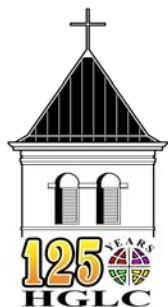


Holly Grove Lutheran

**September 2010**



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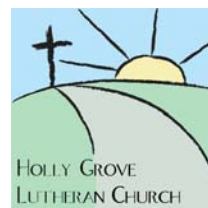
# The Holly Leaf

Invite    Worship  
          Give  
Study  
          Encourage  
Pray  
                  Serve

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Keeping the Fires  
of Faith Burning!



Featuring  
“Encounters”

With Chuck Neighbors

*See more on page 6*

Meal 5:00PM *FREE*  
Service 6:00PM  
Youth Gathering 8:30PM

**Music by:**

Grove Singers - Gospel  
AWE Team - Praise  
Youth Choir - Exciting

**Ministry Stations:** Healing,  
Remembrance of Baptism, Prayer,  
Blessing Bowl, Forgiveness, Put Your  
Tears in God's bottle

*Events take place at the  
Softball Field. In the event of bad  
weather, we will move inside!*

**Be Our Guest!**

Remembering faithful member, Defoy Miller  
March 6, 1911—August 12, 2010  
Baptized at Holly Grove Lutheran  
on September 14, 1924



Remembering faithful member, Frank Curry  
June 10, 1935—August 14, 2010  
Baptized at Holly Grove Lutheran on May 16, 1948

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Worship Servers  
Seniors Speak  
From the Pastor  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

• **Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:**

**[www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org](http://www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org)**

- **September Basket Offering: General Fund**
- **Newsletter Team**

**Caroline Mocko**

**Pastor John Mocko, Editor**

**Contributing: Minnie Conrad, Libby Carrick**

Weight Watchers  
Thursdays 530PM

# September 2010

Choir Prac-  
tice  
Wednesdays  
7:30PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> AWE—Now in Fellowship Hall 545PM Meal	<b>2</b> 7PM Mutual Ministry	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 915AM SS 1030AM Worship	<b>6</b> <b>LABOR DAY!</b>  7PM Steward- ship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AWE—Now in Fellowship Hall 545PM Meal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Jones/Lohr Wedding 3PM
<b>12</b> 8AM Stew- ardship Break- fast 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship	<b>13</b> 7PM Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1030AM Sen- iors AWE—Now in Fellowship	<b>16</b>  CHT '10 630PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Grace Awaken- ing! 5PM Meal</b>
<b>19</b> 9AM— Un- binding Heart 9A Worship/ Music 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship	<b>20</b> 630PM Agape	<b>21</b>  NCD Survey 7-8PM	<b>22</b> AWE—Now in Fellowship Hall 545PM Meal	<b>23</b> 630P-8P Unbinding Heart  Holly Leaf	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9A Unbinding Heart 915AM SS 1030AM Wor- ship	<b>27</b> 7PM LMiM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> AWE—Now in Fellowship Hall 545PM Meal	<b>30</b>  630P-8P Unbinding Heart		

Thank you for serving!

**September**

***Altar Guild*** – Paula Hedrick

***Mothers Rose Garden*** – Ed Register & Caroline & John Mocko in Memory of Nelle Register

***Basket Offering*** – General Fund

- 5     ***Acolyte***- Caroline Black             ***Assisting Minister*** – Debbie Frank  
***Communion Assistant*** – Scott Black  
***Ushers*** – Herbert Frank, Joel Hartley, Neil Clark, Max Carrick  
***Altar Flowers***- Sherry Proctor in Honor of Keeli's birthday  
***Nursery Attendant***- Susan Lohr  
***Children's Chat*** - Pastor John   ***Prayer Room*** – Lori Cecil  
***Gathering at the Grove*** – Lindsay, Caroline Black & Family
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- 12    ***Acolyte***- Sarah Davis             ***Assisting Minister*** – Carol Conrad  
***Ushers*** – Neil Clark, Rex Everhart, Tim Everhart, Brandon Everhart  
***Altar Flowers***- Fulbright & Lohr Families in Honor of Fred Lohr  
***Nursery Attendant***- Sharon Everhart  
***Children's Chat*** - Joyce Shields   ***Prayer Room*** – Cornelia Conrad  
***Gathering at the Grove*** – Mary, Sarah Grace Davis & Family
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- 19    ***Acolyte***- Jay Proctor             ***Assisting Minister*** – Toni Chapman  
***Communion Assistant*** – Cindy Hartley  
***Ushers*** – Robin Beck, Wayne Hilterbrand, Barry Conrad, Harold Beck  
***Altar Flowers***- Efirid Conrad by their family  
***Nursery Attendant***- Donna Hilterbrand  
***Children's Chat*** - Pastor John   ***Prayer Room*** – Larry Conrad  
***Gathering at the Grove*** – Andrew, William Curry & Family
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- 26    ***Acolyte***- Caroline Black             ***Assisting Minister*** –Janna Waitman  
***Communion Assistant*** – Joe Davis  
***Ushers*** – Gary Hedrick, Dan Smith, Scott Black, Michael Willson  
***Altar Flowers***- John Payne in Honor of John's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday  
***Nursery Attendant***- Libby Carrick  
***Children's Chat*** – Pastor John   ***Prayer Room*** – Debbie Frank  
***Gathering at the Grove*** – Colton Jones & Family

Dear friends in Christ,

Homecoming. Grace Awakening. Unbinding Your Heart. A new Church Health Team leading our congregation through another cycle of Natural Church Development. Rally Day and a new year of Sunday School. A new format for AWE services on Wednesday. Another adult baptism will be celebrated. Sunday worship services will be faithfully provided every week. The next several weeks at Holly Grove Lutheran will be full of vibrant, exciting, enthusiastic, spirited ministry.

What general purpose do all of the ministries listed above share? What common threads connect them? How do the ministries fit into our mission as the body of Jesus Christ in this community? Why are we doing those ministries and what can we expect to happen because we do them?

Jesus told his disciples that he came to this world so that they might have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10.)

We live in a world full of things that can make us anxious. Fears arise in the course of everyday living; fears about the economy, our health, our jobs, the future, and so on. There are ordinary experiences that daily arise to rob us of peace and abundant life. Brokenness in relationships, families, communities, between nations, between religions, and even in church communities are a sad part of the reality we live day by day.

The good news that we celebrate as children of God is that the Lord does not leave us alone to fend for ourselves. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is available to each of us to renew our spirits, to restore our hope, to create in us new hearts, to heal us and make us whole, and to give us life in Christ.

The common thread in each of the September ministries listed in the first paragraph is that each of them plays a role in passing on and sharing the grace of God which gives us life in Christ, abundant life. Homecoming will be a time to celebrate the love of God that has brought people together and kept us in fellowship at Holly Grove for 125 years. Grace Awakening will lead us to keep the fires of faith burning. God will unbind our hearts and lead us to discover once again, as if for the first time, the reason for the hope that is within us and the power of Christ's resurrection. Another cycle of Natural Church Development will lead us to continue to plant the seeds of faith and watch in awe at the growth God provides. Our children will have faith and our faith will have children as we teach them and as we learn ourselves the life-changing stories of holy faith in Sunday School classes. God's grace will come to us in Word and worship in the middle of the week and inspire us to live in faith. Sunday worship will proclaim the Gospel in Word and in the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. We will all have the opportunity to remember our baptisms when God named and claimed us as his children at the same time as we celebrate Holy Baptism for some folks who are new to the communion of saints. Faith will be inspired. Hope will be renewed. Love will lift our hearts once again. New life, abundant life will emerge among us. Thanks be to God

Don't miss September at Holly Grove Lutheran Church. God is up to awesome things.

In Christ,  
Pastor John

## Nominating new council members!

The first step in the process is to determine the needs of the church council for next year. The council discussed where our strengths for ministry lie and where there are gaps.

**We will be looking for new nominees for the church council who have gifts *and* interest in serving in the following areas:**

**Parish Education**—committee oversees the conduct of church schools & organizations in order to develop leadership, give Christian nurture to all ages, encourage use of teaching & worship materials published or approved by the ELCA, and introduce books of family devotion into the homes of the congregation.

**Stewardship**— initiate programs for development of good stewardship attitudes in members with regard to time, talents, and financial resources, to equip all for the work of Christ's kingdom. Work to ensure financial stability of the congregation through a developed program of dedicated, proportionate, first-fruits giving.

**Mutual Ministry**— looks at the "big picture" of our shared ministries to be sure we are walking in step together, making sure the Pastor & congregation are in sync. Support and assist the Pastor, Council and other committees.

**Social Ministry**— concerned with outreach to people in mental, physical, & spiritual need. With the Pastor, study possibilities & make recommendations, implement this care and work to assist social service agencies with whatever means the committee deems feasible & appropriate. Educate & prepare the congregation to accept its role of servanthood to the community at large.

Think of someone who has the gifts needed as stated above and please provide your suggestions of names to consider to any member of the nominating committee. Your input is encouraged and welcomed.

Nominating Committee:

Janna Waitman  
Kim Troutman  
Caroline Hedrick  
Neil Clark  
Pastor John  
Tracy Everhart  
Harold Beck

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### “Encounters” with Chuck Neighbors

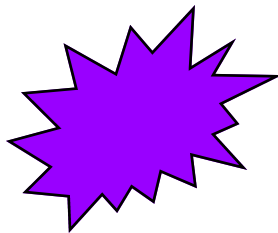
Professional dramatist Chuck Neighbors will be performing his one-man show titled **Encounters**.

Since 1974 Chuck has performed throughout the United States and Canada as well as Japan and Korea. He has appeared on television, radio and before hundreds of live audiences. Chuck is perhaps best known for his one-man dramatic adaptation of Charles Sheldon’s classic **In His Steps**. In addition to performing he is the author of several published plays and conducts workshops and seminars on drama in the church.

**Encounters** is a drama on the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of people who knew him when he walked the earth. Some of the characters are familiar, such as Peter and Judas.

Others are characters who “might have been,” including a blind man, a soldier, a slave and more. Each brings a fresh insight to help us understand the nature of Jesus and his purpose in coming to earth.

See more info at [www.mastersimage.com](http://www.mastersimage.com)



## New Format for AWE!

AWE-some worship experience!

**NOW Meal & Worship Every Wednesday**

Meal at 5:45PM      Service 6:30PM-7:30PM

**NOW gathering in Fellowship Hall!**

Joy-filled Worship! Praise Music!

Families Welcome! Children Encouraged!

Babysitting Provided!

Free Will  
Offering for meal!

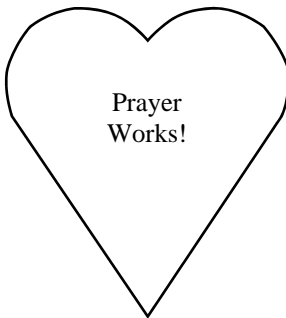


Great new HGLC T-shirts  
on sale now!

Order forms in the Narthex  
Celebrate 125 years of HGLC!

Shirts designed by  
Brandon Everhart,  
Brandon Hedrick and Mary Davis!  
Lots of colors & sizes

**Come to Sunday School!**  
**Sunday, September 12!**  
**Breakfast Treats! Lively Les-**  
**sons!**  
**Surprise Celebration!**  
**Starts at 9:15AM—Fellowship**



**Celebrating 125 years of faith!**

We continue to ask for your prayers for Holly Grove Lutheran Church. We now have 100 prayers on our prayer tree (located in the fellowship hall entry). Please continue to write your prayers on the green leaves found in the pew pads so that we meet our goal of 125 prayers for our church by the end of this year!

**Pray for our church!**

***Thank you!***

The church council selected Michelle McCullough to fill John Conrad's seat for the remainder of 2010. Please keep Michelle and all our council members in your prayers as they seek to lead this congregation according to God's will.

## Happy Birthday!

Dean Yemm	9-2
Stacy Conrad	9-3
Keeli Proctor	9-4
Donald Kepley	9-6
Janna Waitman	9-6
Amy Kepley	9-7
Robert Palmer	9-7
Brandi Averett	9-9
Barry Burkhard	9-9
Todd Conrad	9-9
Daisy Hedrick	9-10
Dillon Hunt	9-10
Fred Lohr	9-10
Gloria Palmer	9-10
Cornelia Conrad	9-12
Lindsay Conrad	9-12
Virginia Everhart	9-12
Garren Crotts	9-14
John Curry	9-14
Jonathan Hedrick	9-15
Donna Hilterbrand	9-15
Clint Sutton	9-15
Kara Conrad Pearson	9-16
Chris Varner	9-16
Ann Blower	9-17
Rusty Blower	9-17
Sheila Blower	9-17
Dean Chapman	9-17
Tom Gilmore	9-17
Kay Kepley	9-19
Sydney Stewart	9-19



## Happy Anniversary!

Charles & Peggy Conrad	9-4
Bob & Kim Troutman	9-9
Gene & Barbara Kepley	9-10
Carl & Etta Lee Conrad	9-11
Jon & Wendy Proctor	9-12
Keith & Lori Cecil	9-16
Scott & Kara Varner	9-16
Rex & Tracy Everhart	9-19

### *Happy Birthday continued*

Keith Beck	9-20
Robert Conner	9-21
Kelly Davis	9-21
Anna Clark	9-22
Eddie Hedrick	9-22
Wynn Conrad	9-23
Hannah Plyler	9-23
Brandon Smith	9-23
Jenny Hartley Hedrick	9-26
John Payne	9-26
Dwight Russell	9-26
Ed Tucker	9-27
Kevin Fulbright	9-28

## **Natural Church Development**

Church Health Team '10

**Toni Chapman, Joe Davis, Anna Lohr, Bryan McCullough, and Anna Clark.**

Our third cycle of NCD begins on September 19th when we take our next survey. Please keep our new Church Health Team in your prayers as they begin their work for HGLC!

**NCD Survey Dates:  
September 19 & September 21**



*from Pastor John*

## Unbinding Your Heart

Join us for a very special study of *Unbinding Your Heart*. “This book is about untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives” ... with God and with each other. “It’s about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else, that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ.” It’s also a prayer journal with many forms of classic Christian prayer included in the daily prayers that accompany the study.

*I would love to have YOU as part of one of two groups that will meet on Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings beginning September 19, 2010. YOU can share in the group experience by reading each week’s chapter, doing the daily prayer exercises and attending six meetings.*

People in churches across the country are excited about what is happening in their congregations through *Unbinding Your Heart*: deeper relationships with God, a rich, meaningful personal prayer life, and a new sense of God’s activity in their lives. People are saying they can be more ‘real’ with others as their relationship with God grows ... and this extends to relationships within their families and with people in every area of their lives.

Call the church at 249-2807 to reserve your spot in one of the groups and to order your copy of *Unbinding Your Heart* (\$15 each).

I’d love to have *you* with us!

Once in a while,  
right in the middle  
Of an ordinary life,  
Love gives us a fairy tale

A fresh new day and it is ours  
A day of happy beginnings  
when we,  
Wendy Jones  
and  
Herb Lohr



pledge our love as one  
on Saturday, the eleventh of September  
Two thousand ten  
At three o'clock in the afternoon  
Holly Grove Lutheran Church  
212 Holly Grove Lutheran Church Road  
Lexington, NC 27292

Our joy will be more complete  
If you can join in this celebration of life

## Senior News

by Minnie Conrad

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Mt. Tabor fellowship hall. The Hall was beautifully decorated by James Tysinger. There were 21 members present. Carolina Conrad and Minnie Conrad were responsible for the program. Carolina read a hymn entitled "I Look Not Back" written by Annie Johnson Flynt, followed by a prayer.

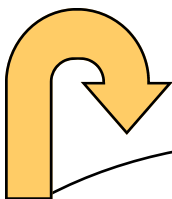
Rev. John Mocko presented an interesting program. He said "We are who we are because of other people". He asked each of us to write down the name of someone who had influenced our life. Several people shared the name of someone who had been a great model for them. Some were Sunday school teachers, others were parents, grandparents, pastors and others who had taught us or otherwise influenced us in our earlier years. We had a good time remembering our past and who had made us who we are today. All these people helped to start and keep our "faith fires burning."

President Virginia White gave an update on members who weren't there.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to Melinda Roof, Brenda Miller, Sally Thompson, Rev. Sluder, Minnie Conrad, Lois Brown and Lucille Wray who had birthdays during July and August.

After a blessing by Pastor Sluder, we enjoyed a delicious meal of salmon patties, pintos, onions, mashed potatoes apples, pickles, cabbage, cornbread, rolls, pound cake and peaches prepared by Daisy Crisp.

Seniors meet at Mt. Tabor each third Wednesday at 10:30 and all seniors in the community are invited to attend.



### **HGLC passes Visitor Goal!**

Celebrating 125 years  
of faith,  
Over 130 visitors  
have worshipped at  
Holly Grove Lutheran  
in 2010!  
"All are welcome  
in this place!"

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Give Blood & See America!**

Participate in donating blood or platelets between July 1 and September 30, 2010 and enter our drawing to win a \$1,000 Gift Card!

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767



**American Red Cross**



**Holly Grove Lutheran Blood Drive @  
Holly Grove Fire Department  
(2211 E. Holly Grove Road)**

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010  
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**To Schedule an appointment, contact a  
member of the Ladies Group or call Kim  
@ 746-5940.**

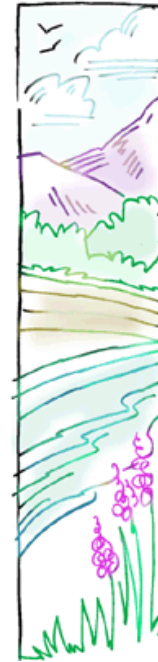
**All donors will be registered to win a  
\$1000 Gift Card!**

## Thinking about Labor Day



The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden “to till and keep it.” In the fourth commandment we are told to “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.” Then we read: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work” (Exodus 20:8-9 NRSV). Work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the “fruits” of our labor. Work satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes. It is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents.

Since we have the privilege of being “workers together with God” it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.



*We know  
that all  
things work  
together  
for good for  
those who  
love God....*

*Romans 8:28*



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WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

### Sundays

915AM Sunday School for all ages  
1030AM Worship—Traditional

### Wednesdays

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

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