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# Currents

FEBRUARY 2012

## ANNUAL MEETING—FEBRUARY 5, ONE SERVICE

You are invited to come to the annual meeting in the life of the church as the congregation prepares to move ahead into the future. It will take place after worship on February 5. **THERE IS ONE SERVICE THIS DAY**

**AT 10:30 A.M.** A potluck will follow the meeting. Here are some general guidelines as to what to bring:  
Last name A-J: main dish  
Last name K-R: salad  
Last name S-Z: dessert

Everyone was mailed an annual report in mid-January, please read through that and bring it with you to the annual meeting.

## ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd and we will have a special worship service that evening at 6:30 p.m.

## LENTEN THEME—LUTHERANS & LAUGHTER

Join us for dinner, worship and discussion on Wednesday evenings in Lent! Starting on February 29, we will have dinner at 5:30 p.m., and a very brief worship service at 6:15 p.m. The bulk of the evening, 6:45-7:15 p.m., will be in small groups discussing our theme, Lutherans & Laughter. This is a great series for anyone

wanting to learn more about what it means to be Lutheran. Bring your sense of humor!

Kids are invited over to Pastor Jean and Matt's house (the parsonage) during the small group time and there will be activities for them. All are invited to participate in this Lenten journey!



Why is Luther winking?  
Come to our series  
to find out.

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNERS

Lenten Dinners will be served at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Lent. The meal for

February 29 will be Chicken dumpling and Chicken Noodle Soup and salad. The Lenten Service

begins at 6:15 p.m. and we will use the Holden Evening Prayer as our setting.

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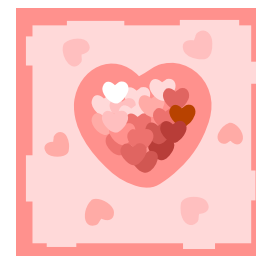
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### HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 County Road W  
Holmen, WI 54636  
Phone 608-526-3701  
Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays  
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
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### Return Service Requested

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Thursday. If you need to reach Kathleen, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail her at [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org).

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## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

### ADVENTUREFEST—APRIL 29

**ADVENTUREFEST PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!!!!**

By now, you probably have heard about Adventurefest, a run/walk/bike trek, which will be held on Sunday, April 29th to raise money for the Halfway Creek Building Fund. Here are some specific things you can do to help!

**PRAY!!!**

Ask for God's blessing on our Adventurefest planning, for great weather the day of the event, that God bless our efforts for our building fund. And above all, ask for God's will to be done in all that we do.

**Promote the event**

- \* Hang up an Adventurefest poster in the break room at work or a business you visit regularly.
- \* Share the Adventurefest Event Facebook link with your Facebook friends.
- \* Tell friends, family

members, neighbors, and co-workers about the event and get them registration forms if they are interested.

**Participate in the event**

- \* Sign up to run, walk, or bike.
- \* Invite someone to participate. Better yet, get a team together to participate!
- \* Collect pledges from your friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers for your participation in the walk (more info will come soon about this). Just think, if 50 members each collected \$100 in pledges, that would be \$5000 in pledges alone to add to our fundraising efforts!

**Support the event (even if you are not a walker, runner, or biker)**

- \* Volunteer to work at the event. There will be plenty of jobs from serving and selling food to handing out shirts to the participants.
- \* Sell raffle tickets.

- \* Sponsor someone participating from the congregation with a pledge. You will be supporting the building fund and helping your brother or sister in Christ to improve their physical health!
- \* Contact Lynn Wegner, Marna Holley, or Sonja Nelson if you have a contact for a raffle donation, a business sponsor, or a business vendor.
- \* Volunteer to bake treats for the runners, walkers, and bikers.
- \* Join the Adventurefest planning team! Let Lynn Wegner 526-3110 know if you are interested in helping and we will let you know when the next planning meeting is.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

December General Fund Income: \$ 17,336.04  
 December General Fund Expenses: \$ 10,138.63  
 December General Fund Net Income: \$ 7,197.41

**January General Fund Income – 4 Sundays: \$ 8,427.00**

General Fund Expenses Paid to 1/23/12:

Church Property	\$ 756.45	
Church Office	\$ 790.66	
Worship Expense	\$ 134.36	
Lay Activities	\$ 122.77	
Pastor Ministry	\$ 2,956.02	
Parsonage Expense	\$ 188.41	
Employee Expense	\$ 1,795.44	
Missions	\$ 0.00	
<b>Total Expenses Paid 1/23/12:</b>		<b>\$ 6,744.11</b>
Estimated Expenses due to 1/31/12		\$ 3,875.93
<b>Total Estimated January Expenses:</b>		<b>\$ 10,620.04</b>

HCLC 2011 Budget \$ 124,675.00

2011 Income to 12/31/11 \$ 123,310.57

2011 Expenses to 12/31/11 \$ 122,233.27



## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### Women of the ELCA

#### A Litany of Boldness

Leader: O Creative God, you made us in your image.

**All: You call us into discipleship in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: You empower us through the Holy Spirit.

**All: Let your lovingkindness be upon us as you accept our prayers.**

Leader: O God of our ancestors, we remember the bold witness of our foremothers who paved the way for all women, lay and ordained.

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: O Holy One, who breathes life into us all, we raise before you the bold women among us today.

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who pray, for those who parent, for those who study, for those who advocate,

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: For those who laugh, for those who share, for those who extend hospitality, for those who smile,

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

Leader: O Gracious One, forgive us when we are too timid to live up to the boldness you have placed within us.

**All: We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: O Gracious One, enable us to recognize, honor and support the boldness you have placed within others.

**All: We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: O God of infinite possibility, grant to us all the opportunity to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God of abundant life, grant to us all emotional, physical and spiritual wholeness so that we might best serve others in your name.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God of strength, give us courage, hope and open hearts, that we might experience expanding possibilities and grow through change.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Nurturing God, you have inspired and empowered women throughout all ages.

**All: Give us the courage and wisdom to act boldly on our faith in you, O Creating, Redeeming and Sustaining One. Amen.**

#### Are you a Bold Women?

Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether you live out your bold story of faith in the workplace, family or community, your faith compels you to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out your baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

#### Remember or honor your loved ones by supporting our Building Fund Challenge

Thank you to those who have contributed to our effort to raise \$100,000 by next September, for our Building Fund Challenge. An anonymous donor has pledged to match us, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, and a second donor will contribute an additional \$100,000 if we meet the target.

If you'd like to donate in memory, or honor of someone, or in your own name, please indicate your wishes and include your tax-deductible contribution with your offering, or mail it to the church. Leaves on the vine in the church entry commemorate these gifts. There is a brochure in the church entry that explains the Building Challenge and the brochure, along with a letter, has been mailed to homes of members and friends of the congregation. **Our next planning meeting is Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us.

#### Reaching Level (\$1,000 and up)

Priscilla and Archie Achterkirch

Dave Bringe

Lyle and June Gordon

Richard Granum

In Memory of Lola Holley

Morgan and Ruth Jostad

Bill and Rose Miller

Rose Simon

Anonymous

In memory of Gale Severson given by Thelma Severson

Steve & Gaye Johnson

In memory of Armin & Luella Heuer

#### Growing Level (\$500-\$999)

Lorraine Engstad

Ted and Jean Latham

In Memory of Oscar and Helga Lee by Doris and Ed Brudos

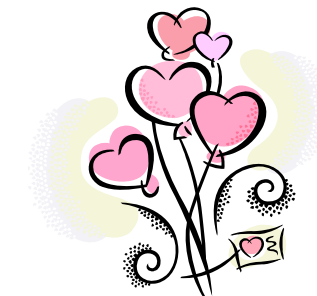
Jeff Moss

In Memory of Roy Oines by Lonnie Oines

In honor of Gaye Johnson given by Ginny Lewison

### BUILDING CHALLENGE UPDATE

Challenge Balance \$ 31,851.59



#### Keep warm this winter! Win an Amish quilt!

Combine an Amish-made quilt top and the talents of our Halfway Creek quilters and you have something beautiful and warm for those cold winter evenings. Support our Building Fund Challenge by purchasing raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6/\$5). Other prizes include a lap quilt and a wall hanging. The drawing will be held February 12. Contact Barb Hale for tickets or more information.



## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Anyone is welcome to submit an article to our monthly newsletter. Please e-mail it to Kathleen at [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org) by the deadlines listed below.

Issue	Submissions Due	Print	Collate/Mail
March 2012	February 20	February 23	February 24
April 2012	March 19	March 29	March 30
May 2012	April 16	April 26	April 27
June 2012	May 21	May 24	May 25
July 2012	June 18	June 28	June 29
August 2012	July 16	July 28	July 27
September 2012	August 20	August 30	August 31
October 2012	September 17	September 27	September 28
November 2012	October 15	October 25	October 26
December 2012	November 19	November 29	November 30
January 2013	December 17	December 27	December 28

### PIZZA SALES

We will be selling pizzas again this year!! Please plan to purchase pizza from the youth to help offset the cost of our Youth Trip to New Orleans this summer. You can fill out a pizza order form included in the newsletter and hand it into the office or return your slip to a youth. Please have all pizza orders in no later than March 4. We will be making the pizzas on March 9 and will deliver your pizzas that same day.

### PASTORAL ACTS

**New members**—Jim, Meredith, Jackson and Matty Conn, Jan . 15  
**Baptism**—Aleasha Charolette Payne, January 22

### QUILTING

Quilting will begin on Tuesday, February 7 and we meet from 8:30 a.m.—noon. Quilting will continue every Tuesday through the end of March. Everyone is welcome to help cut, sew, tie, or join in the fellowship.



### HCLC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING— FEBRUARY 12

The Halfway Creek Lutheran Cemetery Association annual meeting is scheduled for February 12th immediately following the 10:30 am service in the church sanctuary. Any questions please contact Raymond Lee, 608-769-6964.

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### YES! HOLMEN—FEBRUARY 19

We will be hosting a booth at the 23rd Annual “YES! Holmen” event which will be Sunday, February 19th, 2012 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Holmen High School. Holmen area residents get together for fun, visit the numerous booths, see and hear local talent, and partake of the food available in the food court. This event is FREE for the public. There will be a sign up sheet going around church if you want to sign up to help at our booth. We are in need of someone to head up this event. If you are interested, please call the church office at 526-3701.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual reports were mailed out in mid-January. Please read through it, enjoy the pictures from the last year, and give thanks to God for all that Halfway Creek has done in the last year to “Reach out to share Christ with all.” If you did not receive an annual report and you would like one, please call the church office (526-3701).

### CABIN FEVER CUPCAKE CONTEST—FEBRUARY 26

Looking for a fun way to beat your winter blues? Todd Trautmann of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting the second annual "Cabin Fever Cupcake Contest" Sunday, February 26th at the American Legion Hall in Onalaska. They are looking for people or groups interested in baking and decorating. As a volunteer baker you will need to:

- Bake 6-8 dozen mini cupcakes around the theme “Think Spring” to be judged for taste.
- Come up with a creative table display surrounding the theme of your cupcake to be judged for display.

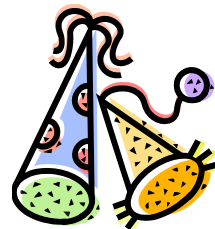
The baker or bakers will receive a gift card for purchasing baking material. Please note your creations do not need to be made “from scratch”, but it certainly can be if you desire! Any questions, call Todd or Susan at Thrivent (399-1285).

### FESTIVAL FOODS RECEIPTS

Just a reminder that we are currently taking in Jan / Feb / March grocery food receipts. The receipts can either be put in the offering plate or in the envelope in the back of the church or green envelope marked near the exit downstairs. Halfway is allowed up to \$500 per quarter. We use the money we are reimbursed from Festival Foods for Sugar Creek campers, youth and WELCA group. Festival is very generous to give back to us so please turn in the receipts. Any questions, call Elisa

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1	11	15	24
Taylor Trapp	Sonja Nelson	Jackson Ammerman	William Miller
	Kathleen Carson		McKenzie Ammerman
2		20	
LeRoy Holley	12	Daniel Dziedzic	25
	Donald Graham		Orin Nyseth
6		21	
Scott Gran	13	Maison Payne	27
	David Bringe		Bambi Daily
7	Cassie Noel	22	
Lee Anderson	Erin Bringe	Colette Kolbo	28
	Carter Thiele	Emily Lau	James Ronnie
8			Melissa Hopkins
Steven Johnson	14	23	Madelyn Bjorge
Judy Casberg	Theodore Latham	Laurie Leisgang	
Michael Borden	Susan Jostad		
Caitlyn Johnson			
MaKenzie Johnson			



**WE ARE READING THE BIBLE FROM BEGINNING TO END**

Meet us at the Blue Cup in Holmen on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. February 23 we will tackle the book of Judges and look into the book of Ruth.

Join us each fourth Thursday or when your schedule permits. You are always welcome!

**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.**

**SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION**

		ACOLYTE	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS	NURSERY
<b>FEB 5</b>		One service	One service	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Rhonda Britton	One service	One service	One service	
	1030	Gunnar Gates	Volunteer needed		Sonja Nelson	Kristi Johnson	Sonja Nelson	David & Jimmy Ann Gates	Rhonda & Savannah Britton
<b>FEB 12</b>	800	Cassey Bandoli	Stan Schwier	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Emily Jostad	Raymond Lee	Hannah Scholze	Robert and Dawn Bandoli	
	1030	Matty Conn	Matt Pagliaro		Thelma Severson	Jean Latham	Thelma Severson	Jim and Meredith Conn	Kendra Bringe
<b>FEB 19</b>	800	Archie and Priscilla Achterkirch	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad	John Daily	Ruth Scholze	Ruth Jostad	Archie and Priscilla Achterkirch	
	1030	Volunteer needed	Josh Johnson		Troy Fiers	Lee Anderson	Kendra Bringe	Volunteer needed	James Dokkebakken & Cassey Bandoli
<b>FEB 26</b>	800	Raymond & Marge Lee	Russ Bringe	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Bette Pedretti	Marge Lee	Rita Johnson	Raymond & Marge Lee	
	1030	Andrea & Chris Baxter	Dave Bringe		Susan Jostad	Andy Mueller	Jen Strangstalien	Andrea & Chris Baxter	Dana Casberg & Jessie Booth

**Thank you for your service in our worshipping community.**

If you are unable to volunteer for a time in which you are listed, please find somebody to take your place.