

April 2020



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



LOVE GROW SERVE

The Holly Leaf

Mission Statement of Holly Grove Lutheran Church

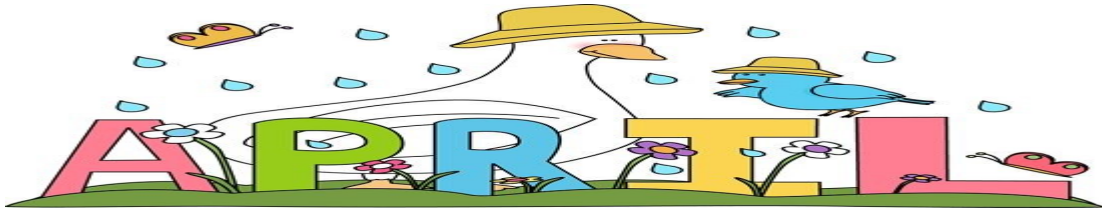
“As united people of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to provide worship and Christian education, and respond in a loving action to a needy world.”

• Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:
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Love. Grow. Serve.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Good Friday @ 7:00 pm</i>	11
12 <i>Easter</i>	13 <i>Council @7:00 pm</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Agape Friends @ 6:30 pm</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>LMiM @ 7:00 pm</i>	28	29	30		

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Altar Guild- Carol Conrad
Mother's Rose Garden -

5th *Palm Sunday*

Holy Communion

Basket Offering: Hospice

Assisting Minister: Toni Chapman

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Communion Assistant: Lynn Dennis

Bucket Holder: Conrad Sommer, Isabel Heitman

Ushers: Rex Everhart, Joe Davis, Frank Hamilton, Robin Beck

Altar Flowers: Joe, Jennifer & Mary Davis-In honor of Sarah Grace's 20th birthday

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

9th *Maundy Thursday*

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Kim Troutman

Bucket Holder: Gaven Ferguson, Calvin Carrick

Ushers: Max Carrick, Herbert Frank

10th *Good Friday*

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman

Acolyte: Isabel Heitman

Ushers: Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman

12th *Easter Sunday*

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Debbie Frank

Bucket Holder: Roseila Sommer, Conrad Sommer

Ushers: Gaven Ferguson, Herbert Frank, Michael Willson, Bob Troutman

Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies

Children's Church: No Children's Church

Children's Chat: Pastor

19th *Second Sunday of Easter*

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Communion Assistant: Michael Willson

Bucket Holder: Isabel Heitman, Gracie Ferguson

Ushers: Johnny Fritts, Lynn Dennis, Matthew Parsons, Dean Chapman

Altar Flowers: Minnie Conrad-In honor of my family

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Chat: Pastor

26th *Third Sunday of Easter*

Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Norris Feeney

Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

Communion Assistant: Herbert Frank

Bucket Holder: Ryah Parsons, Gaven Ferguson

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

Altar Flowers:

Children's Church: Monica Parsons

Children's Chat: Sarah Grace Davis

HGLC FEBRUARY 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2020

Call to Order: President, Andy Ferguson with the following present: Max Carrick, Lynn Dennis, Eddie Heitman, Michael Wilson, Johnny Fritts, Marie Palmer, Sherry Proctor, Lindsay Black, Tim Everhart and Pastor Tallent.

Devotions: Sherry led us in devotions.

Business Meeting

Approval of Reports

Minutes of the January, 2020 meeting were read. Mike moved to accept, Eddie seconded and motion approved. Financial report was presented. Max moved to accept, Mike seconded and motion approved. Treasurers Report presented. Lynn moved to accept, Mike seconded and motion approved. There was no Building Fund report.

Correspondence:

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passed.
bulletin.

Pastor Tallent presented information from the N. C. Synod concerning a special offering to assist Mission work. These funds be used to assist mission congregations. Tim made the motion and Eddie seconded that we participate in this program. Motion passed. Pastor Tallent will verbally share information with the congregation and an insert and offering envelope will be placed in the bulletin.

housing
March

Pastor Tallent also presented information on a program called "Food for the Poor". This is a program that gives food and assistance to the very needy in other countries. Max made the motion and Lynn seconded that we table action on this until meeting. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

No reports

Old Business:

Dean obtained quotes from E.E. Wilson, J & J and Deitz Floor Covering for replacement of carpet in the sanctuary and vinyl flooring in the foyer and sacristy. The Property Committee met and voted to work with the least expensive quote from E. E. Wilson which was around \$9,000.00. Discussion was that we should explore options a little further before action taken on this. Tim made the motion and Eddie seconded that we table this until the March meeting. Motion passed.

Dean is working on smoke alarms and exit lights for the church.

Andy and Chip have signed the paper work for the organ repair. We will need to make a \$1,000.00 deposit when we get the final bid, which will include taxes. Since we will have to move the organ during carpet replacement, the work on the organ will be done after carpet is completed.

New Business:

Andy requested that all committee liaisons plan to have a meeting with their committee by March 8th.

Not on the agenda: Sherry reported that a \$50.00 service charge has been made on the Scholarship account at First National Bank. Joe Davis will contact someone to find out what this is about.

Not on the agenda: Johnny and Marie discussed the possibility of moving the Senior Adult class to the bride's room. Johnny will meet with Boyd Queen to discuss further the possibility that this would work.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ferguson, President
Marie Palmer, Secretary

2020	2021	2022
Lindsay Black	Lynn Dennis –Vice President	Chip Blower
Max Carrick	Eddie Heitman	Johnny Fritts
Tim Everhart	Judy Thomason	Marie Palmer-Secretary
Andy Ferguson-President	Michael Wilson	Sherry Proctor

**Holly Grove Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
February 23, 2020**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Holly Grove Lutheran Church was called to order by President Andy Ferguson.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and approve the financial reports.

The President called for any questions and there were none.

Herbert Frank made the motion to approve the reports and Joe Davis Seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Andy Ferguson.

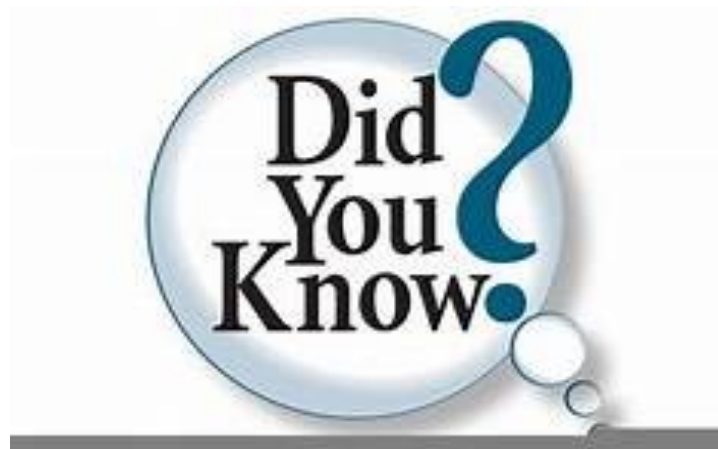
Additional information for the minutes book

Pastor Tonneson from the Synod Office led our service with a congregational meal following. Following the meal Pastor Tonneson shared information to those attending pertaining to the next steps in our call process.

APRIL

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

1. The name of this month is named after the Greek Goddess of love, Aphrodite. It is spelled as "Aprilis" which means "to open".
2. 1st of April is commonly known as April Fool's Day. On this day, people make fool and prank of each other to celebrate it.
3. It is a sports month for the people of US as April marks the beginning of professional baseball season in the United States.
4. April is the born month of English poet William Wordsworth who was born on 7 April 1770. is best-known poems is perfect for April in the Northern Hemisphere "I wandered lonely as a cloud." It was published in 1807. Leonardo Da Vinci was also born in this month.
5. The name of this month is also the popular name given to a lot of people. April name is the 423rd most common name in the United States and 250th common name in the United Kingdom.
6. It is national awareness month for Pets, Mathematics, Stress, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Bowel Cancer, and Jazz.
7. April is the only month out of all 12 months with alphabet "l" in its name.
8. The Anglo-Saxons called this month as Eostre-Monadh, possibly named after a pagan Goddess.





Birthday & Anniversaries

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



Cow Bingo is coming to Holly Grove. Saturday, May 16th at the Holly Grove Ballfield starting at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$15.00 each with a prize of \$300.00. See Recreation Committee members Chip Blower, Donnie Parsons, Joe Davis, Jane DiBonaventura, Lynn Dennis or Andy and Kristal Ferguson for tickets. Come to see Bessie dump her load. Do not have to be present to win.



Dear rostered ministers of the NC Synod,

For my message to you this Monday, I simply, sadly, yet with firm support and conviction, commend to you the three strong recommendations for which the NC Synod Council used the language of not only “commends” but “expects” of its congregations.

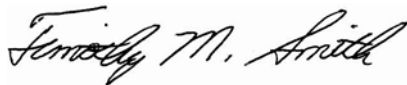
Following the directives of President Trump, Governor Cooper, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we urge no gatherings of more than 10 people in any NC Synod congregation.

Following the CDC and the recommendations this week of our ecumenical partners, we recommend this “no gatherings of more than 10 people in any NC Synod congregation” policy be extended until at least May 12.

The Synod Gathering will not be happening in May. We are still committed to gathering as a synod this year if that is possible. A decision will be made at the Synod Council meeting in late May.

Yes, we would miss gathered-in-person-by-the-calendar Holy Week and Easter, but we will still be together online, and whenever we are together again in person, we will celebrate true resurrection joy, whatever date it is! In the meantime, I am encouraged and gratified to see so many wonderful online worship offerings. I personally am being fed by those. Please do all you can to support your congregation prayerfully and financially during this time. While we’re in this and on the other side, we’re all going to need our congregations more than we ever realized.

God’s deep peace, patience, health, and hope, always hope, to you!



Bishop Timothy M. Smith



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Spring has sprung” as we sometimes say. Looking out my back window yesterday at the beautiful redbud trees, the grape hyacinth, the daffodils, even one of the azaleas beginning to bloom, it looked like spring. Across the street our neighbor’s flower bed was awash in colors of spring. The birds are singing and flying around as they start nesting and trying to stay away from our next-door neighbor’s pack of cats. I even put out a hummingbird feeder.

But despite appearances it doesn’t **feel** very “springy.” TV, newspapers, and especially the internet, are filled with warnings, bad news about how many are sick, and government suggested--or required--changes to our lives. People are out of work and more look to be out of work soon, or at least on short hours. Emergency powers are being used to try to control the spread of disease, find treatments and a vaccine, and protect the economy. Some people are fearfully hoarding while others are greedily trying to profit from the crisis. It feels much more like **Lent and wilderness**. The verse that came to mind is Matthew 4:1 from the first Sunday in Lent this year: “*Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness.*” This season certainly feels like being driven into the wilderness to me; but it may last longer than 40 days.

The thing is, Lent actually means Spring. Out of death comes life. Though Jesus was in the wilderness facing hunger, loneliness, and temptation, He was never completely alone. God was with Him and the Holy Spirit was watching over Him. But He had to go through a time of isolation and temptation.

Our Lenten services theme was the story of Noah and the Ark and how early Christians interpreted that as a symbol for the church. Noah, his family, and the animals were safely shut in by God; quarantined for the 40 days of the storm, *and much longer if you read the whole story*. Let me be clear, I don’t believe the disease storm we face was sent by God as punishment, but I do believe God is very much with us and cares about us. It is a time of testing caused as much as anything by our modern world with nations connected by planes in less than a day. Diseases in one place quickly spread around the world.

The Apostle Paul also faced times of testing and temptation as he experienced beatings, rejection, and even imprisonment. However, as we read last Sunday, Paul wrote in Romans 5:3-5: “*Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope: and hope doesn’t disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*” He knew that God was with him through all that happened and that the Holy Spirit was watching over him. In the end Paul, like Jesus, died for his faith. But he lived for Christ even amid suffering.

Your congregation council decided to follow the recommendations of the government to limit gatherings, canceling church related functions for the next few weeks. *Right now, the church office hours continue but a “shelter in place” order could change that.* Current plans, subject to change, are for a small group to gather each week to lead a worship service which we will put online. You will be notified as to how to watch it until we can again gather freely to celebrate. We also ask that you pray regularly for our government leaders, those infected, medical workers, and researchers in addition to your family, friends, and church. As our Bishop said, when we can gather again after the storm, the first Worship Service we share will be our **Easter celebration**, regardless of when it happens.

In Christ’s love and hope, Pastor Joseph

What You Can Do

Continue to hope and pray. Read the Psalms and the Gospels.

Join our online worship service if you have access.

Call to check on and encourage one another, especially those who are homebound or may not have family nearby.

Be particularly sensitive to the concerns and fears of children.

Continue to support your congregation, as you are able, by mail or by using electronic giving.

Attention Sewers: Joann Fabrics has a pattern for surgical masks. If you are inclined to do so, you may want to check with local hospital to see if they are accepting such masks.

Contact Andy Ferguson, the church office, or Interim Pastor Joseph Tallent for pastoral or spiritual needs.
Be aware that hospitals and care facilities have severely limited visitors.

Take care of yourself and your family by following the recommended guidelines.

Practice careful sanitation and keep safe distances when you are out in public working, doing essential shopping, exercising, or seeking care.

Call your doctor if you think you are getting any of the symptoms.

Do what you can to aid those in need and out of work.



HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club cancelled the March meeting and will not meet again until further notice.

In this time of isolation for our members and others in the community, I urge everyone to keep in touch by phone. It is important that we not let anyone be out of contact and completely out of touch with friends and family.

The hope is that everyone stays safe and healthy....this too shall pass if we all do what is required.





Please pray for:

Our Members:

- **Burnette Monteith**
- **Gary Hedrick**
- **Walter Blower**
- **Aldean Conrad**
- **Teresa Fritts**
- **Gene Kepley**
- **Dwight Everhart**
- **Karen Beck**
- **Steve Garner**
- **Tina Heitman**
- **Randi Rose Hileman**
- **Carey Fritts**
- **Libby Carrick**
- **Barbara Kepley**
- **Mary Malone**
- **Joe Davis**

Our Friends & Family:

- Robert (Buddy) Brown
- Gary Helms-cousin of Gaynell Davis
- Cleston Nester-friend of Lynn & Lateffa Dennis
- Kenneth Miller-Friend of Joe & Bonnie Hedrick
- Charlotte Cable-Aunt of Jay Proctor
- Lynn Helms-cousin of Gaynell Davis
- Kay Kepley
- Randy Wafford
- Tommy Barnhart
- Eva Rae Clark-Neil Clark's Mother
- David Chappell-Friend of Kelly Carrick
- Clyde Young, Jr-Brother of Dottie Curry
- Pauline Young-Sister-In-Law of Dottie Curry
- The Pless Family- Friends of Pastor Tallent
- Brooke Springer-Mary Malone's Grand-daughter
- Edwina Louya
- The Family of Dan Parks
- Banks Dellinger-Brother of Janna Waitman
- Family of Regina Mize Warren-sister of Joel Mize and aunt of Nichole Mize
- Jason Heitman and Family-Monica Parson's cousin
- Our service men and women all over the world
- Those unemployed, looking for work



“He 
is risen;
he is not here.”

MARK 16:6

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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