

August 2011



GROWING TO SERVE!

The Holly Leaf

Invite Worship
 Give
Study Encourage
Pray Serve

What do you think of when you hear the words "Passionate Spirituality"?

The Natural Church Development people ask: "Are the Christians in your church 'on fire'?"

Do they *live committed lives and practice their faith with joy and enthusiasm?*"

How would you like to live a more committed life and practice your faith with joy and enthusiasm?

"Unbinding Your Heart" is how!

Beginning September 11th our Church Health Team invites you to join us in a six week prayer journey that will definitely make this happen. This is a powerful tool that will cause:

Commitment to... Passion for... Enthusiasm about...
GOD
PRAYER LIFE
SHARING OF FAITH
FORGIVENESS
LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

Please join us for this exciting time in Holly Grove's journey to become more Passionate about our Spirituality!!!!!!
Please sign up on the forms that are available each Sunday!



Holly Grove Lutheran Church Men
John H. Conrad Memorial BBQ
Chicken Bar-B-Q
(1/2 Bar-B-Q chicken, potato salad, slaw, bread)
Saturday, August 27, 2011
11:00AM to 6:00PM
\$7.00 per plate
Eat in or take out Desserts available for purchase
Get your ticket now from LMIM at HGLC!

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Pastor John Mocko, Editor
Contributing: Minnie Conrad

Weight Watchers
Thursdays 530PM

August 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO 11AM Bible Study this week 7PM CHT	2	3 AWE 545 Meal 630Worship	4 7PM Mutual Ministry	5	6
7 915AM SS 1030AM Worship	8 11AM Bible Study OC 7PM Council	9 7PM CHT	10 AWE 545 Meal 630Worship	11	12	13
14 915AM SS 1030AM Worship	15 11AM Bible Study 630PM Agape Crochet & Knit- ting Workshop Libby Carrick's home	16 7PM CHT	17 1030 Seniors at Mt. Tabor AWE 545 Meal 630Worship	18	19	20
21 915AM SS 1030AM Worship	22 11AM Bible Study 7PM LMiM Annual County-wide meeting	23 7PM CHT	24 Holly Leaf Deadline- Noon AWE 545 Meal 630Worship	25	26	27 LMiM John H. Conrad Memorial Chicken BBQ 11AM-6PM
28 915AM SS 1030AM Worship <i>Homecoming</i>	29 11AM Bible Study 7PM CHICK at Mocko's	30 7PM CHT	31 AWE 545 Meal 630Worship			

Dear friends in Christ,

Under the leadership of our third Church Health Team, an all-congregation study of Unbinding Your Heart is planned, beginning September 11th. We are calling the experience the "E-vent." My daily prayer for months has been, not only that we have good participation in the E-vent, but that the Lord blesses our individual lives with deepened faith, our congregation with steadfast love for each other, and that people outside our congregation experience the grace God brings to them through us.

The main elements in our Unbinding E-vent are:
a daily discipline of prayer and scripture reading for forty days with some guidance, meaningful conversations with other members of the congregation in small groups, and unifying worship experiences.

The last survey we did at Holly Grove Lutheran Church about a year ago revealed that the greatest opportunities for growth in our congregation are in the areas of 1) our passion to have devotions and prayer with the Lord, and 2) our awareness of how God is active in our everyday lives and the ability to talk about the experiences we have with God. It is common among Lutherans, to have an opportunity to grow in the two above-mentioned areas.

The E-vent is a shared opportunity in which we can together learn in similar spiritual settings. The E-vent offers great hope that we can significantly grow in our relationships with God and each other. The most powerful faith moments in our lives are experiences which we have shared with others, like a camp experience, or a servant event, or special worship services. The impact of a community-shared spiritual experience is inspiring, uplifting, and encouraging.

Our Church Health Team also recognizes that the Unbinding E-vent will build on the work that our previous two Church Health Teams have done. Unbinding will help us develop more loving relationship with each other. Unbinding will also help us do effective need-oriented evangelism. The work we are doing now builds on the foundations that have already been laid for us.

I believe that God is leading our congregation with amazing grace into Unbinding. The signs of God's leading are clear to me. I hear the people who have gone through an Unbinding course say that their relationship with God is more alive and vibrant.

The Unbinding alumni talk about getting to know and appreciate other members of the congregation better.

The meal served recently to the homeless shelter was inspired by a couple of folks who went through Unbinding.

Last, but certainly not least, God has brought ten people to our congregation who want to be baptized, and only one of them is an infant.

Good signs, all of these observations, that God is leading us. For all these things, thanks be to God.

I invite you to talk with God, and listen to what the Lord is saying, concerning your participation in an Unbinding small group. Ask God to show you prevents you from joining a class, then ask for the Lord to move the barrier! I can only imagine the goodness and grace the Lord will pour out on you personally, on our congregation as the body of Christ, and many of our friends and neighbors in the Grove, as we grow in faith, hope and love together.

In Christ,



Vacation Bible School
Holly Grove Lutheran
Church
July 2011

Thank you!

On behalf of the Parish Ed Committee, I would like to thank everyone involved in our Vacation Bible School this year! We had a great time! We had a total of 33 youth (including all of our older youth who volunteered to help with VBS) who attended throughout the week. Each day began with a meal, then singing, a bible story, then they broke into groups with one group doing crafts while the other group played games and then they would swap, they all came back together for snacks and another bible story. Watching their faces as they sang praises to God brought tears to my eyes! It was also Isable Heitman's first VBS!

I would like to thank Sherry Proctor for directing VBS this year, Kim Payne for leading the crafts, Holly Curry for leading the games and Tina Heitman and Paula Hedrick for providing the snacks, Judy Black, Debbie Frank and Julie Welch for leading the songs. We also would like to thank the groups who provided suppers each night: Agapes, CHICK, Council, Youth and LMIM. We had many volunteers who assisted with the crafts, games and songs and corralling the kids and who donated fabric and tents and water slides for us to use and I'm afraid I might leave someone's names off, so I will not name you individually. You all know who you are! Without all of the volunteers we would not be able to have such a successful VBS.

I would also like to thank the parents for bringing out your children.

Lynn Smith



Crochet and Knitting Workshop

Sponsored by:
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**Agape
Friends Circle**

Hosted By:
**Holly Grove
Lutheran Church**
August 15th, 2011

Prayer of Blessing



(blessing for a completed shawl)

By: Janet Bristow - 2000
www.shawlministry.com

May God's grace be upon this shawl...
Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing,
May this mantle be a safe haven...
A sacred place of security and well-being...
Sustaining and embracing in good times
As well as difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope,
Kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.
Blessed Be!



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Please join us at 6:30PM at the home of Libby Garrick,
482 Vine Drive in Lexington.

A meal of hot dogs and hamburgers will be served!
There is a sign-up sheet on the "ramp" bulletin board!

Happy Birthday!

Jim Conrad	3
Ted Proctor	7
Maxine Conrad	8
Howard Hunt	8
Sue Anderson	9
Robert Fritts	10
Ronnie Hamilton	11
Minnie Conrad	13
Sandra Vaughn	13
Andrew Curry	15
Kristopher Burkhart	16
Rod Everhart	16
Toni Chapman	18
Abigail Hearn	18
Chodd Hedrick	18
Ariel Everhart	20
Edna Conrad	22
Wanda Black	23
Dawn Byerly	23
Joe Hedrick	25
Olivia Turner	25
Erin Burkhart	27
Gary McLain	27
Marshall Brown	30



Happy Anniversary !

Scott & Judy Black	6
Johnny & Tammy Turner	12
Barry & Jill Conrad	14
Lee & Katy Hodgson	14
Carey & Bobbie Fritts	17

Effie Burkhart
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.

Handy Shopping List

Our Church is receiving many requests for help with food this summer. We are asking you to help by bringing in food in the following categories:

- peanut butter (jar) 18oz.
- can vegetables 14 or 15oz.
- chef boyardee can meats (ex: beef ravioli) 7oz. pop cans
- box mac and cheese 7.25oz. box
- pudding cups chocolate pack of four 4oz.
- fruit bowls pack of four 4oz.
- oatmeal instant packs 1.5oz. in multiple count boxes
- ramen noodle soups packs 2-3pz. pkt
- saltine crackers box of 4 sleeves
- graham crackers box of 3 sleeves
- toaster tarts packs (pop tarts)
- fruit and grain cereal bars
- raisins (small boxes 1.5oz.)
- can meats (treet-spam-etc) 12oz.
- beanie weanies 7.5oz. 12oz.
- can soups

*You may also designate a gift of money
along with your regular Sunday offering for the food pantry.*

Peach Ministry



Holly Grove Lutheran works with the good people of Crisis Ministry in Davidson County to provide peaches to those who are hungry in our county. Every month we deliver over 100 cans of peaches that are put with other food items that come from other churches and sources to help feed those who are poor in our neighborhoods.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider bringing in a can of peaches or two, or more if you can afford to. We have white baskets near the church entrances that we use to collect the peaches. You can also give a gift of money if you want, and our Social Ministry people (Dean Chapman, Bob Troutman) will take care of purchasing what we need.

Money gifts can be included along with your regular Sunday offering.

How about this as a goal? In the next couple of weeks, we work together to provide the hundred or so cans of peaches from the cans we bring to church or the money we give in the offering.

Thanks for remembering the poor in our midst.

May others see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

A note from Barry Conrad

Martin Luther's last words were "It is true, We are all Beggars" The Back Pack program at Holly Grove Lutheran Church, Food for Hungry Kids will start up again August. Thank you for your continued support of this program, thought your Prayers, Food and Money. Money Grants from Corporate and non profit organizations have all but dried up. Food Cost of the same items have rose from the 250.00 per month, from when we started several years ago, to 312.00 per Month this August. After delivering food to homes this summer, consistent of anything is one of the greatest concerns in every home that just stood out. Making a commitment to the Back Pack Kids for Food, for Ten Months of Food is Huge. Your Prayers are needed. Thank you, Barry.

"It is True We are all Beggars" No monies for the Back Packs for Hungry Kids is taken out of the general offering, it is through you generous donations of Prayers Food & Money that we have been able to provide Back Packs of food on a constant monthly basis.

God's Church at Work!

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met June 29th to begin their prayerful work in searching nominees for the church council next year. They spent much of our time in prayer, asking for God's guidance and leading to raise up leaders to serve our congregation. They have a list of potential nominees that they are contacting.

You can be involved in this process in three ways:

1. pray for the successful work of the committee.
2. prayerfully consider a request to serve on the council if you are approached.
3. prayerfully consider members who could fulfill the duties of a council person as described above (below) and suggest those people to one of the members of the nominating committee.

The committee meets next on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

The people who are serving on the nominating committee are as follows:
Dean Chapman, Bobbie Fritts, Sheila Davis, and Michelle McCullough (all current council members whose terms end in 2011) and Toni Chapman & Sherry Proctor (non-council members).

Duties of council members we are seeking, according to our constitution, are as follows:

- to lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals;
- to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support;
- to oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission;
- to maintain supportive relationships with the Pastor (s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling or employment;
- to be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons;
- to promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding;
- to arrange for Pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the Pastor;
- to emphasize partnership with the Synod and churchwide organization of the ELCA as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to established policies of the Synod and ELCA;
- to recommend and encourage the use of program resources produced or approved by the ELCA;
- to seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.



Inspiring Worship 10:30AM

Meal follows worship

Celebrate the Sacrament of
Holy Baptism!

*Holly Grove continues to grow as
we welcome new members!*

Take the road
back home
To
Holly Grove
Lutheran
Church!

Homecoming 2011

Welcome Home to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!

Sunday, August 28, 2011

Bring your friends and family as we celebrate our 126th year
of serving the Risen Lord!



Mark your August calendar for:

Every week!

- Monday Morning Bible Study 11:00AM in the Office Complex (except August 1)
- Wednesday AWE Meal & Service Meal at 5:45PM—Worship from 6:30PM-7:30PM
- “Unbinding Your Heart” sign up any day, every day, choose your day/time Course begins September 11 for 6 weeks

Special Events in August

- Crochet & Knitting Workshop—Agape Circle—Sponsored by Thrivent
Monday, August 15
- Annual County-wide Lutheran Men in Mission Meeting
Hosted by Holly Grove LMiM
Monday, August 22 at 7:00PM
- Lutheran Men in Mission John H. Conrad Memorial BBQ
Chicken Bar-B-Que
Saturday, August 27 from 11:00AM—6:00PM
\$7.00 per plate
Includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, slaw, bread

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School

1030AM Worship

Wednesdays

AWE—Awesome Worship Experience

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

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