

June 2021



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!

Installation of Pastor Anna Carter

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.

This will be an outdoor worship service. For your comfort, in addition to bringing your own lawn chair, please bring a hat, sunglasses, water, sunscreen, and a canopy if you have it. If you have more than one canopy, please bring it to share.

If you are unable to attend in person, please attend virtually via Facebook Live on our Facebook page.



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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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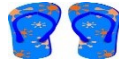
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Altar Guild- Karen Beck

Mother's Rose Garden- Carol Varner-In memory of James & Ina Hedrick

Blessing Box - Robin & Karen Beck

Ushers for June – Bob Troutman, Ty Heitman, Greg Kepley, Herbert Frank, Jane DiBonaventura

6th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Basket Offering: Crisis Ministry

Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

Assisting Minister: Debbie Frank

Altar Flowers: Open

Children's Chat: Pastor

13th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Toni Chapman

Acolyte: Isabell Heitman

Altar Flowers: Open

Children's Chat: Pastor

20th 4th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion
Graduation Sunday Father's Day

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Altar Flowers: Minnie Conrad-In memory of John Conrad

Children's Chat: Pastor

27th 5th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

Altar Flowers: Paul & Carolina Conrad-In honor of our 65th wedding anniversary

Children's Chat: Joe Davis





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Father's Day is just around the corner. While some of us are looking forward to celebrating and honoring the fathers in our lives, and rightly so, still others of us have had unfortunate experiences with fathers. Father's Day can be a painful or aching reminder of what we have endured with our fathers or in some cases, what we never received from our fathers.

This year, perhaps we can try to shift our focus and place our attention on God as Father. God is a parent like no other. Regardless of what we have experienced in earthly fathers, I hope it is helpful for me and for you to turn our eyes and hearts toward God the Father and the ways that he loves and cares for us and for all of humanity.

The Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's commentary on the it are a great place to begin as we try to re-frame Father's Day. They helpfully summarize what Scripture teaches us about who God the Father is and the ways that God the Father is at work in our lives and in the world. Even if we already know it, Luther reminds us that is easy to "pass over it; we hear it and recite it, but we neither see nor think about what the words command us to do." So, let's look again, and let's look deeper.

Luther's commentary in The Small Catechism on the first article of the Creed, "I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth" states,

"I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day...All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it."

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all that is within them, including humanity. God continues to knit humankind together in our mothers' wombs. In the midst of creating and calling it good, God saw that it was not good for the human be alone, so God created a helper, a partner. God not only created companionship, God gives humanity the gift of family both biological and adopted. And in our baptism through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are adopted in to the family of God. "He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will" (Ephesians 1:5). "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1).

God the Father provides for his own with the nourishment they need daily. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray that Our Father would give us this day our daily bread, and he does; he always has. Throughout the forty years that the Israelites were in the wilderness, God fed them daily with manna in the morning and quail at night. Our Father continues to provide for us daily food as well as the nourishment we receive in Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist.

The Father also provides for us by daily giving us work to do and gives us the gifts, passions, and abilities to do the work. God the Father uses the work that we do to help meet our needs for food, shelter, and companionship. God the Father's care for his children is through the things he provides. The Father gives us our bodies, families, including the family of God, food, clothing, shelter, and work. Indeed the Father meets our needs from day to day. We echo the words of the Psalmist, "The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

Luther offers us some wisdom on how we can re-frame Father's Day by shifting our focus to God the Father. He writes, "We ought to daily practice this article, impress it upon our minds, and remember it in everything we see and in every blessing that comes our way." Everyday, not just June 20, we need to practice this article of The Creed. We need to read its words, memorize them, and let God write them upon our hearts so that day by day we can recognize that God out of his fatherly goodness provides all we need from day to day and so that we can boldly proclaim that it is God from whom all blessings flow.

In God's peace,
Pastor Anna



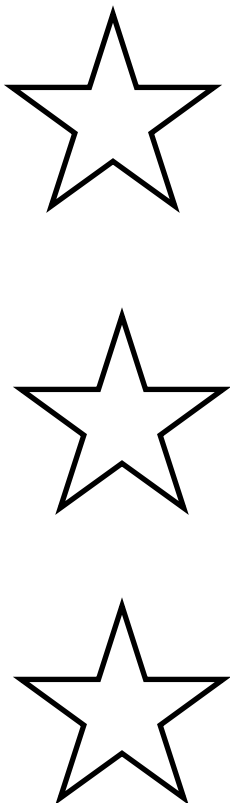


On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021,
Madilyn Blower was confirmed at
Holly Grove.





On May, 26, Pastor Anna presented a scholarship to Taylor Fritts on behalf of the Scholarship Committee at Central Davidson High School.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

June 10—Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm at the Office Complex.

June 14—Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

June 20—Graduation Sunday

Bible Study: Join Pastor Anna for Bible Study each Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A Zoom link will also be made available.

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.



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**
- **Bill Curry**
- **Sherry Proctor**
- **Jimmy Beck**

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
- The Family of Phillip Walker
- Mavis Hall
- Joshua Shuler-Step-Son of Jane DiBonaventura
- Faye Proctor-Mother of Ted Proctor
- Mark & Angela Bercovici-Friends of Chip Blower
- Crystal Heston—cousin of Mike Willson's girlfriend, Joanna Karfit
- Richard Craver—Colleague of Dean Chapman
- Pete Lockhart-Neighbor of Lynn & Lateffa
- 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
		1 <i>Nathan Baker</i>	2	3 <i>Carey Fritts</i> <i>Angie Varner</i> <i>Cliff Hill</i>	4 <i>Tracy Everhart</i>	5 <i>Makenna Hedrick</i> <i>Bobby/Janna</i> <i>Waitman</i>
6 <i>Mason Chapman</i>	7	8 <i>Todd Kepley</i>	9 <i>Brandon Conrad</i> <i>Anna Lohr</i>	10 <i>Jon Proctor</i>	11 <i>Joe/Bonnie</i> <i>Hedrick</i> <i>Joe/Jennifer</i> <i>Davis</i>	12 <i>Tim Hylton</i> <i>John Michael/</i> <i>Teresa Fritts</i>
13 <i>Norris Feeney</i>	14 <i>Dottie Curry</i>	15 <i>Paul Curry</i> <i>William Curry</i>	16 <i>Ross Sommer</i>	17 <i>Matthew Parsons</i>	18 <i>Ted/Sherry</i> <i>Proctor</i>	19 <i>Mandy Fritts</i> <i>Jim/Jan Watkins</i>
20 <i>Matthew/Monica</i> <i>Parsons</i>	21 <i>Carol Varner</i> <i>Frank Hamilton</i> <i>Eddie Heitman</i>	22	23	24 <i>Herb Lohr</i> <i>Clifton/Kim</i> <i>Payne</i>	25 <i>Waylon Hileman</i> <i>Weston Hileman</i> <i>Ryah Parsons</i> <i>Shane Lawrence</i>	26
27 <i>Eddie/Tina Heit-</i> <i>man</i>	28 <i>Jeanine Hamilton</i> <i>Rex Everhart</i>	29	30 <i>Max/Libby</i> <i>Carrick</i>			

You get a line & I'll get a pole and we'll go down to the Crawdad hole.....

A fun day fishing with the SILLY Youth on the pond at the home of Louise Moore,
Kara Feeney's grandmother.

A special thanks to Louise Moore, Kara Feeney, Carol Conrad and Tina Heitman.





Pictures submitted by Kristal Ferguson and Tina Heitman



COME FOLLOW ME
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN
MATTHEW 4:19









The Scholarship Committee is accepting donations of gift cards for the annual Gift Card Basket Raffle. You may leave donated cards in the mailboxes of Joe Davis, Sherry Proctor or the Scholarship mailbox outside the Adult Sunday School classroom. You may mail or drop them at the church office and Lateffa will get them to us. Thank you for your support of our college students as they further their education. Your donation helps lighten their financial load!



HOLLY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Holly Grove Senior Citizens Club met May 19th with 11 members present.

Pastor Darrell Sluder presented an interesting and inter-active program on the Pentecost.

He challenged us to “Bump Up” our involvement with the community at large.

We welcomed Pastor Anna Carter to our group. Pastor Anna told us of her journey to become the Pastor at Holly Grove Lutheran Church.

We were all saddened to hear that our long-time friend (and chef) Daisy Crisp has suffered a stroke. She is now at Hospice, Davidson County.

A light brunch was served.

We will meet On June 16th with Carol Varner and Pat Hedrick as program leaders.



HGLC APRIL 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 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: Neil led us in devotions and Pastor Anna led us in prayer

Business Meeting

Approval of Reports

Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Council meeting and Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting were read.

Chip 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. Marie made the motion to accept, Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report for April, 2021

Pastoral care by phone, in-person and hospital visit

Prepared, edited, etc. for Holy Week services – Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Prepared for Easter Sunday Service

Zoom with children on Sunday mornings thru Lent

Participated in first-call coaching

Have received both vaccine doses

Re-located to Lexington

Coming up:

Finance Committee meeting on May 5

Zoom Confirmation – April 18 and May 2

Meet with Committees over next few months

Bible Study on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 (in person and via Zoom)

Mutual Ministry

Correspondence

No correspondence

Committee Reports

Recreation Committee met. Michael Willson will chair the committee. Mower has been serviced and workday planned for April 24. In reference to the request for the ballfield re-opening, the council requested from the committee a work ing plan to re-open the ballfield. Plan not completed for council review at this time.



Sherry reported the Scholarship Committee is making plans to do the gift card basket as a fund-raiser for the Scholarship Fund.

Old Business

Hope to begin making plans for Pastor Anna's installation service sometime in May

Neil made the motion that Kim Troutman be appointed Financial Secretary with details of her job description be worked out at the May 5 Finance Committee meeting, Michael seconded and motion passed.

Still need a Building Fund treasurer to replace Sandra Vaughn. Pastor Anna will ask for a volunteer.

The following motion was presented to the council:

Aware that many Holly Grove members have already been vaccinated and of the growing availability of vaccinations in the community, the Church Council at Holly Grove Lutheran moves that the pastor, staff, and Church Council create and implement a plan of action to set a target date of May 2, 2021 to return to in-person worship.

Returning to worship would include the use of the protocols approved by the council.

This plan may be paused at any time if the pastor or Church Council determine that there is a change in Community conditions or health risk that would hinder healthy gathering.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Need two representatives from Holly Grove to virtually attend the N. C. Synod Assembly. The meeting will be June 3, 4 and 5. Norris volunteered to attend and we will seek another volunteer. Election of the Bishop will be held this year.

Had a request from Judy Black about the possibility of using some memorial money to tune-up the handbells. The initial tune-up cost should be around \$735.00 and additional cost for any repairs. Pastor Anna will check with Kristal Ferguson to see what funds are available.

There being no further business Michael made the motion to adjourn, Eddie 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 President	Sherry Proctor	Robert Napolitano

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.*



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