

January 2018



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.”

• Daily Prayers, links, to ELCA , sermons, The Holly Leaf, events & more on our website:
www.hollygrovelutheranchurch.org

Find us on Facebook!



Love. Grow. Serve.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Council @ 7:00 pm</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>AGAPE @ 6:30 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Seniors @ Mt. Tabor at 10:30 pm</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>SiLLY Bowling @ YMCA 1:30-3:00 PM</i>	22 <i>LMiM @ 7:00 pm</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

7th *Holy Communion* *Basket Offering:* TBD

Assisting Minister: Chip Blower

Communion Assistant: Lateffa Dennis **Children's Church:** Tina Heitman

Ushers: Max Carrick, Bob Troutman, Johnny Fritts, Frank Hamilton

Altar Flowers: Norris and Kara Feeney- in honor of our anniversary

Nursery Attendant: Jordan Chapman **Children's Chat:** Tina Heitman

14th *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Neil Clark **Children's Church:** Kristal Ferguson

Communion Assistant: Sandra Vaughn

Ushers: Herbert Frank, Scott Black, Michael Willson, Andy Ferguson

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Nursery Attendant: Jane DiBonaventura **Children's Chat:** Pastor

21st *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Debbie Frank **Children's Church:** Jordan Chapman

Communion Assistant: Judy Thomason

Ushers: Keith Cecil, Eddie Heitman, Ty Heitman, Gary Hedrick

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Nursery Attendant: Kristal Ferguson **Children's Chat:** Pastor

28th

Assisting Minister: Kim Troutman **Children's Church:** Jane DiBonaventura

Ushers: Harold Beck, Robin Beck, Max Carrick, Bob Troutman

Altar Flowers: Lynn and Lateffa Dennis- in memory of Randy Rose

Nursery Attendant: Kara Feeney **Children's Chat:** Pastor

Ask Holly



Dear Holly,

I heard something recently about a new church website- is this true? You know I just figured out how to use the old website to listen to recordings of worship, and everything seemed to be working fine! Why did you have to go and change things around on me?

Sincerely,

Die-hard for Dial-up

Dear Dial-up die-hard,

Yes, you heard right- we're excited to announce that Holly Grove Lutheran Church has a new website! Our old site had some great content, but it needed more than a new coat of paint, so we did a complete redesign from scratch! Change is hard; we get it. But in today's society, websites and the impressions they give are incredibly important in communicating who you are to the world. And our old site was saying to the world that we were stuck in 2005.

The new site may take some getting used to, but I think you'll find that it is really easy to use! You'll be glad to hear that our site is still at the same address, hollygrovelutheranchurch.org. It also still has a page for accessing newsletters, worship recordings, and special music. I think with a couple of minutes of exploring you'll be able to find everything you need!

And in addition to most all of the old favorites, this new site does some pretty great things! Did you know that more people now access the internet from their phones and tablets than from their computers? Our new website looks good and is easy to use on mobile devices! The new site is clean and easy to navigate, has an up to date church calendar (including when the fellowship hall and other church facilities are reserved), and a map for easy access to directions. What's not to love?

In addition to all this, with the new site we are rolling out a new feature, online giving. Most people who have internet access hardly carry cash or write checks anymore, and this feature allows us to accept payments by credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. And the great thing is that you can set up an automatic draft on your account or card to give a certain amount every month automatically! That way if you forget your check book or miss several Sundays at church, you can still give like you intend! Of course, if you prefer to write a check or give cash, that's wonderful too!

Head on over to hollygrovelutheranchurch.org and check out the new site today!

Holly Grove

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



J B E T H L E H E M N G I H K
 S A F P V T E N C D N Z B H H
 F H A T Y F S O N B B D Q B J
 A V E R E P D R K C A M G Z O
 S S A P N P V U R I B G Q D S
 E M D B H A E O I Z Y A K H E
 L B X I C E I C E N S U S L P
 S Q O H V V R B R O O M G R H
 I M U R A N R D B S W S A R K
 Y F E S N C A B S C H I L D R
 C M A S L V A X F T E I S E G
 A J H E S Q M E Z I Z L G K P
 Y T G K Z I T G S C M N W R Y
 A N G V W E A G J A A S R X G
 A Z H X Y W Y H M M R S F F C

SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY

HGLC November 2017 Holly Leaf Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Chip Blower; 9 plus Pastor present

Devotions – Kara gave devotions tonight, Wendy has devotions next month.

Approval of Reports:

Minutes – will be reviewed at a later date

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

Treasurer –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Building Fund – will be reviewed at a later date

Pastor's Report – Next month we will have the new folks at council- thank you to the ones departing. Church copier is here, check from Xerox came. Pastor on vacation after Christmas to early January. Motioned to accept Pastor's report. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: None this month

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Nothing to report-

Evangelism – Nothing to report-

Fellowship – will help with advent wreath making (soup)-

Finance – budget approved-

Parish Ed – plans for Christmas program, 1st of year will have another fellowship-

Property – Need to replace the thermostat at the back of the church-

Recreation – S'mores tournament sometime in December (softball tournament), have desert raffle soon -

Scholarship – raised \$2200 at desert and silent auction -

Scouts – Nothing to report-

Social Ministry – emailed, DT will be sending info for angel tree soon, it will be on a little tree in the sanctuary; Neal called Genesis house 6 adults and 12 kids (2 newborns), salad Spaghetti and desert- Sunday 19th, 6-6:30pm- Kristal Kim desert, Kara dressing, Karen/Robin salad, Mike bread, Neil spaghetti

Stewardship – Nothing to report-

Worship & Music – Nothing to report-

Youth – prep for Houston trip during Sunday school every 3rd Sunday of the month; good youth Halloween event-

Unfinished Business:

Phone tree is working, had been quoted \$500 to get a new one up and running, but Pastor and Chip were able to get the old computer working

Pew pads- moving ahead with getting new ones, Karen looked into new ones and brought several quotes

New council members will be at the December meeting

Budget passed by the congregation at the congregational meeting

Kitchen had a work party last week; not too many people showed up, so not too much done, will try again in the near future

Maybe have someone for Treasurer as no one else has stepped forward to volunteer

New Business:

Web site contract is up at the end of the month, Pastor Matt and Chip would like to try to do it instead of renewing

Audacity (church PC software) is free, but they solicit donations- we should send them a donation Motion, seconded \$150 Passed.

Security at church- want to talk about what are we doing about a plan for an active shooter incident, synod has link at 'church mutual' that is a webinar on this topic- We will conjoin a committee to look into security options/plans.

Housing allowance for Pastor, passed

Due to a Christmas party conflict, the Men's group would like council to move our December meeting to Sunday instead of Monday night (12/11 to 12/10 at 2:30pm), Mike cannot be here, Chip will call the ones not here and the new ones to let them know of the change.



Write your own Legacy.....

Are you considering leaving Holly Grove in your estate plan? Not sure how? Deacon Mitzie Schafer is a free resource for congregation members considering leaving a gift. We met Deacon Mitzie in worship at the begin of the summer. If you have been thinking about leaving a gift, she can help you think through the best way to do that. Remember, she has nothing to sell you and she doesn't work on commission. She doesn't ask for a check. Your plan never changes your access to your funds if they are needed for health or emergency reasons. She simply listens to what you care about, she helps you review your assets, and then she helps you develop a plan to ensure that your estate is paid out the way you want it to. Unfortunately, 70% of estates do not pay out the way the person wanted them to because of probate and incorrect documentation. She can help ensure that doesn't happen to you. You can contact Deacon Mitzie to set up an appointment at

[803-413-7827](tel:803-413-7827) or Mitzie.schafer@elca.org.





Easiest Fudge

Easiest fudge recipe in the world, can't mess it up if you tried.

1 can Eagle brand condensed milk (14 oz)

1 1/2 bags of chocolate chips (11.5 oz bags is what I use) any flavor you wish

1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Toss all ingredients in to a microwave bowl, melt (I do 3, 30 second intervals)till creamy pour into a 8x8 baking dish, cool for 2 hours cut and serve.

We are in need of more volunteers for helping with preparing/serving bereavement meals. If you have not committed to this on Time & Talent sign-ups, see Debbie Frank to be added to this committee.



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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.



Comfortable with numbers? Care about your church and want to help? Consider if God might be calling you to serve a term as the Holly Grove Lutheran Church Treasurer. Amy Kepley is two years into a 3-year term and we would like to have a replacement in place in advance for a smooth transition. Please speak to Pastor Matt for more information.

Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Fun Facts about January

January is named after Janus, the god of the doorway. On average, the first month of the year contains thirty one of the coldest days and nights in the Northern Hemisphere.

January and October start on the same day in common years.

Garnet, the birthstone of those born in January, represents constancy.
The birth flower is the carnation.

People born before January 20th have a zodiac sign of Capricorn, and those born the 21st and after, are born under the sign Aquarius.

January is known as:

National Thank You Month
National Soup Month
National Staying Healthy Month
National Blood Donor Month
and
National Braille Literacy Month.

On the second Monday in January, Japan celebrates *Coming of Age Day*. Anyone who reached the age of 20 years old is congratulated and encouraged with festivals and small presents.

The third Monday in January commemorates the birthday of the spokesman for non-violent civil rights, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Famous dates in January:

January 2--Isaac Asimov born (1920) Science fiction writer.
January 3--JRR Tolkien born (1892) Author of *Lord of the Rings*.
January 8--Elvis Presley born (1935)
January 9--Dave Matthews born (1967) Singer
January 10--"The Common Sense" by Thomas Paine published in 1776
January 17--Shari Lewis born (1934) creator of the well-known puppet, Lambchop.
January 18--Peter Roget born (1779) author of the writer's best friend, *Roget's Thesaurus*.
January 19--Edgar Allen Poe born (1809)
January 25--Alicia Keys born (1981)
January 27--Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born (1756)
 Lewis Carroll born (1832) creator of *Alice in Wonderland*
January 29--Oprah Winfrey born (1954)

JANUARY



Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Kevin /Freddie Fulbright</i> <i>Norris/Kara Feeney</i>	2 <i>Jan Watkins</i> <i>Marty Varner</i>	3	4 <i>Kim Payne</i> <i>Logan Clodfelter</i>	5 <i>Wayne Conrad</i>	6 <i>Gary Hedrick</i>
7	8 <i>Bobbie Fritts</i> <i>David Miller</i>	9	10	11 <i>Judy Rose</i>	12	13
14 <i>Amy Taylor</i> <i>Anthony/Susan Varner</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Angie Laster</i> <i>Bill/Betty Roberts</i>	22 <i>Burnette Monteith</i> <i>Judy Thomason</i>	23 <i>Wayne Easter</i>	24 <i>Kevin/Anissa Stewart</i>	25 <i>Betty Sanford</i> <i>Jennifer Lohr</i>	26 <i>Sarah Kepley</i> <i>Addair Varner</i>	27
28 <i>Jeanette Mahon</i> <i>Stephen Everhart</i>	29 <i>Mary Ellen Hinson</i>	30	31 <i>Leighanne Everhart</i>			

December Senior News

Carolina Conrad

Holly Grove Senior Citizens met Wednesday, December 20th at Mt. Tabor's Events Center. We had 21 present. President Virginia White presided.

Jane Smith was in charge of the program. She had devotions and a prayer after which she introduced her granddaughter, Ashley Marcolivio. Ashley is regional Ombudsman, an advocate for those who live in long-term care facilities. She presented an interesting program on NC Adult Care Home Bill of Rights.

Jan Watkins led us in a fun game of the Night Before Christmas with the passing of small gifts when the words "right" or "left" were read. We sang several Christmas songs.

A monetary gift was given to Stoner Thomas as our yearly Christmas gift to a deserving cause.

Carol Varner gave everyone a copy of program leaders scheduled for the coming year-2018.

Pastor Darrell Sluder led us in prayer and blessed another one of Daisy's delicious meals.

Our next meeting will be January 17th @ 10:30 am and all seniors of the community are invited to join us.

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Sundays

915AM Sunday School

1030AM Worship



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