



CURRENTS

JULY 2015

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This summer we will have two Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Location of 9:00 am service	
	July 5 – inside	July 19 – inside
	July 12 – outside	July 26 – outside

JULY—NO MEETING MONTH

July will be a no-meeting month at Halfway Creek. We encourage you to use the month to focus on rest and renewal and to simply come to worship without the expectation of meetings or things to get done.



HOLMEN KORNFEST PARADE FLOAT

We will be having a float in this year's Holmen Kornfest Parade on August 15. We would like to have a combined float with Journey and Holmen Lutheran churches. Here is what we need:

- Trailer for float (big enough for people to sit in)
 - Truck/vehicle to pull float
 - People to ride on float or hand out candy
 - A group to help decorate the float
- We will work on the float starting Sunday, August 9.

Please call the church office (526-3701) if you are able to help with any of these things. This is a great way to "Reach out to share Christ with all"!



HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
 W6016 County Road W
 Holmen, WI 54636
 Phone 608-526-3701
 Pastor Jean Pagliaro
 Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.
www.halfwaycreek.org

Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday 8-4, Wednesday 8-4 and Friday 11-3. If you need to reach Anna Mally, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail her at assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

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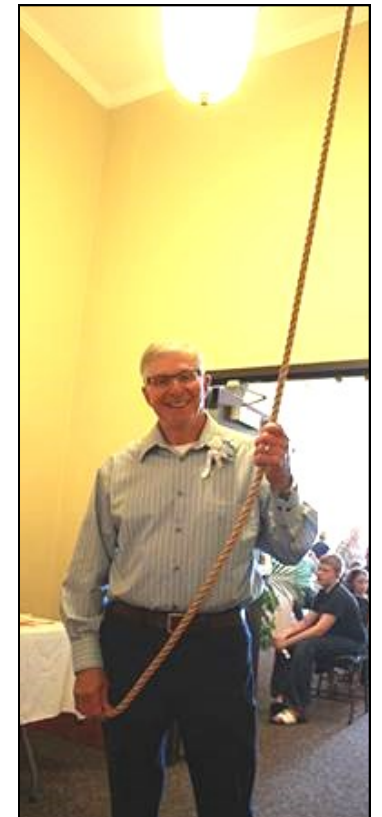
**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.
SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION**

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JULY 5	inside	900	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Tara Heiser	Ruth Jostad	Diane Jostad
JULY 12	outside	900	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Ruth Jostad	Brian Mueller	Volunteer Needed
JULY 19	inside	900	Archie Ackterkirch	Diane Jostad	Kendra Bringe Sally Johnson	Pat Martin	Rose Simon	Noel Family
JULY 26	outside	900	Russ Bringe	Barb Hale	Stephanie Lubinsky Joe Noth	Brian Mueller	Mike Martin	Volunteer Needed

**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.
BUILDING DEDICATION—MAY 31, 2015**



We also received a verbal word of congratulations and celebration from Pastor Matt Toso and the Holmen Lutheran congregation the day of the dedication.



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

BUILDING DEDICATION—MAY 31, 2015



Congratulatory card from Journey Lutheran

The satisfaction and joy
that are yours are well deserved.
May your future adventures
allow you to soar even higher.

God Bless You Always

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ at Journey, I wish to congratulate you on the dedication of your building. It is truly an honor to be worshipping with you today. We pray that your new space will allow you to continue to grow and enrich your ministries. We look forward to the times ahead when we will be working with you to reach out and meet the needs of our community. Thank you for letting me share this event with you today.

*Meredith Kunk
Wendy Ewert Bob Tracy
Linda...
Gale...
Jim Pastor...
Wanda...*

How excellent
is Thy lovingkindness, O God!
therefore the children of men
put their trust under
the shadow of Thy wings.
PSALM 36:7 KJV

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Braxtyn Jensen-Pralle
Earl Hammond | 4
Warren Booth | 6
Ryan Beville
Daryl Holley
Mel Prinz
Ann Stasiak | 8
Nicole Craig
DeeDee Kolbo | 9
Amara McCarthy
Bette Pedretti
Katherine Stasiak | 10
Nola Anderson
Katharine Lavold | 11
Heather Dokkebakken
Shawn McCarthy
Fe Miller
Jacob Wegner | 12
Gladys Albers
Leann Theisen | 13
Jessie Booth
Jerin Rink | 14
Joel Oines | 15
Cassandra Bandoli
Raymond Lee | 16
Christine Booth
Richard Granum
Carolyn Hackett | 17
Gracie Holley | 18
Diana Berger | 19
Richard Gran
Macie Larson
Darren Nelson
Alyssa Rink | 23
Landry Hill | 24
Joanne Nichols | 25
Ella Gander | 28
Carilyn Daily
Erin Hale
Lane Hansen | 30
Benjamin Nichols | 31
Kendall Yahnke |
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Happy Birthday



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

PARISH NURSES

Grilling Up Food Safely

By Meredith Hink, MS, RDN, CD

Summertime is a great time to take advantage of the warm weather and cook outdoors. Outdoor cooking comes with the responsibility to make sure the food you are making for yourself and your family or friends is prepared safely. You want people to remember your cooking for its flavor rather than a foodborne illness. Four key steps: clean, separate, cook, and chill will help you master the art of food safety when grilling.

Clean

Have plenty of clean utensils handy. Platters and utensils that were used to handle raw, uncooked meats, fish, or poultry should be cleaned or replaced by new platters and utensils to prevent contaminating cooked food with raw meat juices which can harbor harmful bacteria. Clean the grill thoroughly with a grill brush and cook off any remaining food before turning off the grill. Replace old grill brushes that are worn down or losing their bristles which can pose a physical hazard. Wash hands with hot water and soap for 20 seconds after handling raw meats. If you are grilling away from home make sure to use potable water to wash hands and utensils and bring plenty of clean cloths and moist towelettes.

Separate

Keep raw, uncooked meat, fish, and poultry separated from food that is ready to eat or does not require cooking. This means double wrapping raw meats and placing them in plastic bags to prevent raw meat juice from dripping onto other food. If transporting or storing food in a cooler use two different coolers, one for raw foods and one for ready to eat, cold foods. If you like to marinate your meats and wish to use some of the marinade as a sauce, reserve some of the marinade before adding raw meat.

Cook

There are many ways you can use your grill to cook food. Having a calibrated thermometer on hand will help ensure that you are cooking your meat to the right temperature to kill bacteria. Cook all poultry and fully cooked products (e.g. hotdogs) to a minimum internal temperature of 165°F; all ground, injected, or jaccarded beef, pork, lamb, or veal to 160°F, and all beef, pork, lamb, fish, and veal steaks, roasts, or chops to 145°F. Allow steaks, roasts, and chops to “rest” for at least 3 minutes before cutting and consuming. If meat is going to be held after cooking, place it in an oven set at 200°F or on the side of the grill rack to maintain it at ≥ 140°F. If you are using your grill as a smoker, make sure you maintain the grill at 250 to 300°F during the smoking process. Some studies suggest that consuming food that has been grilled, fried, or broiled may pose a cancer risk. To minimize this risk the USDA suggests avoiding charred food by removing excess fat or microwaving meat just prior to grilling it. This will decrease the fat and meat juice dripping on the flames. Also move coals over to the side so that meat juice and fat do not drip onto them. Discard any meat portions that are charred.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

BUILDING DEDICATION—MAY 31, 2015



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May 27, 2015

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church
ELCA W6016 County Road W
Holmen WI 54636

Dear Council and Congregation and Pastor Jean Pagliaro:

It is with admiration and blessing that we greet your new building. May it be a place of its Word. May it be filled with joy and tears and laughter, from voices of all ages. May it hold those who need comfort, and be strong for those who seek refuge.

May your new home, with the old, stand for the ages of God's unchanging love, and be true sanctuary for all who enter, a place of grace, in Jesus' name.

In the Peace of Christ,

Sharon Pfaff,
President
Lewis Valley Lutheran Church ELCA and Council

John McRae
President
Mindoro Lutheran Church ELCA and Council

Pastor Janet Wollam

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

BUILDING DEDICATION—MAY 31, 2015



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

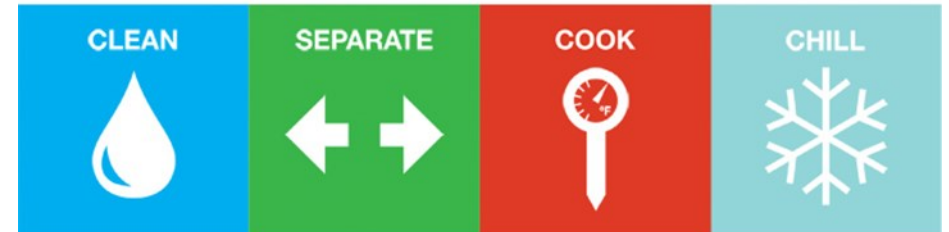
PARISH NURSES, CONTINUED

Chill

Harmful bacteria grow well at temperatures between 40 and 140°F. It is important to keep meat out of this temperature danger zone as much as possible. Purchase raw meat at the end of your shopping trip and drive home directly from the store. Refrigerate all perishables within 2 hours (or within 1 hour when the outside temperature is above 90°F). If you are traveling bring an insulated cooler with ice and keep the cooler out of the sun. Freeze refrigerated poultry and ground meat within 2 days and other meat within 4-5 days of purchase. Thaw raw meat in the refrigerator or microwave it if you plan to cook the meat immediately afterward; never thaw meat on the counter. Do not allow food to sit out more than 1 hour in hot weather. Cut larger pieces of meat into smaller pieces and store in shallow containers in the refrigerator. Reheat cooked food to 165°F.

Adapted from "Barbecue and Food Safety" at www.fsis.usda.gov.

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFER FROM FOOD POISONING



Check Your Steps!

NO THEOLOGY UNCORKED OR ON TAP IN JULY

Theology Uncorked and Theology On Tap will not meet in July. We will resume our monthly gatherings in August.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

June 7—Matthew & Sydney Page
June 10—Amanda & Henry Beneke
June 28—Jordyn Schreiber

New Members:

June 7—Matthew, Megan & Sydney Page
June 28—Emily, John & Astella Tracy

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 11, 2015

David Gates, Marna Holley, Brian Mueller, Bob Bandoli, Susan Chase, Syndey Craig, Joanne Nichols, Shelly Vander Linden, Pastor Jean Pagliaro

David Gates called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

Pastor Jean shared a message with us from Pastor Garman reflecting on the building project dedication service.

The elevator is now functioning.

The Skogen family has donated \$2000.00 to the building fund. Anna will send Tom, David, and Barb Skogen a personalized thank you from the congregation for their gift. It was discussed and decided that all gifts received from outside the congregation will be acknowledged with a personal thank you message from the congregation. After discussion, it was also decided that thank you notes be sent to the following members for their additional work: Rich Pedretti, Dawn Bandoli, and the members of the Second Century Committee. There was also discussion about acknowledging members who have given a large donation or made a large pledge. There may be some who have donated who may not wish to be acknowledged. That can be evaluated on a case by case basis. Joanne Nichols will coordinate the thank you cards.

Marna Holley produced some hand out and a sign with the new church logo for Dawn Bandoli to use for outreach events. We need to come up with ideas for postcard/info cards. We could possibly use "The Message" translation of the Sermon on the Mount that references God colors.

The following direct-owner purchases were submitted for approval by the Second Century Committee:

Pastor Jean's Desk Invoice \$500.00, Always Redimix Concrete \$1224.00, 3RT Tech \$1144.50, Sims Sound \$4903.04, Bank of Ontario (Water Proof/Fire Proof safes) \$250.00, for a total of \$8021.54. Joanne Nichols made a motion to approve. Bob Bandoli seconded. Motion was approved.

Bob Bandoli presented the Finance Team report.

The secretary's reports for April and May were submitted for approval. Bob Bandoli made a motion to approve. Susan Chase seconded. Motion was approved.

Brian Mueller will contact Aaron about setting up a static page on the website for Vision Board that will direct people to the newsletter if they would like to read the minutes of each meeting.

Bob Bandoli had a discussion with Rich Pedretti concerning his pay. Brian Mueller made a motion that he be paid \$15 per hour for 8 hours per week, with the understanding that he keep track of his actual hours, and in December the Vision Board will analyze the real hours vs. paid hours and set up a consistent and equitable pay schedule. Marna Holley seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

COMMUNITY EVENT



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Markers
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- Box of Kleenex
- 24 count #2 Pencils
- Crayons
- Elmer's Glue
- Large pink erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Assorted Highlighters
- Rulers
- Small scissors

Thrivent Financial Night at the La Crosse Loggers

Mark your calendar for Thrivent Financial Night at the La Crosse Loggers event because we'd love to have you join us!

The South Wisconsin Thrivent Member Network invites Thrivent members and their guests to a fun family night at the ballgame.

- **Sunday, July 19, 2015 - 5:00 p.m. game**
- **800 Copeland Ave – La Crosse**
- **To receive free game tickets (max 6) please email: vicki.tjelta@thrivent.com or call Jennie Childs at 715-514-9237**
- **Bring your Thrivent game ticket to our table outside the stadium on the 19th with a school supply donation and we will give you a voucher for food or soda.**
- **Youth ages 5-12 can sign up to throw out the first pitch. Drawing at 4:20 p.m.**



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss statement for January 1—June 17, 2015

General Fund Income: \$ 59,707.02

General Fund Expenses: \$ 64,935.79

General Fund Net Income: - \$ 5,228.77

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

HEALING SERVICE—AUGUST 16

On August 16 at the 9:00 a.m. service, we will offer a healing service. You are invited to com to the altar railing during the service for prayers of healing for yourself or for a loved one.

Our focus on August 16 will be on addiction and recovery. We will hear stories from our own members at Halfway Creek who have struggled with addiction themselves or within their families.

After the service, you are invited to stay and watch a showing of The Anonymous People, a powerful documentary about the over 23 million Americans living in long-term recover from addiction to alcohol and drugs.

Please join us and please extend this invitation to others in our community as well as we pray for and with those struggling with addiction.

WOMEN OF HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

It's time again to dust off your cookbooks and find your best salad recipes. We want to welcome our sisters in North Conference ,all 18 churches, to our annual Salad Luncheon. Join us **Wednesday August 12th at noon** . Please bring a salad to pass. There is always a fun program and a wonderful opportunity to visit with women in our neighboring churches. Please let Ruth Jostad, ph. 526-3149 or ruthmor@msn.com , or Ruth Scholze, ph.526-3064 or escholze@centurytel.net.

-Ruth Jostad



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

Pastor Jean will be on vacation from June 21 through June 25. She will preach at the 9am service on June 21. Pastor Steve from Journey Lutheran will officiate at the 6pm service.

There will be no Vision Board meeting in July and we strongly encourage all teams and committees to take a sabbatical for the month. Brian Mueller made the motion. Susan Chase seconded. Motion was approved.

Pastor Jean is working with the Evangelism and Discipleship Team to develop new member classes. They are recommending a once a month class.

Logan Pagliaro submitted a letter asking to set up a free library down by the aluminum can collection bin. People could leave books for others to read, and borrow books to read. The Vision Board encourages Logan to move ahead with this excellent idea.

There were two baptisms this past Wednesday. Amanda and Hank Beneke were visiting from Colorado and asked to be baptized. We rejoice with them for taking this wonderful step in their faith journey

We welcome Emily, Stella and John Tracy as new members.

Jordan Schreiber will be baptized on June 28th at the 9am service. Brian Mueller will be the representative.

The following changes and additions (in Italics) were recommended to clarify certain sections of the job description for the Director of Music Ministries:

Description, Item 2, now reads – The Director of Music Ministries leads the congregation’s musical ministries and serves on the Music and Liturgy Team. Susan Chase made a motion to approve the change. Sydney Craig seconded. Motion was approved.

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church will:, Item 1, now reads – Pay the director for 42 Sundays out of the year. S/he will have 10 Sundays off per year. *If the director plays more than 42 Sundays, s/he will be reimbursed as a supply organist for the extra Sundays in a lump sum at the end of the year.* Brian Mueller made a motion to approve the change. Susan Chase seconded. Motion was approved.

We will look at the insurance policy at the August meeting.

Susan Chase made a motion to adjourn. Sydney Craig seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Next Meeting – August 14th at 6:30 pm.



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.



Outdoor summer worship services have begun! Look at the weekly bulletin or newsletter to see when we will worship outdoors!

Our youth are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering July 12 -19 in Detroit, Michigan. They will gather with 30,000 other youth and adult leaders for a week of service, faith, development and fun!!

Please keep these people in your prayers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 9-12
Plans are already underway for Vacation Bible School in August! We will be combining with Journey Lutheran again.
Please mark August 9-12 on your calendars!

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

SECOND CENTURY COMMITTEE UPDATE—JULY 2015

The Second Century Committee would like to thank all those who helped prepare, brought food, served guests or participated in any way to the building dedication on May 31. It was truly an emotional and inspiring day. The pastors, the music, the word, the celebration, the service. It was all amazing. The sanctuary was full and an overflow crowd of 71 people were seated in the new narthex for the service. We had many people from the surrounding communities stop by for the open house following the service. We heard many positive comments about the functionality, openness and beauty of the new addition. The improvements made will serve us well in the years to come. It was a wonderful day in the life of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church.

For the Second Century Committee, May 31st was indeed a day of celebration. I don't think any of us could have envisioned the time and energy along with many frustrations and disappointments we went through to see this project through completion. Through the whole building process however, we were always guided by our mission to "reach out and share Christ with all." Though difficult at times, we had faith and knowledge that when complete, the work and energy and time would be well worth the effort. And it is. On behalf of the Second Century Committee, thank you for your support and prayers.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all of you who volunteered your time and talents to the project. From the woodwork to the I.T. work. From the cleaning to the landscaping. From the moving to the dedication planning. This could not have been a successful project without all the individuals who helped make it happen. There are many individuals who deserve special thanks for the amount of time and effort they put into this project. I will not name them in this article for fear of missing someone. Ask any S.C.C. member about this and they will let you know whom to thank.

Our general contractor and sub contractors did a wonderful job and were great to work with. We could not have asked for a better general contractor than Olympic Builders. They donated material to us and went above and beyond to ensure this was a successful project for us. I know I said I wouldn't mention individuals, but Wettstein Electric and Travis Horstman deserve special recognition. Travis donated many weekends and week nights working on the electrical part of the project. Thank you Travis.

On June 4th, the Second Century Committee held its monthly meeting. We spent most of the meeting reviewing the budget and prioritizing the outstanding items to be completed and purchased. Some of those items include:

- Outdoor lighting
- Landscaping
- Furnishings
- Signage
- Sound/video

The office has not yet been moved. The new phone line for the office has not been installed and we are waiting on some new furnishings. The office will be moved in July.

We are still under budget and will finish the project under budget. We plan to have a detailed budget report as part of our next update.

Again, thank you for your faith and support for this project. We are so excited that we can finally use the new space. What a great opportunity for us to invite friends and neighbors to visit us at Halfway Creek. Let's reach out even more!