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LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

NOVEMBER, 2017

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 3-4 Confirmation Lock-in at church
see article for items needed

November 5 All Saints Sunday
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

November 12 Consecration Sunday
Blessing of the Hunters
10:00 a.m. Worship Only followed by
Consecration Sunday Celebration Meal
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

November 19 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

November 23 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
@ Holmen Lutheran Church

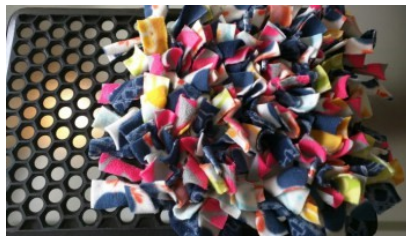
November 26 8:00 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School Today
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Christmas Tree Decorating

Advent begins December 3rd



CONFIRMATION NEEDS BY NOVEMBER 3RD FOR SERVICE PROJECT

Need toilet paper tubes, rectangle kleenex boxes, scraps of fleece at least 6-7 inches long and mats with holes. The confirmation kids will make them into cat toys and snuffle mats for dogs at the lock-in November 3-4. They will be delivering them to the Coulee Region Humane Society as part of a service/education program. Can drop off at church office.



Confirmation Students if you need service hours, please sign up to be a Bell Ringer. See Sign-up Genius.

Mark your calendars for the Trip to Bethlehem at English Lutheran Church in La Crosse on December 6th.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday on November 5 provides an opportunity to give thanks for all the faithful saints – those who have gone before us and those still living. As part of our commemoration, we mark two anniversaries – those who have been baptized into the communion of saints during this past year as well as those who have passed on and have entered into life with Christ. Please plan to attend this special service.

BLESSING OF THE HUNTERS—NOVEMBER 12

We will bless our hunters at our 10 am service on November 12 so wear your blaze orange or camouflage to church!

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING—NOV. 26**

On Sunday, November 26, we are inviting families to help decorate the Christmas trees after the 10:30 am worship service. This is a great opportunity for confirmation kids to earn service hours!

IT'S COMING!! CONSECRATION SUNDAY

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Please note that we will have only ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 12th. Following the service, please join us for a meal of Celebration in the lower level of the church.



CALL FOR HALFWAY CREEK MINISTER

If anyone in the congregation knows of a pastor that would be a good fit for the Halfway Creek Pastor's position, please notify Rich Berger at (608)399-1083 or rbergermax@gmail.com. Some information to be included is:

- their name
- where they are currently serving
- whether or not they are currently looking to move or would consider it
- how this person is known or connected to you

POINSETTIA ORDERS



At Christmas, we decorate the church in celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to present a poinsettia in honor, memory, or celebration of a person or event, please fill out the enclosed form and place it, with payment, in the offering plate at worship or may also send or deliver it to the church office. **All orders must be received in the office by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1st.** Each poinsettia costs \$17.00. All poinsettia donations will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringers for their Red Kettle campaign again this year. Halfway Creek Lutheran Church has always been a great help with this campaign. Go to Sign-Up Genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9aa22a3fc1-salvation> or sign up at our services.

All ringing will be 2 hour shifts at the Festival Foods in Holmen. The following dates and times are needed to be filled.



November 27-December 1

11 am to 1 pm
1 pm to 3 pm
3 pm to 5 pm
5 pm to 7 pm

Saturday, December 2

9 am to 11 am
11 am to 1 pm
1 pm to 3 pm
3 pm to 5 pm
5 pm to 7 pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is in full swing. Here are some important upcoming dates:

Sunday, November 19--Christmas Program rehearsal

Sunday, November 26--No Sunday School

Sunday, December 3rd--Christmas program rehearsal

Saturday, December 9th--9 am Christmas program dress rehearsal at CHURCH (younger kids will come at 9:30 am). More detailed information will be sent out later.

Sunday, December 10th--10:30 am Worship--Sunday School Christmas program at PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY

Sunday, December 17th--Jesus birthday party & Santa's Workshop Christmas Store



HALFWAY CHOIR BEGINS REHEARSALS IN NOVEMBER

Halfway Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, November 1st for our annual music ministry Sunday which is December 17th. If you are interested in singing, please contact Lynn Wegner at 526-3110 or lwegner2005@yahoo.com so she can order enough music.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, Nov. 1	7 pm
Sunday, Nov. 5	9 am
Wednesday, Nov. 8	7 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 15	6 pm
Sunday, Nov. 19	9 am
Wednesday, Nov. 22	No rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 26	9 am
Wednesday, Nov. 29	6 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 6 & 13	6 pm

WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL

Wednesday, Nov 1	6 pm
Wednesday, Nov 8	6 pm
Wednesday, Nov 15	7 pm
Wednesday, Nov 29	7 pm
Wednesday, Dec 6 & 13	7 pm
Wednesday, Dec 20	6 pm

CHIME CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, Nov 5	11:30 am
Sunday, Nov 12	no rehearsal
Sunday, Nov 19	11:30 am
Sunday, Nov 26	11:30 am
Sunday, Dec 3	11:30 am
Dec 10—rehearsal will be determined	
Sunday, Dec 17	Music Program <i>play at both services</i>





AED Donation and Training

It was a great turn out for the AED training on October 8th. Through generous congregational donations and an incredible gift from the "Seven Rivers Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association (SRSCAA)", HCLC will have an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). This will be installed by the elevator.



Update from Beer & Hymns Night

What a great turn out on October 22nd and to hear voices raised in praise. There was a trunkful of food of items collected and \$315 in monetary donations received for the Holmen's Hope Back Pack Project. Thank you for your generosity!!



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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
<div>8:00am All Saints and</div> <div>8:00am Worship Service</div> <div>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>9:15am Sunday School</div> <div>10:30am Worship Service</div> <div>11:30am Chime Choir</div>			<div>8:00am All Saint's Day</div> <div>9:00am Pastor's Text Study</div> <div>6:00pm Confirmation Class</div> <div>6:00pm Worship Team</div> <div>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>Items Needed for Youth Trip Auction Baskets</div> <div>6:30pm Confirmation Lock In at Church</div>	<div>Items Needed for Youth Trip Auction Baskets</div> <div>6:30pm Confirmation Lock In at Church</div>	<div>12:00am Confirmation Lock In at Church</div> <div>11:00am Blair Lutheran</div> <div>Lutefisk Dinner</div>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div>9:15am Sunday School</div> <div>10:00am Blessing of the Hunters</div> <div>10:00am Consecration Sunday (Halfway Creek Lutheran Church)</div>			<div>Items Needed for Youth Trip Auction Baskets</div> <div>9:00am Pastor's Text Study</div> <div>6:00pm Confirmation Class</div> <div>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>7:00pm Worship Team</div>	<div>9:30am Bible Study</div> <div>6:30pm Vision Board</div>		<div>Opening Deer Hunt</div>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div>8:00am Worship Service</div> <div>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>9:15am Sunday School</div> <div>9:15am Sunday School</div> <div>10:30am Worship Service</div> <div>11:30am Chime Choir</div>	<div>Currents Deadline</div>		<div>Items Needed for Youth Trip Auction Baskets</div> <div>9:00am Pastor's Text Study</div>	<div>Thanksgiving</div>		
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
<div>8:00am Christ the King</div> <div>8:00am Worship Service</div> <div>9:00am Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>9:15am No Sunday School</div> <div>10:30am Worship Service</div> <div>11:30am Christmas Tree</div>	<div>11:00am</div>	<div>Items Needed for Youth Trip Auction Baskets</div> <div>5:00pm Holmen's Hope monthly dinner at American Legion</div>	<div>Items Needed for Youth Trip Auction Baskets</div> <div>9:00am Pastor's Text Study</div> <div>6:00pm Confirmation Class</div> <div>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</div> <div>7:00pm Worship Team</div> <div>7:15pm Choir Rehearsal</div>			

DO YOU GIVE GIFT CARDS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON?

Do you run around town from store to store, purchasing gift cards from various retailers and restaurants to give as gifts during the holiday season? Our youth scrip program can save you time by purchasing your gift cards from them online or on Sunday morning! It is one stop shopping.



In September, the youth expanded the scrip program to the Great Lakes Scrip program which 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% and the rebates support our youth mission trip fund.

An order form of some of the most popular retailers is available in this newsletter. To see a complete list of available retailers visit the website Shop With Scrip. You can also register for an online account and place your order directly online. Need something quickly? Many of the retailers offer Scrip Now so you can immediately order, pay for, and print a paper gift card right from the convenience of your home!

If you would like to order any of these gift cards, please submit the order form to the church office by either **Sunday, November 12 or Sunday, November 26**. Please contact Cassie Tolvstad at 608-738-4761 or email her ctremain14@gmail.com with questions or stop by the Scrip table on Sundays.

DONATIONS ITEMS NEEDED FOR SANTA'S WORKSHOP CHRISTMAS STORE

The Youth Group is looking for donations of gently used household items for the "Christmas Store" they will be setting up for the Sunday School children on December 17. The children will shop for inexpensive Christmas gifts for their family and friends. Some suggested donations are: jewelry (both men and women's), tool kits, belts, purses, scarves, gloves, ties, knickknacks, coffee mugs, toys, hair accessories. Please bring your donations to church **between Dec. 3rd & Dec. 16th** and put them in the box labeled "Santa's Workshop Christmas Store".

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, La Vonne Anderson, Diane Berger, Ted Latham, Donna Dummer Family of Shirley Severson.

VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES—

Vision Board meeting September 21, 2017

Members present include Joe Noth, Bob Bandoli, Rich Berger, Jen Strangstalien, John Daily, and Joanne Nichols. Guests present include Lynn Wegner & Amy Noel. Rick Johnson and Alex Pedretti have resigned.

President Joe Noth called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Amy N. started the meeting with prayer.

Amy N. received confirmation that Pastor Dave Bersagel will be the speaker for the Celebration Luncheon on November 12th. Amy is requesting the Vision Board support the Consecration Program. John D. made a motion to endorse and support the Stewardship Program this fall. Bob B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Amy N. is also on the personnel team which was formed earlier this spring. She gave a report of the many activities the team has done so far. Wendy McCoy has resigned from the team. She requested the board find another person for the team.

Lynn W. reported that Rose Wegner, office assistant, has scheduled supply pastors thru Christmas, except the second service on October 22 which will be lay led. There will not be a morning worship service on Sunday, December 24 as there will be 2-3 services later that day. She also spoke about the other plans being made to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. The youth group will be hosting the Trunk or Treat on October 29th.

Rich B. made a motion to accept the revised wedding policy. John D. seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Sunday school registration was last Sunday and 38 kids have registered so far. Sunday school will start this Sunday, September 24.

Confirmation will start Wednesday, October 4 with a parent meeting and the first class will be the following Wednesday. Welcome letters were sent out to 31 potential students. Jen S. and Joanne N. will be leading the program. A mentor program for the eighth graders is being considered.

Bob B. has changed the signers on the bank accounts. Rich B. will go to the bank this week to complete the change.

The Mission Support will be up to date by October. The General Fund has a negative balance as of today. The processes with Jodi A. as the financial assistant is flowing smoothly. Jen S. made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented and Rich B. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bob B. made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 21st meeting as read. Jen S. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bob B. is requesting a transfer of \$2,000 from the dedicated bank account to the general account as a short term loan. John D. made a motion to approve the transfer. Jen S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bob B. spoke to Mr. Ken Morrison. He will not perform a full audit, but will be verifying the account balances and reviewing the processes. He will meet with Jodi Anderson on October 6 to start. The review will be completed by mid-December.

Joe N. received resignations from both Rick J. and Alex P. The board will be looking to fill at least one of these positions.

Bob B. reminded the board that he has served as treasurer for 5 years and his term will end this year.

The board will meet two Saturdays in December to prepare the budget.

A motion was made by Rich B. and seconded by Jen S. to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Faithfully submitted,

Joanne Nichols

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS—YOUTH GROUP SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The HCLC Youth Group continues to raise money for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. We are holding a silent auction before and after services on Dec. 3rd and through Dec. 17th. We are looking for donations to auction off. If you are a crafter and have items to donate or would like to purchase and create a basket of items please contact Mandi Horstman at [608-780-1653](tel:608-780-1653) or adhorstman2000@gmail.com.

We would like to have 10-15 baskets/items for the auction. Deadline for items would be Friday, December 1st.



SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		ACOLYTE	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS/ ACOLYTE
N O V 5	8 0 0	Need Volunteer	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Need Volunteer	Kari Fredrickson	Kari Hendrickson
	1 0 3 0	Joanne & Declan Mihm	Morgan Jostad			Need Volunteer	Jenessa Hill	Joanne & Declan Mihm
N O V 1 2	8 0 0	No Early Service	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	No Early Service	No Early Service	No Early Service
	1 0 0 0	Sam Hammond	David Chase			Amy Noel	Need Volunteer	Noel & Hammond Family
N O V 1 9	8 0 0	David & Erin Bringe	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Patti Happel Jodi Eide	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	David & Erin Bringe
	1 0 3	Carter Thiele & Family	Need Volunteer			Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Carter Thiele & Family
N O V 2 6	8 0 0	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Joe Noth	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Jessica Cook
	1 0 3 0	Need Volunteer	Dave Bringe			Jimmie Ann / David Gates	Need Volunteer	Need volunteer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Leslie Kolbo	11 Angela Balow	20 Shannon Given	30 Gavin Bramwell
2 Sue Bramwell Jean Latham	12 Kari Fredrickson	Connor Mihm	Rylan Hendrickson
3 Robert Bandoli Brian Rosenow Jayden Tuquero	14 Ema Nedoba Olivia Nedoba	21 Aspen Balow Hannah Noel-Bouchard	Jill Noel Chesney Plomedahl
6 Masen Harper	16 Samuel Nedoba	23 Kathy Johnson	
7 James Conn Cashten Dammen	17 Matthew Conn Elisa Moss	25 Marjorie Lee	
8 Carmon Jostad	18 Joe Fredrickson Amber Nelson	28 Richard Hale Kimberlee Johnson Brian Mueller	
10 Kari Hendrickson	19 Kindra Johnson	29 Zachary Gordon	

**Volunteers are Needed for our Sunday Worship**

What a great way to get involved and build relationships with others in the congregation. We would appreciate you viewing your calendars to see what schedule works for you. Give us a call at 608-526-3701 or use Sign Up Genius, to select days to serve until December, 2017.

Follow the links: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9aa22a3fc1-worship3> or

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9aa22a3fc1-ushers>



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Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 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 her at assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

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