

May 2021



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!



LOVE GROW SERVE

The Holly Leaf

We had a wonderful worship service on Easter morning, April 4 celebrating the resurrection of Jesus! We gathered outdoors and worshipped together in-person for the first time in over a year! The service included Easter hymns, God's Word, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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.”

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Easter Sunday At Holly Grove



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On Palm Sunday, March 28, we had a drive thru processional. Everyone received a palm branch to wave as they entered the parking lot. We then offered our cloaks (new and gently used men, women's, children's, and infant clothing) to our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. In doing so, we also offered our cloaks to Jesus.



In Matthew 25:37-40, it is written: *"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And he said 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

May 10—**The Congregational Council** will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

May 10—**The Worship and Music Committee** will meet at 4:00 pm at the Office Complex

May 11—**The Fellowship Committee** will meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone wanting to join the committee is invited to attend.

May 16—**SiLLY Friends and Fishing** at The Feeneys' at 2:00 pm

May 23—**Pentecost and Confirmation**

June 6—**Service of Installation of Pastor Anna Carter at 3:00 pm**

June 20—**Graduation Sunday**

We are excited to announce that Rev. Anna Carter will officially be installed as our pastor on Sunday, June 6, at 3 p.m. The Yadkin Conference Dean, Rev. Cassie McIntosh Overcash will install and Rev. Scott Anderson will preach. Social distancing and masks covering both the nose and mouth are required for the entire service. Bring your own lawn chair or watch via Facebook live.

The 2021 NC Synod Assembly, happening June 3-5, is fast approaching. This year, the synod assembly will be entirely online. Pastor Anna Carter, Caroline Black, and Norris Feeney will represent Holly Grove Lutheran Church.

The synod assembly will be centered on the theme of *Strength for the Journey* anchoring ourselves with the story of the paralytic being lowered through a roof (Mark 2:1-12) and celebrating Collaboration: one of the four elements of our synod's purpose. The synod assembly includes worship, resolutions to consider, the election of members to synod council, the election of voting members to the next ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the election of a bishop, sharing stories of ministry, and much more. ELCA Vice President Bill Horne will also be one of the special guests.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Some years ago, pastor and psychologist Gary Chapman wrote a book called "The Five Love Languages." He asserted that there are five ways people give and receive love: Words of Affirmation, Physical Touch, Acts of Service, Quality Time, and Gifts. I would like to propose that there is a sixth love language: Food.

Food was my grandmother's love language. Every single time I visited her, JoJo made all of my favorite foods--fried vegetables, a potato of some kind, and fried cornbread. She never wanted anyone to leave her table hungry. I can still hear her asking, "Did you have a gracious plenty?" The time, energy, thought, and love she put into planning the meals, purchasing the ingredients, preparing the food, and setting the table blessed and nourished me.

I think food was a love language for Jesus as well. Jesus loved a meal and he loved sharing meals with others. I once had a New Testament professor that loved to say "Jesus ate his way through the Gospels." It is true, Jesus shared many meals with people including sinners, tax collectors, and Pharisees. He fed the five thousand, the four thousand, and in the night in which he was betrayed, he shared his Last Supper with his disciples.

Jesus not only loved to eat, Jesus offered himself as food and continues to offer himself as food each time we share Holy Communion and partake of the body of Christ that was given for us and the blood of Christ that was shed for us. Theologian Martha Stortz says it this way, "The bread was his body; the wine was his blood. The gift did not merely symbolize the giver; rather in this meal, the gift became the giver."

For centuries many Christians have wondered and disputed how the bread and wine could actually become Jesus' body and blood. When God's Word is spoken and proclaimed over the bread and the wine, the presence of Christ becomes a part of them. Martin Luther wrote, "The true body and blood of the LORD Christ are in and under the bread and wine." He goes on, "It is true, indeed, that if you take the Word away from the elements or view them apart from the Word, you have nothing but ordinary bread and wine." One of the beautiful mysteries of our faith is that when God's Word is attached and bound to the bread and the wine, they become for us Christ's very body and blood.

The very first time I attended a Lutheran church, I knew my soul had found a home when the pastor offered the Post Communion Blessing, "The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace." The elements weren't simply symbolic; I hadn't only eaten bread and drank wine with my physical body, I had partaken Christ's body and blood and it had the power to work in my soul. Luther describes Holy Communion as "Food for the soul, for it nourishes and strengthens the new creature." Indeed, we are new creations in Christ and as Luther continues, the "Lord's Supper is given as daily food and sustenance so that our faith may be refreshed and strengthened and that we may not succumb in the struggle but become stronger and stronger. For new life should be one that continually develops and progresses."

Each time we gather at the Lord's Table, our souls are fed and nourished; we are strengthened for the journey of discipleship. Martha Stortz offers that at the Last Supper, "Though the disciples did not yet realized it, Jesus gave them his life. "All that is within him" he delivered to the disciples as food for the journey." He didn't just do this for the disciples in that one meal. Jesus continually does this for us as well as we meet him at his table.

It can be at times easier to recognize the physical signs of hunger: a growling stomach, low blood sugar, or the most common for me, I become hangry. It is often harder to recognize the signs of spiritual hunger. And yet our souls, prone to wander, become weary and restless. St. Augustine said that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. Truly, everything our souls hunger for is found in God.

Food was my grandmother's most fluent love language. I was the recipient of her love at countless meals. With great love, Jesus offers himself to us over and over again at his table. When we eat the bread that is his body and drink the wine that is his blood, we are nourished with soul food.

Sisters and Brothers, as we continue to develop and progress in the life of faith our whole lives long, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Anna





Please pray for:

Our Members:

- **Gary Hedrick**
- **Aldean Conrad**
- **Teresa Fritts**
- **Gene Kepley**
- **Harold Beck**
- **Michael Willson**
- **Steve Garner**
- **Herbert Frank**
- **Bobby & Janna Waitman**
- **Gary & Judy McLain**
- **Scott Black**
- **Bill Curry**

Our Friends & Family:

- Lynn Helms-cousin of Gaynell Davis
- David Chappell-Friend of Kelly Carrick
- Pauline Young-Sister-In-Law of Dottie Curry
- Jeff Shytle
- Curtis Yarborough
- Joanne Conrad Koonts-Gaynell Davis' cousin
- Brian & Shelly Baker-Friends of James & Marie Palmer
- Deane Hedrick-Lateffa Dennis' Brother
- Sandy Henricken-Friend of Sherry Snider
- Pastor Michael Evans
- Mavis Hall
- Joshua Shuler-Step-Son of Jane DiBonaventura
- The Family of Phillip Walker
- Faye Proctor-Mother of Ted Proctor
- 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: hqloffice@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office complex (336-249-2708)



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 James/Marie Palmer	3	4 Donnie/Debbie Parsons	5	6 Billie Curry Alison Lohr Roseila Sommer Lynn/Lateffa Dennis	7 Melissa Frank Chodd/Caroline Hedrick	8
9	10	11	12	13 Scott Black	14 David Brown Scott Varner Robert/Kelly Napolitano	15
16 Micky Conrad	17 April Bunton	18	19	20 Micky/Carol Conrad	21	22 Judy McLain
23 Taylor Hanes Amy Horn Herbert/Debbie Frank	24 Sheila White Isabel Heitman	25 Rusty Blower	26 Randi Hileman Charles Garner	27 Joe Davis	28 Judy Black Madilyn Blower	29 Johnny Turner Geordan Kepley Gary/Paula Hedrick
30	31 Lisa McLain- Smith 					

Who Was Eliza Hedrick?

Eliza was a lady that lived in Holly Grove in a house that stood where the ball field is presently located. Her husband was Jacob Hedrick, Jr. There was a small child who was called Little Moses. This picture is an old Dispatch clipping. According to census records Jacob Hedrick Jr. died in 1896.

The Holly Grove Academy was built in 1885 and it was after that time there were plans to build a church in the academy's location. Eliza donated \$500 to a fund. Fate was that she passed away December 4, 1904. Her husband had preceded her in death March 23, 1896. The decision to build Holly Grove Church was made Thanksgiving 1913. The cornerstone for the church was laid in 1914. It was decided that the window be put in the church in her memory. The beautiful stained glass behind the alter has her name on it. (The original structure of the church stopped there. No classrooms behind alter until the 40's.)

Jacob Hedrick, Jr. was grandson of Peter Hedrick whose family now has the very large Peter Hedrick Reunion at Hedrick's Grove Church. Peter Hedrick came from Palatinate in Germany in 1738. There were 5 boys and 1 girl in his family. Their names are as follows:

1. Peter Hedrick, Jr.
2. Francis Hedrick
3. Jacob Hedrick(my great, great, great Grandpa.) Jacob Hedrick had 16 children.

One of the 16 was Jacob Hedrick Jr. He was married to Eliza Mariah.

One of the 16 was Solomon Hedrick. (my great, great Grandpa.)

Solomon Hedrick had a son who was Wiley Hedrick (my great Grandpa.)

Wiley Hedrick had a son who was Hamet Hedrick (my Grandpa.)

Hamet Hedrick had a son who was James Lee Hedrick.

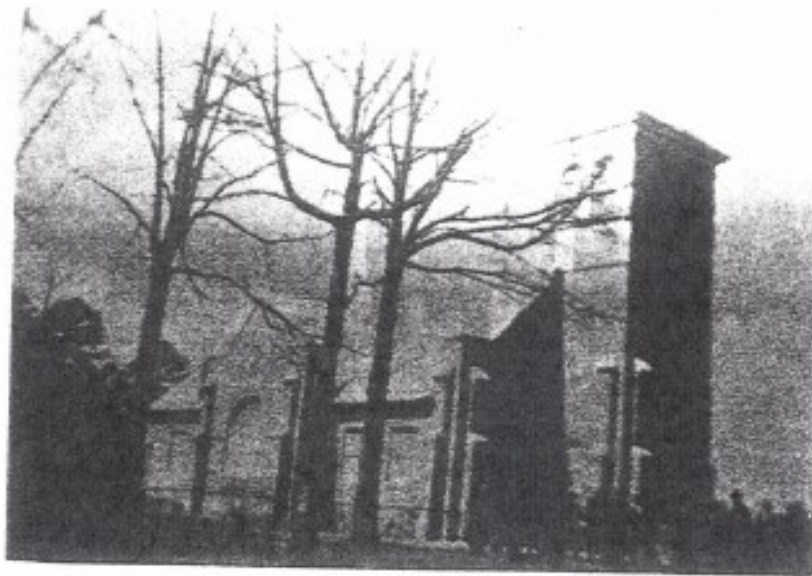
James Lee Hedrick was my dad. I was born Carol Hedrick.

4. George Hedrick
5. Adam Hedrick
6. Elizabeth Hedrick

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This is my story, my connection,

Carol Hedrick Varner



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And Holly Grove Lutheran Church today.....2021

On Tuesday, April 13, the Agape Circle hosted a Baby Shower for 4 moms in the Teen Parent Program at Central Davidson High School. They offered the moms-to-be lunch and a beautiful gift basket. Pastor Anna shared a prayer for the moms and their babies.



HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met for the first time in over a year. Our last meeting was in February, 2020. We had 8 returning members present and 1 new member.

We were all excited to be able to join together in fellowship again. There was no program this meeting, we just caught up on what was happening in each others lives and funny stories related to our COVID experiences.

Pastor Darrell Sluder led us in the blessing and we enjoyed our meal prepared by Billie Curry and Brenda Miller.

Our next meeting will be May 19, with Pastor Sluder in charge of the meal and program.



Ty Heitman will be working on his Eagle Scout Project this summer. He is going to renovate the picnic shelter. In addition to cleaning up the shelter, he will be installing a bench near the fireplace, purchasing a new grill, and if he receives enough funding, he would like to install rolling shades along the perimeter so that the shelter can be used year round. Ty is accepting donations for his project.



HGLC MARCH 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

Call to Order: President, Lynn Dennis with the following present: Pastor Anna Carter, Johnny Fritts, Marie Palmer, Chip Blower, David Brown, Robert Napolitano, Neil Clark, Norris Feeney, Sherry Proctor, Michael Willson and Eddie Heitman
Judy Thomason was unable to attend.

Devotions: Eddie led us in devotions and Pastor Anna lead us in prayer

Business Meeting

Approval of Reports

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Council meeting were read. Neil made the motion to accept, Michael seconded. Motion passed.

The Financial Report was presented. Neil made the motion to accept, Eddie seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Neil made the motion to accept, Michael seconded. Motion passed

The Building Fund Report: No report

Pastor's Report was presented. Neil made the motion to accept, Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Report for February: Had 4 deaths, conducted 3 graveside services and provided family pastoral care

Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

Meeting with Worship and Music Committee to plan for Holy Week and Easter

Preached for Davidson County Lutheran Churches Wednesday evening service

Sunday morning zooms with the children

Attended weekly Parochial Group with Davidson County Lutheran Pastors

Started weekly Drive-Thru Communion

Met with Stream Team

Attended meetings with Synod regarding Re-Gathering recommendations

Had monthly confirmation via zoom

Correspondence

No correspondence

Committee Reports

No committee reports



Old Business

Pastor Anna's installation will be held at a later date

John Lohr will be putting the thermostat covers up

Will be putting a Finance Committee together and hold a meeting to discuss Building Fund Treasurer and Financial Secretary position

New Business:

Discussed the possibility of applying for the Pay Check Protection Program. Tabled action for further information.

Ty Heitman presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project. Wants to refurbish the picnic shelter. Roll down screens to make the shelter usable for a longer period of time during the year, possible grill, general clean-up, new serving table, new log holder for fireplace. Marie made the motion, Chip seconded and motion approved for Ty to move forward with the project.

Re-Gathering guidelines were discussed: Sherry made the motion, David seconded and motion passed that we should continue with our current guidelines and address at our next meeting.

Norris made the motion, Eddie seconded and motion passed that Pastor Anna compose a letter to be sent to church members with our reason for continuing our current guidelines. The letter will be reviewed and signed off by council members so all church members will know this was a decision made by all council members present.

A had a request from a church member that the ballfield be opened. Recommended that this request be sent to the Recreation Committee for review. Chip made the motion, Norris seconded and motion passed that the Recreation Committee present to the council a working plan to re-open the ballfield and we will be open for discussion concerning this.

Had discussion concerning ice machine sanitation. The council agreed that the ice machine will be unplugged, sanitized and remain unplugged until re-gathering in person. Sherry will clean and sanitize.

There being no further business Neil made the motion to adjourn, Chip seconded and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dennis, President
Marie Palmer, Secretary

2021	2022	2023
Lynn Dennis - President	Chip Blower - Treasurer	David Brown
Eddie Heitman	Johnny Fritts	Neil Clark
Judy Thomason	Marie Palmer - Secretary	Norris Feeney
Michael Willson - Vice	Sherry Proctor	Robert Napolitano

May 2021



Altar Guild- Susan Lohr

Mother's Rose Garden- Robin & Karen Beck-In honor of all Mothers

Blessing Box - Robin & Karen Beck

Ushers for May—Joe Davis, Lynn Dennis, Michael Willson, David Brown, Sherry Proctor

16th Ascension Sunday

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson

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

Children's Chat: Pastor

Holy Communion

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

23rd Day of Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Altar Flowers: Herbert & Debbie Frank, Keith & Lori Cecil-In honor of Herbert & Debbie's 50th anniversary-
-In memory of Lauren Cecil

Children's Chat: Joe Davis

Holy Communion

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

30th The Holy Trinity Sunday

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman

Altar Flowers: Robin & Karen Beck-In memory of all who have died in military service to their country.

Children's Chat: Pastor

Holy Communion

Acolyte: Isabel Heitman

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