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# Currents

OCTOBER 2014

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

—OCTOBER 12, 11:30 PM

Pastor Jean will be leading a First Communion Class for anyone interested on October 12 at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in receiving your First Communion please call the church office at 526-3701 to sign up for this class.

## DAVID BERLING - OCTOBER 19

We will be welcoming David Berling, a Holmen native, to Halfway Creek on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. He will be giving the message at both services. David has a very moving story to share and we encourage you to come and hear how his faith has helped him through very difficult and challenging experiences. Here is part of his story:

On the night of April 29, 2007, while an active duty Air Force Captain, David Berling was in a private plane crash in Los Angeles, California. He was the

only person on board. LA County firefighters, paramedics, and sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene within minutes and were surprised to find David alive. The team stabilized David as he hung upside down in his aircraft and prayed for the best when an ambulance whisked him away to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Ultimately, David suffered multiple injuries requiring two amputations, 28 surgeries, and a hospital stay of over two months. As a military service member, he

was transferred to the Naval Medical Center San Diego for the majority of his treatment and recovery.

*Just Living the Dream: No Way Out But Through* is a 2013 biography by Captain David Berling (retired), Melissa Berling, and Kim Berling. It is a family's inspiring true story of a pilot's journey through recovering from a traumatic plane crash to getting back in the cockpit.

We hope to see you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

## CONVERSATION AND CELEBRATION—OCTOBER 25



Please join us on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00-12:00 for Conversation and Celebration of who we are and what God is calling us to be as a

congregation. Team members are strongly encouraged to attend so please mark this on your calendars now. Also, you do not need to be a

part of a team to join us. All are welcome and we would love to have you as a part of the morning.

### HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Jean Pagliaro  
Worship at 8:00 a.m. and  
10:30 a.m. on Sunday.  
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## Return Service Requested

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday, and noon-5pm on Tuesdays. If you need to reach Kathleen Jensen, 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

### HALFWAY CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN SOON

Halfway Choir will soon begin rehearsing for its Christmas program. Rehearsals will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings and the program will be performed on Sunday, December 14th during

worship. Please contact Lynn Wegner at 526-3110 or [lwegner2005@yahoo.com](mailto:lwegner2005@yahoo.com) by October 7th if you are interested in joining the choir. Please watch



the announcements for more information regarding the starting date for rehearsals.

### CHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS TO BEGIN OCTOBER 12

Chime Choir will begin rehearsing for its Christmas concert on

October 12 at 11:30am. If you are interested in playing the

chimes, please call Lynn Wegner at 526-3110.

### YOUTH COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Youth Team is currently searching for a new Youth Coordinator. The position will be posted internally to the congregation and then externally if needed. There is no end date to the posting at this

time. The Youth Team will serve in the capacity of Youth Coordinator until the position has been filled. If you are interested in the position or would like to see the job description please contact

Pastor Jean or a member of the Youth Team (Rhonda Britton, Susan Chase, Mark Craig, Sydney Craig, Josh Johnson).

### NEW TEAM—FAITH & FITNESS

We are excited to introduce a new Faith and Fitness Team! Included in this newsletter are activity calendars. We've created one for families and one for adults. These activities will hopefully encourage you to try something new and move a little more than normal. Check off, place a sticker, or

highlight each one you complete and feel proud of the extra activity you've added to your life. The Faith and Fitness Team will provide these monthly calendars in the newsletter and on the website. Our goal is to help you build your faith while growing your fitness. An incentive for completing

activities will be coming with future newsletters, but we're still so new that we haven't figured out what that is. For now and always, one incentive is that you're building a healthier life for yourself.

### PASTORAL ACTS

- New members: Mark & Shelly Thompson
- Wedding: Jared Stange & Kelsey Johnston, October 4

# JourneyFest

## Oct. 3-5, 2014

at Journey Lutheran Church  
2703 Sand Lake Rd in Holmen  
*celebrating the grand "reopening" of our newly remodeled sanctuary*

A special invitation to our sisters and brothers at Halfway Creek...please come and help us celebrate!

### Friday, Oct 3

#### The Duct Tape Games 6-8pm

a youth gathering for middle and high school youth with food, bonfire, doorprizes and of course the games



### Saturday, Oct 4

#### Chicken-Q 11am-5pm by Rooster Andys

a great half-chicken meal for \$8

*Pre-Sale tickets are available in the Halfway Creek Church Office*



### FREE "Hot Sauce" Concert 6-8:30pm

"Hot Sauce" is Hans Mayer, Wayne Beezley and Larry Dalton @ 7pm there will be an intermission with *free* pie and ice cream, flavored coffees, hot apple cider and door prizes



### Sunday, Oct 5

#### Children's Time with Hans Mayer in Concert

9:15-10:00 am

11:15-11:45 am

(11:45 Potluck dinner)





## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### PROTECTING YOUR HEAD

Think concussions only happen in football? Think again. You don't have to play a contact sport to be at risk for a concussion. Concussions are common on and off the playing field – any spill, bump or blow to the head can result in a concussion. They are particularly common in activities on wheels, including bicycling, skateboarding and in-line skating.

A concussion is a traumatic brain injury that alters the way the brain functions. Unfortunately, it's often difficult to diagnose and treat. Common symptoms include headache, dizziness and trouble concentrating. Concussions can have lasting results. While the effects of a concussion are usually temporary, every concussion injures the brain to some extent. Even after one concussion, some victims sustain varying degrees of long-term health problems. Even worse: people who sustain subsequent concussions may acquire lasting, and even progressive impairment that limits functional ability.

**Get the Facts About Concussions:**

**All concussions are SERIOUS.** If the injury occurs in a sporting event, immediately remove the person from play for assessment. Get evaluated by a health care provider.

Most concussions do not cause loss of consciousness.

**Get properly diagnosed:** Approximately one-half of all concussions are unreported and untreated, although increased education and awareness have improved recognition and treatment.

Children generally take longer to recover from a concussion.

**Give it time:** Rest the body and brain by limiting or avoiding physical activity, television, reading, computer usage or texting.

**Practice prevention:** Wear your helmet every time to prevent concussions from occurring. Helmets are important, but equipment alone doesn't guarantee that you won't get a concussion.

Excerpt from MCHS You Matter Newsletter 2014

## SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		ACOLYTE	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS
OCT 5	800	Alyssa Rink	Mike Martin	Karla Johnson Hannah Scholze	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Gabby Hansen	Ruth Jostad	Matt & Dawn Rink
	1030	Jack Bringe	Morgan Jostad			Mary Hammond	Bryce Hale	Dave & Katrina Bringe
OCT 12	800	Olivia Temp	Stan Schwier	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Tara Heiser	Rose Simon	Greg & Chantel Temp
	10320	Zach Mueller	Matt Pagliaro			David Gates	Chance Brandau	Andy & Tina Mueller
OCT 19	800	Kohl Linberg	Archie Achterkirch	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Joe Noth Stephanie Lubinsky	Ruth Jostad	Brian Mueller	Luke & Jesse Olnes
	10390	Aiden Noth	Josh Johnson			Kennedy Strangstalien	Jen Strangstalien	Joe & Melissa Noth
OCT 26	800	Ella Gander	Russ Bringe	Diane Jostad	Jessie Harper Alana Larson	Pat Martin	Mike Martin	Trent & Bridget Gander
	10360	Masen Harper	Dave Bringe			Andy Mueller	Chesney Plomedahl	Matt & Jesse Harper

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
Steven Johnson	Archie Achterkirch	Bridget Gander
<b>3</b>	Susan Daily	Linda Loper
Leanne Erdman	Shawn Wegner	<b>16</b>
Linzey Stenson	<b>9</b>	Curtis Booth
<b>4</b>	William Achterkirch	Paul Theisen
Ronald Johnson	Kendra Bringe	Sunny Wilson
Grace Lavold	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>5</b>	Ben Fiers	Joshua Johnson
Christopher Baxter	Jimmie Ann Gates	Brooke Nelson
Jackson Conn	Keith Krause	<b>18</b>
<b>6</b>	Lucas Oines	Mary Crocker
Jason Pralle	Aiztdon Stumlin	<b>19</b>
Jacob Stegner	<b>13</b>	Rose Simon
<b>7</b>	Dee Dee Armstrong	<b>20</b>
Richard Berger	Shelly Vander Linden	Julie Hemp
	<b>14</b>	
	Susan Kolbo	



If we've missed your birthday in the newsletter, it is because we don't have it in our computer system. Please call the church office to help us update our records so we can all celebrate with you on your special day.

**SNACK PACK**

We understand that sometimes it is difficult to plan ahead. There is a Snack Pack container in the kitchen with cookies, cheerios and crackers. Please help yourself and your little (and not so little) ones to a treat when you are at Halfway Creek. We also welcome donations to help refill our Snack Pack container.

<b>23</b>
Mark Craig
Karen Hanson
Nicole Stegner
<b>24</b>
Aubrey Henthorn
Rubianne Kinsman
Martha Martin
<b>25</b>
Kylie Dohlby
Jennifer Strangstalien
<b>26</b>
David Betsinger
<b>29</b>
Nicole Stumlin
<b>30</b>
Annie Fiers
Robert Loper
Mark Witte

**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.  
GARDEN WRAP UP**

With the harvest of our community garden over, we wanted to let you know how delighted we have been to be able to share so much with so many. We have made twenty donations of fresh produce to the Salvation Army and local food pantries. They are so appreciative of our donations.

In addition to all of the donations we have been able to make, this past spring our Sunday School children planted pumpkin seeds and this fall they each got to choose their own to take home. Our garden produced fifty pumpkins!

Those of us on the Evangelism/ Discipleship Team thank you for your generosity and ask for your continued support with canned goods donations for local food pantries. They are so needed.

**HCLC'S 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT—OCTOBER 25**

Homes in rural areas are far apart for kids to trick-or-treat. The Halfway Creek Church Trunk or Treat event will give our rural community kids a chance to Trick or Treat in the valley. They will go from car to car, instead of house to house. We will park in a line so the kids can fill their Halloween bags from the trunk of each car.

Saturday, October 25 from 12 pm– 3 pm you are invited to decorate your trunk, car, tractor, manure spreader, wagon or take a station in Whispering Pines. Come in costume [or not] and bring your own bucket of treats. You may also want to incorporate a game with your theme. Be Creative!

A fundraiser is planned as well with a hotdog lunch, "Halloween Cake Walk" and Face Painting. Signup sheets will be placed in the Sanctuary on the welcome table and will include baked goods, candy donations, vehicle participation and volunteer help. If we do not have a minimum of 15 cars, this event will be canceled. Anyone, intending to bring an extended vehicle this year [trailer, camper, oversized trucks, etc.] please contact Kari Hendrickson (526-2518) or Dawn Bandoli

(498-0774). The Deadline is Sunday, October 12th. We hope many of you will join us.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Year to date budget as of September 24, 2014	
General Fund Income:	\$ 95,827.77
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 96,111.91
General Fund Net Loss:	\$ -284.14

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### CONSTITUTION CHANGES—CONT.

Vision Board Proposals must be filed in writing with the Vision Board 60 days before formal consideration by this congregation at a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose. The Vision Board shall notify the congregation's members ~~by mail~~ of the proposal together with the Vision Board's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. Notification may take place by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law.

**\*C17.03.** Any amendments to this constitution that result from the processes provided in \*C17.01. and \*C17.02. shall be sent by the secretary of this congregation to the synod. The synod shall notify the congregation of its decision to approve or disapprove the proposed changes; the changes shall go into effect upon notification that the synod has approved them. ~~The amendment shall become effective within 120 days from the date of the receipt of the notice by the synod unless the synod informs this congregation that the amendment is in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or the constitution of the LaCrosse Area Synod of the ELCA.~~

**\*C17.04.** This constitution may be amended to bring any section into conformity with a section or sections, either required or not required, of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly. Such amendments may be approved, by a simple majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of the congregation without presentation at a prior meeting of the congregation, provided that the Vision Board has submitted by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law. notice to the congregation of such an amendment or amendments, together with the Vision boards recommendations, at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

In Part 2 of 3, the focus will be on the changes in \*C9.05. Under the chapter about "The Pastor". In Part 3 of 3, the focus will be on the changes in Chapter 15. Discipline of Members and Adjudication.

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.



### SECOND CENTURY TEAM UPDATE

The construction for our addition is progressing nicely. The walls, foundation, and floor have been poured and the building is currently being framed. Be sure to sign your name to the 2 x 4 located in the sanctuary. This 2 x 4 will soon be placed in the frame of the building addition. For safety reasons, please be sure to stay out of the construction area.

Procedures are being put into place regarding transferring pledges and Scrip profits into the building fund. A payment procedure

along with tracking paperwork was put into place.

Exterior colors for shingles, soffit, fascia, brick, windows, and aluminum door frames have all been approved. The Interior Design Subcommittee is in the process of finalizing the flooring and case-work selections.

Progress meetings with the architect, Olympic Builders, subcontractors, and Halfway Creek's owner representatives (Archie Achterkirch and Morgan Jostad)

are being held monthly. The Second Century Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm.

If anyone is interested in serving on an upcoming building project sub-committee or donating any manual labor to the project, please email [buildingquestions@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:buildingquestions@halfwaycreek.org) or contact Archie Achterkirch at 790-5621 or Morgan Jostad 526-3149 for more information.

**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.**



Our Sunday School children love to sing for us!

We handed out 22 new Bibles on September 21 to our Sunday School children. 2 year olds, 3rd graders and new students received the Bibles.



**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.**

**CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

Constitution is defined by Webster as “the system of fundamental principles by which a nation, state, corporation or the like is governed.” Over the past couple of years, we as a congregation have updated our constitution to reflect the activities of Halfway Creek and the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA. If you go to Resources on the HCLC webpage, the current HCLC Constitution and 2013 Model Constitution are available.

About every two years, the ELCA updates the model constitution. That was done in 2013. Our current constitution does not yet include those changes/updates. Over the next three months, I want to education you on those changes. This will prepare you to vote on the changes at the February 1, 2015 Annual Meeting. In this education, the focus will be on all of the sections that have added the language of “or electronic means, as permitted by state law” or with a focus on using electronic means.

Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.

**C10.03.** Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays or by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting. ~~The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the regular postage affixed or paid, sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient. The posting of such notice may alternatively be done via electronic notice.~~

**NEW: C12.13.** The Vision Board and its committees may hold meeting by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, and, to the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

**\*C16.03.** Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member provided, however, that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the Vision Board at least 60 days before a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose and that the Congregation Council notify the congregation’s members ~~by mail~~ of the proposal with the council’s recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the Congregation Meeting. Notification may take place by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law.

**\*C17.01.** Those sections of this constitution that are not required, in accord with the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, may be amended in the following manner. Amendments may be proposed by at least 75 voting members or by the

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

Each fall we have what we call “Halfway Hodgepodge” as a way of kicking off our school year of activities and showcasing all of the ministries at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. This year’s theme was “Build Us Up”.



19 confirmation students...  
14 boys and  
5 girls...oh boy!

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT. VISION BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

David Gates called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Pastor Dan Henderson talked to us about collaboration between the three Holmen churches, which will allow each to emphasize and focus on their own strengths. This has started with Theology Uncorked, Theology on Tap and Vacation Bible School. He encouraged us to keep working together. Amy Noel presented changes to the Synod Model Constitution that we will need to adopt into our own constitution. These changes will be presented to the congregation over the course of three months and adoption of the changes will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 1, 2015. Amy, as a member of the Synod Mission Board, challenged the Vision Board to look for ways to increase our commitment to Synod Missions. The Secretary’s Report is amended as follows: Under New Business, and the Team Celebration and Conversation, we will be focusing on “Branding” for Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. We will look at ways that we can identify who we are, what we do, how we are perceived by the community, and how we want to be perceived by the community moving forward. Lee Anderson made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Sue Chase seconded. Motion approved. Dave updated us on the building project. He presented a plan to have the architect, owner-reps, and Olympic Builders meet on a

monthly basis to stay on top of the building plans and building progress. The Second Century Committee recommended approval of using solid panel doors rather than flush doors in the building project. The increase in cost is more than offset by saving in other areas. Lee Anderson made a motion to approve, Sue Chase seconded. Motion approved. The Second Century committee recommended payment of Application #2 from Olympic Builders for a total of \$49,400.00. Sue Chase made a motion to approve, Lee Anderson seconded. Motion approved. The Second Century Committee recommended payment of \$1,189.00 in loan costs as well as \$1,514 to go to Town n’ Country Title to be paid directly out of the building fund rather than folded into the loan. This will save us interest charges on the loan costs. Lee Anderson made a motion to approve, Brian Mueller seconded. Motion approved. Finance Team reported that a check will be sent out this week toward our Synod Mission commitment. Pastor Jean presented the Pastor’s Report. Seven students are planning on attending the National Youth Gathering in Detroit. The Vision Board officially welcomed Mark and Shelly Thompson as new members, and welcomed Earl, Mary, Max, and Samantha Hammond as new members by transfer. We will return to two services on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and that will also

be the first Sunday School class of the year. There will be 18 confirmation students this year, and 4 teachers. Pastor Jean will be attending a continuing education conference in November on the topic of failure. HodgePodge Sunday is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am, following the 9 am service. Discussion of the All Teams Celebration Event and the Sabbatical Fund were tabled until the October meeting. We will have a follow-up listening session on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Sue Chase informed us that the Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be participating in Kodes for Kids, in which UPC codes from Coca Cola and Kellogg’s products can be collected to qualify for free items for our youth activities. Lee Anderson gave us an update on the new Faith and Fitness Team, which will focus on spiritual, physical, and financial health. They have a number of ideas, including daily tips on how to balance a healthy life. Current team members include Kristi Johnson, Dan Hanson, Lee Anderson, Carrie Payne, Kristi Mally, and Pastor Jean. They would like to add an older member and a younger member to the team as well. Lee Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Sue Chase seconded. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next meeting will be October 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Respectfully submitted,

