

May 2019



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

LOVE GROW SERVE

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	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Council @ 7:00 pm	14	15 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor at 10:30 am	16	17	18
19	20 Agape @ 6:30 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

May 2019 

Altar Guild- Sandra Vaughn

Mother's Rose Garden- Minnie Conrad-In memory of Goldie Hedrick & Ada Conrad

5th *Third Sunday of Easter* *Holy Communion*

Basket Offering: Teen Parent Program

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Acolyte:

Communion Assistant: Lynn Dennis

Bucket Holder: Gaven Ferguson, Mason Chapman

Ushers: Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman, Johnny Fritts, Gary Hedrick

Altar Flowers: Lynn & Lateffa Dennis-In honor of Our Anniversary

Children's Church: Susan Lohr

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

12th *Mother's Day Fourth Sunday of Easter* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Chip Blower

Acolyte: Jacob Hearn

Communion Assistant: Janna Waitman

Bucket Holder: Maddie Lohr-Pope, Calvin Carrick

Ushers: Gaven Ferguson, Andy Ferguson, Lynn Dennis, Max Carrick, Bob Troutman

Altar Flowers: Keith & Lori Cecil-In memory of Lauren Cecil & In honor of all Mother's

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman

Children's Chat: Pastor

19th *Fifth Sunday of Easter* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Toni Chapman

Bucket Holder: Kodi Lomax, Conrad Sommer

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

Altar Flowers: Gene & Barbara Kepley-In memory of Kearney & Ruth Kepley

-In memory of Ethel Dagenhart

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

Children's Chat: Joe Davis

26th *Sixth Sunday of Easter* *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark

Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

Communion Assistant: Norris Feeney

Bucket Holder: Roseila Sommer, Ashton Chapman

Ushers: Michael Willson, Robin Beck, Frank Hamilton, Matthew Parsons

Altar Flowers: Minnie Conrad-In honor of Family

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Chat: Pastor

Mission Support 2018



[Thank You]

To the members of
Holly Grove
from the
NC Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
In grateful appreciation for giving
\$16,689.96

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Timothy M. Smith

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Elizabeth C. Eaton

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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God's work. Our hands.



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.

Sincerely,

Natasha Bumgarner
Lead Teacher
Davis-Townsend Elementary
(336)249-9880
nbumgarner@davidson.k12.nc.us

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 <i>Anna Peterson</i>	2 <i>James/Marie Palmer</i>	3	4 <i>Donnie/Debbie Parsons</i>
5	6 <i>Alison Lohr</i> <i>Roseila Sommer</i> <i>Lynn/Lateffa Dennis</i>	7 <i>Melissa Frank</i> <i>Chodd/Caroline Hedrick</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Scott Black</i>	14 <i>David Brown</i> <i>Robert/Kelly Napolitano</i>	15 <i>Hannah Smith</i>	16 <i>Micky Conrad</i>	17 <i>April Bunton</i>	18
19	20 <i>Harold Rose</i> <i>Micky/Carol Conrad</i>	21	22 <i>Judy McLain</i>	23 <i>Amy Horn</i> <i>Taylor Hanes</i> <i>Herbert/Debbie Frank</i>	24 <i>Megan Blanchard</i> <i>Isabel Heitman</i>	25 <i>Rusty Blower</i>
26 <i>Randi Hileman</i> <i>Charles Garner</i> <i>BJ/Katie Coggins</i>	27 <i>Joe Davis</i>	28 <i>Judy Black</i> <i>Greg Rose</i> <i>Maddie Blower</i>	29 <i>Johnny Turner</i> <i>Geordon Kepley</i> <i>Gary/Paula Hedrick</i>	30	31 <i>Lisa McLain-Smith</i>	



May 1st: Worship & Music meet @ 6:00 pm.

May 4th: WELCA Central Spring Gathering hosted @ Grace Lutheran Church in Thomasville. See Kim Troutman for more details.

May 7th: Fellowship Committee will meet @ 6:15 pm at Southern Lunch for a dinner meeting.

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 April 17th with 17 members and 2 guests attending. Our hostesses this month were Malinda Roof and Becky Weisner.

Our guests this month, Amy Snyder who is the choir director at Mt. Tabor Church and Nancy Woods who is the organist at Mt. Tabor presented the program. Amy spoke on the life of Fanny J. Crosby, a prolific writer who wrote over 9000 hymns and gospel songs. Most of our hymnals contain many of her hymns.

Fanny was born in 1820 and lost her sight after an illness as a baby. As young as 8 she wrote poetry that was later put to music. Publishers were hesitant to have so many hymns by one person in their hymnals, so Fanny used nearly 200 different pen names during her career. Amy told us that sometimes you knew it was a Fanny J. Crosby song by the style, even though it had one of her pen names as the writer. Nancy Wood played some of Ms. Crosby's more famous hymns and Amy led our group singing. The program closed with the singing of one of Fanny J. Crosby's most well-known hymns, "Blessed Assurance".

After the program a short business meeting was held. Pastor Sluder spoke to us of the "Backpack Program" being instituted at Mt. Tabor.

We have several members dealing with medical issues that we will keep in our thoughts and prayers.

We want to wish Happy Birthday to two of our members who will have birthdays before our next meeting: Peggy Garner and Sarah Snell.

Myra Beck gave the Treasury report and the meeting was adjourned so that we could enjoy the wonderful refreshments provided by Malinda and Becky with the help of Malinda's daughter, Amy Snyder. The food was delicious and topped off with a bowl of the Easter Season's most necessary treat, Jelly Beans!

Our next meeting will be May 15th with Pat Hedrick, Carol Varner and Nancy Curry as hostesses.

The Holly Dome will be opening in May.....

Anyone interested in helping out Recreation by working in the concession stand, please contact Monica Parsons @ 336-247-1132 (call or text) to schedule your date. Any Monday or Tuesday is currently available in May, June and July. Thank you in advance for your help.



The background of the flyer is decorated with several stylized sun and flower motifs. The suns have dark blue circular centers with white dots and radiating red lines. The flowers have white petals and dark blue centers with white dots. The text is centered on a light gray background.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**WELCA
CENTRAL SPRING
GATHERING
MAY 4, 2019**

*Join us for a day of fellowship and
Bible study.*

**HOSTED THIS YEAR AT GRACE
LUTHERAN, THOMASVILLE NC
8:30 REGISTRATION**

Cost: \$5 for lunch
Please bring donations of feminine
hygiene products for Lexington Women's
Shelter



HGLC MARCH 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President, Andy Ferguson; 12 plus Pastor present

Devotions: Eddie led us in devotions; Lynn Dennis has devotions next month

Approval of Reports

Minutes: Sandra moved to accept. Carey seconded. Motion approved.

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

Treasurer: Dean moved to accept. Michael seconded. Motion approved.

Building Fund: Max moved to accept. Eddie seconded. Motion approved

Pastors Report

Vitality Surveys submitted to Baylor University. Pastor Matt will coordinate a meeting with the Director of Evangelical Mission, Danielle Denise to come share those results with the council when the analysis is complete.

Kristal Ferguson is now authorized on the memorial fund account and working to reconcile how funds are designated.

The order for new choir robes was placed at a total cost of \$1,926.30. With 2018 donations of \$950.00 and \$300 so far this year, that left a balance of \$676.30. With permission from the family of Euzelia Johnson, we are able to cover the balance from funds designated for her in the memorial fund account. We are hoping to have the new robes by Easter.

Reminder that dinner and Lenten services ongoing on Wednesdays.

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

Correspondence

Received a note from Lee Comer to thank us for the Christmas bonus.

Received a request from Roseila Sommer for a sponsorship to Camp Agape.

Committee Reports

Fellowship Committee

Met March 17th. For Baptism receptions, if family requests, committee will provide cookies or mini cupcakes, goldfish or nuts, beverages immediately after church; will provide Lenten Meal on March 27; will have a handout on St. Patrick's Day; discussed having 5th Sunday pot luck; July 4th celebration will be on July 7th. Mothers Day options discussed

Parish Education Committee

Met on March 3; will provide Lenten meal on March 20th; will sponsor Easter Egg hunt during Sunday School hour on Easter; will assist as needed at Lutheridge Day Camp at Holly Grove; will have Bible order in fall for youth; Acolyte training on March 17; Altar guild training on April 7

Recreation

Request from the Committee for suggestions for fundraisers and for concession stand help this softball Season.

Unfinished Business

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. Must register by April 15 to receive early bird discount.

Council will provide Lenten meal on March 13 catered by Southern Lunch.

Tractor pay-off: Recreation Department can make a payment of \$500. Max made a motion that since this is considered church property, to pay the remaining outstanding balance of \$5500 on the tractor currently used by the Recreation committee. Lynn seconded. Motion approved.

Dean working on quotes for HVAC and a solution to the carpet in the sanctuary

Kristal is reconciling Memorial Fund

Have not yet purchased blood pressure cuff.

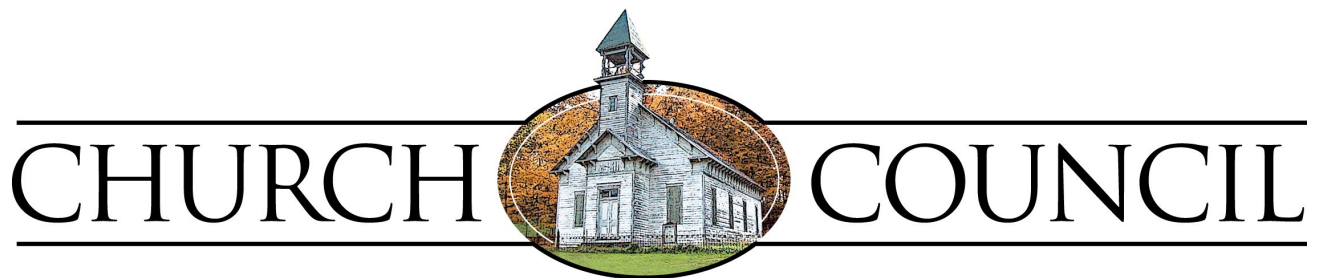
No report as yet on Blessing Box. Still gathering information.

New Business

Next meeting April 8th.

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
- Barbara Gaultney
- Greg Kepley
- Janice Queen



Our Friends & Family:

- Billie Allred
- Gracie Hedrick
- The family 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
- Lohr Younts
- 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
- The Family of Joe Stewart
- Jenn McCullough
- Eric Walser-Co-worker of Herbert Frank
- Judy Rose-Wife of Harold Rose
- Misty Robins-Co-Worker of John Lohr
- Bobbie Langlitz-Ann Blower's sister
- The Family of Todd Hanes
- Tim Hylton
- 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).



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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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