

March 2018



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



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The Holly Leaf

Mission Statement of Holly Grove Lutheran Church

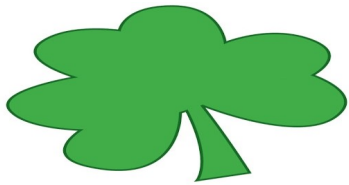
“As united people of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to provide worship and Christian education, and respond in a loving action to a needy world.”

• Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:
www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org

Find us on Facebook!



Love. Grow. Serve.



well hello, march

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <i>National Anthem Day</i>
4	5 <i>CHICKS @ 7:00 pm</i> <i>Learn What Your Name Means Day</i>	6	7 <i>Lent Meal @ 5:45 pm</i> <i>Service @ 6:30 pm</i>	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Council @ 7:00 pm</i>	13	14 <i>Lent Meal @ 5:45 pm</i> <i>Service @ 6:30 pm</i>	15 <i>Absolutely Incredible Kid Day</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>AGAPE @ 6:30 pm</i>	20 <i>World Story-telling Day</i>	21 <i>Lent Meal @ 5:45 pm</i> <i>Service @ 6:30 pm</i>	22 <i>National Goof Off Day</i>	23 <i>National Puppy Day</i>	24
25	26 <i>LMiM @ 7:00 pm</i>	27	28	29 <i>Maunday Thursday</i>	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	30

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Altar Guild- Karen Beck

Mother's Rose Garden- Keith & Lori Cecil-In Honor of Debbie Frank & Etta Lee Conrad

4th *3rd Sunday in Lent*

Holy Communion

Basket Offering: Back Pack Fund

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman

Communion Assistant: Lateffa Dennis

Ushers: Lynn Dennis, Andy Ferguson, Gaven Ferguson, Herbert Frank, Frank Hamilton

Altar Flowers: Gary & Judy McLain-In honor of Our Anniversary

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Chapman

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

11th *4th Sunday in Lent* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Communion Assistant: Bob Troutman

Ushers: Harold Beck, Johnny Fritts, Robin Beck, Ty Heitman

Altar Flowers: Andy & Kristal Ferguson-In honor of Drew and Gaven's Birthday

Nursery Attendant: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Church: Susan Lohr

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

18th *5th Sunday in Lent* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Janna Waitman

Communion Assistant: Lynn Dennis

Ushers: Eddie Heitman, Gary Hedrick, Michael Willson, Bob Troutman

Altar Flowers: Robert, Mandy & Brody Fritts-In honor of Taylor's 15th Birthday

Nursery Attendant: Carol Conrad

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman

Children's Chat: Joe Davis

25th *Palm Sunday* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark

Communion Assistant: Kim Troutman

Ushers: Rex Everhart, Keith Cecil, Dean Chapman, Max Carrick

Altar Flowers: Micky & Carol Conrad-In honor of Family

Nursery Attendant: Kara Feeney

Children's Church: Lateffa Dennis

Children's Chat: Pastor

29th *Maundy Thursday* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Joe Davis

Communion Assistant: Rex Everhart

Ushers: Herbert Frank, Scott Black

30th *Good Friday*

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad

Ushers: Harold Beck, Bob Troutman

Valentine Dance 2018







Ask Holly



Dear Holly,

I heard a rumor recently that our pastor has been keeping a secret from us about his family. Is this true? Why would he do that?

Hertie Mee

Dear Hertie,

I don't know anything about any secrets, but I think I know what you're getting at, so let's get this right out in the open- Pastor Matt, Keri, and Marcus are expecting a new addition to their family in late May! And goodness, that's less than 3 months from now! Sometime around May 23rd they will be joined by a little girl, and I'm guessing Marcus isn't going to know what hit him!

You aren't the first person, lately, to bring this up with me or to be surprised by the news. So, I inquired about all this with Pastor Matt, and I have it on good authority that there was never any intention to be secretive. In fact the church council has known about this since early December (and here I thought that once somebody at Holly Grove knows something, everybody knows it)! I honestly think he just never got around to making any sort of big announcement at church about the whole thing. But he sounded glad for me to know and to be able to share that news with you!

I also found out that in order to support the pastor and the adjustments his family will need to make with a new little one at home, the church council approved for the pastor to be away from church business for 4 weeks in late May and early June. There will, of course, still be worship happening on a normal schedule on Sundays, and the pastor will make sure that there are other area pastors available to help should emergencies arrive.

And now, thanks to my investigative powers, you know the whole story!

Forever Yours,

Ms. Holly Grove, *Church Lady Extraordinaire*

Holly Leaf January 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Chip Blower; 14 plus Pastor present

Devotions – Wendy gave devotions tonight, Neil has devotions next month.

Approval of Reports:

Minutes –Moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Financial Secretary –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Building Fund –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Pastor's Report – The new website is up and running. It uses the same web address, but looks different and now has a calendar that is updated with events. We are now able to give donations using the website. Pastor is on vacation the week after Christmas. We have a baptism and new member joining on 1/7/18.

Motioned to accept Pastor's report. Seconded. Motion Passed. ** includes approving new members **

Correspondence:

Letter from Lutheran Disaster Relief thanking us for the \$912.40 sent with the truck load of supplies

Letter from Mission start in Winston Salem- thanking us for the \$750.00 and asking if we would like her to visit during worship one Sunday.

- Decided 'yes' we would like her to visit, Pastor will speak with her.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Nothing to report-

Evangelism – Nothing to report-

Fellowship – Will assist with finger foods after the children's program-

Finance – Nothing to report-

Parish Ed – Practicing for the children's Christmas program, asking reimbursement for \$190 in updating costumes, etc. -
- Motioned, seconded. Motion for reimbursement approved.

Property – Nothing to report-

Recreation – Nothing to report -

Scholarship – Nothing to report -

Scouts – Nothing to report-

Social Ministry – Gave food to Genesis House -

Stewardship – Nothing to report-

Worship & Music – We have changed settings for the season and added in the Gospel Accolade singing-

Youth – Next week is the Christmas party and then they will look toward Houston trip -

Unfinished Business:

Advent collection distribution: Will give it to the ELCA Water fund. Motioned. Seconded. Motion approved.

Pew Pads: A new sample brought that seems very sturdy and visually appealing. They are \$4.75 each and the pads of 50 are \$1.50 each from Church Press, Inc. They only take cash or check. Suggestion given to purchase 35 pad cases and two years of pads (2 per case). Motioned, Seconded. Motion passed- will order. Also it is suggested that we look into purchasing or making cards to send to visitors or members that have not come to church in a while- "thank you for visiting" or "we miss you" cards.

Phone tree is up and working

We are still working on the kitchen upgrades

Still searching for a new treasurer. We will decide upon this in January.

New Business:

Tim, Robin, Kara and Bob will be on a committee looking into safety and security. Robin knows who teaches the training at the Sheriff's department, so maybe we could ask them about training.

Proposal that we look into helping the Genesis House with paper products (plates, cups, etc). They are in need of a running supply and hopefully the Men's group will take this on. Will let us know what was decided.

OFFICERS:

President: Neil Clark

Vice President: Wendy Lohr

Secretary: Kara Feeny

Financial Treasurer: Minnie Conrad

Basket Offerings: will discuss in detail next month, but will dedicate the January basket offering to the HGLC Youth Group. Motioned, Seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Representatives will be discussed and decided upon in January.

Staff bonuses: decided upon. Motioned. Seconded. Motion approved.



Easter Word Search

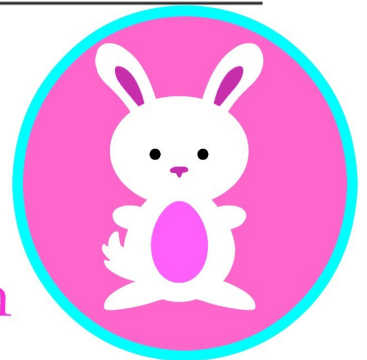
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 JELLYBEANS
 RABBIT
 CHOCOLATE

LAMBS
 IRIS
 BASKET
 CHICKS
 HUNT





Agape friends will sponsor a "Baby Girl Sprinkle" for Keri and Pastor Matt on Monday, **March 19th** starting at 6:30 in the Fellowship hall.

A NOTE OF



Dear Friends of Holly Grove Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your kindness in the loss of our beloved son, husband, father, brother, uncle and "Poppy" Steve. He was the inspiration that held us together as a family. We had so many plans when he moved his family back to North Carolina from Texas, but God had other plans for him. We all know he is in a better place and is not in pain any more.

We appreciate the prayers, visits, prayer shawls and food provided at the funeral. May God bless each of you and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

The John R. Curry Family

If you use artificial flower arrangements in the cemetery, please consider taping a name to the bottom of the arrangement. We frequently find them blown across the cemetery, near the road, and toward the parking lot, but if we know where it goes, we'll be glad to put it back!





Blessings From the Parish Education Committee

Our Intergeneration Winter Faith Fellowship Gathering was held on Sunday morning, February 25. We began with a pot luck breakfast and everyone shared some wonderful dishes. Pastor Matt led us in a Did You Know discussion about whether particular verses in the Bible were “male or female.” Miss Jane led us in a “build a hamburger” activity to form teams. Each team was then given a bible story and Legos to create something symbolic in the story. Then we presented our story and creations. What a fun time as young and young at heart worked and shared with one another. We closed the Gathering by all singing Jesus Loves Me. If you missed this one, please be on the lookout for news of the next Faith Gathering. If you would like to help organize or have some fun ideas, just contact the church office.

Psalm 145:4. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.





Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Fun Facts about March

March is the third month of the year, but did you know that Ancient Rome considered March to be the first month? Since Rome is in the Mediterranean, where the climate is warmer, March was the first month of Spring, and the start of the military campaign season.

March starts on the same day of the week as November, every year.

March is named after Mars, the Greek god of war. *Lentmonat* was the historical name used by the Saxons, and the eventual namesake of *Lent*.

March's birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone. Both stones signify courage. The birth flower is the Daffodil.

People born before March 20th are considered Pisces and those born after March 21st are under the zodia sign of Aries.

March is the National Month for:

Crafts
Music In Our Schools
Irish American Heritage
Peanuts
Women's History
Youth Art
Baseball Spring Training (Go Yankees!)

Notable Days in March:

March 7--Purim begins at sundown
March 8--International Working Women's Day
March 11--Worship of Tools Day
March 14--National Pi Day (3.14 is the value of Pi)
March 15--Ides of March
March 17--St. Patrick's Day
March 20--International Earth Day
March 20--The First Day of Spring!
March 25--Waffle Day (I'll have mine with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, please.)
March 28--Something on a Stick Day (Umm. Ok.)
March 29--National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day.

Fun Facts about March



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Harold Beck Steve Garner Chance & Lia Brockmeier</i>	2	3
4 <i>Archie/Jo Ann Turner</i>	5	6 <i>Denny Dietrich Walt Blower</i>	7 <i>Betty Roberts</i>	8 <i>Jessica McCullum</i>	9 <i>Stephanie Parks Drew Parks Matt/Keri Smith</i>	10 <i>Chloe Gabriel</i>
11 <i>Keith Watkins Michael Willson Lindsay Black</i>	12 <i>Alex Chapman Carson Rose Karl Fulbright</i>	13 <i>Kendra Willson Drew Ferguson Kodi Lomax</i>	14 <i>Terri Clark Finn Lomax</i>	15 <i>Ty Heitman Gary/Judy McLain</i>	16 <i>Gaven Ferguson</i>	17 <i>Dee Watkins</i>
18 <i>Barbara Black Chris/Emily Beck</i>	19 <i>Lydia Rose Mandy Lawrence</i>	20 <i>Taylor Fritts</i>	21 <i>Walt Anderson Rebecca Kepley Ben/Angela Palmer</i>	22 <i>Scott Parks</i>	23 <i>Barbara Gaultney Tracie Voletto Whitney Lohr Aidan Walser Rusty/Sheila Blower</i>	24 <i>Brent/Keeli McLamb</i>
25 <i>Teresa Fritts</i>	26	27	28 <i>Debbie Frank</i>	29	30 <i>Kim Troutman</i>	31 <i>Katherine Varner</i>

February Senior News

Minnie Conrad

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, February 21st at Mt. Tabor's Events Center.

Sarah Leonard and Carolyn Grubb were in charge of the program and they served ham and cheese biscuits, fruit and donuts.

Sarah read some of her favorite scripture and a favorite reading from her Daily Devotions. She concluded with John 3:16.

We discussed different options since Daisy is no longer able to cook our delicious meals. We decided that we would have snacks again to be furnished by the ones in charge of having our program, have our meeting and then go home to prepare our own lunch. We applauded Daisy who has prepared our meals for many years.

We will bring something to eat next month as the Pastors have the program.

We convinced Jan Watkins to replace Virginia White who has also served for many years and asked to be replaced.

Becky Weisner has sent birthday cards to members for many years. We voted that we would discontinue this and sing Happy Birthday each month to all who had birthdays.

Lisa Swing had a birthday in February so we sang Happy Birthday to her.

Our next meeting will be on March 21st at 10:30 and all seniors in the community are invited to join us.

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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