

The Spirit — November 2026

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1 — Letter from the Pastor

The Heart of Thanksgiving

As we enter this Thanksgiving season, our hearts are drawn again to one of the most powerful postures a believer can hold, which is **gratitude**. Not the shallow kind that depends on circumstances, but the deep, steady gratitude that flows from knowing God is faithful, present, and good in every chapter of life.

Scripture reminds us of this in several places: *“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.”* That simple truth is foundational for us. God’s goodness is not seasonal. His love does not rise and fall like the temperature. Because of who He is, Thanksgiving becomes more than a holiday—it becomes a way of life.

Why is understanding the nature of Thanksgiving important for us? Thanksgiving reshapes the way we see God, ourselves, and our community.

- **It recenters our hearts.** Gratitude pulls our attention away from what we lack and toward what God has already provided.
- **It strengthens unity.** A thankful church is a peaceful church. Gratitude softens hearts, heals relationships, and reminds us that we are all recipients of grace.
- **It fuels generosity.** When we recognize how richly God has blessed us, we naturally want to bless others.
- **It deepens worship.** Thanksgiving is worship in everyday clothing—an offering of praise woven into ordinary moments.

Being thankful in any and all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18). Sometimes, gratitude comes easily. At other times, it feels like hard work. But even in difficult seasons, God invites us to look for His fingerprints. Thanksgiving is not pretending everything is perfect; it is remembering that God is present even when life is difficult. Gratitude grows when we slow down long enough to notice God’s faithfulness:

- The prayers He has answered.
- The strength He has provided.
- The people He has placed in our lives.
- The hope He continues to renew.

Every blessing—large or small—is a reminder that God is present with us in every moment of life.

How do we respond with Thanksgiving? Here are some practical tips we can put into practice in our lives. Take time daily to reflect on God’s goodness. Speak words of gratitude to those who have encouraged you. Share a meal with someone who needs community. Pray for a heart that sees God’s grace in unexpected places. Thanksgiving is more than a day on the calendar. It is a spiritual discipline that shapes us into people who live with joy, humility, and hope.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

Pastor David

2 — What’s New at HGLC

All Saints Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1 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!

Fishers for Christ — Annual Nativity Set Display 2026

The Christmas season is approaching, and the Fishers for Christ Team is asking the congregation to consider offering nativity sets for display for this annual event. Nativity sets will be on display Friday, December 4th through December 6th, in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that you set up your nativity sets on Thursday, December 3rd after 1:00 p.m. We will continue the angels display as part of the nativity display as well. Assistance will be available for anyone who needs help setting up a display. Table space may be reserved for multiple sets and large displays. There will be flyers at the entrance to the sanctuary at all of the church services to use for reserving table space as well as other volunteer needs.

A lot of work goes into this event, and the Fishers for Christ Team is appreciative of any assistance offered. On Wednesday, December 2nd, we will need help moving tables and chairs. We will set up tables and put up the lights and everything that goes with getting prepared for the nativity sets. We also appreciate help monitoring the sets during the time they are on display.

After the event we need help putting everything back in its place in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping with that task. For any questions or to volunteer, please contact Debbie Klaehn at 830-997-7234 or 830-456-1650. You may also call the church office at 830-997-2288.

Thank you!
The Fishers for Christ Team

Thanksgiving Eve Services

We will have our Annual Thanksgiving Services on **November 25, Thanksgiving Eve. A morning service at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion and an evening service at 6:30 p.m., also with Holy Communion.** The 6:30 pm service will be a special celebration for several of our youngsters and their families who will be celebrating their first communion, after a period of instruction with Daniel. Please join us for either service as we pause to give thanks!

Thank You for Picnic Crew

A huge thanks goes out to Barbara Grona, and our whole picnic crew, BBQ crew, our Cowboy Gospel Band, and so many others who stepped up to the plate to help make our Annual Three-Church Picnic a great success. The highlight, beside Pastor Tobias’s transformative message, was the mechanical bull! What a great community event. Thanks again to all who made it a great success!

Advent auf Deutsch! Traditional German Advent Service!

Because we had such a wonderful time at our last German service in October, we’re doing it again!

Join us for a special **German-language Advent service** at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church!

Saturday, December 5, 2026 • 2:00 PM • At Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, TX

Whether you speak German fluently, remember a few words from your grandparents, or simply enjoy German traditions, you're warmly invited (there will be English subtitles)! **Herzlich willkommen!**

Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, October 31.

3 — Church Council News and Attendance

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!

Council Notes — September 28, 2026

1. Pastor Steve opened with prayer and gave a summary of his medical mission trip with Misión de Candelilla from earlier in the month.

- 2. Hiram Lucius and Steve Olfers shared information about the Henry Property Task Force and the Parsonage Task Force.
- 3. The council will meet in the upcoming months for an extended mini retreat to become better acquainted with the Master Site Plan.
- 4. The 2027 Budget Team will meet on October 8th to start laying the foundation for our 2027 ministry budget.
- 5. Jerry Gross shared a report from the Investment Team’s meeting in September.
- 6. Pastor Steve provided an update on the ongoing work with forming a Life Care Ministry partnership with counselor Rick McMinn.
- 7. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. after a time of prayer.

Council Notes — October 26, 2026

- 1. The meeting opened at 5:58 p.m. with a devotion by Pastor Steve on the Great Commission from Matthew 28:16-20.
- 2. A report was shared on the progress of the Klaerner property noting due to unforeseen delays with the foundation and windows, the project is taking extended time. Patience is advised as the project moves forward.
- 3. The preliminary 2027 Church Budget was approved. A Budget Breakout meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like more information or who has questions about the upcoming budget prior to the December Congregational Meeting.
- 4. Council nomination task force will meet soon to begin the process of nominating candidates for 2027 council.
- 5. A vision was shared about retiring some of our pew Bibles and replacing them with some illustrative children’s Bibles to make our worship space more family friendly. Research is being done toward this and a possible cost.
- 6. Pastors shared their report which included an update on the website build, German Advent Service (Dec. 5 @ 2 p.m.), Adult Christian Ed plan and sermon series for November and December, plans for an upcoming pictorial directory in the spring, and updates on live-stream broadcasts for online worship.
- 7. The council appointed Glen Treibs as a representative from Holy Ghost to form a Historical Lutheran Church History Task Force for this area to document history in conjunction with other Lutheran Congregations in the area.
- 8. Reports were shared from Kinderneest, Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Small Group Ministry.
- 9. The regular meeting minutes were approved. The treasurer’s report was approved.
- 10. The meeting closed at 8:19 p.m. with council members paring up with their prayer partners to pray with one another.

Average Worship Service Attendance at a Glance

Month	2026 In Person	2026 Online Views	2025 In Person	2025 Online Views
January	327	319	427	463
February	330	396	313	363
March	424	338	343	317
April	480	416	471	385
May	381	422	318	279
June	322	290	306	285
July	301	229	298	326
August	391	237	364	261
September	382	294	356	301

October attendance will be posted next month.

4 — Women of Faith and Altar Guild News

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time	Location
Nov. 8	Thankoffering Service	8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services	Sanctuary
Nov. 9	Evening Guild Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 12	Lydia Circle Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 12	Katherine Luther Circle	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall

Women of Faith Leaders

Circle	November	December
Evening Guild	Group	Christmas party with Katherine Luther Circle & Lydia Circle
Lydia Circle	Joyce Priem	Christmas party with Katherine Luther Circle & Evening Guild
Katherine Luther Circle	Sandy Birdlebough	Christmas party with Evening Guild & Lydia Circle

Altar Guild

November: Amy Montgomery, Mandy Herber, Rhonda Simpson, Nancy Sagebiel, Sandra Davis. **Robes:** Joan Bonn.

December: Virginia Feuge, Cheryl Sione, Kristen Crenwelge, Laura Lundquist, Valerie Bonn, Kay Steinbring, Julia Standish. **Robes:** Karen Grona.

Altar Flowers Reminder for November

Oct. 31/Nov. 1 — Karen Immel

Nov. 7/8 — Genevieve McCaffrey

Nov. 14/15 — Greg Gibson

Nov. 21/22 — Roy Strom

Nov. 28/29 — Frank & Carol Stead

Fall Festival — The Fall Festival was held September 19, 2026, at the Marktplatz at 9:00 a.m. The Holy Ghost Women of Faith had a wonderful turn out and had many baked goods. Our thanks to each and everyone that helped with the sales, brought goodies or purchased. It is our understanding that this was Fredericksburg’s last Fall Festival, due to proceeds being less and expenses more.

September Special Project — Our special thanks to you all for participating. There are lots of bars of soap to keep bodies clean.

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, baby layettes and school kits.

Altar Flower Sign Up

We are still in need of altar flowers for **July 3-4, 2027**. If you would be willing to donate flowers for this date, please call the church office at 830-997-2288.

5 — GRACED: Go to God in Prayer

Pastoral Acts, Prayer Requests, HG Family Celebrations and New Members

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

Prayer Requests

Hospitalizations: Nan Hengst; Jim Parker; Kevin Solbrig.

Hospice List: Emma Hirschfield; Christi Wendt; Roger Spencer.

October Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: 10/17/2026 — Beau Oliver Eckert

Weddings: 10/10/2026 — Sean Majors & Taylor Kotfas

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 HIPPA laws, non-family members no longer have access to hospital records to know who is an inpatient. So please call the church office if a visit by one of the pastors is desired.

Nursing Home Communion in November — Zion

Date	Location	Time
First Wednesday: November 4	Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 a.m.
November 4	Knopp #2 NH	10:30 a.m.
First Thursday: November 5	Heritage Place	9:30 a.m.
November 5	Enchanted Rock NH	10:30 a.m.
Second Wednesday: November 11	Villages of Windcrest	9:30 a.m.
November 11	Fredericksburg NH	10:30 a.m.
Second Thursday: November 12	Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 a.m.
November 12	Knopp #1 NH	10:30 a.m.

HG Family Celebrations

Birthdays

Nan Hengst — 11-10-1933

Irene Grosenbacher — 11-16-1932

Betty Olfers — 11-21-1932

Dorothy Basse — 11-28-1930

Anniversaries

Allen & Wynell Herbort — 11-19-1971

Allen & Marsha Henke — 11-30-1968

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

Welcome New Members!

Let’s welcome those who have joined HG in October:

Edwin (Fred) & Nancy Grimes • James (Jim), Jennifer, & James Quiram • Warren Setnan • Duane Weidenfeller • Caroline Wood

6 — GRACED: Read God’s Word Daily

Bible Study Opportunities

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.

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

The pastors will be doing a sermon series in November on the Solas. If you are not familiar with that, they are those great statements made by Martin Luther that are foundational to our teaching that center on Scripture. There are five solas: Sola Scripture (God’s Word alone), Sola Fide (Faith alone), Sola Gratia (grace alone), Sola Christus (Christ alone), and Sola Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone). Each Sunday morning for the adult class we will be focusing on one of those sola’s that will also be the focus of the message. Join us for breakfast from 8:30–9:15 in the Alpha room of the Fellowship Hall. Adult class begins at 9:30.

Sage Class

Norm Nevins is leading the Sage Class in a study on the Old Testament titled, “Generations of God’s People in the Promised Land”. All adults are welcome to attend!

Calling all chefs and chef wannabes: The Sunday morning breakfast bar needs **YOU!** If you can help with the breakfast bar, please contact Tudy Tritch at (559) 353-0842 or call the church office at 830-997-2288.

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 began 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 at 830-992-9424. Meeting dates will be:

November 10 • January 12

December 1 • January 26

December 2 • February 9

From the R Team — Read Your Bible Daily!

Choosing joy — what a concept! While not always easy to do, it is always our choice to choose to see the best in a situation, to look to God in every situation (good or bad), to look around us for all things that are good, and to choose joy. Of course, the Bible has something to say about this as well. Wishing you a joyful fall season!

Romans 15:13 • Philippians 4:4 • James 1:2 • Psalm 16:11 • John 16:24

Zephaniah 3:17 • Proverbs 17:22 • 1 Peter 1:8 • Nehemiah 8:10

Isaiah 55:12 • Ecclesiastes 9:7 • 1 Thessalonians 5:16 • 1 Chronicles 16:27

7 — GRACED: Attend Worship Regularly

Messages in November — “SOLA!”

Our new series will focus on four foundational doctrines of our Christian Faith. The early reformers (Martin Luther and others) sought to help the church remain laser-focused on the basic truths of the Gospel in the midst of many other distracting teachings by the wider church at the time. Luther used the Latin word “sola” (“only” or “alone”) to help us all keep our focus where it belongs. Let’s focus together in this month on Jesus Christ, God’s Grace, the centrality of Faith and the absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures.

October 31st and November 1st — “Sola Christi – Christ Alone” and All Saints Celebration. In our first week, we focus on the fact that salvation comes only through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Salvation is NOT through our good behavior or by attempting to follow the law of God.

November 7th and 8th — “Sola Gratia – Grace Alone”. Week two zeroes in on the fact that our salvation is an unearned gift from God rather than the result of human merit or good works. Humanity is redeemed solely through divine mercy and unconditional love of God.

November 14th and 15th — “Sola Fide – Faith Alone”. Week three focuses on the fact that we are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ rather than through good works.

November 21st and 22nd — “Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone”. Our final week celebrates the Holy Scriptures (the Bible) as the absolute authority in the Christian Church. Although tradition, doctrine and excellent theological writings may help us understand Scripture, those writings must never supersede the Bible.

November 28th and 29th — Advent Begins! The four-week season of Advent begins this weekend. Each week, we will follow the lectionary scripture recommendations for our preaching. The preacher for the week will choose from four different texts for their focus. For this first week, the texts are Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13:24-37.

Special Offering for November

The November Special Offiing is designated for LWR Quilters Postage. The women of the church lead us in the quilt ministry every year by assembling 500+ quilts, about 150 layettes, and 40 health kits. These resources are then sent to places and people in need — for example, third world countries as well as disaster areas in the United States. Overseas shipping is expensive and quilt weight can add up. It takes about \$2,000 in postage to ship the goods that the HGLC ladies have put together. Please share in the joy of helping others by supporting the special offering this month. Use the small brown envelope in church or mark your gift with “LWR.” Thank you for giving 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.

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.

Holy Communion This Month

Communion will be served during the services on:

November 7th and 8th

November 21st and 22nd

Wednesday, November 25th at both the 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services.

The HG office will be closed November 26. Happy Thanksgiving!

8 — GRACED: Connect in a Study or Small Group

Cancer Support Group — “Stronger Together”

Find social and emotional support with our group which is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer encouragement, support, devotions, discussions, prayer, and fellowship to cancer patients and survivors as well as caregivers and family members. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 11th**. 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!

November Game Night

Due to Thanksgiving, Game Night will be held on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Join us in the **Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.**

Band of Brothers

The Band of Brothers will meet on **Tuesday, November 10, 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 at 830-997-2288 or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349.

All men are welcome!

Ladies’ Lunch Study

Our group is currently studying: ***See For Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy*** by Kelly Needham. This month we will meet **on November 4th and 18th from 11:45 am to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room**. Please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

Men’s Group — “Iron Sharpens Iron”

Iron sharpens Iron Men’s Group **combines November/December meetings** (due to holidays) and **meets Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Omega Room**.

HolyMark Cardmakers

There will NOT be a HolyMark Cardmakers meeting in November or December.

9 — GRACED: Engage in Service

Community News • GRACED: Dedicate Self to the Tithe and Beyond

Feeding John

The **Feeding John** meal distribution for November will be the 3rd Sunday, **November 15, 2026**. If you would be able to deliver a meal to one of those we serve, please contact LeAnn Segner at 830-997-3705 or the church office at 830-997-2288. Thank you to all who have been and are willing to serve.

Pastor Alan Williams’ Christopher Comet Series Continues!

Alan Williams has a second book in the Christopher Comet series entitled, ***Voyages of the Star Treader***. The spaceship is called the Star Treader, which has a crew of fourteen. The crew has a five-year galaxy-policing mission, which is completed with many challenges along the way and costs some lives. The crew are from five different planets and take their religious faith seriously as they call on God to help them. It is available on Kindle or print on Amazon.

Kindernest Is Hiring!

We are looking for the following positions:

- Lead teacher 18 months–2year classroom
- Floater — all ages
- Substitutes — all ages

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

LCMC National Gathering

Due to some family health issues, Pastor Steve could not attend the 2026 LCMC national gathering in West Des Moines, Iowa (Oct. 4th through the 7th) but he was able to watch almost all of it online. The keynote speakers were inspirational and informative; the times of worship were vibrant and the short business meeting (mainly the adoption of a budget and the election of some officers) was both brief and focused on mission!

Veterans Day — November 11th

Financials

Financial figures were not available in the extracted PDF text. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the church office at 830-97-2288.

10 — Calendar

The original calendar was not available in the extracted PDF text. The calendar is available on the website.

11 — November Ministry Schedule

Reconstruction note: The PDF extraction merged several schedule columns. Dates, times, and recovered assignment text are retained without guessing uncertain column assignments. Check against the original PDF before using this schedule.

Original headings: Date; Time; Council Members; Disciple Teams; Readers; Communion Assistants; Video Techs Recorders; Radio Broadcast Volunteers; Sound Board.

Date and Time	Recovered Assignment Text
Nov. 1 — 8:00am	Alice Segner; Paul & Nancy Lochte; Pastor; Linda Adams; Ronnie Ersch; Nicole Robertson; Davis, Jessica Lochte
Nov. 1 — 11:00am	Kim Gibbs; Deborah Johnson, Susan West; Pastor; Linda Adams; Nicole Robertson; Karen Lochte, Kael Watson
Nov. 7 — 6:00pm	Rhonda Martin; Lisa Kaman, Sammie Knopp; Pastor; Kay Melcer, Deborah Luedecke; Kimberly Bauer; Nicole Robertson; Shirley Nielson, Karen Immel; Pew: Frank & Carol Stead
Nov. 8 — 8:00am	Nancy Lochte; Debbie Klaehn; Gil Becker; Steve Krueger, Pam Ransleben; Julie Nelson; Chris Bauer; Nicole Robertson; Bekah, Tyler, Walker, Bowen Chew; Pew: Jason Bonn, Patty Feller
Nov. 8 — 11:00am	Tudy Tritch; Patti Feller, Sondra Sultemeier; Jarett Ersch; Kathy Boos, Sue Gustin; Linda Adams; Nicole Robertson; Karen Lochte, Kael Watson; Pew: Lynn Roy, Aimee Ransleben
Nov. 14 — 6:00pm	Alice Segner; Karen Immel, Glenda Mott; Polly Zenner; Johnna Alberthal; Nicole Robertson; Yvonne Fox, Laverne Boos
Nov. 15 — 8:00am	Nancy Lochte; Debbie Klaehn, Genevieve McCaffrey; Pastor; Megan Blizzard; Carey Bonn; Nicole Robertson; Chris & Leah Strackbein

Nov. 15 — 11:00am	Tudy Tritch; Christie, Malin, Kirsten Heike; Pastor; Paul Seidensticker; Nicole Robertson; Carolyn Weidenfeller
Nov. 21 — 6:00pm	Alice Segner; Lisa Kaman, Sammie Knopp; Pastor; Don & Glenna Hartman, Stephen Bauer; Kimberly Bauer; Nicole Robertson; Patti Feller, Laverne Boos; Pew: Don & Donna Reinke
Nov. 22 — 8:00am	Doyle Moellering; Debbie Klaehn, Laura Lundquist; Pastor; Steve Krueger, Susan McMahon; Julie Nelson; Paul Unger; Nicole Robertson; Chris & Leah Strackbein; Pew: Dan & Sherry Gallini
Nov. 22 — 11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller; Christie, Malin, Kirsten Heike; Pastor; Paul & Betty Seidensticker; Linda Adams; Nicole Robertson; Steven Ottmers; Pew: Ellis & Tudy Tritch
Nov. 25 — 11:00am	Alice Segner; Lisa Kaman, Sammie Knopp; Pastor; Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott, Corrine Jung; Sherry Keyser; Pew: TBD
Nov. 25 — 6:30pm	Valerie Bonn; Deborah Johnson, Patti Feller; Pastor; David & Lisa Bullion; Linda Adams; Nicole Robertson; Lester & Roxane Frantzen; Pew: Laverne Boos, Nick Haun
Nov. 28 — 6:00pm	Rhonda Martin; Glenda Mott, Yvonne Fox, Sharon Turek; Pastor; Linda Adams; Nicole Robertson; Frank & Carol Stead
Nov. 29 — 8:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller; Patrick & Stephanie Stahl; Pastor; Megan Blizzard; Paul Unger; Nicole Robertson; Paul & Nancy Lochte
Nov. 29 — 11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller; Patti Feller, Sondra Sultemeier; Pastor; Paul Seidensticker; Nicole Robertson; Gerald Shanks, Judy Vordenbaum

Scripture readers are needed! Please call the church office if you are interested. 830-997-2288.

Financial Report

Budget YTD Jan – Aug 2026	
YTD Income	\$768,805.57
YTD Expenses	-\$832,005.11
YTD Net Revenue	-\$63,199.54

Monthly Report - Unaudited August 2026		
GENERAL FUND		
Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	\$79,371.20
Interest	41602	\$126.00
Facilities Rental Income	41601	\$137.85
Miscellaneous Income	41603	\$0.00
Expenses		-\$97,883.64
Net Monthly Income		-\$18,248.59
YTD Receipts less expenses		-\$63,199.54
<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>		
NALC Disaster Response		\$2,307.50
		\$2,307.50
<u>Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund</u>		
CCF Contributions		\$12,595.00
Interest Income		\$2,176.51
Loan Principal - Scheduled		-\$6,697.01
Loan Principal - Additional		-\$10,000.00
Interest Expense		-\$12,791.15
CCF Net Income (Month):		-\$14,716.65

12–13 — Kids & Youth News

Reconstruction note: The Kids & Youth News content from original pages 12–13 was not available in the extracted PDF text. The content is available on the website.

14 — Kinderneest

Happy Fall to our HGLC family!

I can’t believe how fast we are flying through our school year! We welcome the beautiful fall colors, amazing cool crisp air, and are looking forward to a season of comfort and warmth.

I would like to thank everyone that purchased plates, donated, and volunteered their time and energy to our Chicken BBQ fundraiser at the end of September. We are always so blessed to have our community show up for us. Special thanks to Seth Moellering, David Bristol, Craig & Kay Steinbring, Sophie Lochte, and Gretchen Smith for managing, donating, cooking, and baking the food for our fundraiser, you all are always so generous! We also want to send out a big “THANK YOU!” to the anonymous HGLC donor that purchased our chicken for us! Wow! All of us at Kinderneest are truly touched by your generosity and support!

Wishing you all a warm, cozy, and blessed Fall season!

In His Service,
Annisa Alonzo

15 — Church Contact Directory

The Spirit is the official news publication of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Texas, which is wholly responsible for its content.

Ministers and Staff

- The Ministers, the Congregation
- David Priem, Pastor
- Steve Qualben, Pastor
- Tobias Heike, Pastor
- Clint Pluenneke, Pastor
- Daniel Hofmann, Minister of Children & Young Families
- John LaRocque, Youth Minister

- Shanese Lochte, Office Manager
- Blake Neffendorf, Office Assistant
- Kandice Wadsworth, Office Assistant
- Myrna Olivarez, Office Assistant
- Jennifer Easterwood, Finance Secretary
- Pastor Alan Williams, Visitation Minister Coach
- Pastor Jan Unger, Visitation Minister
- Tudy Tritch, Ministry Facilitator
- Annisa Alonzo, Kinderneest Preschool Director
- Karen Henricksen, Kinderneest Finance Secretary
- Jim Parker, Maintenance Technician
- Chris Janik, Maintenance Technician
- Carol Brinkmann, Fellowship Hall Supervisor
- Pamela Meyer, Wedding Director

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Cemetery Team — Susan Stroeher — 830-456-3143
Christmas Day Dinner — Denise Usener — 830-456-1742
Feeding John — LeAnn Segner — 830-456-3705
Float Team — vacant
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Choirs

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