

January 2021



*Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!*



Welcome to Holly Grove Pastor Anna Carter!

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.**



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, I want to thank you for the very generous and kind Christmas gift which was truly a surprise. Thanks also for the Christmas and get-well cards and prayers. Despite all the limitations I hope you were able to have some time with family and friends and were able to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks especially to all the musicians who contributed to our Christmas Eve program and to Chip who got it out on the internet!

Second, what a year this has been! Filled with changes, losses, frustrations, online classes, masks, stay at home orders, and Facebook Live worship, it has gone nothing like we had expected. Just as I was getting to know you, we were instructed not to do all the things congregations and pastors normally do. All the plans for fellowship, service, recreation, worship, and outreach were completely changed and severely restricted. I deeply regret that I did not get the opportunity to know many of you and had such limited contact even with those I did get to know.

Third, I thank God that there is progress. We pray that the vaccines will continue to prove safe and effective and be distributed quickly, especially to the most vulnerable. The Synod does now allow pastoral visitation with permission and safety protocols which should help bind the congregation more closely together. As the vaccine is more widely distributed, we will hopefully be able to gather in larger numbers for worship, though still with safety protocols.

Fourth, you have called an energetic new pastor who starts this month! Welcome her and get to know her, encourage her, and pray for her. Let her know your needs and concerns, as well as your hopes and dreams for Holly Grove. My prayer for you is that you have a long and meaningful ministry together as you seek to share Christ in this blessed and broken world.

Finally, it has been a blessing to be part of your lives throughout 2020, despite all the limitations. Thank you for your trust and support and especially for all the ways you have continued to do ministry and share Christ in this most unusual year. In parting, *“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.”*

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Joseph



Welcome to all new Council Members!

David Brown

Robert Napolitano

Norris Feeney

Neil Clark

Thank you for dedicating the next three years to Holly Grove!

In-coming Officers:

Lynn Dennis—President

Michael Willson—Vice-President

Marie Palmer—Secretary

A sincere “Thank You” to Andy Ferguson for a two-year term as President and leading Holly Grove in a most difficult time.

Great job Andy!



New Members Are Joining



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Dear Holly Grove Lutheran Church,

I am thankful and humbled to be called to be your Pastor! It was a gift to meet so many of you at the Meet and Greet just before Christmas. One of the things you will soon learn about me is that I love to tell the story of God's redemptive love in my life. My life, my call into pastoral ministry, and my adult adoption are one story interwoven with beautiful details of God's mercy and grace.

I did not grow up in the church, but began attending an Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) in 1999 while in high school. In 2003, after 3 years of wrestling, I said yes to the Holy Spirit's persistent nudging to become a pastor. I attended North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois with the intention of becoming an ECC pastor. In 2007, while at North Park, I was adopted. Instead of pursuing a call in the ECC after I graduated with my Master of Arts in Theological Studies in 2009, I relocated to Winston Salem, North Carolina to live closer to my new family. My time at North Park was deeply formative in many ways. During my final year of seminary, I was able to bring together my love for theology and passion for care as I wrote my thesis, "A Trinitarian Theology of Care."

For several years I lived in Winston Salem enjoying the experience of ordinary family life. These years in NC were a time of deep growth and healing for me. Additionally, I was a nanny for two children for nearly six years who are now 14 and 12. Loving and caring for these two children has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. Before I left North Park, one of my seminary professors encouraged me to find a Lutheran congregation in NC, knowing it would be a good fit for me theologically. I found a home at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston Salem. As God began drawing me back toward a path to pastoral ministry, I knew it would be within the ELCA. I graduated with my MDIV in May 2019 and completed my internship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham, North Carolina in July 2020.

I have been thinking and dreaming about being a pastor for 20 years. I am honored and excited to that I get to be your Pastor. One of the things I am most excited about is getting to know you and hearing about God's love and faithfulness in your lives.

For a few more weeks, I will be commuting from Winston Salem where I live with my mother and our new puppy George. For fun, I love to clean and organize, read, decorate, and bake. I am a gluten-free vegetarian and am always up for trying new and creative recipes. I find it hard to say no to ice cream and any kind of cheese. I get energized when I talk about the Trinity, the sacraments, and how we can bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

I truly believe that the Holy Spirit has brought me to Holly Grove. You are the answer to countless prayers. I am looking forward to beginning our life together.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Anna

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flower charts are now in the hallway for sign-ups for the upcoming year. Drop by to sign up!

**January 10<sup>th</sup>**: Congregational Council & Officers Installation during worship.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**: Pastor Anna Carter's first day at Holly Grove.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**: Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Office Complex.

Please remember to complete a **Time & Talent** form so that scheduling can be done for the upcoming year.



## **Please pray for:**

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

- **Burnette Monteith**
- **Gary Hedrick**
- **Aldean Conrad**
- **Teresa Fritts**
- **Gene Kepley**
- **Libby Carrick**
- **Barbara Kepley**
- **Bill Roberts**
- **Harold Beck**
- **Scott Black**
- **Kara Feeney**
- **Michael Willson**
- **Neil Clark**
- **Steve Garner**
- **Keeli, Brent & baby Bryce Aldean McLamb**
- **Pastor Joseph Tallent**

### ***Our Friends & Family:***

- Kenneth Miller-Friend of Joe & Bonnie Hedrick
- Charlotte Cable-Aunt of Jay Proctor
- Lynn Helms-cousin of Gaynell Davis
- Eva Rae Clark-(@ Brookdale- Neil Clark's Mother
- David Chappell-Friend of Kelly Carrick
- Pauline Young-Sister-In-Law of Dottie Curry
- Jeff Shytle
- Curtis Yarborough
- Joanne Conrad Koonts-Gaynell Davis' cousin
- Randy Lomax-Randall Lomax's Father
- Brian & Shelly Baker-Friends of James & Marie Palmer
- Bobbie Crotts
- The Family of Jack Frank-Herbert Frank's Father
- The Family of Hubert Frank
- 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 (336-249-2708)

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Altar Guild- Lateffa Dennis  
Mother's Rose Garden- OPEN

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3<sup>rd</sup> *Second Sunday of Christmas*

*Basket Offering:* Backpacks

**Assisting Minister:** Debbie Frank

**Acolyte:** Gaven Ferguson

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

**Altar Flowers:** OPEN

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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10<sup>th</sup> *Baptism of Our Lord* *Third Sunday of Christmas*

**Assisting Minister:** Kim Troutman

**Acolyte:** Roseila Sommer

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

**Altar Flowers:** OPEN

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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17<sup>th</sup> *Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Norris Feeney

**Acolyte:** Gracie Ferguson

**Ushers:** Bob Troutman, Johnny Fritts, Lynn Dennis, Dean Chapman

**Altar Flowers:** Harold & Judy Landis-In memory of Bob Curry & Euzelia Curry Johnson

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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24<sup>th</sup>

**Assisting Minister:** Toni Chapman

**Acolyte:** Madison Lohr-Pope

**Ushers:** Matthew Parsons, Scott Black, Rex Everhart, Frank Hamilton

**Altar Flowers:** Dean & Toni Chapman-In honor of our family

**Children's Church:** Monica Parsons

**Children's Chat:** Joe Davis

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27<sup>th</sup>

**Assisting Minister:** Andy Ferguson

**Acolyte:**

**Ushers:** Joe David, Robin Beck, Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman

**Altar Flowers:** Lynn & Lateffa Dennis-In memory of Randy Rose

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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If you or your child is scheduled to do *Acolyte, Assisting Minister, Altar Guild, Altar Flowers* and or *Children's Chat* and you are well and able, you are encouraged to fulfill those duties. If you are unable to fulfill your duty, please reach out to the church office.

# HGLC NOVEMBER 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020

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

Tim Everhart was unable to attend.

Devotions: Judy Thomason led us in devotions

Andy asked Jane DiBonaventura, chairman of the Call Committee, to give the Council an update

## **Business Meeting**

### **Approval of Reports**

Minutes of the October, 2020 regular meeting along with the minutes of the October 28 call meeting were read. Lynn made the motion to accept and Michael seconded. Motion passed.

The Financial Report was presented. Max made the motion to accept, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

The Treasurer Report was presented. Michael made the motion to accept, Lynn seconded and motion passed.

Building Fund and Helping Hands Reports were presented for May thru August. Lynn made the motion to accept, Chip seconded and motion passed.

## **Correspondence**

Andy shared information from Agape Kure Beach Camp. He will share this information with the congregation via Google and Facebook if anyone would like to send a gift to the camp programs.

## **Committee Reports**

Worship and Music Committee will meet Wednesday night, Nov. 11 to plan activities for the Christmas season. Pastor Tallent will be helping with this planning meeting.

## **Old Business**

Our Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, November 15 with a drive-thru voting and communion. Handouts will be available for families to help prepare themselves for the Advent season.

Everyone approved placement of the Blessing Box at the entrance driveway at the church. Someone has volunteered to stock the box for 6 months and the opportunity for other persons or groups to stock the box will be placed on the Time and Talent Sheet. Chip will have a sign made to direct people to the box.

No action on AT&T stock. Andy will check with Pastor Matt for more information on the stock.



**New Business:**

Kristal will request names for the Angel Tree again this year.

Discussion on Christmas bonuses is tabled until December meeting

Audit has been set for Sunday February 7. Will ask Herbert, Kim, Kristal and Lateffa to serve on the Audit Committee

There was discussion about how to handle Time and Talent Sheets and sign up for Altar flowers. No decisions at this time

Lynn made the motion, Michael seconded and motion approved for Chip to pay \$539.64 for the Bluehost website

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

Chip made the motion and Sherry seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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  
November 15, 2020**

Note for future reference: Due to the Covid-19 virus the church is still holding online services and the in-person meeting was held with only a very limited number of people.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the candidates for council and the annual budget.

James Palmer made the motion and Neil Clark seconded that we accept the council nominees and budget. James Palmer then made the motion and Neil Clark seconded that the semi-annual congregation meeting be adjourned at 1:30 following the drive-thru voting by church members.

Votes were accepted during the drive-thru, communion was administered by Pastor Tallent and handouts were given to those attending the drive-thru.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ferguson, President

Marie Palmer, Secretary

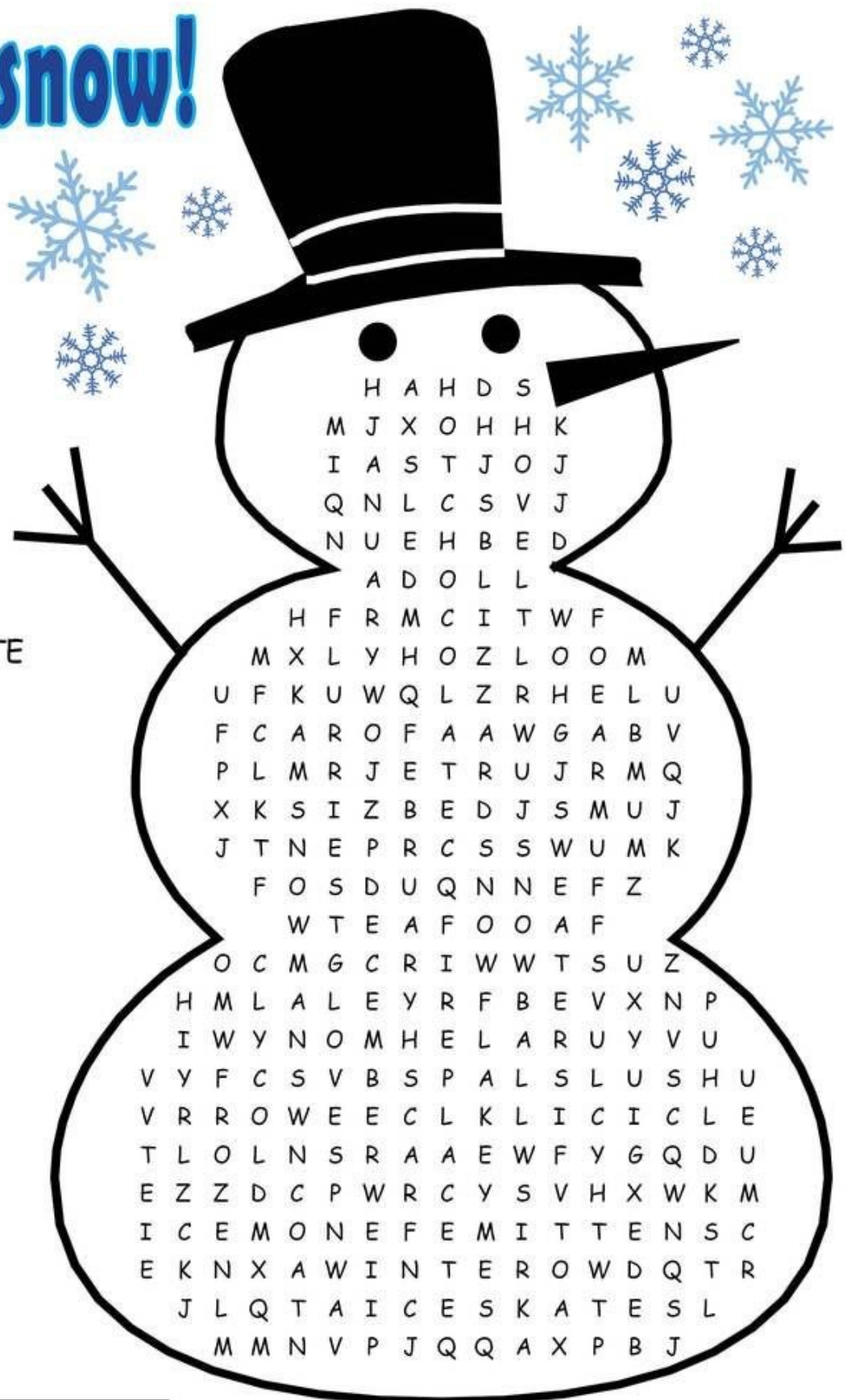


# Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Norris/Kara Feeney	2 Jan Watkins Marty Varner
3	4	5	6 Gary Hedrick	7	8 Bobbie Fritts David Miller Michael Kepley	9
10	11	12	13	14 Amy Fritts	15	16
17	18	19 Steven Frank	20	21 Angie Laster	22 Burnette Monteith Judy Thomason	23
24	25 Jennifer Lohr	26 Sarah Kepley	27	28	29 Mary Ellen Hinson	30
31						

# Let it snow!

BLIZZARD  
COAT  
COLD  
DECEMBER  
EARMUFFS  
FEBRUARY  
FIREPLACE  
FLURRIES  
FROZEN  
GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
ICE  
ICE SKATES  
ICICLE  
JANUARY  
MITTENS  
SCARF  
SHOVEL  
SLED  
SLUSH  
SNOWBALL  
SNOWFLAKE  
SNOWMAN  
SWEATER  
WINTER



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

# Snow Cream

There's no more wonderful a seasonal treat than old fashioned snow cream (and oddly enough, it seems to be a Southern thing). A wonderful winter treat that your kids will look forward to every year. There are different ways you can make it. If you want it to be richer, you can use half a 14 oz. can of sweetened condensed milk instead of regular milk or cream.



## Ingredients

4 cups fresh snow  
1 cup cream or milk  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract



## Instructions

1. Place snow into a large bowl.
2. Pour milk over the snow and add vanilla.
3. Mix to combine.
4. Serve immediately in bowls.
5. NOTE: In place of sugar and milk, you can substitute  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of sweetened condensed milk.



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**Sundays**

915AM Sunday School  
1030AM Worship



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