The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

November 2026

Being & Making Disciples

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



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!

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!

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



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.**



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.

October 26 (continued)

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 Kindernest, 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.

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!

AVERAGE WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE AT A GLANCE

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
2026 In Person:	327	2026 In Person:	330	2026 In Person:	424	2026 In Person:	480
2026 On-line Views:	319	2026 On-line Views:	396	2026 On-line Views:	338	2026 On-line Views:	416
2025 In Person:	427	2025 In Person:	313	2025 In Person:	343	2025 In Person:	471
2025 On-line Views:	463	2025 On-line Views:	363	2025 On-line Views:	317	2025 On-line Views:	385
MAY		**JUNE**		**JULY**		**AUGUST**	
2026 In Person:	381	2026 In Person:	322	2026 In Person:	301	2026 In Person:	391
2026 On-line Views:	422	2026 On-line Views:	290	2026 On-line Views:	229	2026 On-line Views:	237
2025 In Person:	318	2025 In Person:	306	2025 In Person:	298	2025 In Person:	364
2025 On-line Views:	279	2025 On-line Views:	285	2025 On-line Views:	326	2025 On-line Views:	261
SEPTEMBER							
2026 In Person:	382						
2026 On-line Views:	294						
2025 In Person:	356						
2025 On-line Views:	301						

October attendance will be posted next month.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER			
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		
CIRCLES	**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



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.

GRACED – GO to God in Prayer

(Pastoral Acts & Prayer Requests/HG Family Celebrations)

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

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 4	
Knopp Assisted Living	9:30 a.m.
Knopp #2 NH	10:30 a.m.
FIRST THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 5	
Heritage Place	9:30 a.m.
Enchanted Rock NH	10:30 a.m.
SECOND WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 11	
Villages of Windcrest	9:30 a.m.
Fredericksburg NH	10:30 a.m.
SECOND THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 12	
Knopp Retirement Center	9:30 a.m.
Knopp #1 NH	10:30 a.m.

CELEBRATIONS!



Nan Hengst	11-10-1933
Irene Grosenbacher	11-16-1932
Betty Olfers	11-21-1932
Dorothy Basse	11-28-1930

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



Allen & Wynell Herbort	11-19-1971
Allen & Marsha Henke	11-30-1968

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

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.

***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.

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!

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	

Messages in November

New Sermon Series 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.

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.



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.

Special Offering for November

The November Special Offiering 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.

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.

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

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.

HolyMark Cardmakers

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

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**.

SMALL GROUPS
HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN

Feeding John

The **Feeding John** meal distribution for November will 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.



Veterans Day
November 11th

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.

GRACED – DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

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**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
NALC Disaster Response		$2,307.50
		$2,307.50
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund		
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

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!

Holy Ghost Church

Nov 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Weekend 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship 12pm - Confirmation: Lord's 2pm - Der Stadt Friedhof	2 Newsletter News Due 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	3 LWR In-Gathering 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis	4 Stewardship Team Mtg. 11:45am - Ladies Lunch Study 4pm - After School Club 5:30pm - MS Youth Group 5:30pm - Widow's Might 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	5 7am - Men's Community Bible	6	7 6pm - Worship/Comm
8 Operation Christmas Child WOF Thankoffering Services 8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship/Comm	9 Store Out - 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6pm - Evening Guild 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	10 9am - Band of Brothers 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 6pm - Women's Evening Bible	11 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Caregiver's Support 4pm - After School Club 5:30pm - Cancer Group Mtg. 5:30pm - MS Youth Group 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	12 7am - Men's Community Bible 9:30am - Lydia Circle 1pm - Kath. Luther Circle 6pm - 2027 Budget Preview	13 6:30pm - Friday Night Live	14 6pm - Worship/Comm
15 Feeding John 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship	16 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6pm - Men In Mission 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	17 Print Newsletter 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 7pm - Lay Comm. Visitors.	18 Assemble Newsletters-Mail 11:45am - Ladies Lunch Study 4pm - After School Club 5:30pm - God Squad Small 5:30pm - MS Youth Group 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	19 7am - Men's Community Bible 5:15pm - Investment Team	20 5pm - First Holy Comm. 6pm - Youth: Friendsgiving:	21 6pm - Worship/Comm
22 8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship/Comm	23 9am - LWR Quilters 12pm - Alan William's Small 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6pm - Church Council 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	24 9am - LWR Quilters 10am - Sue Quatin: Small 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis	25 11am - Thanksgiving Eve 5pm - God Squad Small Group 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	26 Office Closed	27	28 6pm - Worship/Comm
29 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am -	30 Newsletter News Due 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	1 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 7pm - Iron Sharpens Iron Mens	2 11am - Ladies Lunch Study 4pm - After School Club 5:30pm - MS Youth Group 5:30pm - Widow's Might 5:45pm - Grace Notes 6:30pm - Youth Dinner 7pm - Sanctuary Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	3 7am - Men's Community Bible 6pm - Game Night: Alpha Rm 6pm - Kindernest Christmas	4 Christmas Parade 4pm - Nativity Display	5 1pm - German Advent 1:30pm - Nativity Display 6pm - Worship (FH)

NOVEMBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Nov. 1	8:00am	Alice Segner	Paul & Nancy Lochte Davis, Jessica Lochte	Pastor		Linda Adams	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Nov. 1	11:00am	Kim Gibbs	Deborah Johnson, Susan West Karen Lochte, Kael Watson	Pastor		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 7	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Lisa Kaman, Sammie Knopp Shirley Nielson, Karen Immel	Pastor	Kay Melcer, Deborah Luedecke Pew: Frank & Carol Stead	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 8	8:00am	Nancy Lochte	Debbie Klaehn Bekah, Tyler, Walker, Bowen Chew	Gil Becker	Steve Krueger, Pam Ransleben Pew: Jason Bonn, Patty Feller	Julie Nelson	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Nov. 8	11:00am	Tudy Tritch	Patti Feller, Sondra Sultemeier Karen Lochte, Kael Watson	Jarett Ersch	Kathy Boos, Sue Gustin Pew: Lynn Roy, Aimee Ransleben	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 14	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Karen Immel, Glenda Mott Yvonne Fox, Laverne Boos	Polly Zenner		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 15	8:00am	Nancy Lochte	Debbie Klaehn, Genevieve McCaffrey Chris & Leah Strackbein	Pastor		Megan Blizzard	Carey Bonn	Nicole Robertson
Nov. 15	11:00am	Tudy Tritch	Christie, Malin, Kirsten Heike Carolyn Weidenfeller	Pastor		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 21	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Lisa Kaman, Sammie Knopp Patti Feller, Laverne Boos	Pastor	Don & Glenna Hartman, Stephen Bauer Pew: Don & Donna Reinke	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 22	8:00am	Doyle Moellering	Debbie Klaehn, Laura Lundquist Chris & Leah Strackbein	Pastor	Steve Krueger, Susan McMahon Pew: Dan & Sherry Gallini	Julie Nelson	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Nov. 22	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Christie, Malin, Kirsten Heike Steven Ottmers	Pastor	Paul & Betty Seidensticker Pew: Ellis & Tudy Tritch	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 25	11:00am	Alice Segner	Lisa Kaman, Sammie Knopp Sherry Keyser	Pastor	Yvonne Fox, Glenda Mott, Corrine Jung Pew: TBD			
Nov. 25	6:30pm	Valerie Bonn	Deborah Johnson, Patti Feller Lester & Roxane Frantzen	Pastor	David & Lisa Bullion Pew: Laverne Boos, Nick Haun	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Nov. 28	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Glenda Mott, Yvonne Fox, Sharon Turek Frank & Carol Stead	Pastor		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Nov 29	8:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Patrick & Stephanie Stahl Paul & Nancy Lochte	Pastor		Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Nov 29	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Patti Feller, Sondra Sultemeier Gerald Shanks, Judy Vordenbaum	Pastor		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson

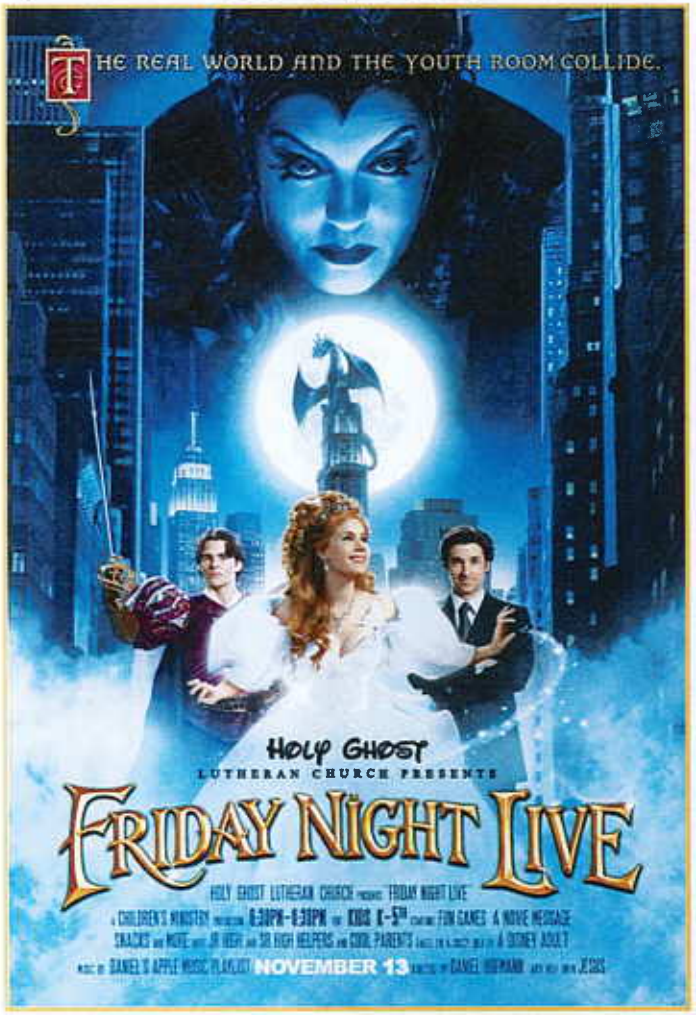
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Acolyte	Blair Marschall	Freddie Zenner Konrad Ransleben	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Zayne Schneider Jaron Ellebracht Konrad Ransleben	Blair Marschall
Greeting	Blair Marschall	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Zayne Schneider	Blair Marschall
Altar Guild		Need Volunteer			Emerlee Easterwood	
	Nov 15 @ 8am	Nov 15 @ 11am	Nov 21 @ 6pm	Nov 22 @ 8am	Nov 22 @ 11am	Nov 25 @ 6:30pm
Acolyte	Need Volunteer	Henry Cornett Jaron Ellebracht	Need Volunteer	Konrad Ransleben	Zayne Schneider Henry Cornett	Need Volunteer
Greeting	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Zayne Schneider	Need Volunteer
Altar Guild		Need Volunteer			Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Breakf Bar	Need Volunteer			Need Volunteer		
	Nov 28 @ 6 pm	Nov 29 @ 8am	Nov 29 @ 11am			
Acolyte	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Faith Thompson			
Greeting	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer			
Altar Guild			Need Volunteer			
Breakf Bar		Need Volunteer				

CONFIRMATION

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

NOVEMBER 2026

CHILDREN+FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



SUMMER 2027 DATES



*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THE GOSPEL PROJECT EVERY SUNDAY

9:30AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM AFTER THE BREAKFAST BAR! IT'S OUR NEW PROGRAM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



BRING ITEMS ON NOVEMBER 8!

CAN WE REACH OUR GOAL OF 75 BOXES AND PIE DANIEL AND JOHN IN THE FACE?!

FIND IDEAS AT operationchristmaschild.com!

December Dates to Know

DEC 9: AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT @ 7PM

DEC 12: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE @ 10AM

DEC 13: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @ 11AM

BE & MAKE DISCIPLES!

November 2026

Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

Youth Ministry Happenings

September into October had a lot going on! We had our annual **Fields of Faith!** This is an event put on by all of the youth groups in the area. Some of our seniors share their faith story in front of their peers. We had almost 300 teens at Fields of Faith! One of our own, Lila Alderich, shared her faith story! (Way to go, Lila!)

We also had **See You at the Pole**. See You at the Pole is where students from all over the country gather in front of their school's flagpole to pray. The local youth pastors planned to be at every school to help support See You at the Pole! It was amazing to see so many students (and teachers) coming together to pray over their schools, country, peers, and leaders.

For Wednesday night W.I.L.D. Youth Group, we are beginning a series called "When God is Silent." As Christians, there are times when God is silent. We learned that silence doesn't mean abandonment, but it doesn't make it any easier when God is silent. We're learning how to have faith during those silent times.

Teens at See You at the Pole





Lila Alderich sharing her faith story at Fields of Faith

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 6:30 pm - 8 pm

November 20th: Friendsgiving ***register online***

December 16th: Christmas Party

January 30th-31st: DNOW Youth Conference

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 Kindernest are truly touched by your generosity and support!

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

In His Service,
Annisa Alonzo













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