

August 2019



*Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!*

*Summer Camp Success!*



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](http://www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 "Watermelon Day"
4	5	6 "Wiggle Your Toes Day"	7	8	9	10
11	12 Council @ 7:00 pm	13 "Left-handers Day"	14 "Creamsicle Day"	15	16	17
18	19 Agape @ 6:30 pm	20	21 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor at 10:30 am	22	23	24
25	26 LMiM @ 7:00 pm	27	28	29	30 "Frankenstein Day"	31

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Altar Guild- Karen Beck

Mother's Rose Garden-Bob & Kim Troutman-In memory of Helen Troutman  
-In honor of Minnie Conrad

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4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Basket Offering: GLAMA

**Assisting Minister:** Norris Feeney      **Acolyte:** Madison Lohr-Pope  
**Communion Assistant:** Tina Heitman      **Bucket Holder:** Calvin Carrick, Roselia Sommer  
**Ushers:** Bob Troutman, Michael Willson, Robin Beck, Frank Hamilton  
**Altar Flowers:** Norris Feeney-In honor of Kara, Everett's Mother  
**Children's Church:** Jane DiBonaventura      **Children's Chat:** Tina Heitman

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11<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

**Assisting Minister:** Neil Clark      **Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer  
**Communion Assistant:** Bob Troutman      **Bucket Holder:** Kodi Lomax, Conrad Sommer  
**Ushers:** Matthew Parsons, Joe Davis, Rex Everhart, Scott Black  
**Altar Flowers:** Micky & Carol, Bob & Kim, Todd & Lori-In honor of Minnie Conrad  
**Children's Church:** Monica Parsons      **Children's Chat:** Pastor

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18<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

**Assisting Minister:** Andy Ferguson      **Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson  
**Communion Assistant:** Judy Thomason      **Bucket Holder:** Madison Lohr-Pope, Ashton Chapman  
**Ushers:** Mason Chapman, Alex Chapman, Dean Chapman, Eddie Heitman  
**Altar Flowers:** Johnny, Tammy & Logan Turner-In honor of Olivia's Birthday  
**Children's Church:** Susan Lohr      **Children's Chat:** Sarah Grace Davis

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25<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

**Assisting Minister:** Debbie Frank      **Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer  
**Communion Assistant:** Kim Troutman      **Bucket Holder:** Gaven Ferguson, Mason Chapman  
**Ushers:** Ty Heitman, Johnny Fritts, Gary Hedrick, Max Carrick  
**Altar Flowers:** Andy & Kristal Ferguson-In honor of Gracie's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**Children's Church:** Jordan Chapman      **Children's Chat:** Pastor

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# Fun Facts for the Month of August

## Fun Facts about August

August was named in honor of Augustus Caesar. The month of August was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.

August is the eighth month of the year and has a length of 31 days.

In common years, no other month starts on the same day of the week as August, but in leap years, February starts on the same day.

Those born in the beginning of August are under the sign of Leo, and those born after the 21st are born under Virgo.

The birthstone is the peridot or onyx, and the birth flower is gladiolus or poppy.

### Important Days in August:

First Week in August--Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

August 6--Wiggle Your Toes Day

August 13--National Left-handers Day

August 15--National Relaxation Day

### August is the National Month for:

Immunization Awareness  
Water Quality  
Back to School (for some US districts)  
American Adventures  
Audio Appreciation  
Happiness Happens  
Panini  
Catfish  
Peaches  
Harvest





# Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Everett Feeney</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Scott/Judy Black</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Robert Fritts</i>
11	12 <i>Johnny/Tammy Turner</i> <i>Robbie/Randi Hileman</i> <i>Matt/April Bunton</i>	13 <i>Minnie Conrad</i> <i>Sandra Vaughn</i> <i>Ashton Chapman</i>	14	15 <i>Andrew Curry</i>	16 <i>Kristopher Burkhart</i>	17 <i>Carey/Bobbie Fritts</i>
18 <i>Toni Chapman</i> <i>Chodd Hedrick</i> <i>Abi Hearn</i>	19	20 <i>Kyle Murphy</i> <i>Ariel Everhart</i>	21	22 <i>Travis Rose</i> <i>Lydia York</i>	23 <i>Wanda Black</i>	24
25 <i>Joe Hedrick</i> <i>Olivia Turner</i> <i>Challon Burkhart</i> <i>Boyd/Janice Queen</i>	26	27 <i>Gary McLain</i> <i>Erin Burkhart</i>	28	29 <i>Gracie Ferguson</i>	30	31



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](http://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](https://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](http://nclutheran.org/congregations/engage-the-bible).

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

*Join us!'*





**Aug 6th - Aug 9th** : VBS @ Mount Tabor UCC

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**: Assisting Minister Training after Worship

**August 12<sup>th</sup>**: Council @ 7:00 pm.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**: Agape @ 6:30 pm.

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**: LMiM annual Chicken B-B-Q. Plates will be \$9.00 and you can purchase tickets from any LMiM member.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**: Back-to-School Blessing. Students, Teachers, Faculty/Staff & others involved in Education. Students bring your backpacks!

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**: LMiM @ 7:00 pm.

Please check your mailbox; mid-year financial statements are ready for you.

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**Holly Leaf News:** If you have information that needs to go into the Holly Leaf submit this info to the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Aug 6th - Aug 9th : VBS @ Mount Tabor UCC



We Love Vacation Bible School!

Join Us  
this Summer



Sent from my iPhone  
Grandchildren, Owen Stewart, Quinn and Chloe Beck at EI, NC



Robin and Karen at Emerald Isle Beach





Flat Jesus traveled to Cherry Grove / North Myrtle Beach!





## Ask Holly

*Dear Holly,  
We took a survey back in February about our congregational health, and we still haven't heard the results. Are things so bad that the pastor doesn't even want us to know?  
-Skep T. Cull*

Dear Mr. Cull,

Thank you for bringing up the survey! As you might recall, this survey we took was not something thrown together locally, but a tool developed by the ELCA to look at congregational health in a lot of areas to get at two main takeaway questions: 1) Is this congregation vital, in other words, is just going through the motions or is it doing something meaningful for the kingdom of God?; and 2) Is this congregation sustainable- is it stable enough to keep doing ministry. And the answers to these questions aren't coming from the pastor or the council, they are coming from you (at least if you filled out the survey)! Your answers to the many survey questions were analyzed by the statistics department at Baylor University to answer the two takeaway questions.

And at Holly Grove, the results were... (drum roll please)



Your answers and the analysis determined that Holly Grove is both vital and sustainable! That's great news! This is where we want to be! Let's celebrate! Thanks be to God for the meaningful ministry that is happening here and for the fact that we are in a place to sustain that ministry in the future!

Council received these results in April, but part of the reason this news has taken a while to filter down is that in addition to those main takeaways, we got about 20 pages of other graphs and analysis of trends at Holly Grove, and that has taken some time to digest. We ought to celebrate the overall conclusions, but we'd also be foolish not to learn from the more detailed analysis- including areas for growth. This might be particularly important for us to pay attention to since we did meet the threshold for vitality and sustainability, but our vitality score was a little closer to the cutoff than we would like it to be.

The biggest growth area, according to your responses, is personal spiritual development. So we're planning to really focus on that this fall. You'll hear more about this later, but we'll be focusing on a spiritual discipline each month. In September the focus will be on service. October - worship. November- Bible study. December- prayer. There will be more details on all of this coming, but I hope you will decide today that you're in, that you want to deepen your relationship with God and God's people.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey! You gave us the jumping off point for growth!

Sincerely,

*Holly Grove*



# HGLC JUNE 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

Call to Order: President, Andy Ferguson; 7 plus Pastor present

Devotions: Sandra led us in devotions from Psalms 23; Max has devotions in July.

### **Approval of Reports**

Minutes: Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved.

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

Treasurer: Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved.

Building Fund: Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

NC Synod met in assembly May 31 & June 1. The assembly approved a continuing resolution to exercise the option to move the business assembly to every other year. On the off years, synod will meet at Lenior-Rhyne for a focused time on spiritual growth, learning and fellowship. Next synod meeting will be 2021.

Also approved constitutional changes to bring the language in line with the ELCA constitution, restructure the spring conference meeting, and move a system where conference deans are appointed rather than elected. The idea is to give the deans a more active role working on behalf of the Synod in their conference. Our conference is called Silver Valley Conference comprised of Davidson County churches. Pastor Matt Miller of First Lutheran is our dean.

I attended a retirement celebration for Martha Maness. Martha ran the teen parent program for 13 years and Holly Grove has worked with her for 12 of those 13 years. We give thanks to God for the lives she has touched and the chance to partner in that ministry. Our prayers are they can find the right person to continue this wonderful program.

Our day camp will be July 1-3. We now have 15 registered and hope for at least 20.

Lutheridge is offering a council retreat this fall and spring. I'm certain it would be beneficial, but it would be a significant investment of time and resources. We should consider this if we want to take things to the next level in our leadership in the congregation.

Backpack program is in a good place thanks to a successful motorcycle ride and lemonade stand fundraiser. Thanks to the Fergusons, Herb and Wendy for making it all happen. They raised about \$2,600.

Dates to Remember: July 27- August 3 Pastor Matt on vacation;  
August 6-9 VBS with Mt Tabor UCC.

Motion to accept Pastor's report. Seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Committee Reports:**

Recreation needs help in concession

### **Unfinished Business:**

Blessing Box – Kristal, Lynn and Lateffa are meeting to share their thoughts. Discussion on how to stock it (donations vs budget) and the location. Tabled for next meeting.

Parking Lot Paving – It has been recommended to remove the old asphalt and place 2" of new asphalt and seal it.

Memorial Fund – Kristal has been working on the books. Currently, it looks like we have \$5,953.98 in the fund.

Prayer room was not discussed.


### **New Business**

We discussed the ongoing repairs to the organ. For now, we will try to keep the organ maintained.

September Basket Offering was suggested to go to Agape for the Bereavement meals. Motion to accept. Seconded. Motion approved. We didn't have a quorum so we will vote again next month.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# CHURCH COUNCIL



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

# Chicken BBQ



Annual Chicken BBQ will be August 24th. Mark your calendars and get your tickets from one of the LMIM members!







## *Blessing*

**August 25<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Blessing**

Students, Teachers, Faculty/Staff and others involved in Education.

***Students bring your backpacks!***

***\*\*\*Congregation, if enthused to do so, feel free to bring school supplies and/or inspirational items to place in students backpacks and/or give to Teachers, Faculty/Staff and others involved in education for the Back to School Blessing\*\*\****







Camp Lutheridge 2019 was a success!





Senior's took vacation and will resume meetings on August 21st.

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**Sundays**

915AM Sunday School  
1030AM Worship



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