

Holly Grove Lutheran Church

February 2012

Celebrate Love!



GROWING TO SERVE!

The Holly Leaf



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

All you can eat Pancakes & Sausage

Milk & Coffee

\$5 per person

Proceeds to Church Health Team

Serving from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Please join us and bring your family & friends!

Hosted by CHICK

Connecting Hearts in Christ's Kingdom



**Ash Wednesday Service
Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday,
February 22 at 7:00PM**

Church Health Team 2012

"Loving Relationships"

Love one another

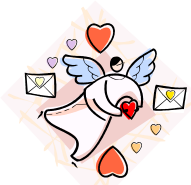
John 13.34:



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February 2012

9AM
Confirmation
Every
Sunday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Potluck 530PM Wednesday Word & Prayer at 6PM	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Weight Watchers Thursdays 530PM</div>	3	4
Choir Practice Wednesdays 7:00PM!						
5 915AM Sunday School 1030AM Worship Handbells 4PM	6 CHICK at Mockos 630PM	7 10AM Bible Studyô OC	8 Wednesday Word & Prayer 6PM	9 Directory Work Day 10-2	10	11
	Annual Meeting Sunday, February 12, 2012					
12 915AM Sunday School 1030AM Worship ANNUAL MEETING Directory Out	13 7PM Church Council	14 10AM Bible Study	15 1030AM Seniors @ Mt Tabor Wednesday Word & Prayer 6PM	16	17	18
19 915AM Sunday School Handbells 915 1030AM Worship Congregation Forum 2-4PM	20 630PM Agape Circle	21 10AM Bible Study Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 CHT 7PM	22 Ash Wednesday 7PM Service	23	24	25
26 915AM Sunday School 1030AM Worship	27 7PM LMiM	28 10AM Bible Study	29 Yep, it's a Leap Year! Lenten Meal & Worship			


Thank you for Serving!

February 2012 **Altar Guild** . Kim Troutman
Mothers Rose Garden . Micky Conrad in Honor of Carol Conrad
Basket Offering - Church Health Team

5 **Acolyte**- Abi Hearn **Assisting Minister** . Toni Chapman
Communion Assistant . Mary Davis
Ushers . Robin Beck, Herbert Frank, Donnie Parsons, Neil Clark
Altar Flowers- OPEN
Nursery Attendant- Debbie Parsons **Children's Chat** - Pastor John

12 **Acolyte**- Ty Heitman **Assisting Minister** . Carol Conrad
Ushers – Scott Black, Joe Davis, Harold Beck, Bob Troutman
Altar Flowers- Harold & Myra Beck & Family in Memory of Gilbert & Lola Russell
Nursery Attendant- Holly Curry **Children's Chat** – PJ

19 **Acolyte**- Caroline Black **Assisting Minister** . Kim Troutman
Communion Assistant . Bob Troutman
Ushers . Herbert Frank, Dan Smith, Dean Chapman, Rex Everhart
Altar Flowers- Wynn, Annette, Ethan in Honor of Claire's 10th Birthday
Nursery Attendant- Anna Lohr **Children's Chat** - Pastor John

22  **Ash Wednesday**
Acolyte – Sarah Grace Davis **Assisting Minister** – Toni Chapman
Communion Assistant . Rex Everhart
Ushers . Bob Troutman, Dean Chapman, Joe Davis, Herbert Frank

26 **Acolyte**- Jay Proctor **Assisting Minister** . Tracy Everhart
Ushers . Joe Davis, Michael Willson, Robin Beck, Neil Clark
Altar Flowers- Jane Brown & Family in Memory of Ira Dwain Milan
Nursery Attendant- Libby Carrick **Children's Chat** - Pastor John

Remember....if you are unable to serve, please find someone to take your place! Thank you!

I give you a new commandment, that you **love one another**.

Just as I have loved you, you also should **love one another**.

Dear friends in Christ,

We will experience the season of Lent this month and the next, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. The words of our liturgy that the pastor speaks on Ash Wednesday are a precious invitation into what we call the "discipline of Lent." We hear those words one time a year. The words of invitation spoken on Ash Wednesday are worth hearing more often! We would do well to meditate on them more than one day a year. We would benefit from thinking about them individually in advance of Ash Wednesday so that we could prepare ourselves well to engage in the "discipline of Lent." Although the invitation is given during the season of Lent, it is not intended to be restricted to the season of Lent. We would do well to apply the Lenten spiritual practices through all of our days. I offer to you the "Invitation to Lent" from our Ash Wednesday service. I invite you to take time to read it, meditate on it, pray with it, and let God speak to you through this biblically-sound wisdom of the Church. You might even want to print out the words and place them somewhere to help you in your walk with Christ and your daily devotions. Talk about them with family and friends, in your small groups and classes.

"Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent - self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love - strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection."

I affirm the *many* wonderful ministries of Holly Grove Lutheran that God inspires, and which you make possible by your giving of time, talent and treasure. As we build on our worship in word and sacrament, the precious gifts the Lord has given us, the good things we do for others in the name of Christ, and as we humbly turn to God through Jesus with the "discipline" of Lent, I fully expect the blessings of God to continue to be poured out upon us. The light of Christ, the light of the world, will shine brightly and accomplish God's gracious purposes in us, among us, and through us.

In the awesome love of God,

Pastor John

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at Mt Tabor. The centerpiece for the meeting was a beautiful potted Orchid arranged by James Tysinger. There were 22 members and friends present. Everyone enjoyed snacks and coffee.

Virginia White brought us up to date on the members who weren't able to be there.

Myra Beck was in charge of the program, but was not able to be there due to sickness. Virginia read some minutes from the first organizational meeting and told who the first officers were. The group was organized on January 16, 1979 and led by Glenn Conrad, President. She told about some of the different programs we have enjoyed during the years.

Members brought prizes for bingo. We played until everyone won at least one prize.

Pastor Sluder returned thanks and we enjoyed Daisy's vegetable beef soup, sandwiches, congealed salad, assorted pickles, peach pie and ice cream.

Seniors meet the third Wednesday of each month at Mt. Tabor.

Important dates in 2012

HGLC Annual Meeting—February 12, 2012

2011 Annual Reports & 2012 Member Directory presented

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—February 21, 2012

Hosted by CHICK

Ash Wednesday—February 22, 2012 Service at 7PM

Easter—April 8, 2012

The Backpacks of, Food for Hungry Kids Program, received a request from the Social Worker, asking if Holly Grove Lutheran Church, could supply an additional five Backpacks of food this school Year. Bringing the total monthly backpacks of food to Thirty.

Due to the continued down spiral fall of the local economy, the waiting list of kids needing food is overwhelming. We will feed as many as we can for as long as we can, till the money in the backpack ministry runs out.

No monies are taken from the General Offering to support the backpack program. It operates entirely on the generous contributions of congregational members. Thrivent and other local Companies.

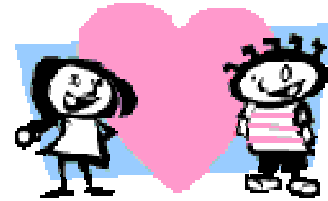
Thank you for all your Prayers, Support, Food and Money, to Provide Backpacks of food.

Barry Conrad

February 2012

Happy Birthday!

James Palmer	1
Joann Black	2
Meagan Carroll	2
Alex Queen	7
Karen Beck	8
Myra Beck	9
Herbert Frank	9
Carol Conrad	11
Kara Lohr	11
David Clark	13
Tina Hedrick	13
Claire Conrad	15
John Michael Fritts	17
Etta Lee Conrad	18
Taylor Gabriel	19
Chuck Smith	19
Michael Byerly	24
James Beck	25
Bonnie Hedrick	26
Tim Everhart	27
Jo Ann Turner	27



Happy Anniversary !

Chip & Ann Blower	26
Scott & Donna Parks	27

Fred Lohr Remember Our Shut-Ins

Effie Burkhart
Sue Anderson
Edna Conrad
Barbara Conrad
Larry Vaughn



All are listed in your directory. Please remember them with a call or a card.

Procedural change taking place at HGLC!

The church council has decided to change the way we count church offerings.

*There will be two people to count the offerings every Sunday:
Minnie Conrad and at least one other person from these five
people approved by the church council: Sherry Proctor, Kim Troutman,
Burnette Monteith, Jane Brown, Chip Blower and Bob Troutman.*

I give you a new commandment, that you *love one another*.

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John 13:34



Rules for HGLC Google Group.

*In addition to the rules posted by the Google Group service,
Holly Grove Lutheran Church provides this guidance for our Google Group.*

The Holly Grove Lutheran Church Google Group is to be used to:

1. Announce events that are of concern to the congregation - activities, births deaths, meetings, etc.
2. Post prayer concerns and prayers with the consent of the person identified in the prayer concern
3. Offer thanks and appreciation
4. Provide spiritually uplifting messages
5. Post Holly Leaf and Sunday bulletins
6. Post messages that build up members and the community of faith
7. Soliciting responses to or interest in congregational events or activities
8. Requests for help from members of the congregation

The Google Group will not be used to:

1. Criticize, attack or demean people or groups of people
2. Criticize ministries of the congregation
3. Post another person's private email without the person's consent
4. Political purposes
5. Promoting dissent
6. Any sexually suggestive material

Abusers of this policy will be banned from posting messages on the group.

January 10, 2012

Happy New Year! With Love and Peace to all!

3 things in life that once gone, never come back!

1) Time 2) Words 3) Opportunity

3 things in life that can destroy a person!

1) Anger 2) Pride 3) Unforgiveness

3 things in life that you should never lose!

1) Hope 2) Peace 3) Honesty

3 things in life that are most valuable!

1) Love 2) Family & Friends 3) Kindness

3 things in life that are never certain!

1) Fortune 2) Success 3) Dreams

3 things that make a person!

1) Commitment 2) Sincerity 3) Hard work

3 things that are truly constant!

1) Father 2) Son 3) Holy Spirit

Prayer:

I ask the Lord to bless you, as I pray for you today, to guide you and protect you, as you go along your way. God's love is always with you, God's promises are true. And when you give God all your cares, you know God will see you through....

from Chip Blower

Worship Workshop
Sunday, March 11—Lunch Provided

For

**Ushers, Acolytes,
Altar Guild,
Assisting Ministers,
Communion Assistants**

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School

1030AM Worship

Wednesdays

Wednesday Word & Prayer

6:00PM—6:45PM

1st Wednesday each month—Pot Luck at 5:30PM



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