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HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service—join us for an evening of worship, prayer and communion as we reflect on the new commandment Jesus gave us, that we would love one another as He loved us.

Friday, April 18

Noon—"Crosswalk"—meet at Bandshell

A more "family friendly" way to observe Good Friday. We will start at noon at the Bandshell in Halfway Creek Park in Holmen and walk through the community, pausing at places for song, prayer and scripture. We will end up at Holmen Lutheran with an indoor worship focused on the seven last words of Christ.

1:00 pm – Good Friday Worship—at Holmen Lutheran Church

7:00 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Service—at Halfway Creek

Tenebrae means *darkness* or *shadows*. At the final word, the church will be immersed in total darkness. The focus on rising darkness reminds us of the suffering of Jesus on the cross. This is one of the most moving and powerful services of the year.

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m.—Sunrise Service in Whispering Pines (weather permitting) to hear the announcement of our Lord's resurrection.

8:00 a.m.— Festive Worship service in the sanctuary
- *after worship—ceremonial groundbreaking*

10:30 a.m.— Festive Worship service in the sanctuary
- *after worship—ceremonial groundbreaking*

Our youth will serve **Easter breakfast** from **7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
The menu is egg bake, muffins, fruit bread, fruit, milk, coffee and juice.
Invite your friends and relatives!

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

W6016 County Road W
Holmen, WI 54636
Phone 608-526-3701
Pastor Jean Pagliaro
Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
on Sundays
www.halfwaycreek.org

Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
If you need to reach Kathleen
Jensen, you may leave a
message on the answering
machine or e-mail her at
assistant@halfwaycreek.org.



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NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

LENTEN DINNER MENU AND DISCUSSION BOOK THEME—
"WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE"

Please join us for dinner, worship, and discussion on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We will have dinner at 5:30 pm, and a very brief worship service at 6:15 pm. The bulk of the evening, 6:45-7:30 pm, will be in small groups discussing our theme, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People". Our discussion will be based off of the book that has the same title and is written by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Children are invited over to Pastor Jean and Matt's house during the small group time and there will be activities for them.

April 2– hotdogs/ chili dogs
April 9—Tator Tot hotdish

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP READING SCHEDULE

If you are participating in our Lenten small groups on Wednesday nights, please follow this reading schedule:
April 2— have chapters 6&7 read
April 9— have chapter 8 read

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Again this year, we will be accepting orders for Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter Sunday. After the worship services that day, you are encouraged to take your flower home with you. If you would like to order a flower, please call the church office immediately (608-526-3701). The order is being placed on Monday, March 31.

GROUND BREAKING—APRIL 20

We are getting close to breaking ground for the new addition to the church! We are hoping to break ground on Monday, April 21. Please bring a shovel, hard hats, and anything else that is construction related to help celebrate the day! Thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout this process!

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Easter Sunday, April 20, at the end of both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. We will celebrate an exciting journey as well as pray for God's hand to guide the construction phase of the project.

The most current building plans are on our website www.halfwaycreek.org. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Hackett at sweetcarolinesue@gmail.com, or John Daily at jd30-jd30@hotmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss statement for January 1—March 26, 2014

General Fund Income: \$ 25,932.50
General Fund Expenses: \$ 28,434.92
General Fund Net Income: \$ - 2,323.42

If you would like more details on the financial statement please contact Bob Bandoli at robertbandoli@hotmail.com

Thank you quilters!!! A small group of ladies meets every Tuesday morning in February and March for three hours and they made 130 quilts this year. They sent 94 to Lutheran World Relief and 26 to the La Crosse Salvation Army. What a wonderful way to Reach out to Share Christ with All!!!

Theology Uncorked had another great turnout in March! This is a monthly women's group where women from Journey Lutheran, Holmen Lutheran and Halfway Creek Lutheran get together to discuss topics of faith and life. Please join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Holmen Meat Locker.



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

You Can Get a Healthy Night's Sleep

What do exercise, diet and sleep have in common? They all have a significant impact on our wellness! The importance of sleep has finally taken its place alongside diet and exercise as essential to a person's health and wellbeing. The Center for Disease Control has even cited the importance of getting adequate sleep with regard to public health and safety. The CDC estimates that over 70 million Americans have sleep disorders, with most of these undiagnosed and untreated.

Diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity and depression are some of the more commonly known diseases associated with chronic sleep deprivation. Additionally, the result of insufficient sleep has a huge impact on public safety contributing to motor vehicle **accidents, work-related injuries, poor quality of life, increased healthcare costs, and decreased work productivity.**

Obstructive sleep apnea is the sleep disorder that we hear about most often. When left untreated, sleep apnea often **results in some or all of the side effects associated with insufficient sleep as listed above.** Evaluation and treatment of sleep apnea is imperative to help reduce the risks of other health conditions developing or becoming worse.

There are many other issues that can cause short- or long-term sleeping difficulty. Common triggers are stress due to school or job-related pressure, family problems, family illness or death in the family, irregular schedules, and shift work. Learning how to manage sleep problems early can help individuals avoid developing long-term issues with **insomnia.**

Healthy sleep hygiene really is the best way to promote good sleep and protect against developing more serious problems.

Ash Wednesday

- Do you have any of these symptoms?
- These symptoms may indicate that you're not getting sufficient sleep:
- Irritability, moodiness and apathy
 - Slowed speech and flattened emotional responses
 - Impaired memory and inability to multitask
 - 5-10 second micro sleeps causing lapses in attention
 - Nodding off at inappropriate times

Try these sleep hygiene tips for a good night's sleep:

- Keep a regular sleep/wake schedule
- Minimize caffeine, especially 4-6 hours** before bedtime
- Avoid alcohol and heavy meals before sleep
- Get regular exercise**
- Make your bedroom a "sleep inducing" environment (dark, cool)
- Develop a soothing bedtime routine (read a book, take a bath)
- Avoid watching TV or using computers in bed; keep bedroom for sleeping



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

SECOND CENTURY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Construction Bids Received and Accepted for Church Addition

On Thursday, March 20th, The Second Century Committee (SCC) opened bids for the new building addition. We received three bids from general contractors. The bids were very favorable to us as they were lower than our estimates. After reviewing the bids, the SCC agreed to recommend to the Vision Board to enter into contract with Olympic Builders to be our general contractor for the addition. Olympic was not the lowest bidder, but after discussing the bids, the committee made the recommendation to hire Olympic. The low bidder has not done a project this large. Olympic and some of their sub contractors have ties with the congregation. The committee was very comfortable to make this recommendation.

The bid from Olympic was \$749,842. The low bid was \$740,000. The 3rd bid was \$800,250.

On Sunday, March 23, 2014, the Vision board accepted and approved the bid from Olympic Builders. In addition to the bid results, the Vision board was informed that several items were not included in the bids. Things such as flooring finishes, lighting fixtures, and landscaping are our responsibility. The following is an estimate of other owner responsibility costs to complete the building:

Flooring	\$ 50,000
Lighting Fixtures	\$ 50,000
Architectural Fees	\$ 51,550
Permit and Loan Fees	\$ 10,000
Total	\$161,550

If you add this total to the General Contractor, our costs are at \$911,482. We would be wise to add a 10% contingency fund (\$75,000) for unexpected expenses and change orders. (This was figured into our original loan application.) With the contingency added, our estimated cost is \$986,032. Our original project total cost estimate was \$1,082,460. We are about \$100,000 below that amount. We would like to add a line item for furnishings and landscaping as well. (See tally in next column.)

Gen. Contractor	\$749,482
Owner purchases	\$161,550
Contingency Fund	\$ 75,000
Furnishings & Landscape	??? TBD
Total	\$986,032

The committee also received bids for flooring on March 20th. Those bids ranged from \$14,384 to \$47,758. The wide range of bids is the result of inconsistent quality of flooring materials included in the bids. The interior design sub-committee will continue to work with the contractors to ensure bids/quotes include the quality of flooring we are looking for.

Financial Information:

In the March Vision Board meeting, the board voted to use Merchants Bank as our lender for this project. We have been pre-approved to borrow up to \$588,000 to complete our building project. To date, we have raised about \$470,000. To complete the project, we now believe our total debt will be close to \$500,000. We are hopeful it will be even less. We encourage you to continue your building pledge giving. Please continue to support the building fund by purchasing Kwik Trip, Festival or Kohls script cards from the church. A report of fundraising from script card sales will appear in next month's newsletter.

Groundbreaking:

Join us for ceremonial groundbreaking following the 8:00 and 10:30 services on Easter Sunday (April 20th). Construction should begin shortly after Easter. We expect the project to be complete prior to Christmas.

The SCC wishes to thank you for your continued support and prayers. This is an exciting time in the life of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church! Updated plans and fundraising efforts are posted near the ramp door on the North end of the church. Please contact any of the SCC members if you have any questions. The members are: Diana Berger, Rich Berger, John Daily, David Gates, Carolyn Hackett, Jean Latham, and Lynn Wegner. Archie Achterkirch and Morgan Jostad will also be serving as the congregation liaisons to the general Contractor.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.
SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		ACOLYTE	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS
A P R 6	8 0 0	Ben Mally	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Pat Martin	Mike Martin	Steve & Kristi Mally
	1 0 3 0	Bryce Hale	Morgan Jostad			Kennedy Strangstalien	Sonja Nelson	Erin Hale
A P R 13	8 0 0	Jacob Thornton	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson Hannah Scholze	Emily Jostad Thelma Severson	Amy Noel	Ruth Jostad	Carolyn Hackett
	1 0 3 0	Jacob Wegner	Matt Pagliaro			Gunnar Gates	Jessie Booth	Shawn & Lynn Wegner
A P R 20	8 0 0	Zach Mueller	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Duane and Mary Crocker	Ruth Scholze	Hannah Scholze	Andy & Tina Mueller
	1 0 3 0	Savannah Horstman	Josh Johnson			Susie Johnson	Savannah Britton	Travis & Mandi Horstman
A P R 27	8 0 0	Alyssa Rink	Russ Bringe	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Raymond Lee	Amy Noel	Matt & Dawn Rink
	1 0 3 0	Jordyn Stasiak	Dave Bringe			Erin Bringe	Laura Arnold	John & Ann Stasiak



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.
WELCA NEWS



SPRING GATHERING—APRIL 12

The Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 12 at Zion Lutheran in Galesville. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the call to worship at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$12 (after April 7 the fee is \$15.00). If you have questions please call Betty Kirchner at 608-857-3433.

SUMMER EVENT—JUNE 11

Our summer event will be June 11th at Blair Lutheran. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by coffee/fellowship. We will gather for the program at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$7.00 which includes a noon luncheon before we depart. Reservations are due by June 4th. Please send your reservations to Gerda Anderson, W14848 Larson Coulee Rd, Ettrick, WI 54624. If you have questions please call Betty Kirchner at 608-857-3433.

REFLECTION

Gifts that shape the common good
by Emma Crossen

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4–7
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Reflection
Stewardship often begins with the question “How do I use my gifts to benefit the common good?” We even ask it of others to help them get more involved. How can *she* use *her* gifts to benefit our common good? We should be careful, though, or else we’ll use this question to avoid change. For instance, consider a women’s group that says the common good requires four officers, monthly Bible study and at least two annual fundraisers. To support this “common good,” they set out to find women to fill these roles and carry out

these activities. What happens if the women in the congregation are tired of doing business meetings but love monthly Bible study? What if they can’t find four women to serve as officers but they do have new women who bring gifts for organizing retreats, planning service projects and building relationships through prayer? What if they let these new gifts reshape their vision of the common good? Instead of needing four officers, they could appoint a coordinating team. They might revive a prayer chain through email and Facebook, invite more women to join and see how those prayers shape new relationships. They might replace the spring luncheon with an annual retreat at a nearby state park. Instead of trying to squeeze each other’s gifts into an old vision of the “common good,” what if they asked each other, “How is my vision of the common good changing because of the gifts you bring?” 1 Corinthians reminds us that the common good has many expressions. Women of the ELCA describes the common

good in big, broad language that leaves room for variety and change. In the words of our purpose statement: *We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.* There are many ways to live out this purpose with a variety of gifts, activities and service. As scripture says, “It is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”

Prayer: God who is one, guide us to learn more about each other and the gifts we bring, so we can further our vision and pursuit of the common good. Amen

****This devotion was taken from Interchange, Women of the ELCA.**

Thanks to everyone who helped with quilting, serving meals at area churches, and supporting the chicken-q.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE



April 6: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

April 13: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

April 20: **EASTER SUNDAY**
* **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**, but children sing
at 8:00 am and 10:30 am services *

April 27: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. The kids will
NOT be singing at 10:30 a.m. service

May 4: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

May 11: Mothers Day Brunch during
Sunday School.

May 18: Last day of Sunday School, and the kids
will be singing at 10:30 a.m. service

Look for more information about Vacation Bible
School coming soon!

Happy Spring!

HCLC Sunday school Team

CONFIRMATION—MAY 4

Confirmands will be affirming their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 4 at the 10:30 a.m. worship. Support

our young people on this milestone of their faith journey! The Confirmands this year are: Cassie Bandoli, Tyson Gates, Zach

Gordon, Kindra Johnson, Lars Oines, Trevor Plomedahl, Rachel Temp and Jordyn Stasiak.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATE RECOGNITION—MAY 11

On May 11 at both services our high school and college graduates will be honored. Please contact the

church office (608-526-3701) by May 4, 2012 if you are graduating this spring.

E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every week Pastor Jean sends out e-mail announcements to the congregation. If you are not re-

ceiving these and you would like to, please e-mail her at

pastor@halfwaycreek.org to get on the e-mail distribution list.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please let the church office know so Pastor Jean can visit

them. HIPAA prevents us from being able to call the hospitals to find out if one of our members is there.

HOME VISITS

If you or someone you know hasn't been able to come to

church in awhile and would like a visit from Pastor Jean, please let

the church office know. Pastor Jean loves to visit members.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3	15	22	27
Gregory Temp	Kristi Johnson	Gabriel Hansen	Rebecca Hauser
4	16	Allison Oines	Joyce Romskog
Rachael Hauser	Matthew Betsinger	Ethan Oines	28
Trinity Horstman	Erica Daily	23	Kathleen Jensen
5	18	Preston Ammerman	Katie Loper
Jeremy Jessesky	Andrea Baxter	Savannah Britton	Cartyr Stumlin
6	19	Philip Johnson	29
Rhonda Britton	Jennifer Kruckow	Joanne Mihm	Audrey Bringe
Doug Gordon	Wyatt Oines	Randy Tuquero	Lars Oines
Zach Johnson	20	24	30
12	Kimberly Lavold	Roy Ackermann	Barbara Rudy
Kennedy Strangstalien	21	26	
14	Kathleen Kitzke	Dawn Bandoli	
Alexa Lautenschlager	Chantel Temp		



April 17—MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	6:30 PM
Usher/Acolyte	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sexton	Archie Achterkirch
Lector	Marge Lee
Communion Assistant	Ruth Scholze



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

VISION BOARD MINUTES—MARCH 13, 2013 MEETING

David Gates called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Secretary's report was approved. Bob Bandoli made the motion and Lee Anderson seconded.

We were updated on the terms that the Mission Investment Fund and Merchants Bank submitted for the building loan.

There was a contractor open house on March 13th that was very well attended by reputable local companies. The contractor bids are due March 20th.

Bob Bandoli gave the treasurer's report. He is presenting both a profit and loss statement and a balance sheet. Our accountant, Katie from Stetzer Accounting, is working with us to develop rules and procedures for the treasurer and finance team.

Lynn Wegner presented the Second Century Committee's recommendation for our primary lender for the building addition. Lee Anderson made a motion to approve the offer submitted by Merchants Bank for \$585,000 at an interest rate of 4.25%. Marna Holley seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor Jean updated us on the youth mission trip to California. Fundraising for the trip is complete. Pastor Jean has secured a 12-person van for use while in California. Thanks to Sam Daily for all her work!

The confirmation retreat to Eau Claire was a success. On Saturday, the students served at Hope Gos-

pel Mission and after a full day of service relaxed at Metropolis Resort.

The Vision Board was notified that the raise for church employees approved previously is retroactive to the beginning of the year.

The architect's fee installment of \$18,930.00 was presented for approval. This is the second installment of the fee to which we are contractually obligated. Brian Mueller made a motion to approve. Bob Bandoli seconded. Motion was approved.

The Vision Board designated the following amounts as housing allowance in Pastor Jean Pagliaro's compensation. This is a designation of a portion of her current compensation and is not additional to her current compensation. Sue Chase made a motion to approve this designation. Lee Anderson seconded. Motion was approved.

Family Cell Phone and Messaging Plan	\$1400.00
Cable and Internet	\$ 350.00
Renter's Insurance	\$ 575.00
External Landscaping	\$ 350.00
General Upkeep	\$ 250.00
Total	\$2925.00

The first Lenten mid-week service and book discussion was well at-

tended. There were 76 people present at worship, and almost 40 people participated in the book discussion.

A worship survey will be given concerning summer worship options.

Aaron, Angela, Aspen and Adelynn Balow were officially welcomed as new members. Marna Holley made a motion to officially welcome. Lee Anderson seconded. Motion was approved.

The Vision Board received copies of the Church Constitution as updated and ratified, February 4, 2013.

Pastor Jean will take vacation on April 6th. Pastor David Bersagel will be preaching that Sunday.

Marna Holley inquired about plans for the groundbreaking. Are there plans to invite local media? Can we look into doing something other than or in addition to shovels? What are the plans for the large tree that will be removed? Any ideas can be emailed to Pastor Jean and CC'd to Lynn Wegner.

Pastor led us in a devotional regarding what each one of us felt was the most exciting thing that has been happening at church lately. We meditated on the question of what role we had in making it happen and what God's role is.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Faithfully Submitted,
Brian Mueller

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

CALLING ALL "CARING FOR COLLEGE" DONATIONS!!

Caring for College is a program that, with the help of the HCLC congregation, I will send care packages to our HCLC college students. This is a great ministry to let our college students know that they are being thought of and prayed for throughout the year. The first packages were sent last Christmas and were a huge hit! I will be collecting items once again to send out a Spring package. Yes, I said SPRING. Having a college freshman attending Madison this year, I know how much the students LOVE to receive care packages in the mail. It's a great reminder that they are being thought of.

STEP ONE: Please send me the name, address and graduating year of any Halfway Creek Lutheran Church college student as soon as possible. This information can be emailed to craigclan4@charter.net. Please put "Caring for College" in the subject line. PLEASE let me know if any existing students address's have changed.

STEP TWO: Please donate items to include in the packages. A list of possible items are listed here, but feel free to donate items NOT on this list as well. Get creative and have fun!

Granola bars
Nuts
Trail mix
Packaged cookies/Girl Scout Cookies
Twizzlers
Cereal bars
Microwave popcorn
Animal crackers
Chewing gum
Peanut Butter crackers
M&Ms
Coffee packets
Nail polish (for the girls)
Fuzzy socks
Window Clings
Pens/Pencils
Tide pods (Yes, they DO use them)
Gift Cards (WalMart, Target, Chain Restaurants)

*Home-baked treats (Drop off on April 20th)

Letters and greeting cards with words of encouragement-VERY IMPORTANT ITEM!

STEP THREE: Bring the items to church and put in the tote (located in the back of the church) labelled "Caring for College". Or call me at [608-769-3984](tel:608-769-3984) and I can pick up items.

I will gather items and cards, package in a designer box and ship to our students.

DONATION DATES: Anytime between now and Sunday, April 20th.
*Please bring any home-baked goodies to the church **ON** Sunday, APRIL 20th. I can package in vacuum sealed bags for ideal freshness and shipping.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions. I think this is a great program to Reach out and Share Christ with our College Students!

Thank you for your help,
Nicole Craig



March's Prayer and Pinterest activity was making a burlap Easter wreath

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.



Our Confirmation students spent the weekend in Eau Claire. They worked one day at Hope Gospel Mission and did a fantastic job serving!

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

VISION BOARD MINUTES—MARCH 23—SPECIAL MEETING

Sunday, March 23rd, 2014
Bob Bandoli called the meeting to order at 9:46 am.

The following members were present: Sydney Craig, Susan Chase, Marna Holley, Brian Mueller, Shelly Vander Linden, and Bob Bandoli (presiding).

Archie Achterkirch presented the recommendations of the Second Century committee. Three bids were submitted for approval by the Vision Board. We were also informed that a contingency fund for any unforeseen cost overruns has

been recommended and that the Second Century Committee is proposing a contingency fund of \$75,000.00. This will be part of the budgeting process undertaken by that committee.

The lowest bid \$736,500. This would be that contractor's first major project, and they were unable to include one of our preferred subcontractors.

Olympic Builders submitted the second lowest bid at \$742,482. They have experience with building projects of this size, and were able

to include our preferred subcontractors. This was the recommended bid of the Second Century Committee.

The third lowest bid was \$790,650.00. This contractor has experience with building projects of this size, and were able to include our preferred subcontractors.

After a short discussion, Marna Holley made a motion to approve the bid of Olympic Builders. Seconded by Susan Craig. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 10:00am.



Thank you to everyone that helped serve and donated food for Holmen's Hope Dinner recently.

