

October 2018



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



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The Holly Leaf

Mission Statement of Holly Grove Lutheran Church

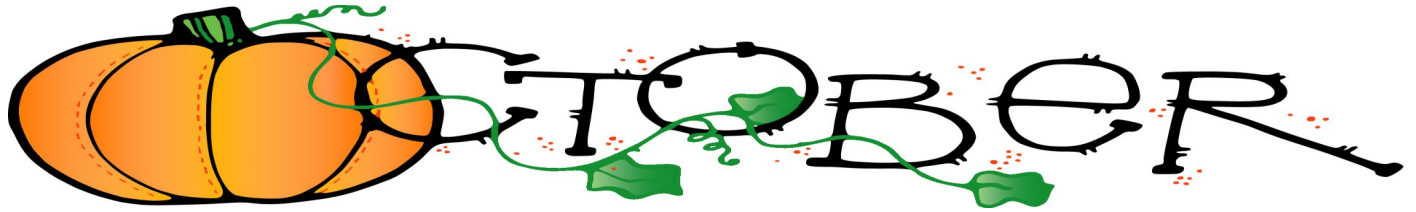
“As united people of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to provide worship and Christian education, and respond in a loving action to a needy world.”

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

Find us on Facebook!



Love. Grow. Serve.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CHICKS @ 7:00 pm Vegetarian Day	2 Name Your Car Day	3	4 Toot Your Flute Day	5	6
7	8 Council @ 7:00 pm American Tag Day	9 Moldy Cheese Day	10	11 It's My Party Day	12	13
14 Be Bald & Free Day	15 AGAPE @ 6:30 pm Grouch Day	16	17 Senior's @ Mt. Tabor 10:30 am	18	19	20
21	22 LMiM @ 7:00 pm	23	24 Bologna Day	25	26 Mule Day	27
28 Ugly Pick-Up Day	29	30	31			

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Altar Guild- Susan Lohr

Mother's Rose Garden- Bob & Kim Troutman-In Honor of Minnie Conrad

-In Memory of Helen Troutman

7th *20th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

Basket Offering: HGLC Scholarship Fund

Assisting Minister: Joe Davis

Communion Assistant: Lynn Dennis

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman

Ushers: Frank Hamilton, Harold Beck, Johnny Fritts, Robin Beck

Altar Flowers: Gary & Paula Hedrick-In honor of Family

Nursery Attendant: Carol Conrad

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

14th *21st Sunday after Pentecost*

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad

Children's Church: Lateffa Dennis

Ushers: Ty Heitman, Eddie Heitman, Gary Hedrick, Michael Willson

Altar Flowers: Lisa McLain-Smith-In honor of Mark & Lisa Smith's Anniversary

Nursery Attendant: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Chat: Pastor

21st *22nd Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura

Communion Assistant: Rex Everhart

Ushers: Bob Troutman, Rex Everhart, Keith Cecil, Dean Chapman

Altar Flowers: Johnny, Tammy & Olivia Turner-In honor of Logan Turner's Birthday

Nursery Attendant: Kara Feeney

Children's Chat: Pastor

28th *Reformation Sunday Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

Ushers: Max Carrick, Joe Davis, Lynn Dennis, Andy Ferguson, Gaven Ferguson

Altar Flowers: Bobby and Janna Waitman in memory of Earl & Edna Waitman, Larry Waitman, Rev. & Mrs. E.M. Dellinger, and Jason Waitman

Nursery Attendant: Monica Parsons

Children's Chat: Pastor

HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met Wednesday, September 19, 2018 with 16 members present.

Minnie Conrad presented a devotional called Reverence for Age. Carolina Conrad read a poem called The Golden Age, with which we all could identify with and gave us a few smiles.

Carolina presented the guest speaker for this month, Brittany Clodfelter, PT, DPT from Accelerate Therapy and Performance in Lexington. Accelerate also has an office in Salisbury.

Brittany led us in a Balance and Dizziness Workshop. She explained how we may not realize we have balance issues but they sneak up on us. When balance problems develop they can increase the risk for falling, shorten our attention span, disrupt our normal sleep patterns and cause excessive fatigue.

Brittany explained that balance issues can be treated successfully with balance specific activities, gait re-education, strengthening and endurance exercises, including posture re-training and also oculomotor exercises involving eye, head and body movements.

Accelerate Therapy and Performance offered each of our members a free 20 minute balance assessment, which many of us are very interested in. Brittany's program was very interesting and informative.

Before our refreshments we recited the Lord's Prayer and then expressed cares and concerns for our community.

The Treasury Report was given by Myra Beck.

Because of all the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence the membership voted to donate \$200.00 through Evangelical Lutheran Church of America for disaster assistance.

We sang Happy Birthday to those who will have a birthday before we meet again, Sandra Burcham (9-23) and Carolina Conrad (10-1).

In an effort to grow our membership we will all invite someone to our October meeting.

Our next meeting will be October 17 with Shirley Phillips, Libby Holder and Sally Thomason.



Opening Doors

Answering the Spirit's Call

A \$2 MILLION CAMPAIGN to meet the shortage of pastors and on behalf of seminarians from the North Carolina Synod committed to attending the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Make your gift through your congregation or online.

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Worship bloopers

"This is not a performance," I always tell the nervous 3rd-grader in the parish the first time they go to light the candles on a Sunday morning right there in front of Momma and Aunt Maggie and the grouchy altar guild lady and God and everybody. "It's worship, and we aren't perfect, nor are we supposed to be. We give God and God's people our best, but when we fall short, God does the rest." Luther's Sacristy Prayer essentially says the same thing. "Were it all up to me, I would bring it all to destruction." Yep. We have this treasure in earthen vessels.

I lead worship all over the place. I've preached and led worship in at least 10 states and at least 10 countries. I've been a pastor of a small rural, large urban, and university/resort congregations. I've preached for 10,000 people at one time and I've preached for hundreds of thousands on DayOne radio show. And I've messed up so many times that it's hard to believe I didn't at some point just give it up. It's one thing to make a defective widget every now and then. It's quite another horrifying reality to blunder the Word and/or sacraments! My strongest recurring tendencies toward works righteousness are in these humbling moments.

A pastor in our synod whom I know reasonably well was lamenting on social media having forgotten the words to the Lord's Prayer during a pastoral visit in a care facility. What pastor hasn't done that? My intern supervisor turned all red in the face once and finally had to walk down from the altar because he couldn't even remember how the Lord's Prayer started! A pastor with whom I worked preached a whole sermon on how "Mary washed Jesus' hair with her feet." That's just an image you can't unsee. Another pastoral colleague got up to lead the Creed and entirely omitted the first article. No creation! An intern once meant to pray "for the hungry and the homeless," but it came out, "for the hungry and the homely." He quickly recovered by adding, "And Lord, we pray for all of the good looking people, too."

Among my own personal pastoral worship leadership and preaching blunders are:

- First time ever, distributing the wine in my first-year-teaching parish at St. Paul's in Stoverstown, PA, my Mom and Dad had just given me a big pewter cross to wear, which I did, not realizing the physics of how when you bend over, the cross swings forward with force, which it did, dinging an elderly woman right in the mouth and breaking the top middle tooth of her dentures clean in half. Neither she nor I ever told my supervisor. I was horrified.
- Same parish, same semester, only Easter, and sundresses were all the rage, and my supervisor reminded me to be discreet, and as I handed out wafers on one side at the altar trying not to be creepy, I looked away and dropped a wafer right down the front of a dress. Moved on. Horrified.
- Unbeknownst to me, I scooped up several dozen wafers at the altar as I reached across the paten to pick up the chalice, and didn't know I had a sleeve full until I walked out to the nave level for distribution, and it was like manna raining from heaven, and I couldn't figure what happened.
- Preached a sermon on the 10 commandments in which I referred to the commandment, "You shall not admit adultery." Denied it. Heard it on the tape, though. Choir member's assessment: "Good advice, Pastor. But bad commandment."
- Finally got up the nerve to do footwashing on Maundy Thursday my fourth year in the parish, only to be so nervous in explaining it and issuing the invitation to come forward that I said, "All who desire may now remove your shoes and come forward for the fart-washing." Lots of laughter, but not the Holy Week moment I was aiming for.
- A teenager at the third morning worship service at the communion rail looked up and said, "Pastor, you have on a brown loafer and a black loafer." I did. Probably dozens of others saw it. She alone was brave. I said, "I have another pair almost like it at home, only in reverse."

I could go on and on, as all pastors and anyone in any vocation could. We're far from perfect. I tell those stories to nervous acolytes and shaky seminarians and now to you to highlight that we have to be able to take ourselves seriously enough, but at the same time, not too seriously. I hope it's a little easier to light the candles that first time with every eye burning a hole in your back, assessing what kind of shoes you wear and if your hair looks right. "Hey," I remind acolytes, "until you knock out some lady's tooth, I'm way ahead of you in the worship-messing-up contest. But every now and then, God uses even me."

May God use you powerfully through the gift and calling of your baptism and Christ's presence in and through you despite all of the perfectly good and accurate excuses that we're not good enough and never will be.

Bishop Tim Smith



Please pray for:

October 2018

<p>Our Shut-ins Sue Anderson</p>

Our Members:

**Burnette Monteith
Jane Brown
Marshall Brown-Hospice Care
Bobbie Fritts
Harold Rose
The Family of Elizabeth Dietrich
The Family of Betty Queen
Lydia York
John Curry**

Our Friends & Family:

Billie Allred
Gracie Hedrick
Chuck Clodfelter-Friend of Wendy Lohr
Breanna Rose
Darryl Fleming & Family-Co-worker of Meagan Murphy
Wayne Charles-Friend of Herb Lohr
Judy Rose-wife of Harold Rose
Eddie Wray-Friend of Herb Lohr
Tommy Wrenn-friend of Bonnie Hedrick
Kathy Owens-Sharon Everhart's Sister
Noah Byerly-friend of Sharon Everhart
Kevin Stewart-Robin & Karen Beck's son-in-law
James Church
Our service men and women all over the world
Those unemployed, looking for work

****Names are generally rotated off after three weeks but we are happy to add them again if requested. Please send Prayer Requests to: hglcoffice@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office complex (336-249-2807).



OCTOBER 6TH, 2018 YOUTHQUAKE

3rd-5th Grade NC Synod Lutheran Event

YouthQuake is a great chance to get youth excited about gathering with other Lutherans around the state. This year's events will be in Hickory at Mt. Pisgah on October 6. The day runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bring your youth and join us for music, worship, fellowship, devotions, and fun as we explore the seven Faith Practices. High school and college-aged youth serve as group leaders.

Sign up with your church for a day of faith, fellowship and fun! Cost is \$20 per person which includes t-shirt, lunch, crafts, music, and program.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Music

Worship

Fellowship

Devotions

FUN

Cost is \$20 per
person

NC SYNOD OFFICE

1988 Lutheran Synod Dr.
Salisbury, NC 28144

lutheranyouth.org

October 6, 2018
10am-3pm

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!





Christmas is just around the corner! The Parish Ed Committee is doing a “casting call” for all children that want to participate in the Christmas program. If you have a friend from school, day care, or extended family that would want to be part of the greatest story ever told, please let one of us know! Sign-up forms are located in the narthex.



Mark your calendar! October 21st 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Halloween Party

Meet at the picnic shelter for a hayride at 6pm, followed by a hot dog roast & s'mores. Wear your costume, and bring a bag for treats!

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

October is the tenth month of the year and one of seven months with a length of 31 days. In common years, January starts the same day of the week as October, but no other month starts on the same day in leap years.

October is associated with Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

Those born in the first half of the month are under the Zodiac sign Libra and those born in the latter part of October are Scorpios.

October's birthstones are pink tourmaline and opal. It's said that an opal will crack if not worn by someone born in October.

The birth flower is the calendula.

And for all of you sports lovers, here's a tid-bit for you: The last week in October is the only time of the year when all four major North American Sports Leagues schedule games.

I have lots of stuff for you this month!!

October Events and Holidays

October 2--International Day of Non-Violence

October 5--International World Teachers' Day

October 9--National Children Appreciation Day

October 16--World Food Day (A global movement to end hunger.)

October 20--Spirit Day (Wear the color purple to show support for LGBT young people who are victims of bullying.)

October 21--Apple Day

October 31--Halloween

Bizarre Holidays:

10/1--Vegetarian Day

10/2--Name Your Car Day

10/3--Virus Appreciation Day

10/4--Toot Your Flute Day

10/6--Come and Take It Day

10/8--American Tag Day

10/9--Moldy Cheese Day

10/10--Angel Food Cake Day

10/11--It's My Party Day

10/12--Frustration Scream Day

10/14--Be Bald and Free Day

10/15--Grouch Day

10/18--Chocolate Cupcake Day which coincides with Menopause Day

10/21--Babbling Day

10/24--Bologna Day

10/25--Punk for a Day

10/26--Mule Day

10/27--Cranky Co-Workers Day

10/28--Ugly Pick-up Day


10/29--Hermit Day

10/30--Haunted Refrigerator Day

10/31--Increase Your Psychic Powers Day



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Carolina Conrad</i> <i>Doody Hinson</i> <i>Tim/Sharon Everhart</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Kevin Stewart</i>	6 <i>Robin/Karen Beck</i>
7	8 <i>Bobby Clodfelter</i>	9	10 <i>Todd/Amy Kepley</i>	11	12 <i>Marty/Chris</i>	13
14 <i>Greg/Guyla Kepley</i>	15 <i>Dean Conrad</i>	16 <i>Keith Cecil</i>	17 <i>Keri Smith</i> <i>Dean/Toni Chapman</i>	18	19 <i>Logan Turner</i>	20 <i>Teresa Connor</i> <i>Melissa Blower</i> <i>Robert/Mandy Fritts</i>
21 <i>Wendy Lohr</i>	22 <i>Bob Troutman</i>	23 <i>Michael/Kendra Willson</i>	24 <i>Kristal Ferguson</i> <i>Scott Curry</i>	25 <i>Harold/Myra Beck</i>	26	27 <i>Holly Curry</i> <i>Jeff Everhart</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>Janice Blevins</i> <i>Nicholas Hedrick</i> 			



October 11th Holly Grove will serve the dinner meal at Genesis House Family Shelter. Speak with Neal Clark if willing to provide food or help serve.

October 21st: Davidson Lutheran Youth at Holly Grove! Middle and High School Youth from all the Lutheran Churches in the county are invited to join us at Holly Grove from 7:00 - 8:30 pm for glow-in-the-dark capture the flag and SMORES!

October 28th 7:00 pm Joint Reformation service with Davidson county Lutheran churches at Pilgrim Lutheran

Hurricane Relief Collection: Financial contributions are the best way to help. But if you prefer, thru October 7th, we will collect the following items: non-perishable food, water, toilet paper, toothbrushes/paste, feminine products, can openers, baby food/supplies, batteries, flashlights, first aid supplies, toiletries and trash bags. Please bring these items only.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
HURRICANE FLORENCE

SEPTEMBER 2018

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Florence is threatening more than 1 million of our neighbors in the Carolinas and elsewhere with dangerous winds, storm surge and potentially catastrophic flooding.

As a church, we're standing ready to assist our neighbors through their recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia and the synods in the hurricane's path to respond to this disaster. In the midst of a hurricane season that is producing strong storms, Lutheran Disaster Response is also

monitoring Hurricane Helene, Tropical Storm Olivia and Tropical Storm Isaac and is prepared to respond.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Florence and other hurricanes for years to come.

Your gifts designated for *hurricane response* will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane response* \$ _____ DDG0087
 Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
Write "*Hurricane response*" or "*Where needed most*" on your check's memo line.

Ask Holly



Dear Holly,

Someone told me we are getting rid of the nursery. Is it true?! Don't we care about young families anymore?

Sincerely,

B.B. Sitter

Dear Mr./Mrs. Sitter,

Well, what you heard is partially true. The plan is to sometime soon transition away from having a volunteer from the congregation sit in the nursery during worship on Sunday. But we are in no way "getting rid" of the nursery. The nursery will continue to be there like it always has been for parents and little ones who need it during worship or any other time. But the fact is that our nursery workers have most often not been needed at all on Sunday mornings. One of two things almost always happens: the nursery worker sits in the nursery by herself all service (and yes, it is always *herself*- the men have been rather slack in this department), or the nursery worker is joined in the nursery by a young child *and* the child's parent. Maybe it's a culture change from 30 years ago, but it is quite rare for there to be a Sunday when parents have dropped children off in the nursery. So, rather than have the nursery worker twiddling her thumbs and not be in worship, we're going to give it a go at leaving the nursery unstaffed during worship. And actually this is precisely *because* we care about young families. It's mostly parents and grandparents of young children who volunteer to keep the nursery, and we'd rather give them the flexibility to participate in worship and share their gifts elsewhere in the service.

I know what you're thinking- but hey, what about those Sundays when somebody really does *need* the nursery? Well, there may be times when this still happens. Pastor Matt sometimes needs help with his kids when Keri is at work, and there is a family that visits a few times a year who use the nursery. This is where the community comes in. You can help by keeping your eyes open for situations when a nursery worker might be needed and help communicate that to someone who has been a recent nursery volunteer. I dare say they would still be willing to help when needed! It may be more disorganized, but right now a nursery worker is actually needed less than 10% of the time. And it seems better to weather a little disorganization than it does to waste 90% of our nursery volunteers' time. It's stewardship- stewardship of gifts and time!

Sincerely,

Holly Grove



Hurricane Florence GIVE TODAY

We know that in times of disaster, we all want to help. Hurricane Florence took its own sweet time coming ashore and then moving across our synod and the Southeast. How can we respond in order to have the most impact?

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) and Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) are in the process of establishing longer-term relief efforts. They are still on the ground working on Hurricane Matthew relief from two years ago. For that matter, LDR is still on site on the Gulf Coast with Katrina recovery and definitely in Houston with Harvey recovery! Giving to LSC and LDR will be money put to good use in this disaster and for years to come.

You may feel called to give items in addition to money. Think about connections you might have with a congregation on the coast in need. Call them to see if there would be ways you can help them directly. Often the most helpful assistance comes through personal relationships. Continue to watch *Synod E-News* for new opportunities for giving as they come to our attention.

Additionally, I have contacted Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh by way of Bishop Zarama. They have a substantial infrastructure in place already for distribution. Read below to see how we can join in their work.

Responding to those in greatest need is how we might BE the Gospel, good news, for the sake of the world!

Walking with you,



Bishop Tim Smith

Give, give, give

Give money for greatest impact

Perhaps the gift with greatest impact following a hurricane is that of money. Needs can then be met as they arise: food, fuel, building supplies, or very specific items depending on the situation and setting. Please consider giving.



- **ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response** provides disaster response and relief now and for years to come. **Give now.** Use this **bulletin insert** to encourage donations from your congregation.
- **NC Synod's Domestic Disaster Relief** goes directly to needs identified by pastors and congregations in our synod or in neighboring synods. **Give now.** Send checks made out to "NC Synod, ELCA" with the note "Hurricane Florence" to NC Synod, ELCA, 1988 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury NC 28144.
- **Lutheran Services Carolinas' Disaster Relief** will offer on-the-ground assistance in affected areas. (Choose "LSC Unrestricted" and note "disaster recovery" in the comments.) **Give now.**

Thrivent Financial is matching gifts made dollar for dollar--up to \$1 million-- through the end of 2018. **Go to the Thrivent Disaster Relief page**, expand the Hurricane Florence section (using the plus sign), choose your relief organization from those listed, and complete the form. Givers need not have Thrivent accounts to have donations matched.

Give blood for those in need

Red Cross personnel are now deployed to respond to needs in the affected area, requiring that blood drives across the state be canceled for the foreseeable future. And yet, there is a real need for donated blood. **Contact the Red Cross in your area to find out where to give blood to help.**



**American
Red Cross**

Collect these items

Living into our agreement of the *Declaration Along the Way*, Bishop Tim contacted Bishop Zarama about how we might respond. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh has a substantial infrastructure for distribution of items and they have welcomed our help. They are currently collecting:



- **Baby diapers**--all sizes (18-36 mos. sizes are the greatest demand)
- **Baby formula** (definitely formula, NOT food)
- **Baby wipes**
- **Feminine hygiene products** (sanitary pads, tampons)
- **Adult diapers**
- **Bottled water** (pints, liters, 1-gallon, or 3-gallon containers)

Ship items by UPS or USPS Priority Mail--or deliver directly--to Raleigh:

Hurricane Relief
2013 Raleigh Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27604

You may also assemble kits: Emergency Clean-Up Kits, Personal Hygiene Kits, or School Kits. **Follow these instructions and then ship them as noted above.**

WHAT NOT TO DO:

Please do NOT bring items to the synod office. We do not have a way to store them nor do we have a way to transport them. Send or deliver them directly to Raleigh. Also, please do NOT collect clothes. Those often become a second disaster for those recovering as they must be stored, sorted, or even cleaned. *These specifically-requested items or monetary donations are the best way to give!*



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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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