

March 2019



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

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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 <i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00-7:30 pm</i>	6 <i>Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 pm</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings begins</i>	11 Council @ 7:00 pm	12	13 <i>Meal @ 5:45 Service @ 6:30 pm</i>	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Agape @ 6:30 pm	19	20 <i>Seniors @ Mt. Tabor @ 10:30 am Meal @ 5:45 Service @ 6:30 pm</i>	21	22	23
24	25 <i>LMiM @ 7:00 pm</i> "Waffle Day"	26	27 <i>Meal @ 5:45 Service @ 6:30 pm</i>	28 "Something on a Stick" Day	29	30 SiLLY to Butterfly Farm
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March 2019

Altar Guild-Lateffa Dennis

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

3rd *Transfiguration of Our Lord* *Holy Communion*

Basket Offering: HGLC Youth

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad **Acolyte:** Wilson Hearn
Communion Assistant: Paula Hedrick **Bucket Holder:** Roseila Sommer, Conrad Sommer
Ushers: Harold Beck, Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Scott Black, Eddie Heitman
Altar Flowers: Burnette Monteith-In honor of Michael & Kendra Willson's Birthday
Children's Church: Jordan Chapman **Children's Chat:** Tina Heitman

6th *Fish Wednesday* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson **Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson
Communion Assistant: Carol Conrad **Bucket Holder:** Gracie Ferguson, Gaven Ferguson
Ushers: Ty Heitman, Johnny Fritts, Lynn Dennis, Michael Willson

10th *1st Sunday in Lent* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Chip Blower **Acolyte:** Nathan Baker
Communion Assistant: Scott Black **Bucket Holder:** Mason Chapman, Ashton Chapman
Ushers: Mary Ellen Hinson, Jane DiBonaventura, Paula Hedrick, Susan Lohr
Altar Flowers: Robin & Karen Beck-In memory of "Tootie"
Children's Church: Tina Heitman **Children's Chat:** Joe Davis

17th *2nd Sunday in Lent* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman **Acolyte:** Wilson Hearn
Communion Assistant: Chip Blower **Bucket Holder:** Calvin Carrick, Brody Fritts
Ushers: Gaven Ferguson, Andy Ferguson, Lynn Dennis, Gary Hedrick, Max Carrick
Altar Flowers: Andy & Kristal Ferguson-In honor of Drew & Gaven Ferguson's Birthdays
Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura **Children's Chat:** Pastor

24th *3rd Sunday in Lent* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson **Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer
Communion Assistant: Tina Heitman **Bucket Holder:** Calvin Carrick, Mason Chapman
Ushers: Bob Troutman, Michael Willson, Robin Beck, Frank Hamilton
Altar Flowers: Robert & Mandy Fritts-In honor of Taylor's 16th Birthday
Children's Church: Monica Parsons **Children's Chat:** Pastor

31st *4th Sunday in Lent* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark **Acolyte:** Jacob Hearn
Communion Assistant: Bob Troutman **Bucket Holder:** Kodi Lomax, Ashton Chapman
Ushers: Matthew Parsons, Joe Davis, Harold Beck, Scott Black
Altar Flowers: OPEN
Children's Church: Susan Lohr **Children's Chat:** Pastor



*A Day Program
for Adults at*

The Life Center

of Davidson County, Inc.

2-2019

Dear Holly Grove Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the donation
designated to The Life Center of Davidson
County from your church member. We
truly appreciate your thoughtfulness
and support. We welcome your visit
to The Life Center at anytime to see your

The Life Center of Davidson County, Inc. is a non-profit adult day health
center which serves older and disabled adults and their families.

gift in action - Sincerely, Nina Smith

2019 GLAMA Lenten Services

Each year the Greater Lexington Area Minister's Association sponsors a Lenten worship service during the 6 weeks of Lent. This year the services will be held at First United Methodist Church on Wednesdays at 12 noon. Following the 30 minute service, there will be a simple meal offered for a \$5 donation.

March 6, 2019 - Ash Wednesday
Lutheran Churches lead the service

March 13, 2019
Baptist Churches and Hospice Chaplains lead service

March 20, 2019
Grace Episcopal

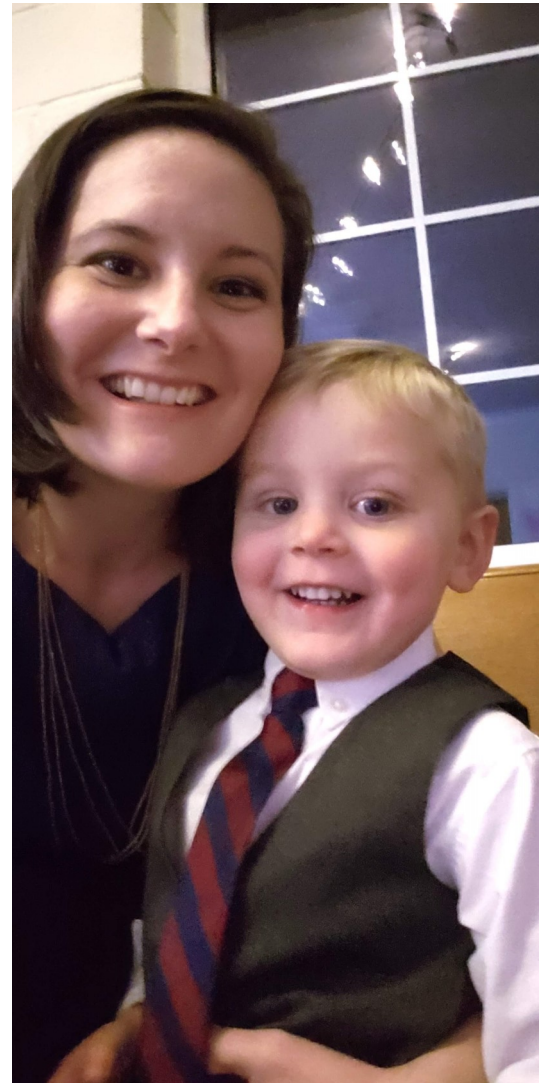
March 27, 2019
Methodist Churches Lead Service

April 3, 2019
United Church of Christ Churches Lead Service

April 10, 2019
Clergy from the Lexington Community Minister's Conference

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday Parade to Court Square for 12:15 p.m. service

Fun & Memories made at the SILLY Valentine Dance





Ask Holly



Dear Holly,

I see that we're about to start the season of lint. But the daffodils are up already and it's basically spring. Can we dispense with all the somber darkness of lint and get to celebrating the resurrection already?

Sincerely,

-R.E. Lentless

Dear R.E. Lentless,

Well, you are absolutely correct that Easter, and therefore Lent (Lent is the church season; lint is the stuff in your dryer) is late this year. In fact, the latest Easter can fall is April 25, and this year's date of April 21 puts us pretty close to as late as we can be. And since the start of Lent is always 40 days, excluding Sundays, before Easter, that means the start of Lent is also really late this year. But the fact that spring is on the way in already is not a problem! Actually it's kind of perfect, because our word *Lent* comes from an Old English word, *lencten*, which literally means spring season. So even though the timing of Lent and Easter is a little different this year, it shouldn't impact our observance at all!

I'm guessing what it behind some of your Lenten reluctance, though, is not so much the weather as it is the penitent nature of Lent. People see so much sorrow in the world and they want church to make them feel better, not worse. I get this. We are, after all, resurrection people! The thing is, our faith is not just about what Jesus has done; it's also about what we are called to do in response. That's what we focus on for Lent- how we are called to live in response to what God has done for us. And honestly, we could all stand to improve, right? Lent is a chance to focus on turning our lives back to Jesus, built right into the church calendar. It is a time for self-reflection, where we look at our lives and ask what needs to change for us to follow Jesus more completely. We use ancient practices like prayer, fasting, and giving to refocus ourselves on God's call.

Admitting we are wrong and that we need help is hard. But it's also crucial if we want to heal and grow. So yes, we will repent and ask God's forgiveness this Lent. But we can also celebrate the ways God is drawing us deeper into the abundant life for which we were created! And of course, the backdrop for all of this is what we know: Jesus died, Jesus rose, Jesus *is* coming again to bring us with him into life! Yes, we are an Easter people! And that's why we need Lent- to remind us what it means to live that out.

So join us on Ash Wednesday (March 6) at 7 pm as we kick off this season with a reminder of our mortality and our need for Jesus. Join us Wednesday nights during Lent as we eat, sing, pray, and talk about how we can be more grateful. The meal starts at 5:45, and our 30-minute worship begins at 6:30. Join us on Sundays where will continue to celebrate the resurrection every week. Take home a devotional. Make time for prayer and giving. Give up things that draw your attention away from God. Easter is coming! Let's get ready!

Sincerely,

Ms. Holly Grove



Birthday & Anniversaries

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



March 3rd: The Parish Education Committee meeting is scheduled for immediately following the service upstairs in the Prime Time SS classroom. Our goal is to make plans for 2019. Bring ideas!

March 6th: 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The service is about 30 minutes to allow children to attend and still make their bedtimes

March 17th: Happy St. Patrick's Day! Make sure to wear your green!

March 20th. Agape will provide the Wednesday night Lenten meal.

March 27th. The Fellowship Committee will provide the Wednesday night Lenten meal.

Lenten services begin **March 13th** and run through **April 10th**, beginning with a meal at 5:45 and a 30 minute worship service at 6:30. If your group or family would be willing to provide a meal for one of the 5 weeks, please contact the church office.

Congregational Vitality Survey: How are we doing as congregation? We're rolling out a congregational survey to see what you think! Paper copies of the survey are available in the narthex and can be returned to the white envelope in the narthex. Please **do not fold** them as they will be scored by a machine. Thanks for helping us take our temperature!

Now is the time to register your young people (1st-12th grade) for camp at Lutheridge, Lutherock, and Camp Agape! Lock in the lowest price by registering today before the price goes up \$40 on March 15. And because we know camp has such an impact on the faith of young people, we want to help pay for it! Turn a copy of your registration confirmation into the office and the church will pay \$200 toward the cost for Holly Grove members to attend. *And*, the Lauren Cecil Youth Endowment will accept applications (see church office) for an additional \$150 of support! Visit novusway.org or agapekurebeach.org for registration information.

Ready to ditch the paper copy and access the church directory on your phone? Want to be able to see your contribution history as it is updated each week? Email the church office at hglcoffice@gmail.com and we'll send you an invite to the access all of this on the Breeze app for Holly Grove.

HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met February 20 with 11 members and 1 guest. Sarah Leonard and Carolyn Grubb were our hostesses.

Due to confusion regarding bad weather, we decided to take our direction from the school system. If the schools are canceled due to the weather, we will not meet. If the schools are delayed and the buses run, we will have our regular scheduled meeting.

In the past few months we have had declining attendance due to the normal progression associated with an aging group of members. We will be making a concentrated effort to encourage new members to join our group. Our meetings are filled with learning, fellowship, reminiscing and of course great food prepared by our members. We invite all "senior" members of our community to join us on the third Wednesday of each month.

Sarah presented a devotion from what she refers to as the "love" chapter from the Bible.

Carolyn asked each member to tell about our best Valentine Day ever. It became apparent that while we appreciated attention from our spouses, many of our best memories came from interaction with our grandchildren and other family members.

We celebrated the birthdays of Etta Lee Conrad and Bettie Lanning by singing Happy Birthday led by Pastor Matt.

Carolyn and Sarah served a wonderful meal of hot dogs, fruit and cheeses topped off by apple and cherry pies.

Our next meeting will be the "Pastors Corner" on March 20th.



HGLC JANUARY 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Outgoing Council Members (Neil, Kim, Wendy, Kara) provided a very tasty meal prior to the meeting. Many thanks for their 3 years of service.

Call to Order: President, Andy Ferguson; 11 plus Pastor present

Devotions: Pastor Matt led us in a discussion of Psalm 118:28-29; Carey Fritts has devotions next month

Andy read to all members: Declaration of Safe Space

Approval of Reports (Dec)

Minutes: Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary: Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved.

Building Fund: November and December. Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved

Pastors Report

Synod office is working on a Vitality Survey for all the Lutheran churches in Davidson County. This is a tool that asks where the people in the pews say we are in terms of our ministry, energy and vitality and to help as we plan for the future of our congregation. Online and paper versions will be available.

A free day camp was won from Lutheridge and will be hosted by Holly Grove on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Counselors from Lutheridge will be on site to run the programming. For children who have finished kindergarten through those who have finished 5th grade. More details to come but start planting seeds now.

More Breeze functions: Congregation can download Breeze app and have access to everyone's contact info on their phone. Can also edit your personal information and view your giving history in real time. Let Pastor know if you would like access.

Pastor provided 2018 Recap:

- Member Deaths: 7

- New Members by Baptism: 3

- Confirmation: 1

- 8 youth, Pastor Matt and Tina Heitman attended ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

- 5 youth and Pastor Matt attended Confirmation CAMP

- Church painted and shelter roof replaced

- Wireless internet added to fellowship hall/sanctuary

- Security camera installed

- LED lighting upgrades to fluorescent fixtures

Motion to accept Pastors report. Seconded. Motion approved.

Correspondence

Received thank you note from Edwina and Joey for Christmas bonus

Committee Reports

All committees should plan to meet by the end of March to establish goals for 2019

Property committee: John Lohr repaired heater in fellowship hall but has said we need to be thinking about replacing since it is very old and has seen its better days.

Unfinished Business

Welcome to new members of council: Lynn Dennis, Judy Thomason, Eddie Heitman, Michael Wilson

The Blessing Box was discussed. We will contact Our Saviors to inquire about theirs and learn of its gifts and/or challenges and report back

New Business

Dividends for shares of AT & T stock has been directed to the scholarship committee in past. Discussion as to whether this should continue to be directed there. A motion was made to continue to direct to the scholarship fund. Seconded. Motion approved.

Audit Date is February 3

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting set for February 24

Council Installation is January 27

Discussion was held regarding the pay off of the ball field mower. No decision was made.

It is time to reassess the grounds maintenance and mowing. All agreed that Tim contact Lee Comer for a bid.

We will ask for volunteers for Wednesday night Lenten meal; there are 5 Wednesdays

Assigned Monthly Basket Offerings Designations, Committees Representative and Council Devotions for 2019; Pastor Matt provided us with a format for devotions for the year focusing on Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

2019	2020	2021
Karen Beck – Secretary	Caroline Black	Lynn Dennis
Dean Chapman	Max Carrick	Eddie Heitman
Carey Fritts	Tim Everhart- Vice President	Judy Thomason
Sandra Vaughn	Andy Ferguson-President	Michael Wilson



Parents and Grandparents,

Apart from the faith of parents, a recent ELCA study by Dr. Jacob Sorenson finds that a week of Christian Camp is the most important contributor to a child's faith formation to ensure they will continue to be active in the life of the church. The study found that campers experienced real and identifiable changes in their Christian faith during these camp experiences. If you would like more information on the "Effective Camp Research Project," go to vibrantfaith.org/effectivecamp/.

I am convinced that this is true, and we are fortunate that NovusWay Ministries and Agape Kure Beach Ministries offer three outstanding camps right here in North Carolina to help youth grow in their faith- Lutheridge, Lutherock, and Camp Agape. I am writing today to encourage you to send your child(ren) to camp this summer.

I know that there is a huge list of demands on kids' time in the summer. They have sports camps, family vacations, jobs, and so many other options on how to spend their summer. Because we believe faith is important in the development of our young people, though, I hope you will also invest in faith camp for your kids. At Lutheridge, Lutherock, and Camp Agape we have access to three great and diverse programs. Their staffs are full of Christian spirit, and programs are extremely well run and safe. Opportunities are available for youth who have finished grades 1-12. Summer brochures are available in the church narthex, and you can always find more information at NovusWay.org (Lutheridge and Lutherock) and AgapeKureBeach.org (Camp Agape).

I know that for many families, cost is a major factor. The church wants to help with this. We think it is so important that we will contribute \$200 to the cost of Lutheran camps for any young people who are Holly Grove members. In addition, the Lauren Cecil Youth Endowment is accepting applications from children who are Holly Grove members for an additional \$150 toward Lutheran camp attendance. And beyond all of this, all of the camps have scholarship money available. So there is no need to miss out on camp just because of the cost!

There are plenty of ways your child could spend their time this summer. But there is no more important activity to be involved in than a week of camp where friendships are made and strengthened, faith grows, and leadership develops in significant ways. I hope you'll sign up today! Just turn the registration confirmation in to the church office and we'll make sure we send in \$200 toward the cost. Register now for the lowest rates before the cost goes up in March!

God's Peace,

Pastor Matt

p.s. Each camp has a Facebook page that is full of pictures to help you get a sense of how wonderful a week at camp can be!



Please pray for:

Our Members:

- **Burnette Monteith**
- **The Family of Jane Brown**
- **Harold Rose**
- **Lydia York**
- **John Curry**
- **Lydia Rose**
- **Sheila Hanes**
- **Gary Hedrick**
- **Sue Anderson**
- **Bill Roberts**
- **Jo Ann Turner**
- **Janna Waitman**
- **Gaynell Davis**
- **Sharon Everhart**
- **Barbara Gaultney**



Our Friends & Family:

- Billie Allred
- Gracie Hedrick
- Wayne Charles-Friend of Herb Lohr
- 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
- Tony Roberson-Friend of Herb Lohr
- Gary Helms-Gaynell Davis cousin
- Becky Aycoth-Gaynell Davis cousin
- Joanne Koonts-Gaynell Davis cousin
- Vince Tulizzotto-Friend of Herb Lohr
- Walter Lohr
- Marty Snider
- Scotty Rhodes
- Tyler Thompson
- Ed Tucker-Carolina & Paul's Son-in-law
- The Family of Grace Spainhour
- Chuck Jordan-Brother of Jeanine Hamilton
- Our service men and women all over the world
- Those unemployed, looking for work





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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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