

July 2019



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



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:
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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <i>Dog Day's of Summer begins</i>	4 	5 <i>Workaholic's Day</i>	6 <i>International Kissing Day</i> <i>Fried Chicken Day</i>
7	8 Council @ 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12 <i>Pecan Pie Day</i>	13
14	15 Agape @ 6:30 pm	16	17 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor @ 10:30 am Yellow Pig Day	18	19	20 <i>Ugly Truck Day</i>
21	22 LMiM @ 7:00 pm	23 <i>National Hot Dog Day</i>	24 <i>Cousins Day</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>Parent's Day</i>	29	30 <i>Father-in-Law Day</i>	31 <i>National Mutt Day</i>			

July 2019



Altar Guild- Susan Lohr

Mother's Rose Garden- Todd & Amy Kepley-In memory of Patricia Ford

7th 4th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Basket Offering: Davidson Medical Ministries

Assisting Minister: Joe Davis

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Communion Assistant: Paula Hedrick

Bucket Holder: Conrad Sommer, Calvin Carrick

Ushers: Matthew Parsons, Rex Everhart, Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Dean Chapman

Altar Flowers: Joe, Jennifer & Sarah Grace Davis-In honor of Mary's 23rd Birthday

Children's Church: Monica Parsons

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

14th 5th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Debbie Frank

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Carol Conrad

Bucket Holder: Mason Chapman, Ashton Chapman

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

Altar Flowers: Keith & Lori Cecil, Herbert & Debbie Frank, Etta Lee Conrad-In memory of Lauren Cecil

Children's Church: Susan Lohr

Children's Chat: Pastor

21st 6th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

Communion Assistant: Chip Blower

Bucket Holder: Gracie Ferguson, Roseila Sommer

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

Altar Flowers: Robert & Mandy Fritts-In honor of Brody's 7th Birthday

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman

Children's Chat: Joe Davis

28th 7th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Chip Blower

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Scott Black

Bucket Holder: Kodi Lomax, Calvin Carrick

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

Altar Flowers: Micky & Carol Conrad-In honor of Anderson & Everett

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

Children's Chat: Pastor

As summertime approaches, please send your vacation pictures and let's see where everyone had fun!



To be continued.....



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Tina Heitman Jay Proctor</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Sherry Proctor</i>	6
7 <i>Mary Davis Jaycee Conrad</i>	8	9 <i>Guyla Kepley James Rozek</i>	10 <i>Mary Varner</i>	11 <i>Mary Malone</i>	12 <i>Brandy Conrad</i>	13 <i>Anderson Con- rad</i>
14	15	16 <i>Marcus Smith</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Neil/Terri Clark</i>
21	22 <i>Brody Fritts</i>	23 <i>Katie Coggins Alex/Jordan Chapman</i>	24 <i>Sharon Everhart</i>	25 <i>Julia Keplay</i>	26 <i>Lori Conrad</i>	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Jane DiBonaventura</i>			



Travelling this summer? Take Church with you! Take out Church is here!

Check out the packet of faith activities in the narthex for your family to use on the go anytime you can't make it to church.

Sign up on the sheet for the weeks you need it, and bring it back for someone else to use!



It is that time of year again!

Join us this summer for the NC Synod Bible study sponsored by our *Engage the Bible Task Group*: (ETB) a Book of Faith ministry.

Summer of Psalms begins on Sunday, July 7.

Participate in the Bible study in three ways:

1. Subscribe to receive daily emails in your inbox. Choose "click to join" in the footer of the synod's website, nclutheran.org, or use the QR code below.
2. Like and Follow the synod's Facebook page to see the daily posts in your newsfeed: facebook.com/NCSynod.
3. Download the PDF which includes all the readings. Find it on the synod's ETB webpage: nclutheran.org/congregations/engage-the-bible.

Join us as we get to know more about Psalms and each other through this study.

Join us!'





Raffle Tickets: The HGLC Scholarship Committee is raffling off a basket of gift cards on July 7th. The basket will have over \$200 worth of gift cards to various businesses. Tickets will be available before and after church. Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10; and 25 for \$20. If you will not be here on July 7th for our 4th of July Celebration and Fellowship, please place your name on the ticket(s). See Joe Davis or Toni Chapman if you have questions.

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.

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. Drinks & ice will be furnished; side dishes and desserts will be welcomed. Dress casually and bring your lawn chair and enjoy the fellowship!



HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met June 19th with 12 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Jan Watkins presented a short devotion on “Food Insecurity” and introduced our guest for the day, Jennifer Davis, who is the Marketing Coordinator for the Pastor’s Pantry here in Lexington.

Jennifer explained that the Pastor’s Pantry originally began as Contact, a telephone ministry, then became the Hope Helpline. When Beverly Fulbright became Executive Director she instituted the changes that make Pastor’s Pantry into what we know today.

Pastor’s Pantry is a nonprofit food pantry with no religious affiliations. Their mission is provide monthly groceries to senior adults in Davidson County who are need of assistance. They currently provide nearly 700 “at risk” older adults in more than 400 households with over 4000 bags of groceries each month. The region that includes Davidson County is among the worst in NC for Food Insecurity and among the 10th worst in the Nation. Many of our local citizens have incomes of less than \$1,000 a month and many must choose between food, medical, utilities, and /or transportation each month.

We can help in the following ways: donate nonperishable food items. They also greatly appreciate plastic bags and egg cartons. The Pantry will also accept produce from your gardens; Volunteer your time; donate money to further their efforts.

We wish to thank Jennifer for giving her time to speak to our group.

During the short business meeting we voted on donating \$144 to Mt. Tabor for their new backpack program.

Also, on a sadder note we sent our prayers and sympathy to our member, Pat Hedrick, who has lost a niece and a brother in less than 2 weeks. We also are remembering our member, Sarah Snell who has entered Hospice House.

We sang Happy Birthday to the following members who will have birthdays before our next meeting. Carol Varner, Daisy Crisp, Shirley Phillips, Malinda Roof, Sally Thomason, Brenda Miller, Darrell Sluder, and Minnie Conrad.

After the Blessing we enjoyed a variety of delicious refreshments prepared by Brenda Miller.

There will be no July meeting so our next meeting will be August 21st with Peggy Garner. At that meeting we will be having “pot luck” refreshments with each member bringing an item.



HOLLY GROVE LUTHERAN SUMMER CHURCH LEAGUE 2019

1- Holly Grove	
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2-GETHSEMANE

3- DOC

4- Buzz

5-FRIENDSHIP

6- Grace

7- Journey

8-SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST

	<u>MON 5/13</u>	<u>TUES 5/14</u>	<u>MON 5/20</u>	<u>TUES 5/21</u>	<u>TUES 5/28</u>	<u>THURS 5/30</u>
6:30	2 --7	4--3	8=4	6--4	1--4	7--6
7:15	1-- 8	7--1	2=3	3--7	5--3	3--1
8:15	43530.00	6--8	1=6	8--2	6--2	2--4
9:15		5--2	7=5	5--1	7--8	8--5

	<u>MON 6/3</u>	<u>TUES 6/4</u>	<u>MON 6/10</u>	<u>TUE 6/11</u>	<u>MON 6/17</u>	<u>TUES 6/18</u>
6:30	4--7	2--7	1--7	3--2	7--3	5--3
7:15	5--6	6--3	8--6	6--1	8--2	2--6
8:15	1--2	4--5	2--5	5--7	1--5	7--8
9:15	3--8	8--1	3--4	4--8	6--4	4--1

	<u>MON 6/24</u>	<u>TUE 6/25</u>	<u>MON 7/15</u>	<u>TUES 7/16</u>	<u>MON 7/22</u>	<u>TUES 7/23</u>
6:30	1--3	6--5	6--2	4--2	1--2	3--6
7:15	4--2	2--1	7--8	8--5	3--8	4--5
8:15	5--8	8--3	1--4	6--7	4--7	1--8
9:15	6--7	7--4	5--3	3--1	5--6	2--7

	<u>MON 7/29</u>	<u>TUES 7/30</u>	<u>MON 8/04</u>	<u>TUES 8/5</u>
6:30	8--6	1--6	2--8	4=5
7:15	5--2	7--5	5--1	
8:15	3--4	8--4	4--6	
9:15	7--1	2--3	3--7	

****Home Team listed second****

Thursdays will be used a make-up dates in case of rain outs.

Playoffs will begin the week following the end of the season.

Seeds will be determined by overall record.

Tiebreaker Method will be head-to-head first, and then based on runs given up against opponent.





Aug 6th - Aug 9th : VBS @ Mount Tabor UCC -
Contact Tina Heitman



We Love Vacation Bible School!

Join Us
this Summer

HGLC MAY 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Prior to the business meeting, Council met to discuss the results of the Vitality Survey. A committee was set up to discuss ways to improve our spiritual growth at Holly Grove using this survey as a guideline. Committee consisting of Pastor Matt, Caroline Black, Lynn Dennis and Karen Beck will meet June 2 at 3:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join this group.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Devotions: Caroline led us in devotions from James 1: 2-4 (Thanking God for Trials); Michael has devotions next month.

Approval of Reports

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

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

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

Building Fund: No report.

Pastors Report

Kim Payne and Pastor Matt continue to prepare for the Lutheridge Daycamp we are hosting in July. Will not have final count attending until registration materials are in. Sounds like it's going to be a great event. Please help to spread the word and registration information can be found on church website, hollygrovelutheranchurch.org.

Four students have completed confirmation requirements and will be confirmed on June 9: Victoria Voletto, Jacob Hearn, Wilson Hearn, and Nathan Baker. They all know the books of the Bible, the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. For the past 2 years, they have been learning about their faith in weekly conversation with each other and the pastor. Please congratulate them on this milestone. Confirmation will resume in September with new class.

Synod Assembly is 17 days away and we only have one voting member so far to agree to attend. Need assistance to find one more person.

Dates to remember:

May 25: Motorcycle ride to benefit the backpack program

May 25: Gracie and Gaven's Lemonade stand to benefit the backpack program

June 9: Pentecost and Confirmation

July 1-3: Lutheridge Day Camp at Holly Grove

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

Correspondence: None

Committee Report

Fellowship: We will celebrate July 4th on Sunday, July 7th with an old-fashioned cook-out

Unfinished Business

We have not yet made any plans for the Blessing Box.

CHURCH COUNCIL

New Business

Discussed paving the parking lot, which is badly needed. Dean and property to obtain quotes. Use and the lack of the Prayer Room was mentioned.

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

Local students make a stand to support schools



Siblings Gaven (left) and Gracie Ferguson are excited about opening their lemonade stand on Saturday to benefit the backpack program at their school, Davis-Townsend Elementary. [Aly Vermillion/The Dispatch]



WXII 12 NEWS
LEMONADE STAND TO HELP SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM
HEATH CHURCH ROAD, LEXINGTON
About t

WXII12.COM
Brother and sister set up lemonade stand to raise money to feed students in need



The good things God is doing

Planning an assembly is challenging. What ministry areas need to be highlighted? What do we hope congregations will learn that can be energizing for their own ministries? The recent 2019 NC Synod Assembly was no different. While the assembly theme, *Vital Congregations*, was lifted up in a variety of ways, folks also learned much more about shared ministries and the good things God is doing in this synod.

Here are comments from several assembly attendees who shared their own assembly take-aways.

First-time voting members Gregg and Vickie Fletcher from Mt. Zion, Conover, had a great experience at the assembly. Gregg shared that “Vickie and I enjoyed the overall experience. We felt the meeting was well organized and the topics on point. The move to meeting every other year with training in between is good. The direction of the church is clear; as is what we need to do as members of the church. We also have a much better understanding of how contributions are used by so many ministry partners.”

Kreig Spahn, congregation council president at Calvary, Morganton, shared that “this was the first time I’ve learned anything at a synod assembly.” Kreig also shared, “What I enjoyed the most was the time I spent with my pastors and the vice-president of the (congregation) council getting to know them better and in a different setting from church. Lutheran Disaster Response is awesome! Not only do they go in to help, but they stay for months or even years! The extended work, in my opinion, is more important to the rebuilding process than just the initial work (which is necessary also!).”

Kreig continued, “Probably the main benefit I gained was reassurance of what I already was feeling—that we need to love one another. ... This was reinforced a lot during the assembly, which made me realize that this is the right way to lead my life, and, hopefully, to pass on to my children.”

Steve and Carol Swing from Community in Christ, Cornelius, attended this year’s assembly. Steve had attended assembly in the past, but this was Carol’s first time attending. She shared, “My time at the synod assembly was eye-opening when I realized the resources available through the synod and the ministry partners supported by all of us. It was extremely uplifting and energizing to realize that there are many opportunities and ways the synod supports congregations, regardless of size. I learned that the symbiotic relationships of the ministry partners supported the themes of vitality and inclusion. The ministry partners seem to have an unwritten air of ‘no one left behind,’ when it comes to our Lord and Savior Jesus.”

Carol continued, “Steve and I presented a slide show to our congregation on Sunday, June 9. We had about 3-4 minutes to present, but I opened the presentation with the disclaimer that there is no way to tell them in 3-4 minutes what we experienced over the two-day assembly. We explained the two prevalent themes were vitality and inclusion. Many of the topics were relevant and we rejoiced in the knowledge we received that may help align our vision at Community in Christ with the pastors we have just called. For instance, we informed the congregation that the ELCA celebrated the anniversaries of the first African American female pastor as well as the 50-year anniversary of women in the ministry for the ELCA. As we have just called a female pastor, the “Seriously?” video helped us prepare for any negative comments (intentional or not) that may be directed at either of our pastors.”

Pastor Matt Brunoehler, who was recently ordained and called to Good Shepherd, Elizabeth City, shared “since Good Shepherd is a congregation at the tail end of a successful redevelopment, but also capable of complacency and stagnation, NC Synod’s Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Danielle DeNise’s presentations regarding congregational vitality were meaningful, helpful, and a good reminder of the congregational life-cycle and the road ahead if we are going to continue to be a place of vitality. I am thankful for Bishop Smith’s leadership and willingness to be vulnerable to set an example. Many of us (myself included) do indeed come from a place of privilege (in a myriad of ways) and our ability to disciple and be Gospel-messengers to our context requires self-awareness and vulnerability. I appreciated his example.”

Pastor Matt continued, “The most enjoyable part for me was worship. Being in a room designed for congregational singing with lots of amazing singers and a great organ was moving and life-giving. At the same time, it made me appreciate our very flexible, adaptable, and handicapped-accommodating space in Elizabeth City.”

The congregational life-cycle and naming some of the prophetic emphases of the ELCA and NC Synod are things that I plan to bring back to Good Shepherd. I also plan to share our opportunities to be church together. We will enjoy and share the Summer of Psalms study and we are already getting geared up to submit a “Tell It” youth video and attend the LYO assembly again in 2020.”

People sometimes ask why we have a synod assembly. The folks above have answered that:

“To be equipped to be more relevant (and vital) in our work across the state”

“To celebrate what God is doing in our midst”

“To learn from each other”

“To worship”

And, echoing both the bishop and vice president Diana Haywood in their remarks at assembly, *“To grow in relationship to God and one another.”*

“How are you and your congregation growing in your relationship with God, each other, your community, and our neighbors throughout the world?”



Constitutional changes approved

Before an *en bloc* vote of several changes to the synod constitution, Secretary Doug Ramsey offered concise summaries of those changes.

- Many changes are to wording so we can be aligned with the churchwide constitution. For example, moving to language of ministers of word and sacrament and ministers word and service allows us to do that.
- Our current constitution allows for an every other year assembly. We are going to exercise that option moving forward. The changes in the constitution allow us to complete all business in odd years and host a missional leaders event similar to Bold Like Jesus on the even years. The missional leaders gathering is scheduled to happen at Lenoir-Rhyne University, the same time of year, and will allow for times of fellowship, learning, and worship.
- Another change to the business assembly is eliminating nominations for the floor at the time of the actual business assembly. People will still be able to be nominated outside of the nominating committee, but in a different way. We will solicit nominations through our e-news and social media. Additionally, we will open time for nominations at our spring cluster gatherings.
- We are proposing a reduction in the number of synod council members. In the past we have traditionally used 10% of congregations as the number of council members. Ten years ago, we had 240 congregations and 24 members on council. The proposal is to reduce that number from 24 to 15. The change allows the Bishop and synod council to appoint up to 4 people to reflect diversity goals in our synod and/or critical but non-represented gifts like legal or financial expertise, making it possible for 19 persons serving. We currently have 197 congregations and will be right around that 10% threshold.
- In addition, we propose the expansion of non-synod council members to serve on synod council committees, which is currently not permitted. This allows us to add expertise to committees that need it like legal, financial, and audit.
- We currently have 13 deans that are elected by their conferences. We are proposing a change from election to appointment by the bishop. As the dean serves as an extension of the ministry of the bishop, it allows the bishop to appoint these persons.
- The final change is a move away from the traditional spring conference meetings and move to a spring cluster meeting. The gathering will be a time when lay and rostered ministers will join with the bishop and their staff. The time will include worship, fellowship, learning, and nominations for assembly. So there would be three big spring meetings: Western, Central, and Eastern.

After a brief time of discussion, the constitutional changes were approved.

An additional legal matter was also approved; a bylaw correction for S7.22.01 which now reads: *All rostered ministers on the roster of the synod, in attendance and appropriately registered at the business assembly, shall be voting members of the business assembly.*



Please pray for:

Our Members:

- **Burnette Monteith**
- **The Family of Harold Rose**
- **Lydia York**
- **The Family of John Curry**
- **Lydia Rose**
- **Sheila Hanes**
- **Gary Hedrick**
- **The Family of Sue Anderson**
- **Bill Roberts**
- **Jo Ann Turner**
- **Janna Waitman**
- **Harold Beck**
- **Bonnie Hedrick**
- **Walter Blower**

Our Friends & Family:

- Noah Byerly-friend of Sharon Everhart
- Kevin Stewart-Robin & Karen Beck's son-in-law
- James Church
- Vince Tulizzotto-Friend of Herb Lohr
- Lohr Younts
- 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 Walsler-Co-worker of Herbert Frank
- Judy Rose-Wife of Harold Rose
- Misty Robins-Co-Worker of John Lohr
- The Family Bobbie Langlitz-Ann Blower's sister
- Alice Hedrick-Joe Hedrick's Sister
- Al Woodum-Keri Smith's Step-father
- The Family of Gil Huff
- Dan Parks
- Kathy Floyd Cope-Friend of Lateffa Dennis'
- Cindi Caughron-Friend of Mary Malone
- 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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1030AM Worship



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