

January 2022



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.”

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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
9	10	11	12	13	14 Amy Fritts	15
16	17	18	19 Steven Frank	20	21 Angie Laster	22 Judy Thomason
23	24	25 Jennifer Swing	26 Sarah Kepley	27	28	29 Mary Ellen Hinson
30	31					



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As the end of 2021 approaches, I have set aside time to reflect on the past year and to think about the coming year. And as I have let my mind meander its way through memories of what has been and hopes for what is to come...the lyrics from John Lennon's "Happy Christmas, the War is Over" keep running through my head. The song opens with these words: "So this is Christmas, and what have you done? Another year over, a new one just begun."

We are getting ready to enter the season of Christmas. Christmas does not end on the 25th, it starts that day. In the church calendar, Christmas is not a one day event. Christmas begins on December 25 and lasts for twelve days. These twelve days make up the season called Christmastide.

"So this is Christmas...another year over...a new one just begun." I think it is significant that as we enter the new year, we are simultaneously in the midst of Christmastide. January 1 is the eighth day of Christmas. As the new year begins, we are still celebrating the inbreaking of God into the world that God so loves as a newborn baby.

Christmastide concludes with the Feast of Epiphany on January 6 when we joyfully celebrate God's revealing Christ and the light of Christ to the nations and to all people.

Join us for worship on the second day of Christmas, December 26, for Lessons and Carols and then again on January 9, as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.

May you have a Blessed Christmastide,

Pastor Anna



Church EVENTS



December 26: Lessons & Carols

December 28: No Bible Study

January 5: Finance Committee at 6 pm.

January 9: Feast of Epiphany

January 10: Council at 7 pm

January 12: Worship & Music at 6 pm

January 17: Agape at 6:30 pm

January 19: Seniors at Mt. Tabor 10:30 am

January 23: SiLLY bowling from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

January 24: LMiM at 6:30 pm

Bible Study: Join Pastor Anna for Bible Study each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



**Please remember to submit your
Time & Talent sheet**

January 2022

Altar Guild- Carol Conrad
Mother's Rose Garden- OPEN

Blessing Box – Neil & Terri Clark – Joe & Jennifer Davis

Ushers for January – Lynn Dennis, Matthew Parsons, Joe Davis, David Brown, Susan Lohr

2nd Second Sunday of Christmas

Assisting Minister:

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Children's Chat: Pastor

Basket Offering: Backpacks

Acolyte: Gaven Ferguson

9th Epiphany of Our Lord

Assisting Minister: Chip Blower

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Children's Chat: Pastor

Acolyte: Roseila Sommer

16th Second Sunday after Epiphany

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad

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

Children's Chat: Pastor

Basket Offering: Backpacks

Acolyte: Gracie Ferguson

23rd Third Sunday after Epiphany

Assisting Minister: Joe Davis

Altar Flowers: Open

Children's Chat: Joe Davis

Acolyte: Madison Lohr-Pope

30th Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Assisting Minister: Norris Feeney

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

Children's Chat: Pastor

Acolyte: Conrad Sommer



The Senior Citizens Group met for lunch on December 15.





On Sunday, December 19 was our Children's Service. Several children helped lead worship. The SiLLY group led by Tina Heitman, offered a Christmas play with the help of Judy Black.

It was a wonderful service!

HGLC NOVEMBER 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2021

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

Judy Thomason was unable to attend.

Devotions: Pastor Anna led us in devotions and prayer

Business Meeting

Approval of Reports

Minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting were read. Chip made the motion to accept, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

The Financial Report was presented for October. Norris made the motion to accept, Mike seconded and motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented for October. Norris made the motion to accept, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

Building Fund: No report

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

Pastor's Report for November

Since our last Council meeting:

I have done pastoral care- telephone, a few in-person visits

I have taught Bible Study

I did Harold Beck's graveside service

I have completed more continuing education hours

I met with the other confirmation pastors and planned out the remainder of 2021-22

I had my first baptism – Kate Cecil on November 7, 2021

I planned and prepared for All Saints Sunday, November 2021

Some things coming up:

Confirmation – November 14 at Grace Lutheran in Thomasville

Teen Mom's Baby Shower – November 16

Continuing Education hours

Vacation from November 18-27 – Joe Davis will preach and preside on 11/21 (I had planned my vacation before the Semi-Annual Meeting was scheduled)

Bruce Tippet to play piano on Sunday, November 28

Advent begins on November 28, we will do Wednesday evening Advent services

Constitution updates/Black Gift Committee/ continued Finance Committee work

Committee Reports

The Fellowship Committee is finalizing plans for Veteran's event and planning for luminaries

Old Business

Discussed the Covid guidelines. No action taken at this time. Current guidelines will remain the same for now.

Reviewed the revisions on the Undesignated Gift Policy. Eddie made the motion to accept the policy as presented, Sherry seconded and motion passed.

The ice machine project was tabled until further research can be done.

The Semi-Annual congregational meeting will be held November 21, 2021

New Business

Nominations for new council members were presented. Joe Davis, Kim Troutman, Herbert Frank and Jane DiBonaventura will be presented for election at the semi-annual meeting. Chip made the motion to accept the nominations, Eddie seconded and motion passed.

Reviewed the proposed budget to be presented at the semi-annual meeting. Amendments were made and Norris made the motion to accept as amended, Mike seconded and motion passed.

Discussed the processing fees for Breeze donations. Chip made the motion that as of January 1, 2022 the option be made available to cover online processing fees for online contributions. Handouts will be provided at the semi-annual congregational meeting to educate contributors on the fees. Neil seconded the motion and motion passed.

Proposals were made for staff bonuses for this year. Neil made and motion, Chip seconded and motion passed that we go with these amounts.

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 President	Sherry Proctor	Robert Napolitano

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