



The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
October 2026
Being & Making Disciples



Willkommen!

There are some German words that do not translate easily into English. **Heimat** is one of them. “Home” comes close, but Heimat means more than the place where we happen to live. It can mean the landscape we grew up in, the language we first learned, the food our grandmother made, familiar songs, traditions, family, and memories. Heimat is a place—but it is also a sense of belonging.

The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 3:20:

“Unsere Heimat ist im Himmel.”

“Our citizenship is in heaven.”

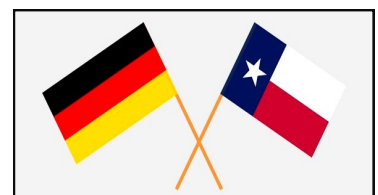
There is something wonderfully fitting about hearing those words in Fredericksburg. Every year, thousands of people come to Fredericksburg to celebrate the German heritage of this community. Some have German ancestors who came to the Texas Hill Country generations ago. Others simply enjoy the music, food, language, and traditions. And for some of us, Germany itself was home before Texas became home.

But Holy Ghost has its own special connection to that story. Our congregation grew out of the faith of German immigrants who brought more than their language and customs with them to Texas. They brought their **Lutheran faith**. They gathered around God’s Word, prayed, sang the great hymns of the Church, baptized their children, and passed the faith on to the generations that followed.

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So come and join us as we celebrate our heritage, sing some of the great hymns of our Lutheran tradition, and hear again where our true **Heimat** is.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Tobias





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. Glen Treibs will give a special history presentation during the **Sunday School activities, which begins at 9:30 a.m.** **Worship will begin 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.

All Saints Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, October 31st and November 1st we will take time at each service that weekend to remember those saints that have departed in this past year. A special video tribute will be shared during each service, along with a prayer of remembrance, and a small token given to families in remembrance of their loved one. We will be asking families to submit a photo of their loved ones for that video tribute. May God continue to be with all who grieve the loss of loved ones, as we look to Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life!



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on October 31st.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

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

2027
7/3-7/4



GERMAN SERVICE

on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 at 2:00 p.m.

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POTLUCK REMINDER

Our next potluck meal is on **October 25th in the Fellowship Hall, at 12:15 p.m., following the late service.**

Please bring a dish to share - whether it's meat, vegetables, salad, casserole, or dessert.

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.** Once you're at church, we have refrigerators for cold items and plenty of plugs for Crockpots in the Fellowship Hall.

Note that the church will NOT be providing meat, but the plates, silverware, napkins, cups, tea, and water will be available for everyone!

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



The Spirit Newsletter was printed before the September council meeting was held. Therefore, the council notes will appear in the November newsletter.

LCMC National Gathering

Pastor Steve will be attending the LCMC national gathering in West Des Moines, Iowa from October 4th through the 7th. This event includes worship every day, some basic business meetings and many excellent speakers.

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!

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.

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 2026

2026 In Person: 391
2026 On-line Views: 237
2025 In Person: 364
2025 On-line Views: 261

September attendance will be in next month's newsletter.



HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN WOMEN OF FAITH

FALL FESTIVAL – The Fall Festival was held September 19, 2026. The Holy Ghost Women of Faith had a booth with many jams and jellies and baked goods. As of the time of this writing, we do not have the results of the sale. We thank everyone for the fruits, jars and sugar provided. It is always a challenge to see what type of jellies and jams we will have.

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

LWR COLLECTION – The Lutheran World Relief collection will be held November 3, 2026. There will be 12 churches (as well as ours) bringing their items to be loaded into a U-Haul. We will need help to load, so if you are available, please give Polly a call at 830-997-5701.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 8	Lydia Circle	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
October 8	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
October 11	Church Picnic	9:15 a.m. activities begin 11:00 a.m. worship	Gillespie County Fairgrounds
October 12	Evening Guild	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
October 17 & 18	Quilt Dedication	During worship services	Sanctuary
October 18	Fall General Meeting	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
November 3	Ingathering	9:00 a.m. - noon	Fellowship Hall parking lot

WOMEN OF FAITH LEADERS

<u>Circles</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Evening Guild	Pastor	Group
Lydia Circle	Pastor	Joyce Priem
Katherine Luther Circle	Pastor	Sandy Birdlebough

ALTAR GUILD

October

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

November

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

Altar Flowers REMINDER for OCTOBER:

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

October 3/4	Shirley Nielsen
October 10	Mike & Shari Majors
October 17/18	Harvey & Nan Hengst
October 24/25	Lynne Robinson
October 31/November 1	Karen Immel

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:

Clinton Feuge
Verdie Guettler
Molly Spencer

Sympathies to the Family of:

Mary Ann Krieger
Barb Lefler
Frieda Pressler

Hospice List:

Christi Wendt
Alice Behrends
Emma Hirschfield
Roger Spencer



Please pray for those on Hospice and those in need!

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.



SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals:

9/11/2026 Mary Ann Krieger
9/12/2026 Barb Lefler
9/15/2026 Frieda Pressler

Baptisms:

9/6/2026 Otto Zenner

NURSING HOME COMMUNION

IN OCTOBER - BETHANY

FIRST THURSDAY: OCTOBER 1

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 7

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 14

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

SECOND THURSDAY: OCTOBER 8

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

CELEBRATIONS



Kermit & Laverne Boos	10-1-1966
Larry & Carol Brinkmann	10-6-1972
David & Janet Jung	10-11-1975
Harvey & Nan Hengst	10-12-1951
Mark & Kay Durst	10-21-1967
Steven & Johnna Alberthal	10-26-1974

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you! I deeply appreciate your efforts to make Barb's memorial service and reception so special. You were a blessing.

In Jesus,
Naomi and Bunny



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.

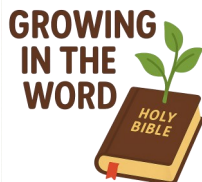
This is a great opportunity for food and fellowship. Following the Breakfast Bar, we encourage you to attend one of the Sunday morning opportunities for Christian Education for youth and adults.



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

1st and 2nd Thessalonians!

Pastor Steve is leading an 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).**



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 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 started 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 continue his class on **Tuesdays, at 5:30 p.m. 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

The Women's Evening Bible Study will begin a new study in October: The Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkins. We meet every other Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Spirit Haus. For more information call or text Karen Nevins 830-992-9424. Meeting dates will be:

October 13
October 27
November 10

December 1
December 15
December 29

January 12
January 26
February 9

From the R Team - Read Your Bible Daily!

During busy, chaotic, overwhelming times it is sometimes easy to forget how blessed we are. However there are always some blessings to count! What does the Bible say about being blessed?

Jeremiah 17:7

James 1:13

Malachi 3:10

Genesis 50:19-21

Matthew 5:3-7

1 Chronicles 16:34

Ruth 2:4-5

Psalms 1:1

Numbers 6:22-27

Joshua 21:44-45

Luke 11:28

John 10:27-30

Ephesians 2:8-10

Worship SCHEDULE

Messages in 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: "G.R.A.C.E.D." As we dive into the spiritual disciplines expressed in "Graced" we will begin with the Great Commandment and end with the Great Commission.

October 3rd and 4th "C.onnect in a study or small group"

We will celebrate communion this weekend! Also, please note that Pastor Tobias will lead a German language service on Saturday the 3rd (Oktoberfest Weekend) – at 2:00pm in our sanctuary.

October 10th and 11th (Church Picnic) "E.ngage in Service in the Church and the Community"

We will have our Saturday evening service at 6:00pm in the sanctuary and only our 11am service out at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds.

October 17th and 18th "D.edicate Self to the Tithe and Beyond"

What does it mean to be stewards or manager's of the land, and every dollar (rather than owners of it all)?

October 24^h and 25th "The Great Commandment!"

We will celebrate communion this weekend as we wrap up our 8-week series with our Lord's command to go out into the world and make disciples!

October 31st and November 1st All Saints Weekend!

Holy Communion this month:

Due to the church picnic on October 11th at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds, we will have communion on the weekends of October 3rd & 4th, and October 24th & 25th.



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 October

The October Special Offering is designated for Operation Christmas Child

One of our Christmas traditions at Holy Ghost is participating in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child." Our children and youth will be gathering supplies to fill shoeboxes for children in need throughout the world. Our special offering for the month will help with the shipping costs of those boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve Qualben.

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

HGLC Radio Broadcast

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



Christian Radio Station

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



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Lets walk through this together!

Join us for support through your cancer treatments and beyond. This group is open to the community and surrounding areas offering emotional support, encouragement and fellowship for cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers, family and friends. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Andie Ward, an Orthopedic Physical Therapist, will be our guest speaker. For more information contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.



Band of Brothers

The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 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!

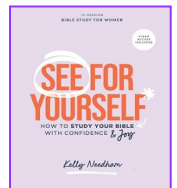
Widow's Might

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

Ladies of all ages are invited to join us as we continue our study: ***See For Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy*** by Kelly Needham. This month we will meet on **October 7th and 21st 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.



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!

HolyMark Cardmakers

We are meeting on **Thursday, October 22.** (NOTE: This is one week later than usual.) We'll gather for fellowship at Hondo's at 11:30. Following lunch we will proceed to the Fellowship Hall for cardmaking. We hope you **(yes, YOU!)** will join us!



Men's Group - "Iron Sharpens Iron"

This group will meet on Tuesday, October 27th at 7 p.m. in the Omega Room. Join us for a meal, devotion and fellowship. Please contact Pastor Tobias or the church office for more information.



Game Night

Game Night for this month will be held on **Thursday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall!**



GRACED - ENGAGE in Service (Community News)

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Feeding John Program

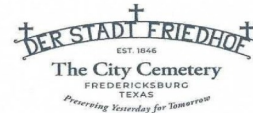


Feeding John

The Feeding John meal distribution for October will be the 3rd Sunday, **October 18, 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.

KinderNest is Hiring!

See the details on page 14.



*Please join us for the dedication of our new
Columbarium, Open-air Chapel, 30' Flagpole
& Newly renovated area for reflection*

*Der Stadt Friedhof
(The City Cemetery)*

*301 N. Lee Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624*

November 1, 2026 @ 2pm

*Thank you,
The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Board*

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GRACED - DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

\$ HOLY GHOST FINANCIAL REPORT ¢

Budget YTD Jan – July 2026	
YTD Income	\$694,170.52
YTD Expenses	-\$734,563.47
YTD Net Revenue	-\$40,392.95

Monthly Report - Unaudited July 2026

GENERAL FUND

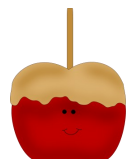
Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$148,049.88
Interest	41602	\$137.50
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$313.25
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$0.00
Expenses		-\$133,413.31
Net Monthly Income		\$15,087.32
YTD Receipts less expenses		-\$40,392.95

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Needs Council	\$3,027.00
	\$3,027.00

Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund

CCF Contributions	\$12,595.00
Interest Income	\$2,530.10
Loan Principal - Scheduled	-\$7,059.01
Loan Principal - Additional	-\$20,000.00
Interest Expense	-\$12,429.15
CCF Net Income (Month):	-\$24,363.06



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Feeding John 8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Kinderneest BBQ 11am - Worship/Comm	9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: 6pm - Church Council 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible	9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 12pm - 1st & 2nd 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of 6pm - Women's Evening 7pm - Iron Sharpens Iron	4pm - After School Club 5:30pm - MS Youth 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	7am - Men's Community		New Members Rec'd @ 2pm - German Worship 6pm - Worship/Comm
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OCTOBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Oct. 3	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Monte & Debi Althaus, Kristin Althaus Carletta Bonn	Carol Stead	Mark & Susan Strogher, Lisa Kaman Pew - Frank & Carol Stead	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Oct. 4	8:00am	Ken Messinger	Debbie Bruce, Pam Ransleben Eric & Elizabeth Klaehn	Gil Becker	Karrie Klier, Mandy Herber Pew - Shawn & Patsy Stevens	Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Oct. 4	11:00am	Kim Gibbs	Kelly & Jinger Ellebracht Deborah Johnson, Bryan & Dana Moellering	Sue Gustin	Craig & KaySteinbring Pew - Edward Stroehrer, Harriet Grenwelge	Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Oct. 10	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Roy & Debbie Klaehn	TBA		Johnna Alberthal	TBA	Nicole Robertson
	8:00am							
Oct. 11	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller						
Oct. 17	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Monte & Debi Althaus, Kristin Althaus Rhonda Bonn	Rhonda Eckert		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Oct. 18	8:00am	Ken Messinger	Debbie Bruce, Pam Ransleben Eric & Elizabeth Klaehn	TBA		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Oct. 18	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Becky Shirley, Caretta Bonn Deborah Johnson, Leah Strackbein	Kathy Boos		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Oct. 24	6:00pm	Nick Thompson	Monte & Debi Althaus, Kristin Althaus Carletta Bonn	TBA	Tim & Kim Terry, Lester Frantzen Pew - Mark & Susan Stroehrer	Linda Adams	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Oct. 25	8:00am	Ken Messinger	Debbie Bruce, Pam Ransleben Eric & Elizabeth Klaehn	Brady Bonn	Pew - Karrie Klier, Joyce Priem Pew - Harvey Hengst, Mark Moellering	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Oct. 25	11:00am	Tudy Tritsch	Kelly & Jinger Ellebracht JoAnn Durst, Kevin & Shanese Lochte	TBA	Deborah Johnson, Christie Heike Pew - Debbi Ersch, Shane Harvey	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Oct. 31	6:00pm	Ricky Priest	Monte & Debbie Althaus, Kristin Althaus Ricky Gant	TBA		Kimberly Bauer	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson

CONFIRMATION

	Oct 3 @ 6pm	Oct 4 @ 8am	Oct 4 @ 11am	Oct 10 @ 6pm	Oct 11 @ 8am	Oct 11 @ 11am
Acolyte	Need Volunteer	Greyson Schmidt Zayne Schneider Blair Marschall	Margaret Stevens Kelly Ellebracht	Need Volunteer	NO 8:00AM SERVICE/CHURCH PICNIC	
Greeting	Need Volunteer		Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer		
Altar Guild				Need Volunteer		
Breakf Bar		Need Volunteer				
	Oct 17 @ 6pm	Oct 18 @ 8am	Oct 18 @ 11am	Oct 24 @ 6pm	Oct 25 @ 8am	Oct 25 @ 11am
Acolyte	Need Volunteer	Faith Thompson Margaret Stevens	Henry Cornett	Need Volunteer	Konrad Ransleben Blair Marschall	Margaret Stevens Zayne Schneider Kelly Ellebracht
Greeting	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Blair Marschall	Zayne Schneider
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CHILDREN+FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Holy Ghost • YOUTH ROOM

FALL



OCTOBER 23 • KIDS K-5TH • 6:30PM-8:30PM
VIVA LAS FRIDAY NIGHTS!

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Y'ALL COME OUT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS
FOR OUR ANNUAL

CHURCH PICNIC



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

STARTS AT 9:30AM WITH THE
GOSPEL PROJECT FOR FAMILIES,
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, & 3 Y/O
BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR DAVID

11AM COWBOY WORSHIP

\$15/PERSON BBQ MEAL AFTER WORSHIP

PLUS: SILENT AUCTION, INFLATABLES,
TREATS FOR KIDS, + MORE!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

WEDNESDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL!
HGLC can pick up
K-5th grade kids
from area schools.
Parent pick-up
will be at 5pm!

Reach out to
Daniel@
holyghostfbg.org
if interested!

THE
**GOSPEL
PROJECT**
EVERY
SUNDAY

9:30AM IN THE YOUTH
ROOM AFTER THE
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OUR NEW PROGRAM FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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OCT 28**

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• GAMES • CRAFTS • PHOTO BOOTH •
PLENTY OF CANDY • AND EVEN MORE!

BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

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Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

Youth Ministry Happenings

Youth programming is gaining some serious momentum! Not just physically, but spiritually! Teens are opening their Bibles, participating in devotional studies, and inviting friends to our programming. It's been exciting to see, and we're just trying to keep up with all that God is doing!

For Wednesday night W.I.L.D. Youth Group, we decided to deviate from our regular curriculum and hit some topics that we feel the youth can relate to a bit more. We're currently going through a series called "Warriors" and it's all about the people in the Bible who were warriors for their faith. They went against the grain. For the Gospel Project, on Sundays, we're walking through the life of Jesus and learning how much he loved people. We can see how much he loves us through what we're studying on Sundays!

One of the things I pursue deeply in youth ministry is having teens fully understand who Jesus is. We could have 500 teens in our building for youth group, but if none of them know Jesus on a personal level, then we are failing at reaching our youth. If you're interested in helping teens learn about Jesus, I'd love to connect with you and see if Wednesday nights would be a good fit!

-John LaRocque



One of nights of youth group, during our high school time!

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

October 17th: Movie Trilogy Day

November 20th: Friendsgiving

December 16th: Christmas Party



Hello to our HGLC family!

Kindernest is hiring! See the information at the bottom of this page.

Keep an eye out for our article in the November newsletter! We will share the fun and exciting activities going on at our school!



Kindernest Montessori School is hiring!

We are looking for the following positions:

- Lead teacher 18mo - 2yr classroom
- Floater - all ages!
- Substitutes - all ages!

Our school offers a Christian environment, competitive wages, paid holidays, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children every day!

Join our amazing team!



For more info, please contact Annisa Alonzo @ 830-997-8939 or Kindernest@holyghostfbg.org



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