

November 2011

Giving Thanks



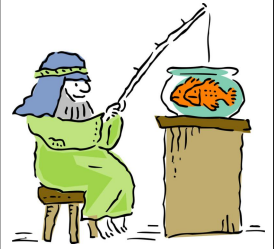
GROWING TO SERVE!

The Holly Leaf

Invite	Worship
	Give
Study	Encourage
	Pray

Fishing, Faith, and Fellowship! ōCatch the Spirit!ö

The trip to KureøBeach was a big success even though fish were not brought back! We thank God for the ability to feed our Teen Parent Families and our Backpack Families Saturday, November 5! We also will feed the homeless at the Shelter in Lexington! Thanks Be to God! Thank you for your support of this outreach to our community!



GOOD360

Saturday, November 5th is our first 'Great Giveaway'

Through this program, HGLC gives away almost \$10,000 of household goods from Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Our Teen Parent Families and Backpack Families have been invited to receive these gifts. Thanks to Bob Troutman and his team who have picked up the goods, thanks to Michael Fritts who provided materials and built shelves, to CHICK and our YOUTH who sort and facilitate the giveaway! And most of all, thanks be to God for making so much possible for so many!

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- **November Basket Offering: Hospice of Davidson County**
- **Newsletter Team**
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Pastor John Mocko, Editor
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Weight Watchers
Thursdays 530PM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9AM Confirmation Every Sunday	<i>Communion celebrated 1st & 3rd Sundays</i>	1 10AM Bible Studyô OC	2 Pot Luck 530-6Pm Wednesday Word & Prayer 6-45PM 7PM Choir	3	4	5 Fish Fry 11AMô 2PM Serve Homeless 6PM
6 All Saints Sunday 1030AM Worship Worship & Music 3PM Handbells	7 CHICK at 7PM	8 10AM Bible Studyô OC	9 Wednesday Word & Prayer 6-645PM	10 7PM NCD Survey FH 7PM Mutual Ministry	11	12
13 Annual Meeting NCD Survey Lunch served FH after worship Youth till 130PM	14 7PM Council	15 No 10AM Bible Study	16 Wednesday Word & Prayer 6-645PM Holly Leaf Deadline- Noon	17	18	19
20 1030 Worship Annual Meeting Advent Family Night 6PM	21 630PM Agape Circle	22 NO 10AM Bible Study	23 NO Wednesday Word & Prayer	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25	26
27 YOUTH lead worship 1st Sunday of Advent	28 7PM LMiM	29 NO 10AM Bible Study	30 Advent Mid-week Service			

Dear friends in Christ,

God shows up. When we least expect it, when we are not expecting it, the Lord shows up, and surprises us with grace.

I love the story Sherry Proctor told about the third week of our E-vent when we offered a time of "hand-washing," that is, an opportunity for one member in the church to announce to another member that God has forgiven all. We expect to hear from the pastor the announcement of forgiveness from God for the sake of Jesus. Jesus showed up in an unexpected way on September 25.

Sherry washed a member's hands and announced God's forgiveness for that person. Then Sherry turned around to find Caroline Black behind her. Caroline took a vase full of water, poured it over Sherry hands, and with the biggest smile of her face, said, "God forgives you all your sins." Sherry was deeply moved, and began to think that the broad smile of Caroline's face when forgiveness was announced was *a reflection of God smiling* on Sherry. Jesus showed up and used a precious child to reflect his amazing love!

I think also of our recent Fishing, Faith, and Fellowship event when we were praying to catch a lot of fish at Kure Beach that we could feed to some hungry folks. We wanted to make a personal investment and commitment to respond to God's people in need. We did make a big commitment of time and energy. The trip was successful in terms of the faith we shared and the fellowship we developed. The miracle of many fish, however, did not come.

God showed up, not with fish at the ocean shores, not with fish on the pier, not with fish in the boats. God showed up in the hearts of our members in the boat of the church (the main room of our church which looks like an upside down boat and is called the nave - Latin for boat. God showed up last Sunday in the hearts of our members and the miracle was a generous offering so that the meal on November 5th can be provided.

God shows up. When we least expect it, when we are not expecting it, the Lord shows up, and surprises us with grace. If you are at a place in your life when you might wonder about God's loving presence with you, take the chance of opening your life up to God, inviting the Lord's goodness, and walking in trust. You just may be surprised what happens!

In Christ's surprising grace,

Pastor John

HGLC Annual Meetings

Sunday, November 13 and Sunday, November 20.

Present & vote on 4 new council members plus 1 to serve the unexpired term of Jennifer Davis who recently resigned.

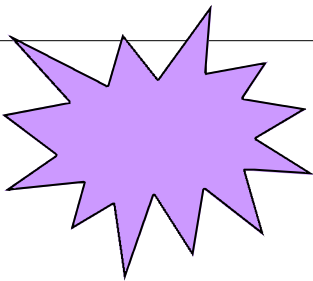
Present and vote on 2012 Annual Budget

Voting Members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.

Pastor's Schedule for November

Pastor John is attending an ELCA event in Oklahoma City, November 15 & 16.

Pastor John and Caroline are taking vacation to visit family over Thanksgiving. They will leave November 22, and return to the office November 30.



Sing God's Praise!

Learn new songs!

Play handbells!

Have fun and fellowship!

Every Sunday 9:40AM—9:55AM

In the Nursery—children ages birth to 1st Grade

1st & 3rd Sundays 9:55AM—10:10AM in Creation Station

Ages 2nd grade and up!

Join Debbie, Judy and a very special guest!

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, October 19, 2011. The focal point for the meeting was a beautiful fall arrangement. There were 23 present. A new member, Louise Lookabill joined us.

Everyone enjoyed snacks and coffee provided by Shirley Phillips and Sally Thompson, while visiting with one another.

Sally had devotions and entitled her devotion "Doing what you are supposed to do." She read several scriptures. She said some Believers do not read the Bible because they do not understand it. They have not asked the Divine Teacher for help in understanding His Book.

Shirley introduced her son Eric Phillips who is with The Highway Patrol with Davidson County as his area. His special project is "Give a kid a Christmas" program. This is the 14th year for this program. They collect monies all year and the first week in December the children that have been selected by the Highway Patrol office assistant and DSS gather at Wal-Mart and can spend around \$250.00 for toys and clothes. These are children that are not assisted by other agencies/civic groups. 100% of monies collected are spent on the children. There are no administrative costs, and donations can be made in memory/honor of someone.

Virginia White brought us up to date on missing members. She reminded us that November is the time that we bring canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Drive. Also we needed to think about what we wanted to do in December.

Pastor Sarah Snell returned thanks and we enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Daisy Crisp.

All seniors of the community, (including men) are invited to attend on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30.

1st Sunday of Advent is November 27!

Madilyn Blower and family will light the Advent Candle.

Our YOUTH will lead worship that Sunday!

Happy Birthday!

<i>Stephanie Hearn</i>	2
<i>Barbara Kepley</i>	2
<i>Stacy Gabriel</i>	3
<i>Libby Carrick</i>	4
<i>Amy Shepherd</i>	4
<i>Janice Queen</i>	5
<i>Gaynell Davis</i>	9
<i>Ricky Curry</i>	11
<i>Boyd Queen</i>	11
<i>Andrea Queen</i>	13
<i>Chrissy Conrad</i>	14
<i>Nick Batten</i>	15
<i>Jennifer Davis</i>	17
<i>Andy Beck</i>	19
<i>John Mocko</i>	19
<i>Donna Parks</i>	19
<i>Robin Beck</i>	20
<i>Ken Ward</i>	20
<i>Lita Smith</i>	21
<i>Anthony Conrad</i>	23
<i>Judy Conrad</i>	23
<i>Sheila Hanes</i>	23
<i>Jacob Hearn</i>	23
<i>Wilson Hearn</i>	23
<i>Kevin Gabriel</i>	24
<i>Danny Pope</i>	26
<i>Wayne Hilterbrand</i>	27
<i>Jeremy Hofer</i>	27
<i>Andrew Queen</i>	28
<i>Robin Queen</i>	28
<i>Jill Conrad</i>	30

November

Happy Anniversary !

<i>Stephen & Katie Walser</i>	3
<i>Dwight & Peggy Everhart</i>	4
<i>Shane & Mandy Lawrence</i>	13
<i>Ross & Elisa Sommer</i>	15
<i>Rusty & Julie Welch</i>	21
<i>David & Jane Brown</i>	24

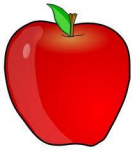
Fred Lohr
Effie Burkhart
Sue Anderson
Edna Conrad
Maxine Conrad
Barbara Conrad
Larry Vaughn



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

Information taken from "EmbodyHealth", provided by the Board of Pensions, Evangelical Lutheran Church in American.

Choose calorie-free
Beverages such as water,
coffee, tea and diet drinks.



Select fresh fruit when
possible or canned fruit
with no sugar added.

Opt for whole grains,
such as brown rice,
whole-wheat pasta &
100% whole-grain bread.

Diet plays a key role in
managing diabetes & pre-
venting diabetes-related
complications, such as
heart disease and stroke.
Make healthy diabetes
food choices with these
suggestions!

EATING WELL WITH DIABETES

Choose calorie-free
Beverages such as
water, coffee, tea
and diet drinks.

Include small portions of
healthy fats, such as soft
margarine, olive or canola
oil, and nuts.



Limit high-calorie snack
foods and desserts, such
as chips and cookies, pies
and cakes!

Ask your doctor for specific
diet needs that are important
for you!

Select fat-free dairy foods,
such as skim milk, fat-free
yogurt & fat-free cheese.



Include plenty of
fresh vegetables.

Members running for election to Church Council

1. Jane Brown
2. Toni Chapman
3. Minnie Conrad
4. Brandon Everhart
5. Wayne Hilterbrand
6. Sherry Proctor
7. Janna Waitman

Find out more about
the candidates—Copies of
their biographies
available in Narthex!

4 people with the highest number of votes will serve a three year term beginning in 2012.

The 5th highest vote getter will serve a one-year term to complete the unexpired term of Jennifer Davis who recently resigned..



Help Habitat for Humanity in our community!

Thrivent needs volunteers! Work continues on the Habitat House located on Burgess Street off Raleigh Road in Lexington. Dean Chapman leads our team of volunteers and more help is needed to complete the home for Stefanie Harrison and her son. Inside work is underway and if you could give a few hours, it would be much appreciated! Volunteers work every Saturday until or around noon. Lunch is provided!

BackPack Program

Here's how you can help!

Every month, on the 3rd Sunday, we pack 25 backpacks for 25 children & their families as we work to feed the hungry

Peanut Butter ó 18 oz	Canned Luncheon Meat ó 12 oz can
Canned Vegetables ó 14 to 15 oz can	Ravioli ó 7 oz Pop-top can
Ramen Noodles w/veg ó 2.25 oz cup	Macaroni & Cheese ó 7.25 oz box
Fruit Bowls ó Pkg of 4 ó 4 oz	Seedless Raisins ó 1.5 oz box
Toaster Tarts (1 pkt per backpack)	Ramen Noodles ó 2-3 oz pkt (2 per backpack)
Fruit & Grain Cereal Bars (1 pkt per backpack)	
Instant Oatmeal ó 1.5 oz pkts (5 pkts per backpack)	
Chocolate Pudding Snacks ó Pkg of 4 ó 3.5 oz cups	
Graham Crackers ó Box of 3 sleeves (1 sleeve per backpack)	
Saltine Crackers ó Box of 4 sleeves (1 sleeve per backpack)	
Beans & Wieners ó 7.5 oz Pop-top can (2 cans per backpack)	

\$ Your donation of money is welcome. Items needed will be purchased by the Social Ministry/Evangelism Committees & stored in the food pantry in the church basement in preparation of filling the backpacks each month!

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School

1030AM Worship

Wednesdays

Service of Word and Prayer 6:00PM—6:45PM

First Wednesday each month join us for a pot luck from 5:30PM to 6:00PM



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