The Spirit

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

December 2026

Being & Making Disciples

The Greatest Gift

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." — Isaiah 9:6

It's hard to believe that December is here. The clock is turning quickly. We have moved beyond Thanksgiving and are heading into the Christmas season. One of the things I love about Christmas is all of the lights. That could be due to the fact that the days are getting shorter, and there is more darkness at this time of the year. The lights help curb the darkness and gives a "glimmer" of hope that breaks through the gloom.

Christmas is much more than a season of lights, gifts, and celebrations. It is the reminder that God saw our greatest need and responded with His greatest gift, Jesus Christ. While the world was searching for hope, peace, and salvation, God sent His Son into a humble manger to bring light into the darkness.

The birth of Jesus demonstrates God's incredible love for humanity. He did not remain distant from our struggles but entered our world to walk among us, redeem us, and restore our relationship with Him. In the quietness of Bethlehem, God's promise became a reality.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us pause to reflect on the gift we have received in Christ. As John 1:4-5 shares, "*In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*" May our hearts be filled with gratitude, our homes with peace, and our lives with the joy that comes from knowing Him. The true meaning of Christmas is not found under a tree, but in the Savior who came to give us eternal life.

May we pause during this season to give thanks to God for sending Jesus, the greatest gift ever given. We ask God to help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas and to share our love with those around us. May our hearts be filled with peace, joy, and gratitude as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

A Christmas Blessing

May the wonder of Christ's birth fill your heart with hope, the peace of His presence strengthen your spirit, and the joy of His salvation remain with you throughout the Christmas season and the coming year. Merry Christmas! 🎄✨

Pastor David

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!**

Church to Church Walk

The annual Church to Church Walk will take place, **Thursday, December 17 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. The** walk will start at Zion Lutheran, continue to Bethany Lutheran, then to Holy Ghost Lutheran, and end at St. Mary's Catholic Church. At each stop there will be a brief devotion along with music provided by various choirs throughout the community. It is a great community event as we come together to celebrate our unity in Christ during this season leading up to Christmas.

SIGN UP to Serve/Deliver and/or Eat at the Christmas Day Dinner

Christmas dinner will follow the 10:00am worship service on Friday, December 25th in the Fellowship Hall. This homecooked meal is for anyone who would like to attend, is free, just like the gift of Jesus, and is especially for those who may find themselves without family for the holidays! Watch for sign up forms in the foyer or call the office at 830-997-2288.

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY December 17th.

Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 13, following the 11:00am worship service.** The main items of business are adoption of the 2027 Budget for the church, and election of council members to fill the spots of those going off. Other reports and updates will be shared as well.

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



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

Please check out the following information:

Worship Opportunities for the Holidays
See the back cover

Give a Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one
See page 3

Letter regarding 207 S Adams Opportunity
See page 14

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!



Holiday hours for the HG Office:
Christmas Eve: 9:00a.m. – noon
Christmas Day: Closed
New Year's Eve: 9:00a.m - noon
New Year's Day: Closed

May your holidays be blessed as you celebrate the greatest gift of all-- our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

COUNCIL NOTES

Notes from the November 23rd meeting will be posted in the January newsletter.

POINSETTIAS to be used in decorating the church for the Christmas season are now available for purchase through the church office.



Cost for each poinsettia: **$13.00**
(Deadline is **December 14th**)

Given in honor of

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Given in memory of

_____

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00am worship on Christmas Day, after the weekend services, or at the office the following week. In lieu of actually buying a poinsettia, you may donate the price of a poinsettia as a gift to the Capital Campaign Fund in honor or memory of someone.

For more information, contact the church office at 830.997.2288.

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		**OCTOBER**					
2026 In Person:	382	2026 In Person:	369				
2026 On-line Views:	294	2026 On-line Views:	297				
2025 In Person:	356	2025 In Person:	395				
2025 On-line Views:	301	2025 On-line Views:	294				

November attendance will appear in next month's newsletter.

LWR COLLECTION – We had a great troop of men and women to help load the U-Haul for the LWR Collection. Holy Ghost members sent 550 quilts, 182 personal care kits, 61 baby care kits and 4 school bags. The total shipped was 1,462 quilts, 384 personal care kits, 249 school care kits, 86 baby care kits and 15 fabric kits – a total of 370 boxes! Our troopers were Kenneth and Barbara Sagebiel, Mark Gibbs, Pastor Steve, Pastor Tobias, Pastor David, Blaine Phelps, Chris Janik, Joyce Priem, Helen Scroggs, Sue Gustin and Ola Mae Pehl. **A JOB WELL DONE!!!**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Kenneth and Barbara Sagebiel for providing the U-Haul and Kenneth and Blaine delivering the load to Marian.

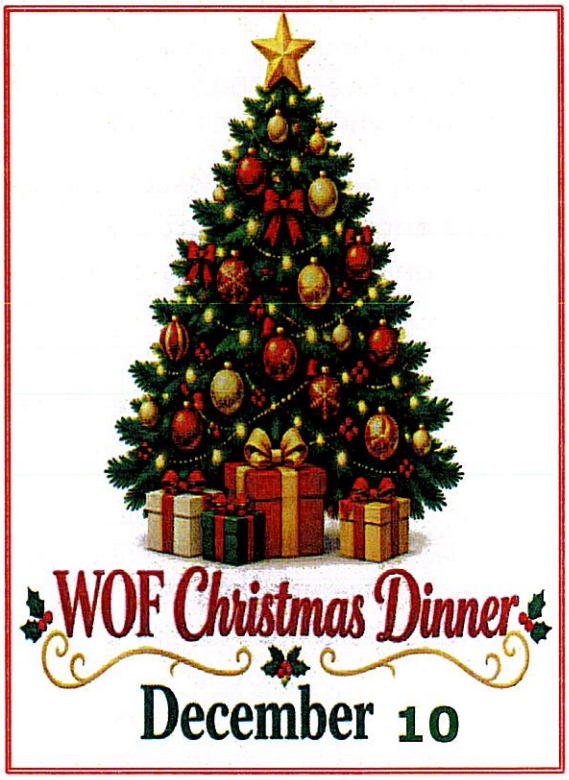
WOMEN'S THANKOFFERING SERVICES – Sincere thanks to all the ladies who participated with the services.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS – The Women of Faith will make Christmas baskets again and will be sold December 12th and 13th after the church services.

WOMEN OF FAITH LEADERS

Circles	January
Evening Guild	TBD
Lydia Circle	TBD
Katherine Luther	TBD

ALTAR GUILD	
December	
Virginia Feuge	Cheryl Sione
Kristen Crenwelge	Laura Lundquist
Valerie Bonn	Kay Steinbring
Julia Standish	**Robes: Karen Grona**
January	
Debbie Phelps	Lisa Olfers
Sandra Poole	Sherry Durst
Suzana Renteria	Kim Terry
Robes: Joan Bonn	



ALTAR FLOWERS REMINDER for DECEMBER



Dec. 5/6	Jim & Sondra Henke
Dec. 12/13	Ola Mae Pehl
Dec. 19/20	Greg & Karen Henricksen
Dec. 26/27	Sammie Knopp & Lisa Kaman

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:

Clinton Feuge
Debbie Loth
Logan Loth

Hospice List:

Emma Hirschfield
Roger Spencer

Sympathies to the family of:

Nan Hengst



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.



NOVEMBER PASTORAL ACTS:

Baptisms:

11.15.26 Cooper Cameron Shull

Funerals:

11.7.26 Christi Wendt

NURSING HOME COMMUNION IN DECEMBER

First Week – Bethany; Second Week - HG

FIRST WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 2

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

FIRST THURSDAY: DECEMBER 3

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 9

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

SECOND THURSDAY: DECEMBER 10

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

CELEBRATIONS!



Emmie Burrer 12/29/1934



Fred & Judy Nardini	12/15/1962
Dennis & Linda Ellebracht	12/20/1969
Marshall & Debbie Akin	12/21/1968
James & Ruth Welgehausen	12/30/1955

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

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 leading a class for adults that corresponds with the sermon series on Advent. Join us in the Alpha room of the Fellowship Hall. Class begins at 9:30am.

Sage Class

Norm Nevins is leading the Sage Class in a study called, "Power to the People: Powerful Living for a Powerless People." 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.*

Women's Evening Bible Study

The Women's Evening Bible Study is studying *The Sermon on the Mount* by Jen Wilkins. We meet every other Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Spirit Haus. Upcoming meeting dates are:

December 1	January 12
December 15	January 26
December 29	February 9

For more information call or text Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.

NEW!

A new 4-week Advent study for women will begin November 30 at 6pm in the southwest corner of the Omega Room. The study is called, The Marvel and Miracle of Advent, by Christine Caine and Lisa Harper.
Details and the book can be found at this link: https://a.co/d/00rUolaH
Contact Tiffany Nielson at 830-889-2650 for more information. (Texts are responded to more quickly.)

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 winter 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.

From the R Team - Read your Bible daily! While the upcoming holidays are supposed to be joyous - after all, we are celebrating the birth of our Savior - for some people they can be not as joyous. This can be for any of a number of reasons. Getting down in the dumps is part of being human, no matter what the season. If this is you, please consider the following verses in the Bible when you're feeling a bit blue.

Psalm 34:17-18	2 Corinthians 7:6	Isaiah 41:10	Matthew 11:28
Jeremiah 29:11	Psalm 143:7-8	Proverbs 12:25	2 Timothy 1:7
Revelation 21:4	John 10:10	Deuteronomy 31:8	Romans 8:38-39
1 Peter 5:6-7			

Messages in December

Join us in December as we continue our Advent messages.

December 5th and 6th Advent continues with Mark 1:1-8 with John the Baptist preparing the way by calling people to repent of their sins and turn their lives around, to be ready for Jesus' coming.

December 12th and 13th John 1:6-8, 19-28 shares more about the work of John pointing us to the one who is the Light of the World that shines in the darkness of our world, to bring light and hope and peace.

December 19th and 20th We hear the account of the Announcement of Jesus' birth as Mary encounters the angel Gabriel with that news.

December 24th We celebrate our Lord's birth with candlelight and communion

December 25th Today is Christmas Day as we remember Jesus Immanuel, God with us.

December 26th and 27th Luke 2:22-40 shares the blessing that was given and received as the infant Jesus was brought into the temple according to the law.

December 31st Please join us for a New Year's Eve service as we ring out the old and usher in the new!

Holy Communion this month:

There are several opportunities to partake of Holy Communion in December.
They are as follows:



Saturday & Sunday, December 12th and 13th
Christmas Eve, December 24th, services at 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm
Christmas Day, December 25th, 10am
Saturday & Sunday, December 26th and 27th
New Year's Eve, December 31st, 6pm

Special Offering for December

December special offering is designated for Lutheran World Relief World Hunger and Misión de Candelilla Christmas gifts for our friends in northern Mexico. Offering will be evenly divided. Use the small brown pew envelopes or mark the memo line on your check. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve Qualben at 830-997-2288. 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
"STRONGER TOGETHER"

The Cancer Support Group is hosted by Holy Ghost Lutheran Church and is open to the community and surrounding areas. We meet for support, advice and prayers for cancer fighters, survivors and thrivers, caregivers and family. In lieu of our December meeting we will be gathering on Wednesday December 9th in the Fellowship Hall for our annual potluck Christmas Party. Please call Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 if you would like more information.

Band of Brothers
****ATTENTION****

The Band of Brothers will meet on **Wednesday, December 2, 2026, from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Note that we will be meeting on a different day this month. We will have our usual breakfast and a devotion, then we will assist the Fishers For Christ with setting up the Fellowship Hall for the Annual Nativity Set Display. Come and be a part of this great Christmas season event. For more information, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349.

Widow's Might

Widow's Might meets the **first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Alpha Room).**

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

Ladies' Lunch Study

We will meet on **December 2nd from 11:45 to 1:15 in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room** to continue our study of: ***See For Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy*** by Kelly Needham. On **December 16th, we will meet at Noon offsite for our annual Christmas Luncheon**. All ladies are invited to join us. 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

HolyMark Cardmakers are enjoying Christmas preparations this month and taking a break from cardmaking! Mark your January calendar for **January 28th** (the 4th Thursday).

DECEMBER GAME NIGHT



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

Men's Group
"Iron Sharpens Iron"

Iron sharpens Iron Men's Group **will meet Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Omega Room.**

FEEDING JOHN

The Feeding John meal distribution for December will be **December 25.**

I encourage those who receive meals, if at all able, to come to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy Christmas Dinner with others**. Ask your family to join you in the Fellowship Hall too. The meals will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** If you are unable to join in at the Fellowship Hall, please know that your meals will be delivered. Watch for RSVP information, so that the appropriate amount of food can be prepared and that we have an adequate number of delivery drivers available.



The Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Board would like to thank the pastors, the glorious choir members and all that attended the dedication of the new pavilion, columbarium and area for reflection. You made the day very special!

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.

GRACED – DEDICATE Self to the Tithe and Beyond

DOLLARS & CENTS

Budget YTD Jan – Sept 2026	
YTD Income	$862,698.57
YTD Expenses	-$951,874.59
YTD Net Revenue	-$89,176.02



2026 Contributions

If you would like for your contributions to be recorded in 2026, please submit your offerings to the church office **by 4:00 pm on December 30**. Anything received after that will be posted for 2027 giving statements.

Monthly Report - Unaudited
September 2026

GENERAL FUND		
Monthly Income/Expense	GL Acct #	
Receipts - Weekly Offering	41501	$93,684.75
Interest	41602	$132.75
Facilities Rental Income	41601	$75.00
Miscellaneous Income	41603	$0.00
Expenses		-$119,869.48
Net Monthly Income		-$25,976.98
YTD Receipts less expenses		**-$89,176.02**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
Kindernest School - General		$2,060.00
		$2,060.00
Capital Campaign Fund-General Fund		
CCF Contributions		$19,660.00
Interest Income		$1,881.43
Loan Principal - Scheduled		-$6,819.91
Loan Principal - Additional		-$10,000.00
Interest Expense		-$12,668.22
CCF Net Income (Month):		-$7,946.70

Holy Ghost Church

Dec 2025 (Central Time - Chicago

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship/Praise	30 Newsletter News Due 10:30am - Kindernest Play Practice 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6pm - Advent Bible Study 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	1 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 6pm - Women's Evening Bible 7pm - Iron Sharpens Iron Mens	2 8am - Band of Brothers 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	3 7am - Men's Community Bible 6pm - Game Night: Alpha Rm 6pm - Kindernest - Church 6pm - Kindernest Christmas	4 Christmas Parade 4pm - Nativity Display	5 1:30pm - Nativity Display 2pm - German Advent 6pm - Worship (FH)
6 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9am - Nativity Display 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship	7 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6pm - Advent Bible Study 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	8 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis	9 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 - African Children's Choir 7pm - WILD Youth Group	10 7am - Men's Community Bible 9:30am - Lydia Circle 1pm - Kath. Luther Circle 5:15pm - Investment Team	11	12 10am - Christmas Program 6pm - Worship/Comm
13 8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship/Comm/SS 12pm - Bi-Annual	14 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6pm - Advent Bible Study 6pm - Evening Guild 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	15 Print Newsletter 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 6pm - Women's Evening Bible 7pm - Lay Comm. Visitors.	16 Assemble Newsletter/E-Mail Happy Birthday! 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	17 7am - Men's Community Bible 6pm - Church-to-Church Walk	18 6:30pm - Friday Night Live	19 6pm - Worship
20 8am - Worship 8:30am - Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship	21 9am - LWR Quilters 1pm - HG Quilters 6pm - Advent Bible Study 6pm - Church Council 6pm - Men In Mission 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	22 9am - LWR Quilters 10am - Sue Gustin: Small 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis	23 5pm - God Squad Small Group 5:45pm - Grace Notes 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	24 7am - Men's Community Bible 12pm - Offices Closes @ Noon 3pm - Christmas Eve 5pm - Christmas Eve 7pm - Christmas Eve	25 10am - Christmas 10:30am - Christmas Dinner	26 6pm - Worship/Comm
27 8am - Worship/Comm 8:30am - No Breakfast Bar 9:30am - Sunday School/No 10am - Worship: KNAF 11am - Worship/Comm 11am -	28 9am - LWR Quilters 12pm - Alan William's Small 1pm - HG Quilters 4pm - Youth Choir: Basement 6:30pm - HS Youth Bible Study	29 9am - LWR Quilters 9:55am - KNEST Devo. 1pm - HG Quilters 5:30pm - Book of Genesis 6pm - Women's Evening Bible	30	31 7am - Men's Community Bible 12pm - Office Closes @ Noon 6pm - New Year's Eve	1 Office Closed	2 6pm - Worship

DECEMBER MINISTRY

Date	Time	Council Members	Disciple Teams	Readers	Communion Assistants	Video Techs	Radio Broadcast Recorders	Sound Board Volunteers
Dec. 5	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Verde Pezzaro, Ola Mae Pehl Chris & Suzanne Turer	Pastor		Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 6	8:00am	Alice Segner	Mandy Herber, Julie Nelson Chris & Leah Strackbein	Pastor		Megan Blizzard	Ronnie Ersch	Nicole Robertson
Dec. 6	11:00am	Kim Gibbs	Brenda Beatty, Don Adams Kay Pressler, Dawn Barron	Jarett Ersch		Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 12	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Patti Feller, Polly Zenner Don & Donna Reinke	Pastor	Lisa Kaman, Nick Haun, Debbie Klaehn Pew: Jim & Kathy Paige	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 13	8:00am	Ricky Priess	Mandy Herber, Kay Pressler Chris & Leah Strackbein	Pastor	Julie Nelson, Janie Guynes Pew: Doyle & Stacey Moellering	Julie Nelson	Chris Bauer	Nicole Robertson
Dec. 13	11:00am	Tudy Tritch	Carlynn King, Brenda Beatty Helen Scroggs, Shirley Preece	Sue Gustin	Sherry Keyser, Cathy Itz Pew: Rodney & Sharon Kott	Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 19	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Kay Pressler, Karen Immel Jarrett Ersch, Sharon Turek	Pastor		Johnna Alberthal		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 20	8:00am	Valerie Bonn	Mandy Herber, Mark Moellering Don & Linda Adams	Pastor		Megan Blizzard	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Dec. 20	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Carlynn King, Brenda Beatty Helen Scroggs, Shirley Preece	Pastor		Paul Seidensticker		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 24	3:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Don Adams, Scott Adams Michael & Sherrie Maurer		Clayton & Barbara Grona, Wynell Herbort Pew: Rodney & Sharon Kott	Linda Adams		Nicole Robinson
Dec. 24	5:00pm	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Chad & Amber Zenner Jarrett Ersch, Sandy Birdlebough		Ted & Rhonda Simpson, Janie Guynes Pew: Lisa Kaman, Debbie Klaehn	Megan Blizzard		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 24	7:00pm	TBD	Don & Glenna Hartman Don & Donna Reinke		Nick Haun, Deborah Johnson Pew: Corrine Jung, Sue Gustin	Kimberly Bauer		Nicole Robinson
Dec. 25	10:00am	Alice Segner	Don Adams, Annette Qualben Don & Donna Reinke		Edward Stroeher	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 26	6:00pm	Rhonda Martin	Patti Feller, Polly Zenner Kathy Paige, Karen Immel	Pastor	Debbie Klaehn, Mark & Susan Stroeher Pew: Sandy Platfoot, Emmie Burrer	Linda Adams		Nicole Robertson
Dec. 27	8:00am	Ricky Priess	Mark Moellering, Warren Setnan Don & Glenna Hartman	Pastor	Todd & Lasca Weiss Pew: Joan Bonn, Gil Becker	Julie Nelson	Paul Unger	Nicole Robertson
Dec. 27	11:00am	Carolyn Weidenfeller	Brenda Beatty, Don Adams Mike & Sandy Birdlebough	Jarett Ersch	Mike & Sandy Birdlebough Pew: Deborah Johnson, Brian Moellering	Linda Adams		Nicole Robinson
Dec. 31	6:00pm	Alice Segner	Julia Standish Chris & Leah Strackbein		Deborah Johnson	Linda Adams		Nicole Robinson

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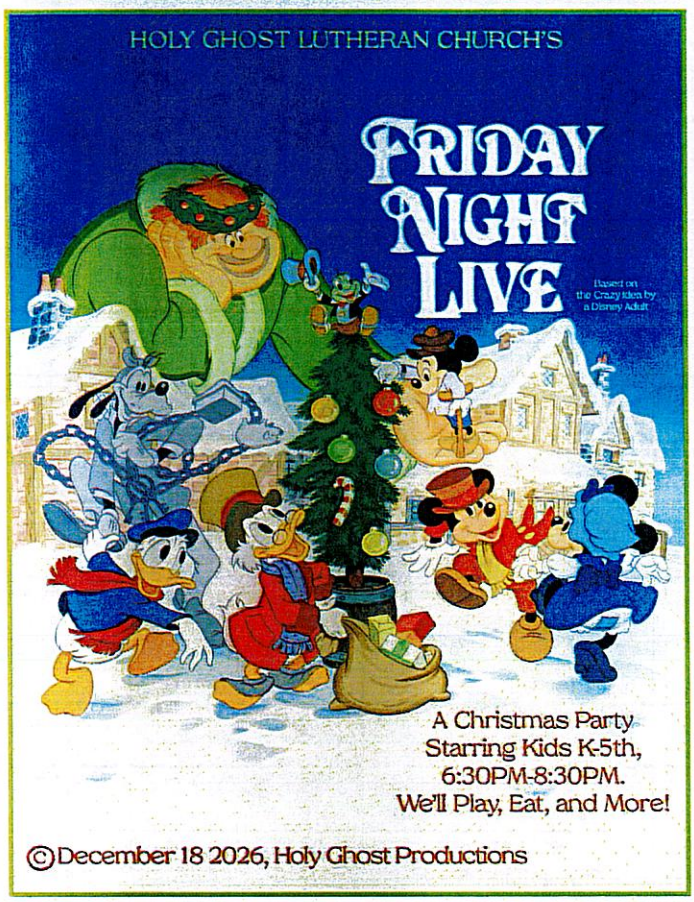
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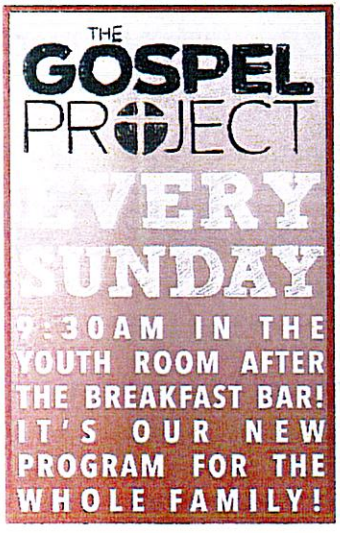
CHILDREN+FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

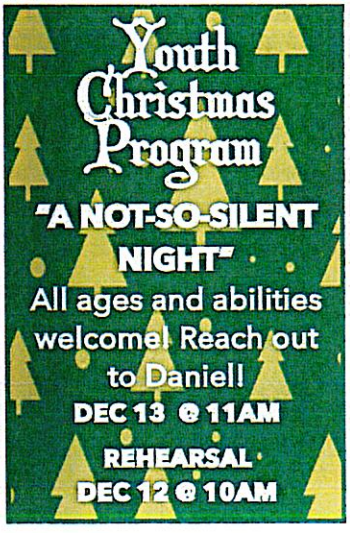














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December 2026

Youth News

Latest youth news and updates

Youth Ministry Happenings

October into November, we had a Trilogy Day, where we watched Star Wars: Episodes 4, 5, and 6! We learned about many miracles of Jesus through the Gospel Project. During our Wednesday Youth Group programming, we talked about why God may be silent at times.

Our local youth pastors have been meeting and planning to have a city-wide youth conference called Discipleship Now (D-Now for short). We're super excited to bring this experience to all our youth in the city!

For Wednesday night W.I.L.D. Youth Group, we are going through a series titled "Red Letters." This series will follow the words of Jesus and bring out truths that culture would say aren't relevant today.

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Our high school group playing a game at Youth Group!

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: D-NOW Youth Conference

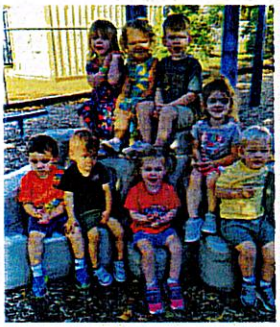
Happy Christmas season to our HGLC community! I can't believe how fast this year has flown by! Christmas is such a fun time around our school, with all things festive, merry, & bright! Kindernest students are busy making fun crafts, enjoying themed days, and learning about Jesus' Birthday!

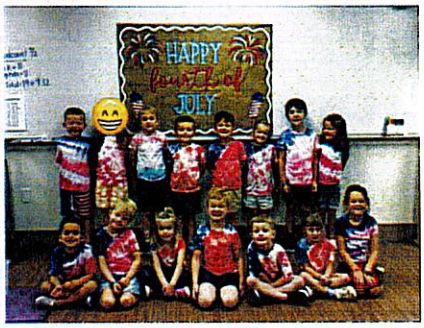
Kindernest Christmas program will be on Thursday December 3rd @6:30pm in the sanctuary. Join us as our 3yr Class & our Pre-k classes teach us about the true reason for the season through song! We are so excited for you to see what they've been working on!

Thank you to all that have supported our *Learning Grounds* coffee fundraiser! We have been sampling our product daily here at Kindernest and we can honestly say it's a great cup of coffee! If you're interested, you can purchase bags of whole or ground coffee for $20 suggested donation. All proceeds benefit Kindernest!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and we'll see you in 2027!

In His Service,
Annisa Alonzo







207 S Adams – Opportunity

Earlier this year, the owner of 207 S Adams approached the church about selling his property. Church Council formed a due-diligence committee to evaluate the merits of this acquisition. Simultaneously, church council started an internal financial review.

The due-diligence committee were tasked with; 1. evaluate the impact of this additional property on the master site plan and 2. access the current value of the property. Although there is not an immediate need, the master site plan showed this new property could fill several needs identified in phases two and three. In addition, there could be significant cost savings by eliminating future new construction and acceleration of some programming. To establish the current valuation, the due-diligence committee received a third-party appraisal which valued the property at $2.5M. The appraisal is available in the church office should anyone like to review. The due-diligence committee agreed with the fair market value provided in the appraisal.

After multiple conversations with the current owner of the property. The owner is willing to owner finance the transaction at favorable terms. However, the current asking price is $3.5M. The owner is basing his valuation on the recent sale of the former Golds barbershop building. The due-diligence committee does not support the owner's valuation and believes the asking price will approach the appraisal value in the future.

After church council reviewed the financial stability of the church, council does not see the ability to pursue this transaction within the existing budget cycle. Giving in 2026 is on par with the budget and paying down on the existing $2.5M of debt associated with phase one is the current focus. However, if there are any willing induvials or groups that would like to financially support this acquisition in the future, please contact Valerie Bonn or Steve Olfers. The opportunity of expanding our campus, is a way of paying it forward to future generations.

Regards,
Valerie

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given."
Isaiah 9:6a

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE HOIDAYS

We are blessed to celebrate the upcoming holidays with several opportunities to worship and give thanks to God. We encourage folks to come and join us for the holiday, and for our regular weekend services. Invite a family member, or a friend to come along as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

Nativity Display	**December 4 @ 4-9pm December 5 @ 1:30-8pm December 6 @ 9 am-1pm**	**Fellowship Hall**
German Advent Service	**December 5 @ 2:00pm**	**Church**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	**December 24 @ 3:00pm, 5:00pm 7:00pm**	**Church**
Christmas Day Worship	**December 25 @ 10:00am**	**Church**
Christmas Dinner (Open to the community)	**December 25 @ 10:30am – 1:00pm**	**Fellowship Hall**
New Year's Eve Service	**December 31 @ 6:00pm**	**Church**
Regular weekend services, Saturday @ 6pm, Sunday at 8am & 11:00am		