

October 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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## Holly Grove Lutheran Church

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

2020 continues to be a year of challenges and changes. Looking back, it is hard to comprehend all the things that have happened and continue to happen. The advent of COVID-19 has been the event that so turned our lives upside down medically, socially, and economically. Many have died, many have experienced troubling side effects, but most people recovered quickly from the infection. However, the aftereffects of pandemic response continue to drag on. In addition, we have witnessed deep divisions and violence around the country over the last few months. Some places are also recovering from wildfires, floods, and storms. If you watch TV, you are flooded with negative and divisive political ads which are often dishonest as well. During all this it seems to me that we people of faith need our fellowship to encourage and uplift us. I hope and pray that soon we will be able to gather again in worship, prayer, and praise.

The synod has updated its guidance based on the state's move to Phase 2.5 which allows 25 people indoors and 50 outdoors. The Council decided not to try to implement inside worship at this time because of the extremely limited numbers. Hopefully, the state will move to phase 3 by October 2 though we do not yet know the details of that. We anticipate that the Synod may begin providing supply pastors at that time as well. When the numbers rise to allow 40 or more inside, we hope to begin having in person worship while maintaining online services. At that time, we will be using the guidelines we mailed out earlier. *(Several folks shared that they would probably not come back right away because of age and personal health concerns and that is certainly understandable. Some want to wait until there is a reliable vaccine available.)*

One change the Synod did make in their last announcement was to permit limited visitation based on the following guidance:

***In addition, we talked about what should be said about visiting (sick, homebound, etc.) in person. For facilities, these guidelines will be dictated largely by the facilities themselves, but for home visits we certainly recommend face coverings, distancing, and meeting outside if at all possible, with extra care given in potential visits to particularly vulnerable populations. Ideally, scheduled visits should be considered with a next-of-kin or primary caregiver to make sure that the family is okay with the visit happening.***

Based on that guidance I will be available to visit as requested, preferably on a porch or patio while our autumn weather lingers. I hope to be able to offer Communion using sealed, prepackaged, individual servings of bread and wine which I have on order. If you would like to request a visit, please let me know. For those who are sick or homebound I would like permission from the family to make the visit. *(I do have a test every two weeks, but they always point out it is only accurate for that day.)*

It is important that we remember Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit despite all that is happening. Even though our worship practice has been forced to change God is still watching over us. Throughout history in many times and places the Church has confronted trials and perils but God never abandoned it and will not now. As we move forward, we may be challenged to find new ways of doing things and sharing the faith. But the old promises that God loved us and sent Jesus to save us, call us, and give us hope are still true. Also true are the Great Commandment and Great Commission which Jesus taught us, and which are still our responsibility, even in changing times. Let us pray for strength and faith to confront the challenges before us with trust in God, hope in Christ, and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May we have the will and courage to be faithful witnesses of God's grace and mercy, even in these difficult days as well as all the days to come.

In Christ's service, love, and peace,

Pastor Joseph




# Pumpkin Bars

## Ingredients

- 4 large eggs, room temperature
  - 1-2/3 cups sugar
  - 1 cup canola oil
  - 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
  - 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - **ICING:**
  - 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
  - 2 cups confectioners' sugar
  - 1/4 cup butter, softened
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 to 2 tablespoons whole milk
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## Directions

1. In a bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin until well blended. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Pour into an ungreased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until set. Cool completely.
  2. For icing, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, butter and vanilla in a small bowl. Add enough milk to achieve spreading consistency. Spread over bars. Store in the refrigerator.  (Ctrl) ▾
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**Altar Guild – Sandra Vaughn**

**Mother's Rose Garden-Sherry Proctor-In memory of Barbara Conrad, Wendy Proctor, Vergie Monteith & Leota Conrad**

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4<sup>th</sup> *18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

*Basket Offering:* HGLC Scholarship

**Assisting Minister:** Carol Conrad

**Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson

**Ushers:** Ty Heitman, Max Carrick, Gaven Ferguson, Andy Ferguson

**Altar Flowers:** Open

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11<sup>th</sup> *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Neil Clark

**Acolyte:** Madison Lohr-Pope

**Ushers:** Herbert Frank, Michael Willson, Bob Troutman, Johnny Fritts

**Altar Flowers:** Gary & Paula Hedrick-In honor of Family

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18<sup>th</sup> *20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Chip Blower

**Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer

**Ushers:** Lynn Dennis Matthew Parsons, Dean Chapman, Rex Everhart

**Altar Flowers:** Johnny, Tammy & Olivia-In honor of Logan's Birthday

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25<sup>th</sup> *Reformation Sunday*

*Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Debbie Frank

**Acolyte:** Isabel Heitman

**Ushers:** Joe Davis, Frank Hamilton, Robin Beck, Eddie Heitman

**Altar Flowers:** Bobby & Janna Waitman-In memory of Jason Waitman

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ If you are scheduled to do Assisting Minister, Altar Guild or Altar Flowers we encourage all to continue to fulfill those duties. If you are unable, please reach out to Andy.
- ◇ You can listen to Sunday services via Facebook! Just go to Holly Grove Lutheran Church Facebook home page; like us and listen to a live service.
- ◇ Don't forget that all Sunday services are recorded and posted on the church web site. They are generally posted the afternoon of the service.
- ◇ There are books, dishes & wooden chairs that are available to anyone that would like to have them. We will plan to donate or discard what is left.
- ◇ As you may know Holly Grove has been recording services since about 1997. Up until 2012 they were on cassette tapes. Since then they are stored on our computer. In the process of house cleaning we plan to dispose of all the cassette tapes. If you would like a particular service let Chip know and he will TRY to find it and give it to you. If you no longer have a cassette player he can try to capture it to the computer. We could then give it to you on a CD or other computer media.



# Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Carolina Conrad</i>  <i>Tim/Sharon Everhart</i>	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Robin/Karen Beck</i>	7	8 <i>Bobby Clodfelter</i>	9	10 <i>Todd/Amy Kepley</i>
11	12 <i>Marty/Chris Varner</i>	13	14 <i>Greg/Guyla Kepley</i>	15 <i>Dean Conrad Tammy Turner</i>	16 <i>Keith Cecil</i>	17 <i>Dean/Toni Chapman</i>
18	19 <i>Logan Turner</i>	20 <i>Robert/Mandy Fritts</i>	21 <i>Wendy Lohr</i>	22 <i>Bob Troutman</i>	23	24 <i>Scott Curry Kristal Ferguson</i>
25 <i>Harold/Myra Beck</i>	26 <i>Jim Horn</i>	27 <i>Holly Curry</i>	28	29	30	31

# SUPPORT OUR VETERANS



## CHRISTMAS 2020



Davidson County Veteran Services  
is sponsoring a gift drive for veterans at the  
NC State Veterans Home in Salisbury.

Donations of new, unwrapped items will be collected  
until December 16, 2020 at the  
Davidson County Veteran Service Office  
913 Greensboro Street, Suite 101, Lexington, NC

Please consider donating some of the following items to  
help our veterans this Christmas season:

### Personal Hygiene Items

Hand Sanitizer (bulk & personal sized)  
Name Brand Disposable Razors  
Electric Razors  
Kleenex  
Shampoo  
Body Wash

### Other Items Needed

Paint By Number  
Velvet Art Poster Boards (coloring)  
Adult Coloring Books  
Crossword Puzzle Books (large print)  
Wallets (men)

\*\*All personal hygiene items, with the exception of hand sanitizer, should be alcohol free\*\*

To learn more about the NC State Veteran's Home in Salisbury  
<http://www.pruithhealth.com/microsite?facilityId=367>

Please call Rick Johnson or Petra Leonard  
at 336-242-2037 for more information.



## Update Info Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*If you know of **ANY** changes, (birth, address, marriage, e-mail, etc.) please submit/  
mail these to the church office or place in the offering plate.

# HGLC AUGUST 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2020

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

Devotions: Marie led us in devotions.

## **Business Meeting**

### **Approval of Reports**

Minutes of the July, 2020 meeting were read. Chip moved to accept, Michael seconded and motion approved. Financial reports were presented. Lynn moved to accept, Michael seconded and motion approved. No Building

Fund report

was available.

### **Committee Reports:**

From the Scholarship Committee, Sherry reported that a \$500.00 scholarship will be given to all applicants and a fundraiser will be held after Covid-19 passes.

Worship and Music Committee: Judy Black is in need of a filing cabinet. Andy and Michael will check to see if they are able to get one for her music office.

Property Committee: Andy reported a leak in the wall in the restroom foyer area. Dean has taken care of.

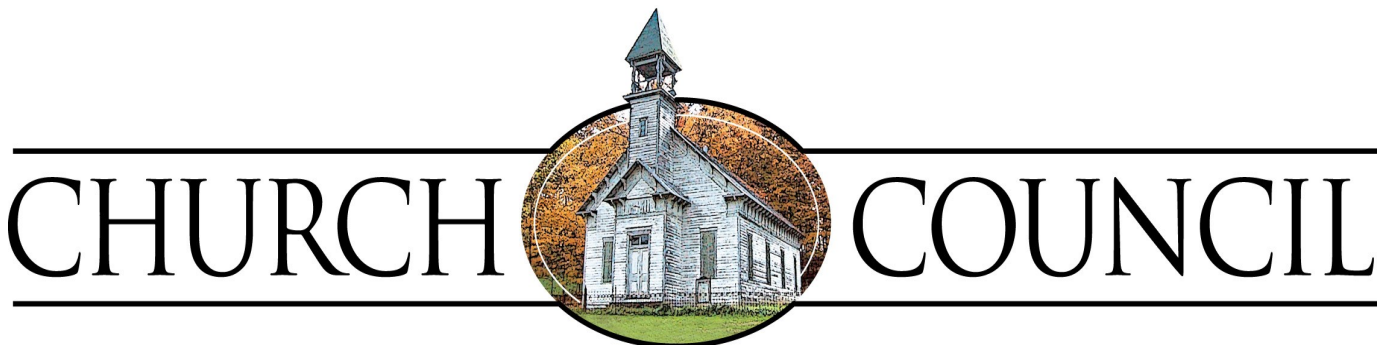
### **Old Business:**

The audio/video technology upgrade is just about complete and we are in need of a Streaming Team to begin training. Hope to have up in going for Sunday, August 23 service. Confirmed that our audio licensing with One License will cover our live streaming.

It was reported that there are more issues with the organ and needs additional repairs. Tim will check prices for material to do part of the repairs. Andy reported that we are keeping the thermostat at a constant approx.. 75 degrees in the church during the week for the health of the organ and also in the fellowship hall because of mold issues.

Lindsay is checking on prices and where we can buy batteries and pads for the AED

Pastor Tallent will do a Back to School blessing this upcoming Sunday for our students and teachers



**New Business:**

The Ballfield bathroom door has been fixed.

Prices were presented from Newco Electric to replace lamps and whatever parts are needed to get the ballfield lights all burning. The bucket truck is available to do the work on Tuesday, August 11. Lynn made the motion and Chip seconded that we have the work done. Motion passed.

There are concerns from members of the congregation as to why we are not opening for services at this point. Pastor Tallent will write a letter to explain the council's concerns and reasons for not opening at this time.

Sherry has completed the Ministry Site Profile and the council reviewed the balance of the report that was not completed at the last meeting. Michael made the motion and Eddie seconded that we accept the report as written. The report will be sent to the Synod. Great job Sherry! Thank you!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ferguson, President  
Marie Palmer, Secretary

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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



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**Sundays**

915AM Sunday School  
1030AM Worship



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