

February 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:
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February

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

February 2018



Altar Guild- Sandra Vaughn
Mother's Rose Garden- Micky Conrad in honor of Carol Conrad

4th *Holy Communion*

Basket Offering: HGLC Youth

Assisting Minister: Kara Feeney

Communion Assistant: Michael Wilson

Children's Church: Jane DiBonaventura

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

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

Nursery Attendant: Keri Smith

Children's Chat: Tina Heitman

11th

Assisting Minister: Micky Conrad

Children's Church: Tina Heitman

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

Altar Flowers: Micky Conrad family in honor of Carol

Nursery Attendant: Jane DiBonaventura

Children's Chat: Pastor

14th *Ash Wednesday*

Assisting Minister: Chip Blower

Communion Assistant: Judy Thomason

Ushers: Max Carrick, Gary Hedrick, Harold Beck, Robin Beck

18th *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Carol Conrad

Children's Church: Jordan Chapman

Communion Assistant: Lori Cecil

Ushers: Ty Heitman, Gary Hedrick, Harold Beck, Robin Beck

Altar Flowers: Chip & Ann Blower in honor of our 52nd Anniversary

Nursery Attendant: Open

Children's Chat: Pastor

25th *Holy Communion*

Assisting Minister: Andy Ferguson

Children's Church: Carol Conrad

Communion Assistant: Janna Waitman

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

Altar Flowers: David and Jane Brown in memory of Dwain Milan

Nursery Attendant: Kara Feeney

Children's Chat: Pastor

Snow Days!



Mason & Ashton Chapman
Making Snow Angels!

Hello from Quinn & Chloe Beck!





*Makenna & Abigail.....A Long and Winding Road....
Ty & Hunter.....just thinking about it.....*



Snow Days!



Gracie & Gaven Ferguson thinking about getting into something.....Snow Angels!



Robin & Karen sending Valentine Day wishes!



December 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Chip Blower; 14 plus Pastor present

Devotions – Wendy gave devotions tonight, Neil 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 –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Building Fund –Moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Passed.

Pastor's Report – The new website is up and running. It uses the same web address, but looks different and now has a calendar that is updated with events. We are now able to give donations using the website. Pastor is on vacation the week after Christmas. We have a baptism and new member joining on 1/7/18.

Motioned to accept Pastor's report. Seconded. Motion Passed. ** includes approving new members **

Correspondence:

Letter from Lutheran Disaster Relief thanking us for the \$912.40 sent with the truck load of supplies

Letter from Mission start in Winston Salem- thanking us for the \$750.00 and asking if we would like her to visit during worship one Sunday.

- Decided 'yes' we would like her to visit, Pastor will speak with her.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Nothing to report-

Evangelism – Nothing to report-

Fellowship – Will assist with finger foods after the children's program-

Finance – Nothing to report-

Parish Ed – Practicing for the children's Christmas program, asking reimbursement for \$190 in updating costumes, etc. -
- Motioned, seconded. Motion for reimbursement approved.

Property – Nothing to report-

Recreation – Nothing to report -

Scholarship – Nothing to report -

Scouts – Nothing to report-

Social Ministry – Gave food to Genesis House -

Stewardship – Nothing to report-

Worship & Music – We have changed settings for the season and added in the Gospel Accolade singing-

Youth – Next week is the Christmas party and then they will look toward Houston trip -

Unfinished Business:

Advent collection distribution: Will give it to the ELCA Water fund. Motioned. Seconded. Motion approved.

Pew Pads: A new sample brought that seems very sturdy and visually appealing. They are \$4.75 each and the pads of 50 are \$1.50 each from Church Press, Inc. They only take cash or check. Suggestion given to purchase 35 pad cases and two years of pads (2 per case). Motioned, Seconded. Motion passed- will order. Also it is suggested that we look into purchasing or making cards to send to visitors or members that have not come to church in a while- "thank you for visiting" or "we miss you" cards.

Phone tree is up and working

We are still working on the kitchen upgrades

Still searching for a new treasurer. We will decide upon this in January.

New Business:

Tim, Robin, Kara and Bob will be on a committee looking into safety and security. Robin knows who teaches the training at the Sheriff's department, so maybe we could ask them about training.

Proposal that we look into helping the Genesis House with paper products (plates, cups, etc). They are in need of a running supply and hopefully the Men's group will take this on. Will let us know what was decided.

OFFICERS:

President: Neil Clark

Vice President: Wendy Lohr

Secretary: Kara Feeney

Financial Treasurer: Minnie Conrad

Basket Offerings: will discuss in detail next month, but will dedicate the January basket offering to the HGLC Youth Group. Motioned, Seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Representatives will be discussed and decided upon in January.

Staff bonuses: decided upon. Motioned. Seconded. Motion approved.





Why Ashes?

Again this month we will gather to have ashes smeared on our foreheads and be told: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Have you ever wondered why we do that? Doesn't it all seem a bit morbid?

Well, yeah, it sort of is. But that's on purpose. Most of our culture want to do anything and everything we can to avoid the appearance of aging and put off death. But we, as Christians know something that often gets missed in the wider culture. We know that there are worse things than death

So we don't sweat death too much. In fact, on Ash Wednesday, we go out of our way to acknowledge it's reality so that we can very intentionally own the fact that we will die. And when we are real with ourselves and each other- when we aren't fooling ourselves about death, well it gives a certain clarity to what living looks like too. When we acknowledge that this life is limited, things like possessions and accumulating treasures don't matter as much. They give way to the things that are of real value in life- relationships with God and each other, service to neighbor, and the like.

So join us on February 14, Ash Wednesday, at 7pm. And we'll remind each other again with the ritual and the words, that death is coming- but that it is not the end!

It's a winter time staple – SNOW CREAM!

It's that time again for another snow and maybe this time around we'll all be making snow cream, if there's enough snow on the ground.

If you've never tried it's been described as vanilla ice cream. We think it's delish!

Here's the recipe:

4 cups snow

1 cup milk

1/4 cup sugar

1 tsp vanilla

Courteously of wfmy.com

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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A NOTE OF



Dear Friends of Holly Grove Lutheran Church,

I just want to thank this wonderful church family for the beautiful prayer shawl and thoughtful prayers during my surgery. I am so grateful to know such kind, caring people. My surgery went well and I thank God for all He has done and will continue to do.

Love in Christ,
Julie Milner

Scouts update: Several years ago when a displaced scout troop needed a home, this congregation stepped up, providing a space to meet and financial support. And we're proud to say that all of the boys who came over in that troop have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout! This is a remarkable achievement! The boys are now all at the point where they are aging out, and the troop has let us know that they are ending their meetings and closing down for the foreseeable future.



Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Fun Facts For February

February is the second month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The Romans originally considered winter a monthless period!

February is the shortest month and the only month with fewer than 30 days. February has 28 days in common years, and 29 days in leap years. 2012 is a leap year! In leap years, February is also the only month that ends on the same weekday it begins.

People born before February 19th are born under the sign of Aquarius. Those born on and after February 19th are considered Pisces. Their birth flower is the violet and the primrose, and the birthstone is amethyst. Amethysts symbolize piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

Some Events in February:

February 2

Imbolc is the festival of the lactating sheep. Seeds are blessed and agricultural tools are consecrated. Traditional festival activities include candle lighting, stone gathering, hiking in the snow, and lighting bonfires. Imbolc marks the halfway point of winter and is believed to be the origin of--

Groundhog Day. Punxsutawney Phil, a groundhog that lives on dog food and ice cream in a town library, is transported to Gobbler's Knob once a year. The United States and Canada await his forecast of how much longer winter will last.

February 14

Valentine's Day, a day commemorating love and affection, is celebrated in most countries by giving loved ones hearts, candy, and flowers. The US Greeting Card Association estimates that 190 million valentine cards are sent each year in the US. According to the Society of American Florists, over 110 million roses are sold each Valentine's Day in the US.

February 20 (2012)

Presidents' Day, celebrated in the United States, on the third Monday in February, is combined holiday, commemorating George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays.

***February is National...**

Embroidery Month

Chocolate Lover's Month (Hmmm. I wonder if this is somehow connected to Valentine's Day.)

Black History Month

American Heart Month

Pet Dental Health Month

Grapefruit Month

Blah Buster Month and

Return Carts to the Supermarket Month.



February Birthday & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>James Palmer</i>	2 <i>Meagan Murphy</i>	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Alex Queen</i>	8 <i>Karen Beck</i>	9 <i>Myra Beck</i> <i>Herbert Frank</i>	10
11 <i>Carol Conrad</i> <i>Kara Lohr</i>	12	13 <i>Christina Hedrick</i> <i>David Clark</i>	14 <i>Conrad Sommer</i>	15	16	17 <i>John Michael Fritts</i> <i>Raven Hylton</i>
18 <i>Etta Lee Conrad</i> <i>Lateffa Dennis</i>	19 <i>Taylor Gabriel</i>	20	21	22 <i>Andy Ferguson</i>	23 <i>Nathan Rose</i>	24 <i>Michael Byerly</i> <i>Benjamin Gates</i>
25 <i>James Beck</i>	26 <i>Bonnie Hedrick</i> <i>Chip/Ann Blower</i>	27 <i>Joann Turner</i> <i>Tim Everhart</i> <i>Andy/Kristal Ferguson</i>	28			

The Seniors are taking a winter break....we will see you next month!



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Sundays

915AM Sunday School
1030AM Worship



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