



CURRENTS

SEPTEMBER, 2017

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 3rd	9:00 a.m. Inside Worship
September 10th	8:30 a.m. Holmen Band Shelter In Legion Park
September 17th	9:00 a.m. Inside Worship Blessing of the Backpacks Hodgepodge Event 2018 Youth Trip Meeting following service in Youth Room
September 24th	8:00 a.m. Inside Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Reformation Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Inside Worship with Sunday School Students singing

Joint Service on September 10th

We will meet in the band shell at Holmen Legion Park.

- 8:30 am Set up with coffee & donuts
- 9:30 am Worship Service with Bishop Jim Arends
- 10:30 am Assemble baby & health kits
- 11:15 am Food & Games

Please be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on for worship.



**HALFWAY CREEK
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

W6016 County Road W
Holmen, WI 54636
Phone 608-526-3701
Pastor Janet Wollam
Worship at 9:00 a.m. Sundays.
www.halfwaycreek.org

Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 pm. If you need to reach Rose Wegner, 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

Sunday School Sign Up

Sunday school is right around the corner! We will be kicking it off with registration on the 17th. This is the same Sunday that we will have Blessing of the Backpacks in service at 9:00. After service children and parents will be able to meet their Sunday school teacher and fill out registration forms. There will be a craft and the children will be learning a song to sing in service the following Sunday. Also, there will be a special fellowship hour in which tables will be set up to allowing families to learn about and volunteer for our ministries at church, you don't want to miss this... rumor is there will be some yummy snacks at each table and a way to earn tickets for a prize drawing.



September 17th- Blessing of the Backpacks at 9:00 service and Sunday School Registration after service

September 24th- Sunday School at 9:15, Children will sing at 10:30 service

October 1- Sunday School at 9:15

October 8- Sunday School at 9:15

October 15- Sunday School at 9:15, Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:30 service

October 22 - Sunday School at 9:15

October 29-Sunday School at 9:15, Children will sing at 10:30 service

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	14	23	30
Rachel Temp	Matt Pagliaro	James Hansen	Jessica Cook
3	Buelah Sanders	David Johnson	Chad Hanson
Adalyn Ruhbusch	Rodney Sutherland	Morgan Jostad	
4	Rochelle Thompson	Mark Sanders	
Gail Dent	15	Stan Schwier	
5	Jesse Fiers	Lila Sutherland	
Gregory Britton	17	24	
6	Kaden Casberg	Ruth Jones	
Teagan Yahnke	18	Lydia Pagliaro	
8	Diane Jostad	25	
Angela Kinsman	Emily Jostad	Ruth Jostad	
Bria Steffen	Kimberly Noel	Benjamin Mueller	
9	20	Richard Pedretti	
Casey Clark	Dawn Rink	26	
10	22	Alex Pedretti	
Rayna Hendrickson	Hadley Given	Eric Theisen	
13	Hannah Wegner	28	
Jason Bramwell		Aaron Balow	
Gayle Johnson		Jason Ruhbusch	
Emersen			
Strangstalien			



In Our Prayers:

Roy Ackerman, Talon Lichtie, Aiden Noth, Katie Wier, Diane McKee, Wally Bucholtz, Finn Swenson, Penny Pomeroy, Phoebe Kitzke, Sophia Zematis, Kathy Johnson, Ayla Humphrey, Troy Fiers, La Vonne Anderson, Jean Latham, Donna Dummer, Janet Strebe, Lynn Wegner, Ron Bjerke.

SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS/ ACOLYTE
SEPT 3	9:00	Morgan Jostad	Carrie Payne	Rhonda Britton	Ruth Jostad	Cassie Tolvstad	Volunteer
			Nicole Stumlin	Sonja Nelson		Needed	
SEPT 10	9:30	AT HOLMEN	BAND SHELTER				
SEPT 17	9:00	Archie Achterkirch	Nancy Holley	Jodi Eide	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
			Diane Jostad	Patti Happel	Needed	Needed	Needed
SEPT 24	8:00	Russ Bringe	Bette Pedretti	Joe Noth	Volunteer	Volunteer	
			Barb Hale		Needed	Needed	
	10:30	Dave Bringe			Adam & Kelly Steffen		

Volunteers are Needed for our Sunday Worship

As summer is winding down we would like you to think of volunteering to participate in our services. Please give us a call at 608-526-3701 or use Sign Up Genius, www.signupgenius.com. Search for Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, Click on the Labor Day to December, 2017 files to select days to serve.

HALFWAY HODGEPODGE September 17th after 9:00 Worship Service

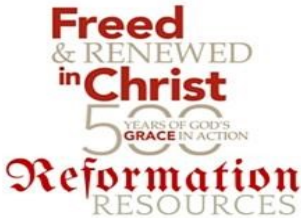
What: Halfway Hodgepodge is an annual event where you can learn about and volunteer for our ministries here at the church. Booths will be set up in the narthex this year and each will feature a different ministry. Also each booth will have some brunch refreshments. We also will have some fun drawings for prizes. It is a fun way to learn how you can use your time and talents to serve in a ministry of our congregation.

In addition, Sunday School Registration will take place during this event while the kids learn a song and make a craft. The Youth Team will also be holding a meeting about the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston during this event.

Special Choir Opportunity to Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

We are planning special worship services to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th. All are welcome to join the Choir which will share special music at the 8 am service on October 29th. Rehearsals will be held at 9 am on the following Sundays: September 24, October 1, October 15, and October 22. Please email Lynn Wegner at lwegner2005@yahoo.com or call her at 526-3110 by no later than Sunday, September 17 if you are going to be joining us so that we can have enough copies of the music available.

Please watch the October newsletter for details about other 500th Anniversary of the Reformation special events and worship services! If you have any interest in helping with these plans, please contact Lynn Wegner at 526-3110 or lwegner2005@yahoo.com



September 26—Holmen's Hope Volunteers Needed

Halfway Creek Lutheran is responsible for preparing and serving the Holmen's Hope Meal on Tuesday, September 26. We are in need of volunteers to help plan and prepare the meal. We are planning to prepare the food on Sunday, September 24th during the Sunday School hour and after the late service.

Contact Mary Hammond at 608-397-3367 or the office at 608-526-3701 or assistant@halfwaycreek.org if you are willing to help with this important ministry.



To the Congregation of Halfway Creek

As we wrap up the summer and our time together, I want to pause as I pack up and move out to thank you for all the good wishes, the kind and generous thoughts. Thank you for all the cards and gifts and conversations that have helped me to reflect on our time together and life ahead. dana and I truly appreciate it

As you enter the busy month of September, remember who walks with you. Jesus, down the road and at the well, leads you into light and new life. My prayers go with you, now and always, Pastor Janet

EXCITING CHANGES TO THE YOUTH SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM



As of September 4th, Festival Foods Scrip program will be partnering with the Great Lakes Scrip program. \$25 and \$100 Festival scrip cards will still be available for purchase but \$50 Festival scrip cards will only be available through special request. The youth mission account will still receive the same percentage of rebate (3%). We encourage program participants to place larger orders less frequently or pre-order cards 1 to 2 weeks in advance of when you will need them. Cards ordered on Sundays will still be available for pick up on the following Sunday.

In addition to the changes in the Festival scrip program, partnering with Great Lakes Scrip will allow the youth to expand the gift card options available for the congregation to purchase. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Rebates vary per retailer and can range anywhere from 1% up to 25%. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year per participant! At this time, the youth program will continue to keep Festival Foods and Kwik Trip cards in stock at the church but will also order other cards a few times per month, as requested. In addition, some cards are reloadable online and participants can find many e-cards are available for immediate download at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>.

An order form of some of the most popular retailers is available in this newsletter. If you would like to order any of these additional gift cards, please submit the order form to the church office by either Sunday, September 3 or Sunday, September 17. Please contact Cassie Tolvstad at 608-738-4761 or email her ctremain14@gmail.com