

November 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:
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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <i>National Sandwich Day</i>
4	5 <i>CHICKS @ 7:00 pm</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 <i>Council @ 7:00 pm</i>	13 <i>Word of Kindness Day</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Homemade Bread Day</i>
18	19 <i>AGAPE @ 6:30 pm</i>	20	21 <i>Seniors @ Mt. Tabor @ 10:30 am</i>	22 	23 <i>Cashew Day</i>	24
25 <i>Buy Nothing Day</i>	26 <i>LMiM @ 7:00 pm</i>	27	28	29	30	

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Altar Guild- Lynn & Lateffa Dennis
Mother's Rose Garden- Ross & Elisa Sommer-In Honor of Our 10th Anniversary

4th *24th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

Basket Offering: Helping Hands

Assisting Minister: Janna Waitman

Communion Assistant: Kim Troutman

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman

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

Altar Flowers: David & Jane Brown- in memory of our mothers, Lois Brown and Martha Leonard

Nursery Attendant: Susan Lohr

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

11th *25th Sunday after Pentecost*

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark

Children's Church: Susan Lohr

Ushers: Robin Beck, Ty Heitman, Eddie Heitman, Gary Hedrick

Altar Flowers: Minnie Conrad-In honor of Veterans

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Chapman

Children's Chat: Pastor

18th *26th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Kara Feeney

Children's Church: Lateffa Dennis

Communion Assistant: Sandra Vaughn

Ushers: Michael Willson, Bob Troutman, Rex Everhart, Keith Cecil

Altar Flowers: Sherry Proctor-In memory of Barbara Conrad

Nursery Attendant: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Chat: Joe Davis

25th *Christ the King Sunday Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura

Communion Assistant: Janna Waitman

Ushers: Dean Chapman, Max Carrick, Joe Davis, Herbert Frank

Altar Flowers: Matthew, Monica & Ryah Parsons-In honor of Our Church Family-Happy Thanksgiving

Nursery Attendant: Carol Conrad

Children's Chat: Pastor



Stories of faith in action

On Sunday, September 23, Bishop Tim Smith traveled to St. John's, Hudson, to install Pastor Dan Duke (not Dan Carolina...much to the bishop's dismay) as their new pastor even though Pastor Duke is still the pastor at St. Stephen's, Lenoir. How can that be? After a period of discernment on the part of both congregations and in an effort to be vital and healthy, these two congregations with the support of the NC Synod have decided to "yoke" their ministries (share a pastor). As the bishop shared, "Extensive research and prayer revealed to the congregation that if Jesus and Pastor Dan could show up at 9:30 a.m. they could too!"

Pastor Dan shared, "On August 26, members of both congregations voted overwhelmingly in favor of yoking together. The congregations celebrated by joining together for an afternoon of great food, fellowship, and fun. Over and over, I heard: 'We need to get together more often!' Scripture teaches us that we can accomplish more together than we can when we are apart. Maybe all we really need is a frequent reminder of what God can accomplish in us as a community of believers."

For many years, the ELCA has shared the publication called "Stories of Faith in Action" so you can see how your congregation's regular financial offering is being used—that portion that is shared with the synod and then sent on to the churchwide organization. Enjoy this story about

Good Soil Congregation in Ohio which is a consolidation of two congregations. Consolidation is different than being “yoked” like St. John’s and St. Stephen’s in our synod, but is still a great example of new ways of doing ministry in vital congregations with whole and healthy leaders.

Two Become One—a churchwide story

On a recent Sunday, Mark Rollenhagen noticed something special as he looked out at the worshipers of Good Soil Lutheran Ministries. The youngest among them was six weeks old; the oldest was 90. To the pastor, it represented “the fullness of a healthy community.”

Born from the consolidation of Faith and Our Savior’s—both ELCA congregations two miles apart in suburban Cleveland, Ohio—Good Soil is a new congregation that receives funding through Mission Support.

Rollenhagen was originally called to Faith in 2011. In 2016, Our Savior’s contracted with Faith to share his ministry. Sharing a pastor intensified discernment in both congregations on whether to consolidate. The two churches began joint worship in 2016 on Pentecost Sunday.

At the 2017 ELCA Newly Organized Congregation Gathering, also funded by Mission Support, Rollenhagen and three members met leaders from other congregations who are being church in new ways. One speaker, Fred Nelson, served a growing two-campus congregation in Illinois. “For us, it gave support to the idea that you can be a two-campus church and grow,” Rollenhagen said.

On Feb. 1, 2018, Faith and Our Savior’s merged to become Good Soil Lutheran Ministries. Rollenhagen said the name reflects the purpose—not “to prop up two small congregations” but to “strengthen and expand” Lutheran ministry in greater Cleveland.

Faith and Our Savior’s are now two campuses of Good Soil Lutheran Ministries, with worship held at each during alternate weeks. Members and guests were reminded of the new schedule through signage on both buildings; maps and schedules are posted online.

“The biggest challenge was for people to grow beyond the identities of Faith and Our Savior’s,” Rollenhagen said. But he thinks worshipping together Sunday after Sunday has aided in this transition. Attendance has grown, with younger families. “The energy is being directed toward living into the future instead of trying to save the past,” Rollenhagen said.

More opportunity

The goal of the synod and the ELCA is not survival, but vitality. Bishop Tim chairs a national effort for vitality across congregations. For some, yoking is the answer for how they can make a difference in their community. For others, it is sharing a pastor and worshipping at different times, like they are with Pastor Duke in Hudson.

This is a major emphasis of the work of your synod, helping congregations to have vitality. It isn’t a simple process. It takes prayer and discernment. It takes listening to the Spirit. It is holy

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work and it is what we ask our synod servants—the bishop and synod staff—to engage in on a daily basis.

Thank you for walking together as synod to help lead every congregation in NC to live into the fullness of what God is calling them to become.

“Two Become One” ©2018 taken from ELCA · www.ELCA.org · www.LivingLutheran.org



In Remembrance.....

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we commend to almighty God

The Rev. Homer E. Fry



The Reverend Homer Edgar Fry, 90, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, October 28, at his residence in Hickory. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice Eldora Barnhardt Fry; daughter, Trudy Reese of Morganton; two sons, Frank Fry (Sherry) of Hickory, and Nelson Fry (Teresa) of Hickory; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Pastor Fry was born November 5, 1927, in Catawba County, the son of the late George Franklin Fry, Sr. and Mattie Anna (Miller) Fry.

Pastor Fry was a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University (BA) in 1951 and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (MDiv) in 1955. He was ordained by the NC Synod of the ELCA in 1955 and served Luther's, Richfield (1955-1957), Christ's, Stanley (1957-1962), Holly Grove, Lexington (1962-1964), Cross of Christ (formerly Prosperity), Concord (1964-1971, New Covenant, Archdale from 1972-1973, Reformation, Taylorsville from 1973-1975), and Sardis, Hickory (1975-1985). He also served as Vice Pastor at various congregations. He served on the Board of North Carolina Lutheran Homes from 1971-1973 and retired in 2002.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 1, at St. Paul Lutheran Church ELCA, Startown, with the Rev. Ralph Kraft officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Memorial Park, Hwy. 10, Newton, NC. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church ELCA, Startown, 3761 Startown Road, Newton, NC 28658.



Davidson County Senior Services is in need of dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver meals in the Cotton Grove, Denton, Holly Grove, Pilgrim, Reedy Creek, and Wallburg communities. Prepared meals are picked up from local fire departments, churches, or civic centers and routes take no longer than two hours to complete. In addition, most volunteer drivers deliver once every other week. If you would like to support and befriend the homebound older adults in your community, please contact Jacob Gordon, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (336) 474-2646 or [jacob.gordon@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:jacob.gordon@ davidsoncountync.gov).”

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.



Please don't forget to return your Time & Talent forms.....

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Fun Facts about November

November is the 11th month of the year and one of four months with a length of 30 days. November starts on the same day of the week as March and ends on the same day of the week as August.

Those born during the first half of the month are under the Zodiac sign of Scorpio, and those born in the latter part of the month are Sagittarians. The birth flower is the chrysanthemum, and the birthstones are topaz and citrine.

Events:

- 1st--First day of Winter in Ireland.
- 2nd--National Deviled Egg Day
- 3rd--Sandwich Day
- 7th--Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day
- 10th-- The birthday of the United States Marine Corps.
Vanilla Cupcake Day
- 11th--Veterans Day in the US.
- 12th--National Pizza With The Works (Except Anchovies) Day
- 13th--Indian Pudding Day
- 14th--Children's Day in India.
- 17th--The Leonids Meteor Shower reaches its peak.
- 19th--Christopher Columbus discovers Puerto Rico in 1493.
International Men's Day
- 21st--National Adoption Day
- 22nd--Thanksgiving is observed in the US and Puerto Rico.
- 23rd--National Parfait Day
National Cashew Day

The first Tuesday of the month, Australia holds the Melbourne Cup horse race.

The first Tuesday after the first Monday is election day in the US.

November 11-17th is Geography Awareness Week.

The third Thursday of the month is The Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society and also International Philosophy Day.

The day after Thanksgiving is known as 'Black Friday' in the US.

The Monday immediately following Thanksgiving is known as 'Cyber Monday' in the US.

Bizarre Holidays:

- November 4th--Waiting For The Barbarians Day
- November 6th--Marooned Without a Compass Day
- November 9th--Chaos Never Dies Day
- November 10th--Forget-Me-Not Day
- November 11th--Air Day
- November 20th--Absurdity Day
- November 21st--False Confessions Day
- November 22nd--Start Your Own Country Day
- November 28th--Make Your Own Head Day (???)

Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Barbara Kepley Stephanie Hearn	3 Jane Tucker
4 Libby Carrick	5 Janice Queen	6	7	8	9 Gaynell Davis Mark Nieters	10 Quan McCollum
11 Boyd Queen Ricky Curry Jeff Voletto	12	13 Beau McLamb Shane/Mandy Lawrence	14 Chrissy Conrad	15 Ross/Elisa Sommer	16	17 Jennifer Davis
18	19 Andy Beck Donna Parks	20 Robin Beck Steve/Glenna Garner	21 Lita Smith	22	23 Sheila Hanes Anthony Conrad Jacob Hearn Wilson Hearn	24 David/Jane Brown
25	26	27	28 Jim Watkins Robin Queen	29 Houston Laster	30	



Update Information Form: It's that time of the year to update your information for the upcoming year. Please make any corrections and either place it in the offering plate or give it to Lateffa. If you are not sure as to what is on file, a 2018 directory is in the narthex to review. Forms are located in the narthex.

The Scholarship committee welcomes all to lunch on **Sunday, November 4th** after worship. There will also be a silent auction of items and a dessert auction. All proceeds go to the HGLC Scholarship Fund. Come share in the fun and fellowship as we work to help those in our congregation who are furthering their education and seeking their God-given vocation. Come join us.

November 18th: Congregational Meeting to elect council members and act on 2019 budget.

Holly Leaf News: If you have information that needs to go into the Holly Leaf submit this info to the church office by the 20th of each month.

HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met Wednesday, October 17, 2018 with 17 members present.

Shirley Philips introduced our guests, The Sunshine Sisters: Merty, Gerty, and Perty. The Sunshine Sisters entertained us with down-home humor, outlandish matching costumes, including plenty of jewelry, boas, hats and false additions to their mouths. We laughed out loud at the stories each of them had to tell.

The Sisters then persuaded the group to learn a new dance called the Tooty Tah. We had a lot of laughter and great fun learning the Tooty Tah!

The Sisters are a volunteer group who perform simply for the enjoyment of entertaining. The group accepts donations which are then distributed to various charitable causes throughout the county, with an emphasis on helping children.

Sally Thomason led us in devotions from Nehemiah 53, 1-6.

Myra Beck gave the Treasury Report and we discussed catering of the December meal.

Pastor Darrell Sluder encouraged us to attend the Connection Link group which meets at Mt. Tabor on the 4th Tuesday each month.

Happy Birthday was sung to Carolyn Grubb who will celebrate her birthday before the next meeting.

After Reverend Sluder said the blessing, Libby Holder, Sally Thomason and Shirley Phillips served a wonderful array of refreshments.

Our next meeting will be November 21st with Jane Smith and Virginia White as hosts



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Please pray for:

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Our Members:

- Burnette Monteith
- Jane Brown
- The Family of Marshall Brown
- Bobbie Fritts
- Harold Rose
- The Family of Betty Queen
- Lydia York
- John Curry
- Wilson Hearn
- Ann Blower
- Gene Queen
- Lydia Rose
- Dwight Everhart
- Myra Beck

Our Friends & Family:

- Billie Allred
- Gracie Hedrick
- Chuck Clodfelter-Friend of Wendy Lohr
- 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
- Tyler Whitley-Lateffa Dennis' cousin
- Robin Sink
- Dean Fowler
- Melanie Burcham-Lynn Dennis' cousin
- The family of Kevin Connor
- Tony Roberson-Friend of Herb Lohr
- Brandon Smith
- Gary Helms- cousin of Gaynell Davis
- Becky Aycoth- cousin of Gaynell Davis
- Joanne Conrad Koonts- cousin of Gaynell Davis
- Our service men and women all over the world
- Those unemployed, looking for work

Our Shut-ins

Sue Anderson





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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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