



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
September 2026
Being & Making Disciples



The Gift of Holy Communion for You!

Trying to understand the Bible can be a great challenge, but God often uses our interest to His glory! Fortunately, the Lord provides wonderful help for us. First, He promises the gift and work of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit! Another is the gift of brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the ages who have studied, meditated on and shared their insights into God's Holy Word. There have been many great writers and preachers like St. Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, C.S. Lewis and other famous folks in our own time like Billy Graham. But there are also many unsung heroes of the faith who have written and helped us grow in our understanding of the Bible. One such person is someone I have never met or even heard of before August of this year. Her name is Mrs. Beth Nieman of Lincoln, Missouri. Most of you do not know her by name, but you have been reading her devotions in our August Portals of Prayer. A few gems that hit me this month: First, on August 2nd, Beth wrote about Colossians 1:17 and 1:18 and reminds us that no matter what comes our way in this life, "our help comes from the Lord" and "our Savior is in control." She makes a wonderful connection with the Lord's Supper: "Jesus is 'making peace by the blood of His cross' which He freely gives to believers in His Supper..." And second, on August 14th, Beth reminds us about the power of gift giving. "A gift says something about your relationship to the giver – you are highly valued." Then, she makes a magnificent connection to the Lord's supper: "Jesus wrapped the gifts of His body and blood in humble bread and wine, not in fancy paper. The label on them says 'For You.'"

We continue our journey together and dive deep into how the Lord Jesus leads us to live out the Gospel in how we love, serve and live our daily lives in devotion to Him. (Check out our new 8-week sermon series.)

May the Lord God fill you with the Holy Spirit in the days and weeks to come!

Peace and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Steve





Annual Church Picnic Save the Date

Put **Sunday, October 11** on your calendars for our annual church picnic to celebrate life and faith in Gillespie County with our sister congregations of St. Paul, Cave Creek, and St. Peter, Doss. There will be **Sunday School opportunities for youth and adults at 9:30 a.m., worship at 11 a.m.,** and a BBQ Pork meal to follow with all the fixings, along with a table of kid friendly food. Other events include a silent auction to raise money for our youth, dominoes and other opportunities for fun and fellowship. Everything that day will take place at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

If you would like to provide altar flowers for weekend services, the following dates are still available. Call the church office at 830-997-2288 to sign up. (Available dates will be updated in the weekly bulletin.)

2026

11/28-11/29
12/5-12/6



2027

1/23-1/24
2/6-2/7
4/10-4/11
7/3-7/4

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 3:15p.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.



DID YOU KNOW?

A Tax-Wise Way to Support Our Church

If you are age 73 or older and are required to take annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your traditional IRA, you may have an opportunity to support our church in a tax-efficient way through a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).**

A QCD allows you to direct all or part of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution—**up to \$111,000 in 2026**—directly from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity, such as our church. The amount transferred counts toward satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution but is **not included in your taxable income**, provided IRS requirements are met.

This can offer several potential tax advantages. By reducing your taxable income, a QCD may help lower the tax you owe, reduce the taxation of Social Security benefits, and potentially lessen the impact of income-related Medicare premium surcharges (IRMAA). Because the gift is excluded from income rather than claimed as an itemized deduction, many taxpayers who do not itemize deductions can still benefit.

To qualify, the distribution must be made **directly from your IRA custodian to the church.** If you are considering a Qualified Charitable Distribution, please consult your financial or tax advisor to determine whether it is appropriate for your circumstances and to ensure the transfer is completed correctly.

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.

Holy Ghost needs Scripture readers for September and future months. If you would be willing to read, please sign up by scanning the QR code below, or by calling the office at 830-997-2288.

The only information needed when you scan the QR code is your name, email, and phone number.

First timers are welcome!



COUNCIL NOTES - August 24, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a devotion by Pastor David based on Hebrews 13:1-2 focusing on showing hospitality, and thanking the church for continuing to extend hospitality into our community and beyond. A special thank you to the Blue Crew and their tremendous hospitality during the recent hosting of the Global Leadership Summit.
2. David Bullion was a guest and gave us a report on the progress of the Klaerner property, noting that it was approximately 73% toward completion.
3. Jennifer Easterwood, the church Financial Director also was a guest and walked the council through some of the changes she has implemented to help make the financial reporting easier to follow.
4. Awaiting an appraisal on the Henry property. Also, putting together a task force to look at the feasibility of the parsonages in the future. Will bring all this together in a joint meeting between council and building committee as we revisit the master site plan and reevaluate our vision for the future.
5. Noted some ongoing issues with the A/C units at Kindernest and will monitor the issue.
6. Appointed two council members to the budget task force that will meet later in September, Jerry Gross and Carolyn Weidenfeller.
7. Visited about the council nomination process for the December congregational meeting.
8. Voted to extend a stipend for Pastors Qualben and Heike to have a business cell phone for church business.
9. Council took their picture and it will be put on the updated website, once it has been completed.
10. Welcomed Tudy Tritch as our new Ministry Facilitator, replacing Imogene Schollan who moved earlier in the year to be closer to family.
11. Discussed the Gospel Project and change in worship times for late service, all which seem to have a positive impact so far with increased numbers of youth and family involved, both in Christian Education and in Worship.
12. Shared the upcoming plan for the fall sermon series, going back to our G.R.A.C.E.D. acronym and focusing on what our mission statement is as we seek "To Be and Make Disciples in Jesus' name!"
13. Heard reports from our children and youth programs, also with increased numbers for the beginning of our fall programs.
14. Approved regular meeting minutes from July, along with the treasurer's report noting that July giving was \$15,087.32 above our expenses. Thanks to all who continue to support the mission and ministry of the church.
15. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. with Pastor Tobias praying over all our joys and concerns.

NALC Online Convocation

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) held their online convocation, Friday August 7 to conduct elections and business. Pastor Jan Unger represented HGLC as one of 206 clergy, and 210 lay voting delegates. Bishop Dan Selbo set the tone with his message based on Mark 1:14-20, the calling of the first disciples.

The NALC currently has:

565 congregations
23 global workers
20 mission starts (new congregations being formed)
31 seminary students in 2022 has grown to over 60 in 2025!

The 2027 Budget was approved for \$5.3 million which can be achieved with congregational support of 5-7% of our operating budgets. New Area Assistants to the Bishop were installed, including Rev. Bobby Vitek. New Seminary Board of Regents include: Rev. Eric Water, Rev Paul Krueger, and Rev. Jim Lehmann. Recent entrants into the church triumphant were remembered, including Rev. Weldon Smith, Rev. Henry Schulte, and Rev. William Breen.

For more information you can go to the NALC website and search for convocation at thenalc.org.

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, Chris Nevins
Jeff Boyd, & Ricky Priess.
Please pray for your leaders!

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

August attendance will be posted in the October newsletter.

HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

FALL FESTIVAL — The Fall Festival will be held **September 19th at the Marktplatz starting at 9:00 a.m.** The Holy Ghost Women of Faith will have a booth and can use any sale item or baked goods. We have been blessed with fruits for jam and jellies. Please come by and visit our booth and support the WOF. If you have items to donate and need help getting them to the church, please contact Polly Zenner at 830-997-5701 by Friday, September 18th. We are always in need of help to set up and take down, as well as working the booth.

If anyone is interested in helping us cook jellies and jams, please give Polly a call at the number above.

JAMS AND JELLIES SALES—We will sell the weekend prior to the Fall Festival on **Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th at the church.** Please stop by and purchase your jellies and jams.

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

Dates to Remember

Sept. 10	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 10	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 12 & 13	Jam & Jelly Sales		At church
Sept. 14	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 19	FALL FESTIVAL	9:00 a.m.	Marktplatz



WOMEN OF FAITH LEADERS

<u>Circles</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Evening Guild	Alice Segner	Pastor
Lydia Circle	Jeanette Schneider	Pastor
Katherine Luther Circle	Sue Gustin	Pastor

ALTAR GUILD

September

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

October

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

Altar Flowers REMINDER for SEPTEMBER:

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

September 5 & 6: Edward Stroeher

September 12 & 13: Yvonne Fox

September 19 & 20: Karen Immel

September 26 & 27: Shanese Lochte



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

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.



GRACED - GO to God in Prayer
(Pastoral Acts & Prayer Requests/HG Family Celebrations)

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

Hospitalizations:

Mary Ann Krieger
Linda Grona
Judy Nardini
Paul Unger

Sympathies to the Family of:

Barbara Lefler
Douglas Frano
Bonnie Adams
Gary Jost

Hospice List:

Christi Wendt
Alice Behrends
Emma Hirschfield



Please pray for those on Hospice and those in need!

AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS

8.8.26	Douglas Frano
8.20.26	Bonnie Adams

**NURSING HOME COMMUNION
IN SEPTEMBER - HOLY GHOST**

FIRST WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 2

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

FIRST THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 3

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 9

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

SECOND THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 10

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

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.

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



Kermit & Annette Sultemeier	9-2-1961
Danny & Sandy Poole	9-5-1964
Clinton & Carol Feuge	9-6-1969
Ronnie & Carol Reeh	9-7-1972
Elmer & Mary Hansen	9-8-1962
Norman & Sandra Nevins	9-8-1962
Don & Carole Shoffner	9-12-1959
Gary & Sue Gustin	9-28-1964

Daniel, Katie, and VBS Team -

Thank you for the excellent job you do in bringing the love of Christ to our community every summer!

Sincerely,
Sandra Sanford



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

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 **9:30-10:45 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.

**Upcoming Bible Study on Tuesdays at
Noon begins on 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 the office (830) 997-2288 or stop by the church office or contact Pastor Steve directly. Missed the start date? That's OK - **we will record and post each session online. (Just contact Pastor Steve for a link).**

**Video Study:
The Augsburg Confession**

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.

**Wednesdays at 12:00-1:00 p.m. in
the Fellowship Hall.**



Adult Education

Sunday School is not just for children. Holy Ghost offers classes for adults, too! Classes are offered each Sunday morning at **9:30 to 10:45**. Come join us!

Pastors' Class

For the months of September and October, the pastors' class on Sunday morning will follow our sermon series focusing on our mission statement of "Being and Making Disciples" using the G.R.A.C.E.D. acronym to study those behaviors and tools which God has given us to deepen our own faith, and to strengthen and encourage the faith of others. We start on **September 6** with the Great Commandment to love God and Neighbor which is a basis for all the other disciplines which God calls us to use. We will walk through each of the parts of G.R.A.C.E.D, and conclude at the end of October with the Great Commission that Jesus left with His church to share the Good News with the world.

Sage Class

Norm Nevins will be leading the Sage Class in a new study on the Old Testament titled, "Generations of God's People in the Promised Land". All adults are welcome to attend!

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study
The Book of Genesis**

Pastor David will begin a class on **Tuesday, September 1, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall** journeying through the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. This class will extend through the fall and into the spring as we work through all 50 chapters of Genesis. Anyone is welcome to come. Bring a friend if you want. Please contact the office or Pastor David if you'd like to attend.

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 **September 1st, 15th, and 29th.**

From the R Team - Read Your Bible Daily!

Well - September is here and often signifies a time of change. In certain parts of the country the colored leaves are the indicators of change. In Texas the change tends to be seen in our activities: football instead of swimming, early mornings instead of later mornings, cooler evenings, earlier sunsets....The Bible addresses change in all its forms, especially spiritual, and reminds us that change is a means of being renewed! So as you study your Bible, embrace the changes that come with the approach of fall.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

1 Peter 1:3

Romans 8:28

1 Chronicles 16:11

2 Corinthians 5:17

Revelation 21:5

Lamentations 3:22-24

Deuteronomy 31:6

Isaiah 40:31

John 3:3

Isaiah 43:17

Ephesians 4:22-24

Ezekiel 36:26

Worship SCHEDULE

Messages in September/October **Fall Sermon Series: "G.R.A.C.E.D.: Living our Faith!"**



Our fall sermon series focuses on an acronym we have used at Holy Ghost for many years: "GRACED." As we dive into the spiritual disciplines expressed in "Graced" we will begin with the Great Commandment and end with the Great Commission.

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| September 5th/6th | - The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) |
| September 12th/13th | - "G": "Go to God in prayer daily" |
| September 19th/20th | - "R": "Read God's Word daily" |
| September 26th/27th | - "A": "Attend worship regularly" |
| October 3rd/4th | - "C": "Connect in a study or small group" |
| October 10th/11th | - "E": "Engage in service in the church and the community"
(Church Picnic at the Fairgrounds – 11 a.m.) |
| October 17th/18th | - "D": "Dedicate self to the tithe and beyond." |
| October 24th/25th | - The Great Commandment" (Matthew 28:18-20)
(Reformation Sunday) |

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:

- ♦ **September 12th & 13th**, all services
- ♦ **September 26th & 27th**, all services



REMINDER: NEW WORSHIP TIME!

The 10:30 a.m. worship service time has changed to **11:00 a.m.** Sunday school starts at **9:30 a.m.**

Special Offering for September

In September, we invite you to share a special offering for our Holy Ghost Lutheran Church ministry: Kinderneest. Kinderneest serves our church and community by providing great care and education for children from 18 months old through pre-school. Funds collected will be used on an "as needed" basis as determined by the Kinderneest Board/Executive Board and the Director throughout the school year. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

HGLC Radio Broadcast

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

ALL Worship services are posted on the HGLC FaceBook and YouTube sites. You DO NOT have to have a FaceBook account to watch the services. Click on the FaceBook icon



on the Holy Ghost website.



Christian Radio Station

Tune in to FM 88.1—KLOVE to hear
some great Christian lyrics and music.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Stronger Together"

The Cancer Support Group is hosted at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and is open to the community and surrounding areas.

Please join us for support, advice, and prayers for cancer fighters, survivors, caregivers and family. We meet the **second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Our next meeting will be **September 9th**. Please join us. For more information contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Our caregivers support group meets the **second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

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 Qualben 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!



Game Night

Game Night for this month will be held on **Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall!**

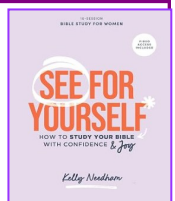


Band of Brothers

Let's Labor for the Lord on the day after Labor Day. The Band of Brothers will meet **Tuesday, September 8th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Join us for breakfast and a devotion followed by work projects around the campus. For more information, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!

Ladies' Lunch Study

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us as we start a new study: **See For Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy** by Kelly Needham.



Beginning September 9th, we will meet every other Wednesday from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room.

Please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

HolyMark Cardmakers

In September HolyMark Cardmakers will meet on **Thursday, the 17th, first at Campo Azul for our Fellowship Lunch, and then in the Fellowship Hall** for cardmaking. Please join us – we need you! If you don't know how to make stamped cards, we will be glad to teach you!



Men's Group - "Iron Sharpens Iron"

This group will meet on Tuesday, September 29th in the Youth Room. Join us for a meal, devotion and fellowship. Please contact Pastor Tobias or the church office for more information.



Feeding John



The Feeding John meal distribution for September will be the 4th **Sunday, September 27, 2026**. 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. Normally each delivery driver only delivers to one address. Your assistance with meal delivery is very much 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 pany on your behalf! Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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

GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

\$ HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT ¢

Monthly Report - Unaudited June 2026		
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$107,660.15
Interest	41602	\$198.74
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$61.50
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$1,451.38
Expenses		-\$106,422.88
Net Monthly Income		\$2,948.89
YTD Receipts less expenses		-\$53,430.47
<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>		
Mision De Candelilla		\$1,851.00
		\$1,851.00
<u>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</u>		
CCF Contributions		\$28,520.00
Interest Income		\$2,878.59
Loan Principal - Scheduled		-\$6,488.98
Loan Principal - Additional		-\$10,000.00
Interest Expense		-\$12,999.18
CCF Net Income (Month):		\$1,910.43

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Gillespie County Fair 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship	9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 12pm - 1st & 2nd 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 6pm - Women's Evening Bible	12pm - Augsburg Confession 4pm - After School Club 5:15pm - Widow's Might 5:30pm - MS Youth Group 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:15pm - Men's Ensemble 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	7am - Men's Community Bible		6pm - Worship
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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SEPTEMBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Sept. 5	6:00pm	KathyBoos	Glenn Treibs, Patti Feller Dwayne & KathyBoos	Mary Beth Bauer		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 6	8:00am	Laurie Bristol	Judy Vordenbaum, Gerald Shanks Craig & Stacy Sanders	Gil Becker		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Sept. 6	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Sondra Sultemeier, KayPressler	Jarett Ersch		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 12	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Lois Weidenfeller, Sharon Turk Justin, Stephanie, & Blair Marschall	Pastor	Paul & Nancy Lochte, Dianne Staudt Pew: Davis & Jessica Lochte	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 13	8:00am	Karrie Klier	Karen Lochte, Kael watson	Joyce Thiele	Ruth Hinkle, Joyce Thiele Pew: Clayton & Barbara Grona	Megan Blizzard	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Sept. 13	11:00am	Kim Gibbs	Greg & Karen Henrickson Carol Feuge	Nancy Sagebiel	Christopher & Leah Thompson Pew: Rick & Vicky Ristau	Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 19	6:00pm	Corrine Jung	David & Tricia Herrera Chris & Suzanne Turner	Pastor		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 20	8:00am	Ricky Priess	Cade & Marcia Bonn Callan & Parker Bonn	Kayla Schmidt		Linda Adams	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Sept. 20	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Jason & Robin Barnes Brad & Sarah Howard	Jarett Ersch		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 26	6:00pm	Polly Zener	Patti Feller, Ola Mae Peht Justin, Stephanie, & Blair Marschall	Polly Zenner	Davis & Jessica Lochte, Emmie Burrer Pew: Paul & Nancy Lochte	Johnna Alberthal	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Sept. 27	8:00am	Alice Segner	Norm Nevins, David Lochte Doyle & Stacey Moellering	Pastor	Debbie Phelps, Tootsie Brocksch Pew: Gerald Shanks, Judy Vordenbaum	Megan Blizzard		Nicole Robertson
Sept. 27	11:00am	TBD	Sue Gustin, Victoria Mendez Jimmy & Cathy Eckert	Pastor	Danny & Sandy Poole Pew: Greg & Karen Henricksen	Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson

CONFIRMATION

	Sept 5 @ 6pm	Sept 6 @ 8am	Sept 6 @ 11am	Sept 12 @ 6pm	Sept 13 @ 8am	Sept 13 @ 11am
Acolyte	Need Volunteer	Cade Durst	Lyla McCollum, Margaret Stevens	Need Volunteer	Zayne Schneider, Cade Durst, Faith Thompson	Lyla McCollum, Margaret Stevens
Greeting	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Blair Marschall	Zayne Schneider	Emmerlee Easterwood
Altar Guild				Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Breakf Bar		Need Volunteer			Need Volunteer	
	Sept 19 @ 6pm	Sept 20 @ 8am	Sept 20 @ 11am	Sept 26 @ 6pm	Sept 27 @ 8am	Sept 27 @ 11am
Acolyte	Need Volunteer	Konrad Ransleben, Cade Durst, Greyson Schmidt	Margaret Stevens, Freddie Zenner	Need Volunteer	Cade Durst, Greyson Schmidt	Emmerlee Easterwood, Margaret Stevens, Freddie Zenner
Greeting	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Altar Guild				Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Breakf Bar		Need Volunteer			Need Volunteer	

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CHILDREN+FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Holy Ghost's CLASSIC
Friday Night Live
SEPT 18



KIDS K-5TH • 6:30-8:30 • YOUTH ROOM • BRING FRIENDS!

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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!

Daniel will be at FES at 7:30am with
music, donuts, and a prayer board!

sept 23

come to me

matthew 11:28

SEE YOU AT THE POLE
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

THE GOSPEL PROJECT

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30AM in the youth room after
the breakfast bar! It's our NEW
PROGRAM for the WHOLE FAMILY!

YOUTH CHOIR



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 katieburmury12@gmail.com

BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

September 2026

Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

Youth Ministry happenings

Youth programming kicked off this month, and it's been so great seeing all of the teens back in the building. From the Gospel Project on Sunday to W.I.L.D. Youth Group kicking off on Wednesdays!

For Wednesday night W.I.L.D. Youth Group, we're going through a curriculum which will connect all of the stories in the Bible back to Jesus. It's easy to skim past some of these stories and not even realize how Jesus is in the small details of them! The Gospel Project starts off right in the middle of the ministry of Jesus. We're starting with the parables of Jesus. Again, these are things we may have heard growing up, but now we're looking at them through a different lens!

Lastly, we had our teens lead one of our Sunday services, where they talked about all of the things they did during the summer with the church. We heard testimonies from our middle school and high school kids, while being led in Liturgy by children of all ages!



Our teens helped lead VBS for our children's ministry. Sometimes, things get crazy!!

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

September 16th: Fields of Faith (Battlin Billies football stadium)

October 17th: Movie Trilogy Day

November 20th: Friendsgiving

December 16th: Christmas Party



Hello to our HQLC family!

I can't believe how fast our summer flew by! We have jumped into our 2026-2027 school year and have really hit the ground running! A very warm welcome to our students and families, new and old. We started our year off with "Meet the Teacher" on August 6th. It was such a blessing to have our new and returning students get acquainted with their new classrooms and teachers. As we get settled into the new school year, we are excited for some upcoming events! Save-the-date for the **Kindernest Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, September 27, 2026!** More details to follow!

Sending prayers out to all the students and teachers in our community for a happy, healthy, and safe school year. Happy September!!

In His service,
Annisa Alonzo





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