June 2019



The 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
						1 Flip a Coin Day
2 National "Bubba Day"	3	4 "Hug your Cat Day"	5	6	7 National "Doughnut Day"	8 Best Friends Day
9 Donald Duck Day	10 Council @ 7:00 pm	11	12	13 Red Rose Day	14	15
16	17 Agape Friends @ 6:30 pm	18 Go Fishing Day	19 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor at 10:30 am	20	21	22
23 National Pink Day	24 LMiM @ 7:00 pm	25	26 National Chocolate Pudding Day	27	28 Paul Bunyan Day	29
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Altar Guild- Debbie Frank

Mother's Rose Garden- Robin & Karen Beck-In memory of Louise & Kat

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2nd Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Basket Offering: Crisis Ministry

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson **Acolyte**: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Michael Willson Bucket Holder: Conrad Sommer, Ashton Chapman

Ushers: Joe Davis, Rex Everhart, Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Dean Chapman

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Children's Church: Monica Parsons Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

9th Day of Pentecost

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

Communion Assistant: Joe Davis Bucket Holder: Gaven Ferguson, Mason Chapman

Ushers: Scott Black, Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman, Johnny Fritts

Altar Flowers: Micky & Carol Conrad-In honor of Brandon's 40th Birthday Children's Church: Susan Lohr Children's Chat: Pastor

16th Father's Day

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson **Acolyte:** Roseila Sommer **Ushers:** Mary Ellen Hinson, Jane DiBonaventura, Paula Hedrick, Susan Lohr

Altar Flowers: Kara Feeney-In honor of Norris, Brandon & Ross

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman Children's Chat: Joe Davis

23rd 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Toni Chapman Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Sandra Vaughn Bucket Holder: Ashton Chapman, Calvin Carrick

Ushers: Gaven Ferguson, Andy Ferguson, Lynn Dennis, Gary Hedrick, Max Carrick

Altar Flowers: Eddie & Tina Heitman-In honor of Our 20th Anniversary

Children's Church: Tina Heitman Children's Chat: Sarah Grace Davis

30th 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Norris Feeney Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Communion Assistant: Sarah Grace Davis

Bucket Holder: Kodi Lomax , Mason Chapman

Ushers: Bob Troutman, Michael Wilson, Robin Beck, Frank Hamilton

Altar Flowers: Matthew & Monica Parsons-In honor of Ryah's 3rd Birthday & Our 10th Anniversary

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



Notes from our Teen Parents

Thank you for the baby Shower and the basket. It means alot thank you for everything y'all do for US.

- Brienna

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thank you for going out of your way to have the baby shower for all us gives and for the food it was Amazing the Home made bary blankets was so fretty and well made, also thank you all for being so rice It really ment allot I Hope you all Howe a rice day From: Desting Payme

Thanh you Holly Grove Luthern Church, for having a amazing baby shower for us it helped alot. I also appriciate You for Providing us some very good breakfast.

I really appreciate the blankets the ladies blessed for us, they are very pretty.

Sincerely yanautica

I want to thank you women and Pastor Math For allowing us to come into your church? Thank you for taking your time on the baskets thisse where very cute!! I have the blanket. I know that it took a while to make so thank you. For the changing station thank you. For the changing station thank you. All of what was giving to will be very helpful. I teally feel blossed and loved!!



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 are available in the 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 Nathan Baker
2 Matthew Smith	3 Carey Fritts Cliff Hill Angie Varner	4 Tracy Everhart	5 Makenna Hedrick Bobby/Janna Waitman	6 Mason Chapman	7	8 Todd Kepley Bill Roberts
9 Brandon Conrad Anna Lohr	10 Jon Proctor	11 Joe/Bonnie Hedrick Joe/Jennifer Davis	12 Tim Hylton	13 Norris Feeney	14 Dottie Curry	15 Paul Conrad William Curry
16 Ross Sommer	17 Matthew Parsons	18 Ted/Sherry Proctor	19 Mandy Fritts Jim/Jan Watkins	20 Matthew/Monica Parsons	21 Frank Hamilton Eddie Heitman Carol Varner	22
23	24 Herb Lohr Clifton/Kim Payne	25 Shane Lawrence Ryah Parsons Kristopher/Erin Burkhart	26	27 Eddie/Tina Heitman	28 Rex Everhart Jeanine Hamilton	29 John/Billie Curry
30 Dakota Gates Paul/Carolina Conrad Max/Libby Carrick						



Church friends and family,

First of all thank you for the continuous thoughts and prayers following the recent incidents in and around uncc. I am so grateful for everything that the church has done for me over the past y years. Thank you for the scholarship each year, I have greatly appreciated it. Also, thank you to the agape committee for the small forvors as well and for all of the love that I have felt from all of you. I would like you all to know that I have accepted a special education teaching position at Waccamaw school at home near North Myrtle Beach and have just moved back home. Again, thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, money, and gifts over the past 4 years as they have never gone unboticed.

With much appreciation, Levi Bodserd

Our February Basket Offering went to The Life Center of Davidson County



Dear Helly Grove Lutheran Church,
The Life Center of Devidson County
truly appreciates your thoughtful and
continued support. We welcome
your visit to the Life Center at anytime
to see your geft in action through
our participants. Sincerely, Mine Smith

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



June 2nd: Agape women will honor high school graduates.

June 2nd: A meeting with "Planning for Spiritual Growth" will be @ 3:00 pm.

<u>June 9th:</u> Pentecost Sunday and the confirmation of Victoria Voletto, Jacob Hearn, Wilson Hearn, and Nathan Baker. Join us out front on the sidewalk after the service (weather permitting) to congratulate the new confirmands!

June 9th: Conrad Reunion

June 10th: Council @ 7:00 pm.

June 17th: Agape Friends @ 6:30 pm. June 24th: LMiM will meet @ 7:00 pm.

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.

Stay tuned!

July 4th celebration will be held on Sunday, July 7th with an old fashioned cook-out after church services. Please make plans to join us. Side dishes will be welcomed. More details to come.



HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met May 15th with 12 members and 2 guests present.

Carolyn and Charles Cope presented a very entertaining and interesting program on their recent trip to Ethiopia.

The Cope's interest in Ethiopia began when their daughter adopted her daughter from that country. It continued to grow when grandson, Seth decided to do mission work there after his graduation.

Seth went to Ethiopia to work with a group called Make Your Mark where he works with the group that is providing a safe place where the street children (and there are many) can bathe, wash clothes, eat a healthy lunch, get biblical training, basic education, games, and counseling with game and art therapy. The goal is to assist each child to move towards a new life.

Carolyn and Charles made the trip to Ethiopia to see their grandson and explore that region of the world. They presented a slide show giving us a look into how the Ethiopians live and the sights of Egypt where they also spent some time.

The Copes' explained that lack of clean water is the biggest problem in Ethiopia leading to disease and poverty. The Ethiopians must take 5 gallon buckets to get water for daily use. Charles told us of an ongoing program for 10 families to band together and dig a well for their needs, with a goal of 10 different family groups to dig 10 wells.

We were treated to an amazing slide show of many of Egypt's great treasures, including the pyramids, museums and countryside.

Carol Varner presented a short program based on Jeremiah 31:3, everlasting love.

Pastor Smith gave the blessing and Carol and Pat Hedrick served a delicious lunch catered by Southern Lunch, topped by pie and chocolate cake.

We will continue to keep several members and their spouses in our thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays before our next meeting are: Janice Abernathy, Matt Smith, Sarah Leonard, Pat Burcham and Virginia White. Happy Birthday to all.

After a short discussion the group voted to make a one-time donation to the Mt. Tabor Back Pack Program.

Our next meeting will be June 19th with Brenda Miller and Jan Watkins as hostesses.

The Holly Dome is open

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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 June and July. Thank you in advance for your help.



A note from our Governor Roy Cooper.....

The Lutheran Disaster Response-funded Case Management Team with Lutheran Services Carolinas is still making the news and winning awards while making a difference in the lives of those affected by last year's hurricanes. LSC staff recently received "The Governor's Award for Volunteer Service." A number of individual staff members were nominated for the award, but Governor Cooper wrote that it "was too hard to pick just one so he awarded it to the entire staff. Congratulations to an amazing group of people. Your Governor appreciates you all."



HGLC APRIL 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President, Andy Ferguson; 10 plus Pastor present

Devotions: Lynn led us in devotions from Luke 17:11-18 (Expressing Thankfulness); Caroline has devotions next month.

Approval of Reports

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

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

Treasurer: Max moved to accept. Eddie seconded. Motion approved.

Building Fund: Karen moved to accept. Carey accepted. Motion approved.

Pastors Report

Men's group discussed updating the roadside signs that direct folks to our church. Also, in the month of March, around 20 people used Google maps for directions to our church and 99 viewed our Facebook page, which is good saturation.

So far this year, Holly Grove has contributed to sending Madilyn and Calvin Blower to Lutheridge and Roseila Sommer to Camp Agape this summer. Reminder that we are hosting a Lutheridge day camp July 1-3 and registration information is available in the narthex.

Reminder that Holy Week begins this week, which is the week that defines us and that people who visit a church usually do so because they are invited by one of us. Services on Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Vitality survey will take a significant chunk of time to talk about and to decide on where we need to go based on what we heard. Will discuss under new business.

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

Correspondence

Received a thank you from the NC Synod for Mission Support in 2018 in the amount of \$16,689.96.

Received a statement from AT&T and was passed on to council if anyone would like to review.

Committee Reports

Reminder that all committees should have met by the end of March.

Unfinished Business

Kim Payne is working on the Lutheridge Day Camp and asked for ideas regarding the transporting of children on day trips. A congregational workday may also be needed to prepare our facilities for the camp.

Dean has received quotes for HVAC (which is working at the moment) for replacement if and when the system fails. Blood pressure cuff has been purchased and is situated with the defibrillator.

Karen spoke to a member at Our Saviors about their Blessing Box. It has been a great success for them. After discussion, Karen motioned the building of a Blessing Box at Holly Grove and Max seconded. The information will be given to the Social Ministry Committee for development of this project.

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. Pastor will register us prior to April 15 to receive early bird discount and advise the names at a later date.

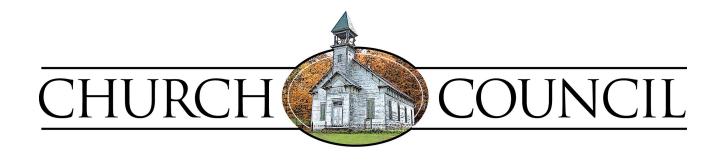
New Business

Pastor Matt made a motion that the Lenten Offering (around \$700) be designated equally between GLAMA and the new Blessing Box upstart. Tim seconded. Motion approved.

We have received another donation for the Ramp Fund. Further discussion will be needed at a later time as this is seen as a fairly expensive project.

Next meeting May 13th @6:00 PM. The first hour will be used to discuss the Vitality Survey.

Motion to adjourn by Max, Lynn seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.



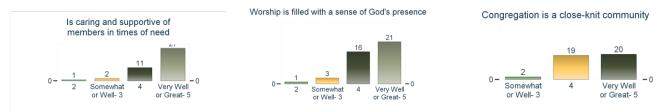
2019	2020	2021	
Karen Beck – Secretary	Caroline Black	Lynn Dennis	
Dean Chapman	Max Carrick	Eddie Heitman	
Carey Fritts	Tim Everhart- Vice President	Judy Thomason	
Sandra Vaughn	Andy Ferguson-President	Michael Wilson	

Congregational Vitality Study Results

A few months ago 41 members of our church community took a survey about our congregational health called the "Congregational Vitality Survey." The survey was developed by the ELCA and a team of analysts at Baylor University to measure two main things: 1) if a congregation is sustainable (i.e. is it able to keep doing what it's doing, pay bills, etc.); and 2) if a congregation is vital (i.e. is it doing something for the mission of God in the world). Ideally, congregations would be both vital and sustainable, but as we know, that's not always the case.

The good news is that Holly Grove came back in the results as both vital and sustainable. This means that in many ways we are on the right track- we're doing a lot of things right! The results identified several areas where Holly Grove is particularly strong:

- -Worship life was identified as joyful, nurturing, and filled with God's presence
- -A strong sense of belonging
- -Closely connected community who support one another in times of need
- -The congregation is a positive force in the community and to addresses social concerns



Thanks be to God for the way that the Holy Spirit has nourished these gifts in us! We have been richly blessed, and these strengths give a firm foundation for Christ's ministry at Holly Grove now and into the future!

As we imagine that future the other very helpful thing the survey does is identify some areas where some growth can set us up for success. The growth edge that was consistently identified was in spiritual development and growth. In fact, almost 20% of respondents indicated that they were stalled or not growing in their spiritual lives. It is true that some of those who responded were not interested in growing their spiritual life, but a larger number, 15% of the total respondents felt like they are stalled even though they want to grow.

We want to do everything we can to help encourage that growth! So we've formed a group to look at how we as a congregation can respond. If you are interested in personal spiritual growth or have ideas for ways our congregation can offer opportunities for growth, please speak with pastor Matt and come join the planning group!

Thank you to all those who took time to fill out the survey. The takeaway from responses is that Holly Grove is a congregation in a strong position to continue meaningful ministry! And because we know we want to continue in a strong position, there is some work to be done in the area of spiritual development. Stay tuned for ways we hope to help that happen!





Life is crazy, and your calendar is full! Carve out some time to play and pray together. Families will enjoy regular camp activities while also exploring fun faith-building activities. Kids and adults of all ages are welcome. If they are family to you, they are family to us!



Grandparents Camp June 16-22, 2019 July 28-Aug 31, 2019

Grandkids (age 5-12) and grandparents (of all ages) share faith, fun and all the classic camp activities. Regular camp activities for adults and fun time with counselors for kids. Optional add-ons (additional fee) include rafting, caving, or horseback riding.

1st Adult \$252 | 2nd Adult \$111 Per Child \$47 | Extra Room \$75

Family Camp June 30-July 6, 2019 (July 4th Week July 21-27 (Christmas Week)

Enjoy camp as a Family! This low stress, affordable vacation helps you grow closer to God creation and each other. Each week enjoys a different creative theme with related activities.

1st Adult \$505 | 2nd Adult \$175 Per Child \$77 | Extra Room \$170



Grandkids N Me Camp (Half Week) June 21-24, 2019

Grandparents and grandkids (ages 3-12) unplug and get in touch with nature, each other, and God. Outing to Wild Cat Lake and Grandfather Mountain.

Leader Pastor "Grandpa" Steve Ridenhour.

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1st Adult \$252 | 2nd Adult \$93 Per Child \$46 | Extra Room \$75



Grands Weekend March 8-20-2019

GRAND weekend of spiritual growth and fun! In addition to camp activities, Grands will enjoy blueberry picking/baking, sharing stores and family free-time.

Adults \$105: Youth \$70

Grands Camp June 16-19, 2019

Grands will enjoy a weekend of family faith formation, cooking baking and camp activities. Carve out time to play and pray together.

1st Adult \$252 | 2nd Adult \$93 Per Child \$46 | Extra Room \$75



Home on the Ranch (Family Camp) June 30-July 5, 2019

Enjoy the fun of summer camp as a family. Make new friends and memories that last a lifetime. Enjoy camp activities geared to the family.

1st Adult \$505 | 2nd Adult \$175 Per Child \$77 | Extra Room \$170

For more information contact Registration at registration@novusway.org or (828) 684- 6320

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
- The Family of Sue Anderson
- Bill Roberts
- ♦ Jo Ann Turner
- Janna Waitman
- Harold Beck
- ◆ Bonnie Hedrick
- Paul & Carolina Conrad

Our Friends & Family:

- Billie Allred
- Gracie Hedrick
- 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
- The Family of 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
- The Family of Bobbie Langlitz-Ann Blower's sister
- Tim Hylton
- Alice Hedrick-Joe Hedrick's Sister
- Al Woodum-Keri Smith's Step-father
- 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).





The annual Conrad Reunion will be June 9th @ Holly Grove Lutheran Church. Come join us for fellowship, fun and awesome food!

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