am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Pot Luck 12pm - Youth Ministry Parents	Kindernest Closed					6pm - Worship/Comm
	9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - GLS Servant Training	8am - Band of Brothers 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Women's Evening Bible	5:15pm - Widow's Might 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth: End of 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	Global Leadership Summit 6pm - Film & Fellowship @		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship/Comm	Kindernest 1st Day of School Newsletter News Due 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Evening Guild 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters	6:30am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Caregiver's Support 5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. 5:30pm - MS Youth Group 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	7am - Men's Community Bible 9:30am - Lydia Circle 1pm - Kath. Luther Circle		6pm - Worship
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AUGUST MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Aug 1	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	TBD	Carol Stead		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Aug 2	8:00am	Laurie Bristol	Amy Montgomery Kassandra Ersch & Debbie Klaehn	Harvey Hengst		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Aug 2	10:30am	Kim Gibbs	Craig & Kay Steinbring Greg & Teri Hoyt	Deborah Johnson		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Aug 8	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott Patti Feller	Jarett Ersch	Debbie Klaehn, Frank & Carol Stead Pew: Genny McCaffrey, Nick Haun	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Aug 9	8:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Clayton & Barbara Grona Amy Montgomer & Bryan Moellering	Barbara Grona	Joan Bonn & Corrine Jung Pew: Janie Guynes, Steven Krueger	Linda Adams	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
*Aug 9	11:00am	Karen Nevins	Ellis & Tudy Tritch Kip & Jene Weinheimer	Karen Nevins	Paul & Betty Seidensticker Pew: Deborah Johnson, Laverne Boos	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Aug 15	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	TBD	Sandy Plattfoot		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Aug 16	8:00am	Alice Segner	Clayton & Barbara Grona Debbie Klaehn	Mandy Herber		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
*Aug 16	11:00am	Karen Nevins	Rodney & Sharon Kott Chris & Karen Nevins	Pastor		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Aug 22	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott Patti Feller	Corrine Jung	Debbie Klaehn, Kay Melcer, Nick Haun Pew: Kay Pressler, Tracy Laratta	Kimberly Bauer	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Aug 23	8:00am	Doyle Moellering	Amy Montgomery Blaine & Debbie Phelps	Steven Krueger	Janie Guynes, Steven Krueger Pew: Don & Glenna Hartman	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
*Aug 23	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Ellis & Tudy Tritch Rodney & Sharon Kott	Pastor	Deborah Johnson, Sue Gustin Pew: Susan West, Cathy Itz	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Aug 29	6:00pm	Todd Weiss	TBD	Pastor Jan Unger		Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Aug 30	8:00am	Alice Segner	Kassandra Ersch Debbie Klaehn	Mandy Herber		Megan Blizzard		Nicole Robertson
*Aug 30	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Craig & Kay Steinbring Chris & Karen Nevins	Pastor		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson

***NEW SERVICE TIME BEGINS AUGUST 9TH AT 11:00am ***

CONFIRMATION - WEEKEND SERVICES

Acolytes: Saturday 6:00pm - Volunteers Needed
Sunday 8:00am - Volunteers Needed
Sunday 10:30am - Zayne Schneider

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!



AUGUST 2026

CHILDREN+FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



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invited!

RALLY Sunday, August 9

BREAKFAST BAR: 8:30AM • INTRO TO THE GOSPEL
PROJECT FOR KIDS + PARENTS: 9:30AM • KID-LED
SUMMER CELEBRATION WORSHIP: 11:00AM • PIZZA
MEAL + FELLOWSHIP + PLAY FOR ALL AFTER WORSHIP



After School Club

WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
STARTING AUGUST 19!
HGLC will pick up 2nd-5th grade
kids from area schools.
Parent pick-up will be at 5pm!

Reach out to
Danielh@holyghostfbg.org if
interested!



FILM+ FELLOWSHIP
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
AUGUST 6 • 6PM
BETHANY LUTHERAN
110 W AUSTIN • 830-997-2069

POPCORN + SNO-CONES!
DRESSING UP ENCOURAGED!
GREEN SCREEN PHOTO BOOTH!
DOOR PRIZES!

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS



Friday Night Live
2026 - 2027

AUG 21	JAN 29
SEPT 18	FEB 26
OCT 23	
NOV 13	APR 30
DEC 18	MAY 21

*dates subject to change



YOUTH CHOR

MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL STARTING AUGUST 17
CALLING ANY 2ND-6TH GRADERS WHO LOVE TO SING!
HGLC will pick up from school (FES, FMS, SMS, and more) • parent pick-up at HGLC at 5pm
for more info and to register, contact Katie Hofmann
830-383-4668 or katiebmurphy12@gmail.com

BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

August 2026

Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

Youth Ministry happenings

It has been a whirlwind of events for our youth over the past month. We went on a mission trip to Pflugerville in June, after that, we went to Colorado for our Rainbow Trails Lutheran Camp High School trip. Right after Rainbow Trails, we had a movie night and watched Super Mario Bros 2. Lastly, we went to Camp Chrysalis with our middle schoolers. It's been a crazy 4-5 weeks, but it's been fruitful. Teens are pumped up and ready to jump back in to regular youth group programming.

We kick off youth group on August 12th: 5:30-6:30pm is our Middle School time; 6:30-7:00pm is dinner for High School and Middle School; 7:00-8:00pm is our High School time.

Sunday School for High School and Middle School is combined this year. We will be meeting in the youth room, on Sundays, during the Sunday School hour. We'll be going through the Gospel Project as a church!

Camp Chrysalis fun!!



Our group that went to Rainbow Trails!

Dates to keep in mind:

Youth Group Every Wednesday Night:

Middle School: 5:30-6:30 pm/High School: 7-8:00 pm

High School Bible Study every Monday on John's Porch 6:30pm-8pm

August 5th: End of Summer Hang out

August 12th: Youth Group Kick-off

October 17th: Movie Trilogy Day

November 20th: Friendsgiving



A very warm hello to our HGLC family!

I can't believe how fast our summer flew by! Our students and staff have so enjoyed all of the fun crafts, themed activities, and 4th of July fun this past month. We truly enjoy our relaxed summer atmosphere but so ready for the new school year!

Kindernest will be closed August 3rd-7th for a much deserved staff break and reset time before our new year begins. As we wrap up the summer program and begin to prepare for the upcoming school year, we are praying for health, happiness, and many blessings for every student and teacher in our community!

Wishing you all a wonderful August!

In His service,
Annisa Alonzo





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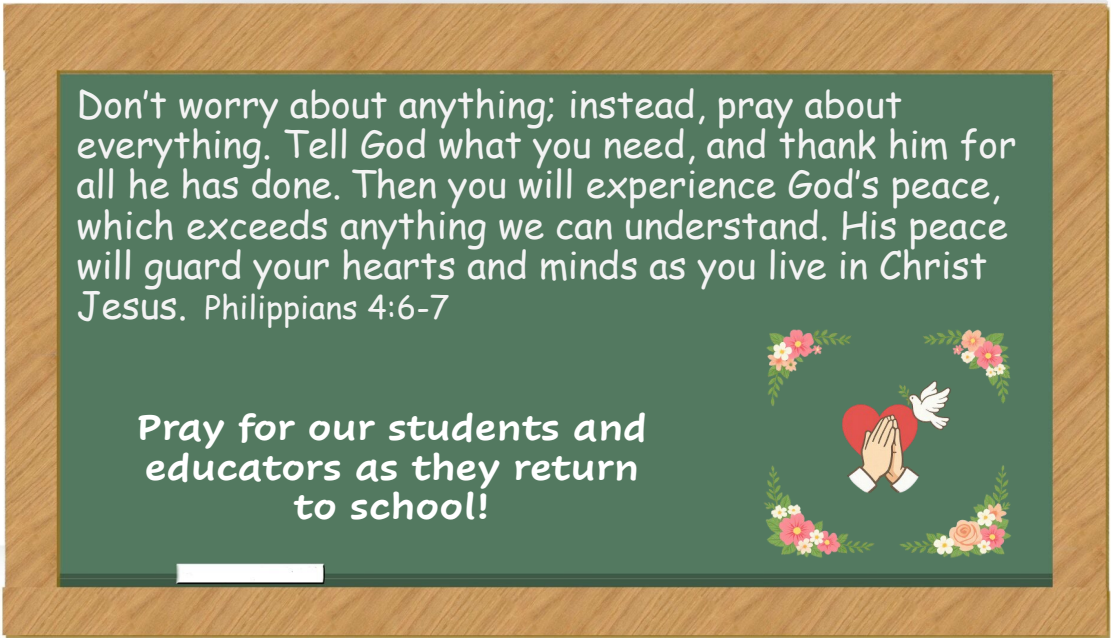
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