April 2019



Holly Leaf

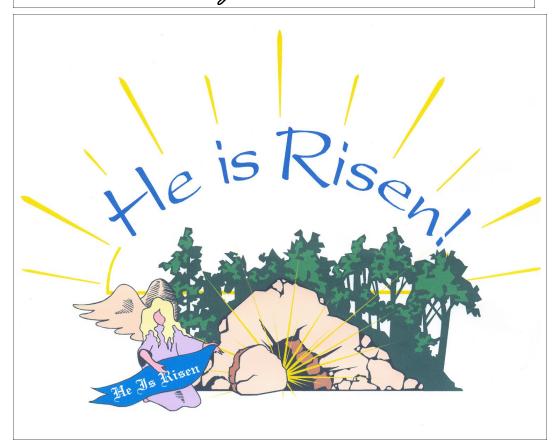
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Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



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!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lent meal starts @ 5:45 pm. Worship @ 6:30 pm	1 FOOS DAS	2 Peanut Butter & Jelly Day	3 Lent Meal & Worship	4	5 Rubber Eraser Day	6
7	8 Council @ 7:00 pm	9	10 Lent Meal & Worship	11 8-Track Tape Day	12	13
PALM SUNDAY	15 Agape @ 6:30 pm Tax Day	16	17 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor @ 10:30 am Cheese Ball Day	18 Service @ 7:00 pm	19 Service @ 7:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY	20
21 Sunrise Service @ 7:00 am	22 LMiM @ 7:00 pm	23	24 Pigs-In-A- Blanket Day	25	26 Pretzel Day	27
28	29	30				



Altar Guild- Janna Waitman

Mother's Rose Garden- Micky & Carol Conrad-In honor of Minnie Conrad & Louise Moore

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7th 5th Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

Basket Offering: Hospice

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad

Acolyte:

Communion Assistant: Judy Thomason

Bucket Holder: Calvin Carrick, Brody Fritts

Ushers: Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Dean Chapman, Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman **Altar Flowers:** Joe, Jennifer & Mary Davis-In honor of Sarah Grace's 19th birthday

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

14th Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Janna Waitman Acolyte: Jacob Hearn

Communion Assistant: Kim Troutman **Bucket Holder:** Maddie Lohr-Pope, Roseila Sommer

Ushers: Mary Ellen Hinson, Jane DiBonaventura, Paula Hedrick, Susan Lohr

Altar Flowers: Wendy Lohr-In honor of Colton's Birthday

Children's Church: Tina Heitman Children's Chat: Pastor

18th Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Toni Chapman Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Debbie Frank Bucket Holder: Gaven Ferguson, Mason Chapman

Ushers: Johnny Fritts, Gaven Ferguson, Andy Ferguson, Lynn Dennis, Gary Hedrick

19th Good Friday

Assisting Minister: Debbie Frank
Ushers: Max Carrick, Bob Troutman, Michael Willson, Robin Beck

21st Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Neil Clark **Bucket Holder:** Ashton Chapman, Conrad Sommer

Ushers: Frank Hamilton, Matthew Parsons, Joe Davis, Rex Everhart

Altar Flowers: Andy & Kristal Ferguson

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura Children's Chat: Pastor

28th Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Joe Davis Acolyte: Wilson Hearn

Communion Assistant: Gary Hedrick **Bucket Holder:** Maddie Lohr-Pope, Kodi Lomax **Ushers:** Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Dean Chapman, Scott Black, Eddie Heitman

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

Children's Church: Monica Parsons Children's Chat: Sarah Grace Davis

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

641 Critcher Drive, Welcome, NC

Men-in-Mission Annual Golf Tournament

Supporting:

- · Greater Things Outreach Center
- At-risk youth attending North Davidson Area Schools
 - · & other Local Charities

Lexington Golf Club

200 Country Club Blvd. Lexington, NC 27292

Saturday, April 27 @ 1:30 pm

Captains' Choice Format \$65.00 per player

Join us for a Hot Dog Lunch beginning at Noon

Prizes Awarded:

- 1st Place Team
- Trophies will also be given for first three places
- Prizes for Closest to the Pin & Longest Drive
- 2nd Place Team
- · Other Prizes and Contests Available
- 3rd Place Team
- Registration Deadline: APRIL 21, 2019

Golfer's Name, Email Address & Phone Number:

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More Information, contact:

Mark Hibbett @ (336) 813-4766 Tim Hiatt @ (336) 775-0550; Bobby Taylor @ (336) 731-6784



Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful afghor you so loving made for patients at thospice House, Our mother got purple, her favorite color, and loved it. It helped keep her worm a loved during her last days, Thank you.

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Davis Townsend Elementary School

Reverend Smith Holly Grove Lutheran Church 212 Holly Grove Lutheran Church Rd Lexington, NC 27292

Dear Reverend Smith,

As you know, our community has many families in need of support and assistance – both monetarily and emotionally. Here at Davis-Townsend Elementary, these families include many of our students. As a Title I school with 42.59% of our students receiving free or reduced lunch, we are seeing the effects of the struggles at home on the learning of our students. Sadly, as our students become needier, our support staff becomes thinner. Our lower grade classes share teacher assistants and our upper grade classes have no teacher assistant help at all. I know that our Lexington community has churches (such as yours) that strive to spread God's love to all families in this area. Therefore, I am reaching out with an opportunity for your church members to have a positive impact on our community by volunteering with our DT students. We are in need of volunteers to be lunch buddy mentors, reading buddies, and/or homework helpers. One specific area of need that we have is male mentors for our upper grades students who have no positive male role models in their lives.

Could you please share this volunteer opportunity with your congregation? Any church member who is interested in volunteering should please call me (Natasha Bumgarner) at Davis-Townsend (336-249-9880) or email me at nbumgarner@davidson.k12.nc.us. I will then lead them through the next steps of how we can get them started on this journey of impacting the life of a child. I genuinely appreciate your time and thank you in advance for your help.

Šincerely,

Natasha Bumgarner

Lead Teacher

Davis-Townsend Elementary

(336)249-9880

nbumgarner@davidson.k12.nc.us

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April 21st: Easter Egg Hunt-9:45 am @ the "Holly Dome" ball field (weather permitting).



Camp Lutheridge is coming to Lexington! July 1-3 9:00 am-4:00 pm



Mark your calendars now!

Holly Grove Lutheran Church is hosting a Day Camp run by Lutheridge counselors, July 1-3 for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. We're talking structured music, arts and crafts, games, bible study, and more with fun and faithful counselors! And it's right here in our community!

Registration is only \$10 and opens May 1st. Return your registration form and health form by June 5th to reserve your spot! Registration forms will be available in your church office and can be returned to:

Holly Grove Lutheran Church 212 Holly Grove Lutheran Church Rd Lexington, NC 27292

Call or email with questions! 336-249-2807 HGLCoffice@gmail.com



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Nancy Curry John/Susan Lohr	4 Paula Hedrick	5 Clifton Payne	6 Bill/Dottie Curry
7 Sarah Grace Davis	8 Corbin Rose	9 Lori Cecil	10	11	12 Jim/Amy Horn Doody/Mary Ellen Hinson	13
14	15	16 Marie Palmer	17 Bill Curry Max Carrick Colton Jones Hunter Hedrick	18 Jordan Chap- man	19 Gene Kepley Neil Clark	20 Lynn Dennis Chip Blower Brandon Everhart
21 Caroline Black	22 Justin Hedrick	23 Dwight Everhart Bobby Waitman Kent Everhart Jill Hunt	24 Jonathan/Tina Hedrick	25	26 Todd/Lori Conrad	27
28	29	30 Debbie Parsons				



Easter Lily Orders: Forms for the Easter Lilies are located in the narthex. Deadline for ordering will be **April 8**th.

April 3rd: Meal & Worship, starting at 5:45 pm. Agape Friends providing Lenten Meal.

April 7th: Altar Guild Training after worship. This class is for current & future Altar Guilds.

April 10th: Meal & Worship, starting at 5:45 pm. LMiM providing Lenten Meal.

<u>Parish Ed</u> is accepting donations for individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. You can drop these off in the narthex into the orange basket.

<u>April 21st:</u> Easter Egg Hunt-9:45 am @ the "Holly Dome" ball field (weather permitting). <u>Confirmation:</u> Classes @ First Lutheran at 4:00 pm.

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. 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.

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 March 20^{th} with 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Pastors Darrell Sluder from Mt. Tabor U.C. C. and Matthew Smith from Holly Grove Lutheran Church were our hosts.

Pastor Smith led the devotions with passages from the book of Mark, chapter 8. At the conclusion of the devotions Pastor Sluder introduced our guest speaker. We were happy to welcome retired Minister, Galen Hahn to our group.

Reverend Hahn is currently residing at Piedmont Center but is originally from Frederick, Maryland. He is a graduate of Catawba College and received his Masters of Divinity from Yale University.

Reverend Hahn has recently released his first book entitled "Finding My Field". It tells of his early years of attending summer camp and the beginnings of his being pulled towards the Ministry. During his teenage years spent as camp counselor he became aware of the migrant population and felt that his work with them led him to become a minister.

In part his book he tells of his camp ministry to children where race, poverty and justice were issues. These issues stayed with him throughout his life. "Finding My Field" is available on Amazon. We wish to thank Reverend Hah for sharing his stories with our group.

After discussing our cares and concerns from around the community, Myra Beck gave the Treasury report.

We have 3 birthdays before the next meeting; Pat Hedrick, Nancy Curry and Becky Weisner. Happy Birthday ladies!

We enjoyed our refreshments while catching up on what has been happening in each other's lives.

Our next meeting will be April 17th with Malinda Roof and Becky Weisner as our host-esses.

ELCA presiding bishop pastoral message on Christchurch mosque shootings

3/15/2019 12:55:00 PM

Dear Church,

Today we awoke to the devastating news of the mass shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. We join in mourning for the people who were killed and wounded, for their families, for the first responders and grief counselors, and for all whose lives have been shattered today. We know that God is present in the midst of their suffering.

We know that our own Muslim neighbors here in the U.S. are also experiencing grief and fear. Many will wonder whether it is safe to attend Friday prayers today. These are not the kinds of questions that any of us should have to ask ourselves as we seek to live out our religious commitments. Yet, devastatingly, this is also a reality that binds us together as people of faith. As I wrote last November in the wake of the Tree of Life shooting: "Hate-filled violence knows no bounds – whether a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, a Christian church in Charleston, a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh" – and now these mosques in New Zealand.

Together with our ecumenical and inter-religious partners, we stand shoulder to shoulder in condemning hatred, bigotry, racism and violence whenever and wherever it occurs. We do so because all people are made in the image of God. Therefore, as an act of neighborly love, I urge you to reach out to your Muslim neighbors today and in the days to come to ask how you might offer solidarity and support – joining whenever possible with other ecumenical and inter-religious neighbors.

I leave you with the words of Psalm 16:1: "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge." This is my prayer – for our Muslim neighbors, for the people of Christchurch, and for all who mourn and are afraid. May we see in this devastation the possibility to be Christ's presence with our neighbors in this world – to be present in their suffering and to be partners in God's justice and peace.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop, ELCA

The ELCA provides resources that address safety in congregations: https://www.elca.org/Resources/Risk-Management





ALL ARE WELCOME



Join us for a day of fellowship and Bible study.

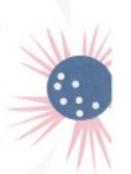
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HGLC FEBRUARY 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President, Andy Ferguson; 9 plus Pastor present

Devotions: Pastor Matt led us in a discussion Philippians 4:12-13; Eddie Heitman has devotions next month

Approval of Reports

Minutes: Dean moved to accept. Lynn seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary: Max moved to accept. Sandra seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer: Karen moved to accept. Sandra seconded. Motion approved. Building Fund: Dean moved to accept. Eddie accepted. Motion approved

Pastors Report

Will need to appoint new Memorial Fund Treasurer due to death of Jane Brown.

Synod Assembly is May 31 and June 1 at Koury Convention Center. We need 2 voting members from Holly Grove, preferably one male and one female. Constitutional changes on the agenda, including a proposal to move the business meeting of the synod to every other year instead of every year.

Preparations being made to host a day camp run by Lutheridge counselors at Holly Grove on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd for children who have completed 1st through 5th grades. Kim Payne has agreed to take on the role of Day Camp coordinator. Many thanks to Kim!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday March 6th at 7 PM. Council has provided a meal in the past. May need to provide again this year since there are 5 Wednesdays in Lent.

Audit reports will be printed and available on Sunday February 17th ahead of congregational meeting February 24th. The balance still owed to a church member on the recreation tractor is \$6000.

A suggestion to add the Agape women's funeral meal fund to the open slot of the monthly basket offering. This action was approved.

The Congregation Vitality Survey is being rolled out for the next few Sundays. Please fill out and encourage others to do so.

Dean motioned to accept Pastors report, Karen seconded. Motion approved.

Correspondence

Received a quote from Davidson Heating and Air via John Lohr to replace the heat/air unit behind Fellowship Hall. Quote was \$10, 700. Agreed that we should obtain 2 more quotes. Information to be passed on to the property committee for their recommendation.

Received a quote from Lee Comer Lawn Care for the church and office grounds. It generally takes around 6 hours for these areas and quote was for \$120 weekly. Dean to take to Property Committee and report back to council.

An additional quote was received from Lee Comer for the cemetery grounds at \$120.00 weekly. This to be passed on to the Cemetery Committee .

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Marking Training was held on February 9 and was well attended. Herb Lohr has agreed to be Chairman of the committee.

Fellowship Committee

Valentines Day: Handed out Hershey Kisses to all and randomly gave away \$25 gift certificate to Southern Lunch; Meeting scheduled for February 17th at 3:30 to discuss plans for the year.

Parish Education Committee

Meeting on March 3 immediately after church to discuss plans for the year.

Worship and Music Committee

New maroon robes (18) have been ordered for choir members at a cost of \$75 each and white robes (3-5) for worship assistants at a cost of \$50 each.

Security Committee

Security Plan is status quo.

Unfinished Business

Does Council need to provide a Lenten Meal? We will assess the need next meeting.

Tractor pay-off: action tabled until next meeting.

Organ Tuning: \$800. Paid out of general fund. May need to look at this in the future as a budgeted item.

Day Camp: discussed under Pastor's Report

New Business

Memorial Fund Account: Kristal Ferguson has agreed to be Treasurer. Pastor Matt made motion to accept Kristal as Treasurer, Lynn seconded. Motion approved.

Results of Annual Audits are in, but not yet ready to view. Audits and Annual Reports will be available in print form and also on our Website prior to Congregational Meeting.

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting set for February 24

The timing of depositing checks received for specific accounts such as scholarship, flowers, and donations was discussed. No change was indicated.

Discussion was held on the condition of the carpet in the sanctuary. No conclusion was reached.

Discussion for the need to trim trees on property adjacent to church property. Church workday may be needed.

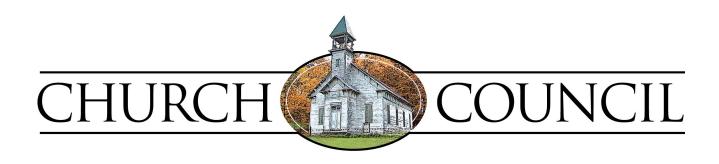
Discussed the need for handrails at kitchen and Fellowship Hall doors as well as choir loft. Chip to obtain quote.

Karen made a motion to purchase a blood pressure cuff for the church as some members have requested. Lynn seconded. Motion approved. Karen will check into purchasing.

Next meeting March 11th.

Motion to adjourn by Max, Lynn 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!

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
- Harold Rose
- Lydia York
- John Curry
- Lydia Rose
- Sheila Hanes
- Gary Hedrick
- Sue Anderson
- Bill Roberts
- Jo Ann Turner
- Janna Waitman
- Sharon Everhart
- Barbara Gaultney
- Barbara Kepley

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Our Friends & Family:

- Billie Allred
- ♦ Gracie Hedrick
- ♦ Eddie Wray-Friend of Herb Lohr
- Noah Byerly-friend of Sharon Everhart
- ◆ Kevin Stewart-Robin & Karen Beck's son-in-law
- James Church
- ♦ Robin Sink
- Dean Fowler
- ♦ Vince Tulizzotto-Friend of Herb Lohr
- Walter Lohr
- Marty Snider
- Scotty Rhodes
- Tyler Thompson
- ◆ Ed Tucker-Carolina & Paul's Son-in-law
- ◆ Chuck Jordan-Brother of Jeanine Hamilton
- Kathy Owens-Sharon Everhart's Sister
- Laura Samuels-Neighbor of Robin & Karen
- Joe & Kathy Stewart
- Jenn McCullough
- Eric Walser-Co-worker of Herbert Frank
- Judy Rose-Wife of Harold Rose
- Our service men and women all over the world
- Those unemployed, looking for work





Holy Week at Holly Grove

April 14, 2019: Palm Sunday-Worship starting at 10:30 am

April 18, 2019: Maundy Thursday worship @ 7:00 pm

April 19, 2019: Good Friday worship @ 7:00 pm

April 21, 2019: Sunrise Service @ 7:00 am followed with breakfast

April 21, 2019: Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter

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