

June 2017



Welcome to Holly Grove Lutheran Church!

Happy Father's Day!



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.

hello june

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Fellowship Hall Reserved	5 CHICKS @ 7:00	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Council @ 7:00	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 AGAPE @ 6:30	20	21 Seniors @ Mt. Tabor 10:30 am	22	23	24
25	26 LMiM @ 7:00	27	28	29	30	

June 2017



Altar Guild- Carol Conrad

Mother's Rose Garden- Joe, Jennifer, Mary, & Sarah Grace Davis

-in honor of Gaynell Davis & Mary Alice Swing

-in memory of Mary Everhart and Mabel Murphy

4th Pentecost *Holy Communion*

Basket Offering: Crisis Ministries

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark

Communion Assistant: Chip Blower

Children's Church: Kristal Ferguson

Ushers: Greg Kepley, Robin Beck, Max Carrick, Bob Troutman

Altar Flowers: Chapmans in honor of Mason's 5th birthday

Nursery Attendant: Kara Feeney

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

11th Holy Trinity *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Debbie Frank

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura

Communion Assistant: Carol Conrad

Ushers: Johnny Fritts, Frank Hamilton, Herbert Frank, Scott Black

Altar Flowers: Kara Feeney in honor of Norris, Ross and Brandon's birthday

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Chapman

Children's Chat: Pastor

18th Father's Day *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

Communion Assistant: Herbert Frank

Ushers: Michael Willson, Andy Ferguson, Keith Cecil, Eddie Heitman

Altar Flowers: Micky Conrad's Family in honor of Micky & all Fathers

Nursery Attendant: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Chat: Pastor

25th

Assisting Minister: Kara Feeney

Children's Church: Jordon Chapman

Ushers: Ty Heitman, Gary Hedrick, Greg Kepley, Robin Beck

Altar Flowers: Matt and Monica Parsons in honor of Ryah's 1st birthday

Nursery Attendant: Kristal Ferguson

Children's Chat: Pastor



Recently, I heard the Bach cantata *O heiliges Geist und Wasserbad*. The cantata's text is based on John 3:1-15, which was the Gospel lesson at the service where the cantata was first performed. The image that stuck with me and about which I have been doing a lot of thinking was the story of the fiery serpents sent among the people of Israel in the wilderness.

Both the Gospel lesson for the day and the Bach cantata allude to this. You might remember this tense episode during the Exodus. The people of God had been liberated from crushing oppression in Egypt—the plagues, Passover, walking dry-shod through the sea, manna from heaven and water from the rock! We can only imagine the excitement of those heady days when God set Israel free.

But now the journey had become long and they had to detour around Edom. The people became impatient and angry. They began to murmur. They had murmured before against Moses and Aaron, but now their murmuring was directed at God. It turned out to be the same old laundry list of complaints: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food” (Numbers 21:5).

Now remember, this “miserable food” was manna from heaven. God promised to provide enough for each person each day. They were to collect no more and no less than a day's supply. Some collected more, not trusting that God would be faithful. Some collected less. These were the Lutheran Israelites, who did not believe that God's all sufficient love was for them too.

Enter the snakes. “Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died” (Numbers 21:6). A calamity had befallen the people. In their panic and in their pain they pleaded for deliverance. God rescued Israel, not so much from poisonous serpents but from Israel's own faithless and poisonous complaints that had appeared long before the snakes did. In that faithlessness, Israel had set itself against God.

Israel's rescue was a restored relationship with their true God, not simply escaping the snakes. God rescued Israel both from themselves and from God's judgment. The symbol of their salvation was a fiery serpent—a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole. The very image of suffering and death was also the image of life and salvation.

This is what Jesus was talking about in his encounter with Nicodemus. “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14-15). This is what Bach's cantata sings about: “You know, my God, how painfully I feel the old serpent's sting; sin's poison destroys my body and soul. Help me, so that in faith I choose you, blood-red image of a serpent, that was raised on the cross.” The cross in John's Gospel, like the pole with the bronze serpent, signifies both the poison of death and the life-giving power of God.

I have read Numbers several times and there is no indication that the serpents ever left. The plague of serpents remained an ongoing threat and the raised bronze serpent remained an ongoing reminder of the need to turn to the healing power of God.

And here's what really has me thinking—the word for fiery serpent is “seraphim.” Seraphim. The same angels who, with the cherubim, attend God. Could the fiery serpents be snake-angels that like border collies nip at us when we go our own way? Could the sting of their bite remind us to look to the cross, the death of our death? Could the snake-angels be fiery guardian angels who bring us back to the truth that, left to our own devices, we are helpless and sometimes dangerous and apart from God, that we can do nothing?

Just wondering.





Reformation capstone worship

Lutherans in both the North and South Carolina Synods are encouraged to attend the capstone worship at Covenant Presbyterian in Charlotte held on **Saturday, September 23, at 2:00 pm**. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton will preach. Choirs and other musical groups from Newberry College and Lenoir-Rhyne University will participate, as well as a choir of volunteer singers from congregations in both Carolinas. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

April 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Chip Blower

Devotions – Sandra Vaughn gave devotions tonight, Michael Wilson has devotions next month.

Approval of Reports:

Minutes –Moved to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Financial Secretary –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer – Communicate with Treasurer regarding Lenten offerings. Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Building Fund – Statement from Mission investment we made \$200 so far. Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Pastor's Report – Holy week this week. We have had good attendance for Lenten services this year. Hope to get that this Thursday and Friday.

Easter next week, youth stuffed eggs and dyed eggs Sunday. Endowment group met this past week, and will not meet again for a while. We will not be attending camp this summer. We will ask for the committees to meet by the end of May. "Chair" not "President" for endowment committee. Easter Egg hunt for kids at 9:30am on Easter Sunday. Motioned to accept Pastor's report. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Correspondence:

Thank you letter from St. James Lutheran church in Fayetteville, we sent funds after Matthew

NC Synod is doing "partnership" initiative. Pastors and lay people have been trained to be a partner with a congregation to have a congregational meeting with guidance and feedback regarding our relationship with the NC Synod (as a whole community). Something we can discuss at a later date if desired.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – We have the new bench

Evangelism – Nothing to report

Fellowship – Have not met, want to start thinking about asking for pictures of mother's for mother's day- 5/14, we need to think about a reception for the new members in the future, women's banquet on May 15th at 6:30 in the fellowship hall

Finance – Nothing to report

Parish Ed – Have not met, running right along, Tina is doing a great job with Children's church, will look at ages, schedule and curriculum, may want to start talking about Bible school

Property – The yard has been mowed today. May want to speak to the contractor about mowing later in the week so it will be cut for Sundays; looking into putting a roof on the picnic shelter, working on the video system and working on quote for kitchen

Recreation – Have 8 men's teams starting May 8th

Scholarship – Nothing to report

Scouts – Completed the seat in the cemetery last week, still working downstairs

Social Ministry – Nothing to report

Stewardship – Nothing to report

Worship & Music- Nothing to report

Youth – Dyed Easter Eggs yesterday

Unfinished Business:

Men's group is still looking for quotes on kitchen upgrades.

Committee Meetings: We strongly urge that every committee meet or discuss by the end of May to see how we want to move forward. Each council representative will reach out to their committee to see when it would be a good time to meet and or discuss.

Email the secretary to have her place in the bulletin when the committee will meet and encourage anyone who would like to participate attend.

Motioned to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Holly Leaf: We will have the secretary put an announcement in the bulletin that the Holly Leaf is printed in the Narthex, if you want one mailed to you, let us know and we will mail one, and remind everyone there is a deadline to turn in entries for the next month.

We need to look at updating our church website to one that will be updated more often, such as knowing when the Egg hunt or Halloween party will be.

Video System is not working due to lightening again (3rd or 4th time in the last few years). The company is going to help us, but we are in the process of communicating with the company, not sure if it is under warranty.

James Rozek and Sandra Vaughn to be our representatives at the assembly. Motioned to approve. Seconded. Approved.

Question regarding funds that are 'interest only' funds. Scholarship committee and maybe the cemetery have designated funds that are "interest only" but otherwise, we do not know of any funds that are just sitting there designated as interest only.



From the Pastor's Desk

This June our congregation will be visited by Mitzie Schafer who works for the ELCA as a gift planner. Her specialty is helping people set up Gift Plans- basically planning for what they want to happen to their earthly assets when they pass away. Mitzie will be here to offer those services. She won't be selling anything. She won't be trying to convince you to give your money to anyone in particular. Her role is simply to help folks think about what has been important to them in their lives and set up a plan that supports those causes when their earthly journey is over.

This all means that she could help you make plans to give 10% of your estate to Holly Grove Lutheran Church or all of it to Lutheridge. She could help you work out the details of splitting gifts between surviving family members, a charity you care about, and a Lutheran seminary. The possibilities are endless- it all depends on what has been important to you in your life and what you want to support.

Mitzie will be meeting with several congregational groups throughout the month of June, and she'll join us in worship on Sunday, June 25th. These meetings are simply to offer a brief, 20 minute, overview of what she can help with. Then, if folks are interested, she'll set up individual meetings to look at specific questions and needs. If you are interested in hearing one of her talks, check with me for the details. I'll also include Mitzie's bio below.

I know it can be uncomfortable to talk about money, but there are good reasons for pushing through that discomfort. One reason is that Jesus talked about money a ton! In fact, after the Kingdom of God, money is the topic that Jesus talked about the most! And he talked about it because how we use our money matters to God. In our life and in our death, we have the tremendous opportunity to use the resources God has entrusted to us in ways that support God's kingdom.

I believe Mitzi's expertise will be helpful to us as we try to be faithful with our resources, and I commend her services to you. If you have any questions about any of this or would like to talk more about it, don't hesitate to let me know.

God's Peace,

Pastor Matt



The Office Complex hours are 8:00 am 1:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. If you have anything that needs to be in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday, please get it to me by Wednesday. The bulletins are printed on Thursday each week.



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Dumpster Dilemma: The dumpster by the ballfield has been filling up so fast lately that there is sometimes not enough room in it for us to take out the trash! It seems that some folks driving by are taking advantage of our dumpster instead of going to the dump. To ensure that we have a place for ballfield and church trash when we need it, the dumpster will be locked from here on out. If you need to deal with some church/ballfield trash, there will be a key in the concession stand and one in the church office.

July
3-7
9am-3pm
Lunch & snacks
provided

K - 4th GRADE

Kids Summer DayCamp

REGISTRATION DATES
March 18 - June 18

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

For more information:

FREE Spaghetti Lunch 3-18-17 11-1

FREE Hot Dog Lunch 5-6-17 11-1

Day Camp provided in association with Agape Kure Beach Ministries

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LMiM



The LMiM are invited to Mt. Tabor for their Annual program & meal. Fun starts at 6:30 pm. All men are invited to attend! Come and enjoy the fellowship!



The "Holly Dome" is open.....
Come and enjoy fun under the lights at one of our games. Games are played on Monday & Tuesday nights. Rain-outs are played on Thursdays. Come and get one of the best hot Dogs in the county and just kick back and enjoy!



Hello!

Lutherock would like to invite you to come to summer camp again with your grandchildren!

Lutherock is an ELCA camp and conference center located in the High Country of Western North Carolina. It is perched on 753 acres on the south slope of mile-high Sugar Mountain near Boone, NC. Lutherock is accredited by the American Camping Association and offers high adventure programming for all ages with a focus on caring for God's creation.

Our Grandkids-n-Me program happening July 23-26 is the perfect opportunity to spend some quality time with your grandchildren while someone else does all the planning. Enclosed is a flyer describing the details of this half-week program. Please let me know if you have any questions.

We hope to see you on the mountain this summer!

God's peace,

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Get Inspired!

Grandkids-n-Me Camp at Lutherock

(for children ages 3-12)- July 23-26, 2017

This half-week program is a great opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to unplug and focus on their relationship with one another and with God.



- Outing to Wild Cat Lake and Grandfather Mountain State Park
- Bible study time: Adults with Pastor Steve Ridenhour while kids are with counselors
- Evening Activities include: campfires, s-mores, Lutherock's Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, and ice cream making

Housed in Lutherock's hotel-style Crow's Nest retreat center
 Leader: Pastor "Grandpa" Steve Ridenhour

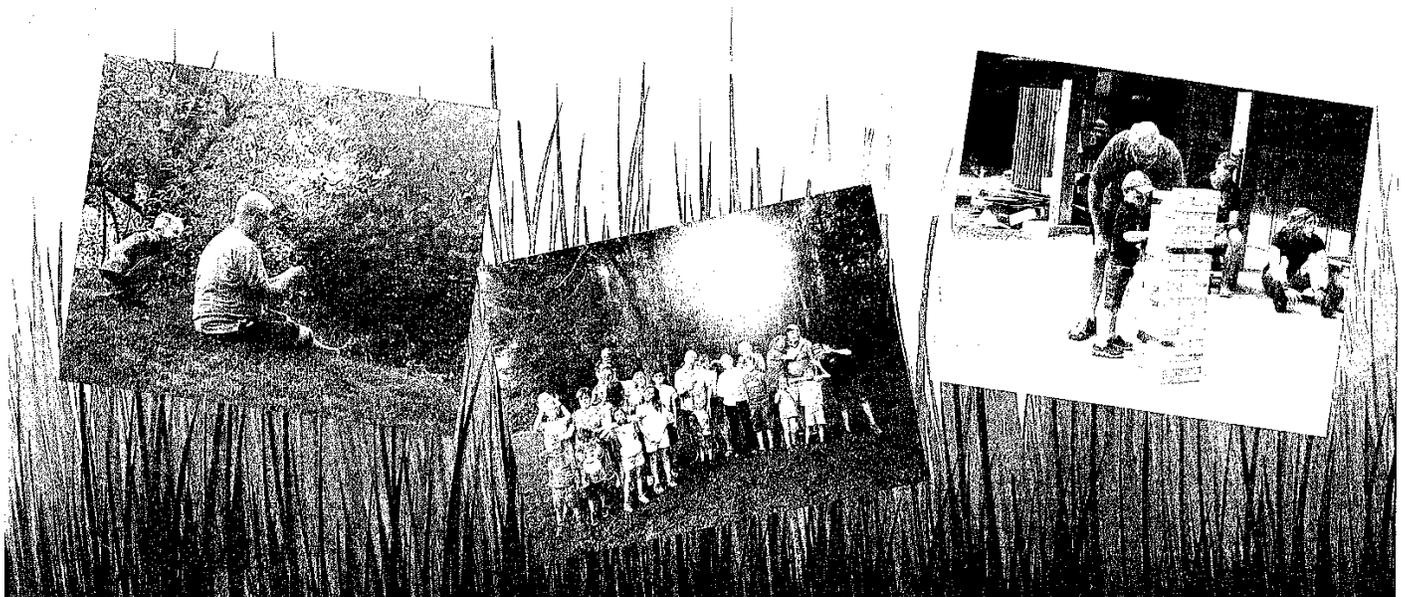
Cost per family unit:

1 Adult and 1 Child \$295	1 Adult and 2 Children \$330	1 Adult and 3 Children \$375
2 Adults and 1 Child \$380	2 Adults and 2 Children \$420	2 Adults and 3 Children \$455

*Each additional child **\$45** Additional room charge **\$75**

Camp is for Grandparents Too!

To register, visit www.novusway.com or contact our registration office at registration@novusway.com or (828) 209-6329!



Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

The 6th month of the year brings us Summer, Father's Day, Flag Day, and the Summer Solstice.

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, June is the sixth month. However, according to the early Roman calendar, June was actually the fourth month and had only 29 days. In 46B.C, Julius Caesar gave June 30 days instead of 29 when he reformed the Roman calendar. June was named after the Roman goddess Juno, who is the wife of Jupiter. However, others say that its name actually came from the Latin word iunioris. It means the younger ones, which is opposed to majors or elders which May's name was originated from. In June, spring ends and summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere. During this time, all the flowers and plants are very beautiful. In the southern hemisphere, winter begins in June.

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1. The birthstones for June are the pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone.
2. The birth flower for June is the rose.
3. The zodiac signs for June are Gemini (May 21 - June 20) and Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
4. On June 1, 1792, the state of Kentucky, also known as the Bluegrass state, became the 15th state of the United States.
5. On June 1, 1796, Tennessee, also known as The Volunteer State became the 16th state of the United States.
6. On June 5, 1947, George C. Marshall, the Secretary of State, described the Marshall Plan.
7. On June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States was adopted by the Continental Congress.
8. June 14, 1900 - Hawaii was organized as a territory
9. On June 15, 1215, the Magna Carta was granted by King John.
10. On June 15, 1775, George Washington was appointed the commander in chief of the Continental Army.
11. On June 15, 1836, Arkansas also known as the Natural State, became the 25th state of the United States.
12. Finland's Flag Day is celebrated on the Saturday closest to June 24.
13. On June 6th, Sweden celebrates its national holiday, Flag Day.
14. On June 12, The Philippines' Independence Day is celebrated.
15. On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain.
16. National Candy Month
17. National Dairy Month
18. National Iced Tea Month
19. June 5 - World Environment Day
20. June 20 - Father's Day



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Pastor Matt Smith	3 Carey Fritts Cliff Hill Anthony Varner
4 Tracy Everhart	5 Makenna Hedrick Bobby/Janna Waitman	6 Mason Chapman	7	8 Todd Kepley Bill Roberts	9 Brandon Conrad Anna Lohr	10 Jerry Hester Jon Proctor
11 Joe/Jennifer Davis Joe/Bonnie Hedrick	12 Johnny/Teresa Fritts	13	14 Dottie Curry	15 Paul Conrad William Curry	16 Ross Sommer	17 Matthew Parsons
18 Ted/Sherry Proctor	19 Amanda Fritts Jim/Jan Watkins	20 Matthew/Monica Parsons	21 Emily Beck Frank Hamilton Eddie Heitman Carol Varner	22	23	24 Herbert Frank Clifton/Kim Payne
25 Shane Lawrence	26 Walt/Sue Anderson	27 Eddie/Tina Heitman	28 Rex Everhart Jeanine Hamilton	29 John/Billie Curry	30 Max/Libby Carrick Paul/Carolina Conrad	



The Senior's will return next month.....

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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