

May 2020



*Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!*



Happy Mother's Day

LOVE GROW SERVE

# The Holly Leaf

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*“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.”*

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**Love. Grow. Serve.**



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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Altar Guild- Karen Beck

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Holy Communion*

*Basket Offering:* Teen Parent Program

**Assisting Minister:** Micky Conrad

**Acolyte:** Isabel Heitman

**Communion Assistant:** Chip Blower

**Bucket Holder:** Roseila Sommer, Conrad Sommer

**Ushers:** Scott Black, Rex Everhart, Joe Davis, Frank Hamilton

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

**Children's Church:** Tina Heitman

**Children's Chat:** Tina Heitman

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10<sup>th</sup> *Mother's Day* *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Andy Ferguson

**Acolyte:** Madison Lohr-Pope

**Communion Assistant:** Neil Clark

**Bucket Holder:** Isabel Heitman, Gracie Ferguson

**Ushers:** Robin Beck, Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman, Max Carrick

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

**Children's Church:** Susan Lohr

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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17<sup>th</sup> *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Joe Davis

**Acolyte:** Roseila Sommer

**Communion Assistant:** Tina Heitman

**Bucket Holder:** Calvin Carrick, Ryah Parsons

**Ushers:** Gaven Ferguson, Andy Ferguson, Herbert Frank, Michael Willson

**Altar Flowers:** Micky & Carol Conrad-In honor of our anniversary

**Children's Church:** Wendy Lohr

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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24<sup>th</sup> *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Neil Clark

**Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson

**Communion Assistant:** Carol Conrad

**Bucket Holder:** Roseila Sommer, Conrad Sommer

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

**Altar Flowers:** Eddie, Tina & Ty Heitman-In honor of Isabel's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Children's Church:** Kristal Ferguson

**Children's Chat:** Joe Davis

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31<sup>st</sup> *Day of Pentecost*

*Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Chip Blower

**Acolyte:** Isabel Heitman

**Communion Assistant:** Paula Hedrick

**Bucket Holder:** Ryah Parsons, Gaven Ferguson

**Ushers:** Bob Troutman, Johnny Fritts, Lynn Dennis, Matthew Parsons

**Altar Flowers:**

**Children's Church:** Monica Parsons

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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# Mother's Day

## WORD SEARCH

N D L I M J Y D N A C  
M E O A O M V N C Z E  
J M V X T R E W U S G  
V O E C H I L D R E N  
Y H A F E K E S R L U  
D X Y L R G S Q T I R  
B V A O S G E V U M O  
F R M W D Z S P H S A  
Q W W E A Q S I U T Q  
S F R R Y B I S G T G  
O S A S C X K U S D B

CANDY  
CHILDREN  
FLOWERS  
HOME  
HUGS

KISSES  
LOVE  
MAY  
MOTHERS DAY  
SMILES



# The Meaning of Being a Mother.....

The meaning of being a mother is virtually endless. A mother is a protector, disciplinarian and friend. A mother is a selfless, loving human who must sacrifice many of their wants and needs for the wants and needs of their children. A mother works hard to make sure their child is equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to make it as a competent human being. Being a mother is perhaps the hardest, most rewarding job a woman will ever experience.

## ***Unconditional Love***

From the day they are born, a child will test your patience. No matter what they do or say, being a mother means you will love your child unconditionally. Children who receive love and attention from their mother are less likely later on to fall in love with someone who offers love conditionally, whether with behavior control or abuse. Show your child how much you love them with hugs and kisses. Listen to your child as they recount their day, play games or slip a note in their lunch box letting them know how much you love them (Ref 1).

## ***Safety and Security***

When a woman becomes pregnant, it is her responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment while her baby grows. This responsibility continues once she becomes a mother, whether it's ensuring her child has a roof over its head to keeping monsters away at night and everything in between. Providing your child with a safe and secure environment protects them from abuse and harm as well as help boost their child's mental and emotional development. Provide a safe, healthy environment for children by reducing risks and stress as well as keeping an eye out on children (Ref 2).

## ***Teacher and Disciplinarian***

Being a mother means being there to teach your child important rules and roles of life, from being an empathetic human being to learning how to be responsible of one's actions. As your child grows up, they are going to face an onslaught of differing thoughts, opinions and values from their friends, the movies, internet, television and magazines. A mother will help guide their child to figure out their goals and values in life as well as teach them the importance of an education, manners and more. A mother will also discipline their child, a skill that will benefit children throughout their life as well as at school, work and life at home (Ref 3 and 4).



# May Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Some people believed that if you got up on May 1st and washed your face in the May dew, it would remove all freckles and pimples, giving you a great complexion.

Another belief was that babies born in May would be sick all through their childhood, and cats born in May wouldn't catch rodents but rather bring home snakes.

Those were the times, when everyone was aware about the significance of the months and the celebrations that followed. Nowadays, it's only about birthdays or any special events in the particular month. However, don't worry! Here are some facts about the upcoming month of May:

- The month was named after the Greek Goddess of Fertility, Maia. One famous poet suggests that the name comes from the Latin word, "maiores" which means "elders".
- No month other than May ever begins or ends on the same day of the week, in the same year. It may match with the months of the following year.
- May is the month of Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, and spring in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The birthstone is emerald, which signifies love and success.
- The birth flower is the Lily of the Valley.

People born in May fall under two zodiac signs: Taurus (till May 20 ) and Gemini (after May 21). There are some specific [Taurus traits](#) and [Gemini traits](#). Also, here is some information on some [famous Taurus personalities](#).





# 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>Billie Curry Alison Lohr Roseila Sommer  Lynn/Lateffa Dennis</i>	7 <i>George Peterson Melissa Frank  Chodd/Caroline Hedrick</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Scott Black</i>	14 <i>David Brown Scott Varner  Robert/Kelly Napolitano</i>	15	16 <i>Micky Conrad</i>
17 <i>April Bunton</i>	18 <i>Anissa Stewart  Wayne/Stacy Conrad</i>	19	20 <i>Micky/Carol Conrad</i>	21	22 <i>Judy McLain</i>	23 <i>Amy Horn Taylor Hanes  Herbert/Debbie Frank</i>
24 <i>Sheila Davis White Megan Blanchard Isabel Heitman</i>	25 <i>Rusty Blower</i>	26 <i>Chris Beck Charles Garner Randi Hileman BJ/Katie Coggins</i>	27 <i>Joe Davis</i>	28 <i>Judy Black Greg Rose Maddie Blower</i>	29 <i>Johnny Turner Geordan Kepley  Gary/Paula Hedrick</i>	30
31 <i>Lisa McLain-Smith</i>						



Cow Bingo is coming to Holly Grove Ballfield. 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.





## A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers  
who have gone before us.  
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle  
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of  
Scripture who are a part of our story  
as we are a part of your story.  
**For their courage, faith, love and  
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not  
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they  
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with  
fertility, for those women whom  
society labels as less in their childlessness,  
for those women who have lost children.  
**For their tears, for their strength,  
for their wisdom, for their lives,  
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

*by Claire Schoepp*



“She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs with no fear of the future.” Proverbs 31

Happy Mother's Day from the Fellowship Committee



## *A Different Easter Season*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Amid this Easter season like none other in my lifetime I want to share with you something I came across a few years ago. It references the disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while pointing toward the Passion and what follows.

### *Love as strong as death*

*Consider an oddity about the great flu pandemic of 1918–1919. It happened ... a century ago, hard on the heels of the end of World War I. That war killed a staggering 20 million people, yet the flu pandemic was so widespread and catastrophic that some estimate it killed over 100 million. Whole populations were wiped out forever. The great writers of the '20s — Hemingway, Fitzgerald and others — wrote about the futility of war and the Lost Generation that sought to recover from that calamity, yet these same writers ignored the flu pandemic. It does not appear in the literature of the period. It is as if it never happened, even though it was far more devastating. Perhaps it was the sort of senseless, pervasive death that could not be fought, that was immune to heroism or cowardice.*

*In the face of unavoidable death, in the recognition that time seems to chew up mountains and continents, as well as our lives, Jesus gives us something to hold on to that lasts: love — love expressed to God in prayer and fasting and to the world in almsgiving. Yes, we will die. But we are called to live abundantly and love extravagantly. As it says in the Song of Solomon, "... love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave" (Song of Solomon 8:6).*

Easter is about that love, that passion. In fact, it is a greater love for it is *stronger than death*. Passion is a word that takes its very existence from Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. When you look up the origins of the word "passion" you find that it came into English in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to describe Jesus' sacrifice. Further back into Old English and Latin it described suffering. Over the centuries it has come to designate any extremely strong

emotion. It is also sometimes applied to the object of one's love; for example, "*his passion for music*." We may say that "*she is passionate about her job*" (or family or health). Like the word "love" however, the term has perhaps lost some of its power by overuse.

We did not have our regular services, but Passion Sunday ends Lent and opens Holy Week to focus on Jesus' passion. We observe Maundy Thursday which name comes from the commandment to **love** one another as Jesus loved. Good Friday reveals the strength of that love as Jesus stretches out his arms to die for us. Easter morning we see the fruition of that love in the resurrection!

Amid this new pandemic it may be hard to recall that joyous Easter feeling. However, this time will pass, and we will adjust. Perhaps this season is a time to extend our Lenten disciplines as we are facing new challenges. It is certainly a time for prayer as we see so many people whose lives have been turned upside down and so many who are working to ease the suffering of the sick and find treatments and a vaccine. It is also a time for a strange kind of fasting as we give up time with friends and family and adjust to empty store shelves. There is a need too for almsgiving as so many face losses of income or jobs while charities and churches face financial challenges as well.

But we live in hope and faith that solutions will be found and that we will find a new normal. What stays the same is God's love and our calling as the church to show that love to a broken world. How we do that may change but the call to live passionately for Jesus will not change. Read the closing words of the quote: "*Yes, we will die. But we are called to **live** abundantly and **love** extravagantly.*" Luther once said that contrary to what we think, "*...life comes in the midst of death*" rather than the other way round. From the day we are born we are dying. What matters is how we live on that journey. Even in this chaotic time let us live passionately for the Lord.

In Christ's love and hope, *Pastor Joseph*



# 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.

Cancelled until further notice



Fun for Seniors



## **Please pray for:**

### ***Our Members:***

- **Burnette Monteith**
- **Gary Hedrick**
- **Walter Blower**
- **Aldean Conrad**
- **Teresa Fritts**
- **Gene Kepley**
- **Dwight Everhart**
- **Steve Garner**
- **Randi Rose Hileman**
- **Carey Fritts**
- **Libby Carrick**
- **Barbara Kepley**
- **Mary Malone**
- **Joe Davis**
- **Bryan Queen**
- **Bill Roberts**

### ***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
  - The Family of Tommy Barnhart
  - Eva Rae Clark-Neil Clark's Mother
  - David Chappell-Friend of Kelly Carrick
  - The Family of Clyde Young, Jr-Brother of Dottie Curry
  - Pauline Young-Sister-In-Law of Dottie Curry
  - Brooke Springer-Mary Malone's Grand-daughter
  - Edwina Louya
  - Banks Dellinger-Brother of Janna Waitman
  - Houston Roberts-Son of Bill Roberts
  - 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](mailto:hglcoffice@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church office complex (336-249-2807)



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

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**Sundays**

915AM Sunday School  
1030AM Worship



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