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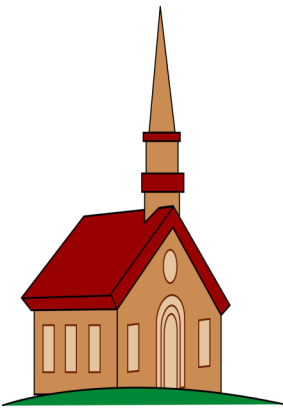
CURRENTS

JULY 2018

Reaching Out to Share Christ with All

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM



- July 1 --Inside service
- July 8 --Outside service
- July 15 --Outside service
- July 22 --Inside service
- July 29 --Inside service

How does the Halfway Creek Lutheran Church Garden Grow?

The garden is located below the hill by the outdoor worship area. A group meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday. If you would like to get your hands in the soil, come on Wednesday. If that time doesn't work, you are welcome to come and work in the garden anytime. Call Nancy Holley (608)526-3418- to see what needs to be done.



All produce is donated to the Salvation Army meal program. Take a stroll down and see how things are growing!!

NOTE FROM SR. BECKY

What does it mean to be the church? What does it mean to follow Jesus and through baptism be the body of Christ in the world? What does it mean to “practice resurrection?” Once we are adopted into God’s family through baptism, then what? Once we “*Share Christ with All*”, what’s next for them? What’s the point of congregational life? Evangelism, or inviting people into relationship with Christ is only the first step. Dwelling and maturing in that relationship is the process of formation and takes place over the rest of a person’s life.

Two thousand years ago, the early church wondered about those things too. And the Apostle Paul wrote them letters of encouragement and instruction that were passed around from one congregation to the other and eventually became part of the New Testament.

This month, as we move into deep summer, we’ll begin to dwell in those questions together as we hear the book of Ephesians in worship. In preparation for that I’m reading Eugene Peterson’s book “Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing up in Christ” where he uses the writing of St. Paul in Ephesians to examine and discuss what it means to “grow up in Christ.”

These questions are not only for us as individuals but also for us as an intentional Christian community; a congregation. What does it mean for us *together* as the people of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. I hope you’ll join us and add your questions and thoughts to the conversation.

Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. Enjoy the 4th of July!



Stronger Together

The Pastors and congregational presidents from the Holmen area ELCA churches will be meeting in the next few weeks to talk about ministries we can work on together. Ministries that might only be possible with the combined resources (people, talent, passion, and funds) from the three combined congregations. Do you have ideas about what that ministry might be? Do you see a need in our community that is unmet? Please contact Sr. Becky with your thoughts and ideas on this important initiative to Reach Out to Share Christ with All.

Contact the church office if you have a prayer concern, an announcement to share with the congregation or a need for pastoral support. If there is no one in the office 608-526-3701, please contact Sister Becky Swanson directly at one of the following numbers: **Her Cell:** 612-327-5087; **Her Church Line:** 608-399-3339



God's Work Our Hands Sunday – September 9th

We will again join with Holmen Lutheran at the Holmen Band Shell for outdoor worship together, lunch and a service project. You are invited to sing in the group choir and praise band. Stay tuned for more information. Our service project will be Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will collect Toothbrushes, handle combs, and nail clippers. Our goal is 300 kits. Collection boxes will be available on the pews in the entry way beginning July 8. **This year, HCLC will coordinate and serve the luncheon.**

Join us for
"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of
service in our community.



Church Directory by

This fall we will be scheduling a time for you and/or your family to have your portrait taken for a church directory. Mark your calendars—the dates we have scheduled with Lifetouch is October 11-13. Watch the bulletin, newsletter and email for more information to follow.

**SHOP ON AMAZON? EARN DONATIONS FOR HALFWAY CREEK THROUGH
AMAZONSMILE**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **Halfway Creek Lutheran Church** every time you shop, at no cost to you. You need to shop Amazon through the link smile.amazon.com and select Halfway Creek Lutheran Church as our charity. A donation of 0.5% from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases will be given. If you have an Amazon account already, it will work through the smile.amazon.com shopping link.

**COMMISSIONING YOUTH FOR HOUSTON, TX**

On Sunday, June 24th at 9:00 AM Service we had a commissioning for our youth and leaders. We sent them to the youth gathering with our blessings, so they have minds to learn, hearts to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to share the love of Christ. They will be sharing their experiences with the congregation in July. People that represented Halfway Creek Lutheran Church were: Aiztdon Stumlin,

Maddy Arendt, Zach Arendt, Savannah Horstman, Jacob Thornton, Jacob Wegner, Kennedy Strangstalien, Brooklynn Cook, Jordyn Stasiak, Abby Bramwell, Cassie Tolvstad, Mandi Horstman, Jon Strangstalien and Sr. Becky Swanson.



To God's angels for their donation of mulch and their time spent in the beautification of the outdoor worship area. It is restful for the Soul!!

"and He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey." [Deuteronomy 26:9](#)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

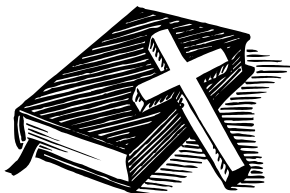
Do you knit or crochet? Do you pray?

Prayer shawls are simple items that are made with intention and prayer. Sr. Becky and the Befrienders can give people a physical reminder of God's love and our prayers that surround them through difficult times.

If you would like to make a prayer shawl, a simple pattern is available at the Info Center, or you can search "prayer shawl" on the internet for many pattern options. Please bring finished shawls to the office.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

A gentle reminder that a person's name will only be placed on the public prayer list if we have direct permission from the person or an immediate family member. If we receive a prayer request from a third party, Sr. Becky will pass the name only on to the prayer chain – no details of the request. She will attempt to contact the person or family member directly to schedule a visit and/or to get their permission to include them in the prayers of the church.



In Our Prayers : Roy Ackermann, Talon Lichtie, Aiden Noth, Katie Wier, Finn Swenson, Phoebe Kitzke, Sophia Zematis, Ayla Humphrey, Ted Latham, Gayle Kuespert, Andrea Baxter, Jim Ainslie, Jenny Wegner, Sue Bjerke, Matt & Cassie Tolvstad, Larry Severson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!!

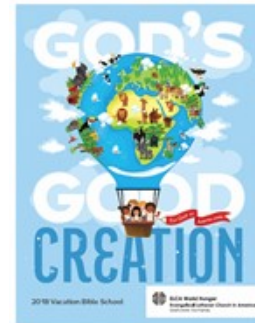
Who: Children going into preschool-5th grade

Dates: August 5-8

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm with free supper offered at 5:30 for children and their families.

Place: Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

We are looking for volunteers to help run this wonderful event! All of the congregation is encouraged to consider joining in on the fun. We have volunteer opportunities that will involve setting up and taking down decorations, serving supper, serving snack, leading stations, leading children from station to station, helping with crafts, cleaning and more! This is a fun opportunity for our older congregation members to get to know our youngest members and form lasting relationships. Confirmation students are able to earn service hours too! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jenessa Hill by texting or calling 507-313-3391 or send an email to Jenessahill117@gmail.com.

**SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES for Ages K-5 grades**

On July 11, Holmen Lutheran is registered for an Explorers Day at Sugar Creek. They will be taking a school bus there and back. They have invited our congregation to join them. If you are interested please contact Matt Iverson at Holmen Lutheran at 608-526-3621.

Details:

Who: For all young people going into K-5 grade. An adult must accompany child or a group of children

What: A day to experience a variety of what Sugar Creek has to offer, games, Bible study, pony rides, swimming, worship and more.

Where: Sugar Creek Bible Camp

When: Wednesday, July 11 – Bus will leave from Holmen Lutheran Church at 7:45 am and return to Holmen Lutheran at 4:15 pm

Cost: \$20 per child, parents/grandparents are free

Each Child (ages K-5) needs to bring the following items: Backpack, swimsuit, towel, water bottle, sunscreen, plastic bag for wet clothes.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to the “Sheep” campaign. We raised \$1,037.52. Our two sheep joined the flock Of 122 at the La Crosse Synod Assembly. Together with our neighboring churches over \$53,000 was raised for ELCA World Hunger.

Now, we are going to turn our focus to two local organizations. Holmen Lutheran’s food cupboard offers canned and boxed items. It is open during office hours. Weekdays 8:00 to noon and 2:00 to 4:00. **They are in need of HAMBURGER HELPER, CANNED PASTA, CANNED FRUIT, etc.** They have an abundance of canned vegetables.

Holmen’s Hope Lunch program offers a sack lunch 5 days a week. The lunches are served at Kingsfield & Creekside Trailer Courts and Hidden Glen Apartments. They are in need of **JUICE BOXES, FRUIT SNACKS AND GRANOLA BARS.** They also will use Kwik Trip cards to purchase bananas and bread. Place your donations in the shopping cart by the sanctuary entryway. Thank you again for your generosity.



Call Committee

The Call committee is in the organizational phase. We need your prayers as we continue on the process of calling a minister for HCLC. Kari Fredrickson has joined our discussion table.

We welcome the congregation’s questions, concerns and comments. But please remember much of our information is confidential.

Call Committee members: Rich Berger (rbergermax@gmail.com); Marna Holley (marna.holley@gmail.com); Travis Horstman (tjhorstman@charter.com); Jackson McCoy (mccoyjackson9@yahoo.com); Kari Fredrickson (karifredrickson81@gmail.com); Gaye Johnson (gayemj3@gmail.com)

Kornfest Parade Fun - Saturday, August 18th

We are seeking a group of people to help HCLC be present at Kornfest this year. Who wants to ride in the parade? Who has a flatbed so we can ride in the parade? Sr. Becky will play her accordion. You can sing or just wave and give candy. Kids of all ages welcome to join us. Please RSVP to the office.

VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2018

May 10, 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Jen S at 6:35pm

In Attendance

Jodi Eide, Mandi Horstman, Philip Johnson, Jen Strangstalien, Marna Holley, John Daily, Rich Berger, Kathi Hagel

Absent: Gaye Johnson(excused) ex officio: Sr. Becky Swanson

Devotions: Acts 1: 1-11

Approval of Agenda

Added Summer Worship to Old Business. Motion to approve Kathi/Marna second

Approval of Minutes

John moved to approve the minutes/ Jodi E second.

Reports

1. Interim Pastor report- Sr. Becky typed up and we reviewed, nothing to discuss. Motion to approve Rich/ Kathi second

2. Financial Report: Jodi E./Sr. Becky- WELCA is still active and have accounts checking/ savings. Need to talk about Dedicated funds Joanne Nichols is looking into the ELCA information. Jodi A will include the Thrivent Endowment in financials. Smile Amazon needs to be brought up at a service. Simply giving- Mandi volunteered to give Temple Talks at May 13th. Motion to approve the report John /Kathi second.

3. Youth Report: \$3000 still needed, Brat Barn on May 26th from 10-5. Thursday May 17th Parent/kid Meeting. Mandi suggested an online donation through Facebook. Possible Youth Team.

4. Sunday School update. May 13th is last day of Sunday School, teachers will be recognized. VBS will be hosted at HCLC Aug 5-8 in the evenings. Jenessa is in need of a co-coordinator or someone to take over. Keeping the youth involved.

Old Business

* Building Use Policy: Marna presented her updated version. Motion to approve updates Kathi/Rich second.

* Church Directory- Rose is in touch with Lifetouch, end of September or Early October.

* Summer Worship- Zach is learning the liturgy it will be a new setting, 6/3 Outside, 6/10 Inside, 6/17 Inside, 6/24 Outside, 7/1 Inside, 7/8 Outside, 7/15 Outside, 7/22 Inside, 7/29 Inside.

* Name Tags- Savannah Horstman will help with Name tags with the kids. Kids can decorate theirs.

New Business

* Housing allowance- Needs to be discussed with Executive team.

* Lawn care- Rose talked to someone this week.

* Call Committee- Met with the Bishop on 5/2- there is a candidate. Looking for 1-2 people for the Vision Board. We need to review the interview process. The Bishop will come to the meeting when they present a candidate. Need to appoint 1 other call committee.

* New Members- Marci Mc Donald, Lori Anderson, Jordan, Maureen & JJ Ouellette

Confirmation- students and new members accepted. Motion to accept membership was made by John/Mandi second.

* Memorial/Dedicated funds- Joanne Nichols to review.

* Building Signage- Hospitality Team and signage needed do we need a sub-committee for interior design? Or a strategic planning meeting? As far as the signage goes Marna will look to see if there is a sign that GHS might donate

* Parsonage Maintenance- Call Archie for issues.

Good of the Order

Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn was made by Phil at 8:35pm.

Next Meeting June 14th 6:30pm.



SERVING AND WORSHIP

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JULY 1	9 0 0	Morgan Jostad	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
JULY 8	9 0 0	David Chase	Karla Johnson Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
JULY 15	9 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Nancy Holley Diane Jostad	Jodi Eide Patti Happel	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
JULY 22	9 0 0	Russ Bringe	Bette Pedretti Barb Hale	Joe Noth	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
JULY 29	9 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad	Mike Martin John Daily	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

Lots of Opportunity— Volunteer for a Service

To make Sunday Services a success, your time is needed. Go to www.halfwaycreek.org and select the Sign-Up Genius button. Two other ways is to call the office 608-526-3701 or use the sign up sheets on the bulletin board near the coffee area.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Braxtyn Jensen-Pralle Earl Hammond	11 Heather Dokkebaken Jacob Wegner	16 Carolyn Bjerke Richard Granum	24 Joanne Nichols
6 Ryan Beville Brianna Cook Daryl Holley Ann Stasiak	12 Gladys Albers Leann Theisen	17 Gracie Holley	25 Ella Gander
8 Nicole Craig DeeDee Kolbo	13 Jessie Booth Jerin Rink	18 Diana Berger	26 Camden Lee
9 Bette Pedretti Katherine Stasiak	14 Mike Bramwell Joel Oines	19 Richard Gran Macie Larson Darren Nelson Alyssa Rink	28 Carilyn Daily Erin Hale Lane Hansen
10 Nola Anderson	15 Cassandra Bandoli Raymond Lee	21 Bryson Happel	31 Kendall Yahnke
		23 Landry Hill	



TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER, OR EVER? IF YOU STAY IN A HOTEL, MOTEL, whatever, that provides toiletry samples....

Please bring some home. Individual soaps, shampoos, conditioner, lotion, anything *unopened* can be used at the Salvation Army shelter.

Staying more than one night? Tuck them away the first night and you will get more! This is a hugely appreciated donation to those who come for a safe overnight.

There will be a basket on the table outside the sanctuary. When it fills we will drop the contents off downtown. Thank you for sharing the luxury of a stay at the inn with those who just seek shelter.

July 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Jul 1</div> <div>9:00am Worship Service</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Youth Gathering participants arrive home</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Independence Day 8:00am OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</div>	<div>5</div> <div>12:30pm Staff Meeting</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>9:00am Worship Service - Outdoor Service</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:30pm Vision Board</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>9:00am Worship Service - Outdoor Service 5:00pm Living Hope Supper in Ettrick</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Currents Deadline</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
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<div>29</div> <div>9:00am Worship Service</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>5:00pm Holmen's Hope monthly dinner at American Legion</div>	<div>Aug 1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>

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Sunday Summer Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sister Becky Swanson

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you need to reach Rose Wegner, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail at assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

PASTORAL CARE

If the need arises for Pastoral Care, please contact Sister Becky Swanson at one of the following numbers:

Cell: 612-327-5087

Sr Becky Direct: 608-399-3339

Office : 608-526-3701

