

August 2021



# Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church

## Blessing of the Back Packs

On Sunday, August 15 students and teachers bring your backpacks and supplies to be blessed during worship for the upcoming school year.

We are collecting school supplies to donate to Davis-Townsend. Bring supplies to be blessed this day as well.



## 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.”*

LOVE GROW SERVE

# The Holly Leaf

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**Love. Grow. Serve.**

# Chocolate Peanut Delight

## Ingredients

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup melted butter
- 5 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 (3.4 ounce) instant  vanilla pudding mix
- 1 (3.4 ounce) instant  chocolate pudding mix
- 3 cups milk
- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- 2 cups chopped peanut butter cups

## Directions

1. For first layer/crust, combine graham cracker crumbs, butter and sugar and press into 9-by-13-inch pan.
2. For second layer, whisk heavy whipping cream until soft peaks form. Combine whipped cream, cream cheese, peanut butter and confectioner's sugar. Spread over crust.
3. For third layer, combine pudding mixes and milk. Spread over second layer.
4. Top with Cool Whip and garnish with chopped peanut butter cups. Refrigerate 2-3 hours before serving.



*Submitted by: Marie Palmer,  
Served at the July 4th picnic*

# August 2021



**Altar Guild** – Carol Conrad

**Mother's Rose Garden**-Bob & Kim Troutman-In memory of Helen Troutman & In honor of Minnie Conrad

**Blessing Box** – Eddie & Tina Heitman – Gary & Paula Hedrick

**Ushers for August** – Robert Napolitano, Joe Davis, Michael Willson, David Brown, Sherry Proctor

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1<sup>st</sup> **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Basket Offering:** GLAMA

**Acolyte:** Madison Lohr-Pope

**Assisting Minister:** Kim Troutman

**Altar Flowers:** Everett Feeney-In honor of Kara Feeney

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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8<sup>th</sup> **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Acolyte:** Roselia Sommer

**Assisting Minister:** Debbie Frank

**Altar Flowers:** Open

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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15<sup>th</sup> **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Acolyte:** Madison Lohr-Pope

**Assisting Minister:** Micky Conrad

**Altar Flowers:** Open

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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22<sup>nd</sup> **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Acolyte:** Isabel Heitman

**Assisting Minister:** Toni Chapman

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

**Children's Church:** Jane DiBonaventura

**Children's Chat:** Sarah Grace Davis

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29<sup>th</sup> **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Acolyte:** Roseila Sommer

**Assisting Minister:** Neil Clark

**Altar Flowers:** Andy & Kristal Ferguson-In honor of Gracie's Birthday

**Children's Chat:** Pastor

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# Holly Grove Lutheran Church

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's one of my favorite times of the year—back-to-school. I love wandering the aisles of the store looking at new pens in different colors; fresh, unmarked notebooks; sharp, yellow pencils. With the beginning of the new school year comes fresh haircuts, new clothes, the promise of fall weather, new classes and challenges—it makes me giddy as the middle of August approaches each year. Although I am no longer a student, I am excited for those in our congregation who are—and all that this coming school year holds for them.

In Matthew 22, when asked to identify the greatest command in all the Torah (the first five books of the Bible), Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (v. 37). Jesus calls us to love God with all of our hearts, with all our souls, and with all of our minds.

Unfortunately, not only is the mind devalued within our culture, but also surprisingly within the church. We focus on loving God with our hearts and souls—and conveniently diminish or forget to love God with our minds. Jesus calls us to love God with *all* of who we are—our whole selves.

Loving God with our minds is not just a calling reserved for our younger disciples who are in school. Lifelong learning is the call of all of God's people. What does it mean to love God with all of your mind?

To begin, we value the lifelong learning of God's Word, the Bible. We are called to love God with our mind by daily reading Scripture, by participating in Sunday School, and Bible Study.

We are also called to love God with our minds by continually seeking understanding about the world we live in and those around us. Get curious and ask questions. Loving God with our minds is a lifelong journey of learning about the world that God so loves and all that it contains.

Whether or not we are returning to school, let us all commit to loving God with our minds. And if it helps, go buy yourself some colorful pens and a new notebook!

Your fellow lifelong learner,  
Pastor Anna



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

**July 31**—Scout workday for Ty Heitman's project at the Picnic Shelter.

**August 9**—Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

**August 9**—Worship & Music at 4:00 pm.

**August 10**—Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 pm.

**August 15**—BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS.

**August 18**—Senior Citizens Club at Mt. Tabor at 10:30 am.

**August 23**—LMiM

You are invited to come and see our very own **Chip Blower** perform as the lead actor in a play called "The Singer." The play is scheduled for three nights: August 13, 14, and 15 at 7:00 pm each night. The play is being performed at North Lexington Baptist Church located at 300 Mize Road in Lexington (off of Biersecker Road).

## 2022 National Youth Gathering

Calling all students that will be rising 9th grade students through graduating seniors in the year 2022. The Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN. Youth will gather with approximately 30,000 other Lutheran youth from across the country.

**We need at church a full list of all students who meet the above criteria.** We will then host a meeting with families and youth in August. Please let us know if your child is eligible.

**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



## VBS DAY--WATER WORKS

We had a wonderful VBS Day on Saturday, July 24. The 28 children enjoyed a day of learning about different water stories in the Bible. They made a craft, did a science experiment, and learned a new song which they sang and signed at worship on Sunday, July 25. Thank you to all who helped make the day happen, especially Tina Heitman!



























# Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Everett Feeney	3	4	5	6 Scott/Judy Black	7
8	9	10 Robert Fritts	11	12 Johnny/Tammy Turner Robbie/Randi Hileman Matt/April Bunton	13 Minnie Conrad Sandra Vaughn Ashton Chapman	14
15 Andrew Curry	16	17 Robert Napolitano	18 Toni Chapman Chodd Hedrick Abi Hearn	19	20 Kyle Murphy	21
22 Travis Rose	23	24	25 Joe Hedrick Olivia Turner	26	27 Gary McLain	28
29 Gracie Ferguson	30	31				



## **Please pray for:**

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

- \* **Gary Hedrick**
- \* **Dean Conrad**
- \* **Teresa Fritts**
- \* **Gene Kepley**
- \* **Harold & Myra Beck**
- \* **Gary & Judy McLain**
- \* **Bill Curry**
- \* **Jimmy Beck**

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

- \* Lynn Helms—cousin of Gaynell Davis
- \* Pauline Young—Sister-In-Law of Dottie Curry
- \* Joanne Conrad Koonts—cousin of Gaynell Davis
- \* Pastor Michael Evans
- \* Joshua Shuler—Step-Son of Jane DiBonaventura
- \* Richard Craver—Colleague of Dean Chapman
- \* Brian Hedrick
- \* Mitchell Watts—Grandson of Frank & Jeanine
- \* Adam Watts—Grandson of Frank & Jeanine
- \* Donna Kepley--Sister of Marie Palmer
- \* Melody Sink--cousin of James Palmer
- \* Keegan Watkins—grandson of Jim & Jan Watkins
- \* Les Price
- \* Sandy Henrikin—friend of Sherry Snider
- \* Jerry Fraley—friend of Sherry Snider
- \* The family of Ricky Prevet
- \* 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](mailto:hqloffice@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church office complex (336-249-2708)

# HGLC JUNE 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

## June 14, 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, Eddie Heitman and Judy Thomason.

Devotions: Michael led us in devotions and Pastor Anna led us in prayer

### **Business Meeting**

#### **Approval of Reports**

Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Council meeting, May 16 Call Council meeting and text meeting for vote on the updated In-Person Attendance Guidelines were read. Neil made the motion to accept, Michael seconded and motion passed.

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

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

The Building Fund Report was presented for March and April. Norris made the motion to accept, Chip seconded and motion passed.

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

#### **Pastor's Report for April, 2021**

Done pastoral care

Completed 9 hours Continuing Education (Stepping Up to Supervision)

Participated in first-call coaching

Taught Bible Study – Wednesdays from 7 to 8

Met with groups – Senior Citizens, Finance, Fellowship and Worship and Music

Planned and prepared for Installation Service on June 6

Attended SILLY event on May 16

Planned Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation for Madilyn Blower on May 23

Began meeting with Mutual Ministry Committee on May 24

Presented Scholarship to Taylor Fritts on May 26

Attended Synod Assembly virtually June 3

Coming up:

I will be on vacation June 21 – 27. Joe Davis will preach and I will pre-consecrate the elements for him to preside

Continued work with committees

Collaborating with Mt. Tabor – Programs or events for youth

Home visits

Meeting with Davidson County Lutheran pastors – planning for fall – Christian Education, Confirmation Bible Study thru the summer months





## **Correspondence**

No correspondence

## **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee met

Request from the Fellowship Committee for the opinion of the council to hold a 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout. Neil made the motion to allow food distribution on the church property, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

## **Old Business**

Discussed the possibility of holding VBS. There doesn't seem to be the interest of having VBS as in the past.

The funds are available for the tune-up cost of the handbells which should be around \$750.00 and additional costs for any repairs.

Discussed options for use of the contribution from the O'Dell Black Estate. Neil made the motion to set up a committee to think and pray through the O'Dell Black gift and will report back to the council, David seconded and motion passed. Pastor Anna requested that we consider donating 10% of the gift to one or several charitable organizations in our community. Sherry made a motion that we donate \$3,000.00 to the Pastor's Pantry on behalf of Holly Grove, Chip seconded and motion passed. The balance of the 10% will be distributed as determined where to contribute.

A committee has been established to begin updating the By-Laws/Constitution. Pastor Anna, Lynn, Neil, Michael, and Robert have volunteered and we will seek two more non-council church members to be on the committee.

The leak at the bathroom has been fixed. There was discussion as to whether the water fountains should be put back up. Neil made the motion that the water fountains not be put back up and bottled water be in the refrigerator for anyone that has a need. Eddie seconded the motion and motion passed. Neil made the motion that Dean fix the wall back with easy access if further repairs need to be done and to fix it as he thinks best. Chip seconded and motion passed.

## **New Business:**

Chip made the motion to appoint Lateffa to be the person to count the money with Kim, Neil seconded and motion passed.

Several property improvements around the church were suggested. The two mailboxes need to be replaced with one on a new post, the storage building at the picnic shelter needs to be cleaned/painted and there needs to be a new sign at the office complex. Neil will check with the L-Men to take care of the mailbox and the storage building and the new office sign is tabled until the next meeting.

Marie made the motion and Sherry seconded that we renew our Terminix protection for another year. Motion passed.

There being no further business Michael 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

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