



GROWING TO SERVE!

The Holly Leaf

Invite Worship
 Give
Study
 Encourage
Pray
 Serve

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Thrivent supports HGLC servant projects!

At the recent Thrivent Board Meeting, funds were awarded to three Holly Grove Lutheran Church projects.

Libby Carrick, secretary of Agape Friends Circle, made a presentation and the board approved the "Prayer Shawl workshop" as a fund-raiser and will match up to \$200 on what is raised for the project. Cindy Hartley, president of Agape Friends Circle, presented the Teen Parent Program Baby Shower. The board was receptive to the idea of helping again and awarded \$400 in support of the shower.

Barry Conrad presented the Backpack Program to the Thrivent Board and the program was awarded \$400 to help with the purchase of food for local school children.

Many thanks to Sharon Everhart for all her assistance in getting the paperwork completed. Sharon Everhart is our Thrivent representative and a Thrivent Board member.

Voting Members: Please attend our Annual Meeting, Sunday April 10 immediately following worship. Vote on 2010 Annual Reports.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 17
Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00PM
Good Friday Service at 7:00PM
Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 11AM
Lunch for the children will be provided
Easter Sunday
Easter Sunrise Service 7AM—Cemetery
weather permitting
830AM Breakfast
1030AM Worship

• **Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:**
www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org
• **April Basket Offering: Lutheran Services for Aging**
• **Newsletter Team**
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Pastor John Mocko, Editor
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Choir Prac-
tice
Wednesdays
7:30PM

April 2011

Weight Watchers
Thursdays 530PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship 9AM Un- binding 3P Worship & Music	4 930AM Office Com- plex Bible Study CHICK 7PM	5 7PM Stewardship	6 Lent 545 Meal 630 Worship	7 7PM Unbind- ing 7PM Mutual Ministry	8	9
10 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship 9AM Un- binding Annual Meeting	11 930AM Morning Bi- ble Study 7PM Coun- cil	12 7PM Church Health Team	13 Lent Meal 545PM Service 630PM	14 7PM Unbind- ing	15	16
17 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship PALM SUNDAY	18 930AM Morning Bi- ble Study 630PM	19	20 1030AM Seniors	21 MAUNDY THURS- DAY SERVICE 7PM	22 FH Hall re- served 10AM -3PM GOOD FRI- DAY	23 Easter Egg Hunt 11AM
24 EASTER 7AM Sunrise 830 Breakfast 1030 Worship	25 930AM Morning Bi- ble Study 7PM LMIM	26	27 AWE Meal 545PM Worship 630PM	28	29	30

Dear friends in Christ,

The heart of the work of those who believe in Christ is to make disciples. Look at Matthew 28:16-20.

Jesus said, "**Go.**" Those who trust in Christ are called to go out into the world. We hear these days about "couch potatoes," that is, those who devote themselves to a couch and the TV that is in front of it. Well, the people of God who are called to faith in Jesus Christ are not designed to be "pew potatoes," that is, those who sit passively in a pew. Jesus calls us to get up and go out of our churches with our faith in the One who comes to give us life and life abundant. So we go - in the power of Jesus and on his authority.

Jesus said, "**Make disciples.**" a disciple is one who follows the teacher. We follow Christ. We do what he does. We forgive the way he forgave. We show mercy and kindness the way Jesus did. We love as Jesus loved - without condition, without any strings attached. When God claimed us in baptism he gives us power to do the same things Jesus did. The less we resist what God is up to, the more we surrender to God's will, the more we will be able to do what our Master, our teacher, Our Lord has done.

Jesus said, "**Baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**" Baptism draws us into a relationship with God as children of the heavenly Father. Baptism begins the relationship with God. We are baptized once. We are invited to renew that relationship **every day** through prayer, hearing God's Word, and expressing our love for the Lord. It is our daily privilege and responsibility to do what we can to connect with the Lord who is already at our side. The stronger our relationship with God, the more vibrant and passionate our lives will be for God's sake, reflecting the light of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "**teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.**" The children of God who are invited into a relationship with the living God are also invited to obey. We listen to Jesus who said, "take up your cross and follow me," "love your enemies," "bear fruit," "wash one another's feet," "be not afraid," "as the Father sent me, so I send you," among other teachings. When we get cozy in our pews or bored with the faith, the Lord challenges and empowers us to obediently do the kind of things Jesus did and thus draw us into a life of fullness and joy.

"Disciplizing," that is, the practice of making disciples, is at the heart of the precious faith we hold. God is calling each of us to follow as disciples of Jesus Christ. As we continue through the season of Lent and into the hope of Easter, may the Holy Spirit draw each of us closer in our relationship to God and gives us the desire to obey our Lord as a loving response to the love God has first given us.

A fellow disciple of Jesus,

Pastor John

Mark Your Calendar!

Agape Friends Mother's Day Banquet will be Monday, May 16 at 6:30PM at Southern Lunch. Menu is breaded chicken breast, ham, macaroni & cheese, salad, green beans and strawberry cobbler. \$10 per person. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. Make checks to: Agape Friends Circle and give to Guyla Kepley or Cindy Hartley.

Lenten Theme "Life in Christ"

Has this ever happened to you? Someone you had a personal relationship with suddenly stopped speaking to you? With no reason or explanation, they simply tuned out and turned you off. In fact, when you tried to talk with them, they refused. How would you feel? What would you do? Most of us would probably search for a reason. We would search our most recent words, trying to find the reason why someone, particularly this someone, would turn their back. When the search turned up nothing, we would make the next most obvious leap.....asking ourselves, "What did I do wrong?" It is at this exact moment that we get ourselves into trouble.

People have a right to do what they want to do, when they want to do it, in any manner they choose to do it. You don't have to like it, and sometimes it is very hurtful. It does not mean, however, that you did anything wrong. People see the same things in different ways. Certain people may process information in a different way than you do. They may feel different than you do about certain things. And even when you think you know a person, they may surprise you!

"Life in Christ" surprises us with grace. Christ never turns you off. He never refuses you. He is so high above our little thoughts and ways, it's hard to comprehend his steadfast love and mercy. He can be trusted to always "be there", he always has his arms open to us, he always welcomes us, he always seeks to understand, he always accepts us....

"Life in Christ" is the opportunity to learn tolerance when we encounter hatred, appreciate life when we encounter death, realize sunrise always follows sunset when we encounter discouragement, and **"Life in Christ"** teaches us penance when we encounter our own faults.

Prayer: In faith I thank and praise Your grace and mercy. You do so much for me without any merit in me that all I can do is thank and praise Your holy name through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Excerpts from "Until Today" and "The Lutheran Prayerbook"

A note to Holly Grove Lutheran Church:

God willing, The Reverend Michael Evans will be installed as Pastor of Trinity Christian United Church of Christ in Skippack, PA on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 2:30 in the afternoon. Your prayers and presence are invited.

We are grateful for God's grace and your abiding friendship and support.

Michael and Annemarie Evans

Happy Birthday!

Susan Varner	1
Lib Jarrell	2
Nancy Curry	3
Freddie Fulbright	4
Paula Hedrick	4
Clifton Payne	5
Wendy Proctor	5
Sarah Grace Davis	7
Effie Burkhart	9
Lori Cecil	9
Marvin Smith	9
Owen Stewart	10
Marie Palmer	16
Max Carrick	17
Bill Curry	17
Hunter Hedrick	17
Colton Jones	17
Johnathon Queen	18
Neil Clark	19
Gene Kepley	19
Chip Blower	20
Brandon Everhart	20
Caroline Black	21
Beverly Harrison	22
Justin Hedrick	22
Dwight Everhart	23
Kent Everhart	23
Jill Hunt	23
Bobby Waitman	23
Katy Hodgson	26
Debbie Parsons	30



Happy Anniversary !

Eugene & Betty Queen	2
John & Susan Lohr	3
Dan & Lynn Smith	5
Bill & Dottie Curry	6
Doody & Mary Ellen Hinson	12
Marvin & Lita Smith	12
Larry & Sandra Vaughn	13
Barry & Linda Burkhart	18
Jonathan & Tina Hedrick	24



Vergie Lucille Monteith
Sue Anderson
Edna Conrad
Maxine Conrad
Barbara Conrad
Larry Vaughn

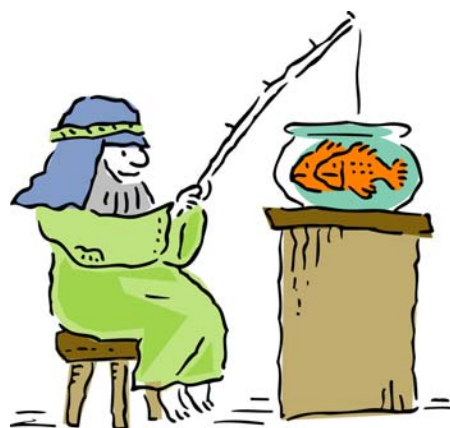
All are listed in your directory. Please remember them with a call or a card.

Fishing, Faith, and Fellowship!
“Catch the Spirit!”

Men, Women, Boys & Girls!
\$20 per person reserves your
“spot”.

October 27, 28, 29 at Kure’ Beach
2 nights = \$64 per person

Fish Fry follows in November as we feed our Back Pack Families, our Teen Parents, and provide fried fish and all the fixings for the Homeless Shelter in Lexington.
See Pastor John for more info.



“Catch the Spirit”
Holly Grove Lutheran

Seniors

by Minnie Conrad

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, March 16^h with 19 present.

Reggie Walser, owner and operator of Reggie’s Flower Shop in Welcome had the program. He decorated a Spring grapevine wreath. He worked so quickly and with ease. It turned out beautiful, as most of his arrangements do. While he was working he told us something about himself. Reggie started working with flowers around age 6 or 7. He opened his first shop at age 13. While going to college he worked for someone else for 19 months. He has been in his present business for 29 years. There are 9 employees including him, and most of them have been with him for several years.

A new list of members and program leaders was handed out.

Virginia had as devotions a reading about St. Patrick. She also read “On the Wings of Prayer” by Helen Steiner Rice.

Following a blessing by Pastor Sluder, a delicious meal prepared by Daisy Crisp, was served.

The community is invited to join us at Mt. Tabor each third Wednesday at 10:30.

Forgetting Ourselves

from Our Daily Bread

Read: Philippians 2:1-4

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak. -James 1:19

I was fishing a local trout stream last summer, when my attention was fixed on a fish that was feeding nearby. I looked up and there on the bank I spied an acquaintance—nationally known fly-fishing guide and outfitter Dave Tucker. Immediately I became aware of my own performance, bungled the next cast, and lost the fish. So it is when we turn our attention away from the activity at hand and think about ourselves.

W.H. Auden has an engaging little poem about those who forget themselves in an activity—a cook mixing a sauce, a surgeon making an incision, a clerk completing a bill of lading. He says that all “wear the same rapt expression.” That phrase “forgetting themselves in a function” brings Philippians 2:3-4 to mind: *“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out...for the interests of others.”*

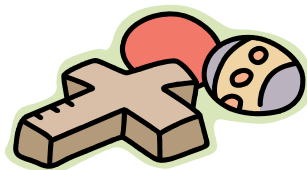
When I’m listening to a friend, I need to remind myself to focus on him, not to begin wondering how I look, what he thinks of me, what I should say next. Let’s put others first by listening in rapt attention, concentrating on the one in front of us, forgetting ourselves. —David Roper

*When we hold our tongues and listen,
We communicate our care;
For an open ear speaks volumes
To a heart that’s in despair.—Sper*

Listening may be the most loving thing you do today!

Good Morning! This is God...
I will be handling all your problems today.
I will not need your help!
So relax, and have a great day!

Holly Grove Youth



A lot has been going on with our youth here at Holly Grove Lutheran Church. They are busy planning An Easter Egg Hunt and Easter activities. Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 23 at Holly Grove Lutheran Church; everyone will meet at the fellowship building. Lunch will be provided by the AGAPE women's group.

The next youth meeting is April 10, immediately following worship until 1:30. Lunch will be provided and Mary Ellen Hinson will be teaching us how to decorate cupcakes. We will also finalize our plans for the egg hunt.

Two of our kids have been in the news recently.

- John Payne participated in "The Battle of the Books"; he was on the Brown Middle School team. His team placed 3rd in Davidson County middle schools. John was quoted in the High Point Enterprise. "I think we did the best we could and I think it was a team effort," said John Payne, a seventh-grader at Brown Middle. "We tried hard. That's how things work sometimes."
- Mary Davis hit 2 home runs in a softball game on March 11 against North Davidson. She plays softball for Ledford High School.

We are proud of all of our youth at Holly Grove!

We are blessed with a good group of kids in our youth group.

I can always count on God, my heavenly Father.
For He changes not; He always is the same.
Yesterday, today, forever, He is faithful,
And I know He loves me, praise His holy name!

**Thrivent Builds! We need you! Build a house in Lexington!
This is your chance to serve your community!**

Thrivent is teaming up with **Habitat for Humanity** to build a house. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to volunteer!.

Contact Dean Chapman our “Champion” here at HGLC to help with the build.
We need workers. You choose how much and when you want to work.
Help is needed weekdays and Saturdays . Call Dean at 357-7164

Contact Sharon Everhart to help provide & serve lunch one Saturday each month during the build. We’ll have sandwiches, chips, drinks and cookies. You can volunteer for one Saturday or as many as you like. Call Sharon at 249-7260.

When: The ground-breaking will be in April and the build will begin May 14.

Where: The location is the corner of Burgess Street and Franklin Street.

Who: Pastor Derek Boggs, First Lutheran Church—Thrivent Leader for build.

Please come out and support Thrivent & Habitat for Humanity.

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School

1030AM Worship

Begins again April 27 Wednesdays

5:45PM Meal 6:30PM-7:30PM Worship

AWE Awesome Worship Experience

Food + Fellowship + Prayer + Music



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God's work. Our hands.