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LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS MARCH 2018

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Dinner will be served by the Youth/Confirmation Students starting at 5:30 pm on March 7th, March 14th and March 21st.

A free will offering will be taken and all proceeds will support the youth on their faith exploration trip to the Houston, Texas this summer.

6:15 p.m. —Confirmation attend Worship and Book Study

6:15 p.m.—Worship in Heritage Hall

6:45 p.m.to 7:45 p.m.—Book Study—*Making Sense of the Cross*

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship & First Communion

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 a.m. "Crosswalk" *Meet at Bandshell*

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship @ Holmen Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ Halfway Creek

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in Whispering Pines *Weather Permitting*

9:00 A.M.—Festival Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 A.M.—Festival Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Our youth will serve Easter breakfast from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.



LETTER FROM SISTER BECKY

Dear Friends,

As we move into March we move deeper into Lent and closer to the celebration of Easter.

How is your spiritual practice going? If you're like me, you probably started out strong and then have already had a few hiccups in how consistently you've been able to incorporate that practice into your life.

Don't give up, friends! This is why I like to call it practice! Start again! It will get easier.

In my Ash Wednesday sermon I shared the idea of framing your scripture reading with the questions **"What do you notice?"** And **"What questions do you have?"** and jotting those into a journal of some kind.

Another way to frame your devotional reading is through the practice of Lectio Divina or *"sacred reading."* This is an ancient form of prayer combined with reading.

Christine Valters Paintner describes it this way in her book *The Artist's Rule*: "Lectio divina assumes that there is a depth dimension to scripture and that the story meets us right where we are in this moment, whatever our experience might be." (p. 18)

There are four main steps to lectio divina.

1. Read (*lectio*): read and listen for a word or phrase which calls to us in the moment.
2. Reflect (*meditatio*): savor the word and allow it to unfold within you. (Sometimes I do this while I'm walking)
3. Respond (*oratio*): listen for the invitation. (Sometimes I do this in conversation with another person; sometimes by writing in a journal)
4. Rest (*contemplatio*): rest in stillness (This takes a lot of practice!)

My invitation to you this month is to continue (or begin!) intentionally spending time dwelling in scripture, listening to God's word, and talking with God about the new things God is doing in, with, and through us at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church.

In Christ's service with you,
Sr. Becky

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



March 4 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Book Study-*Making Sense of the Cross*
 11:30 a.m. Chime Rehearsal

March 11 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Book Study-*Making Sense of the Cross*
 11:30 a.m. Chime Rehearsal

March 18 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Book Study-*Making Sense of the Cross*
 11:30 a.m. Chime Rehearsal

March 25 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Book Study-*Making Sense of the Cross (Final Day)*
 10:30 a.m. Worship-Sunday School Singing



Meeting to Change the By-Laws of the Halfway Creek Lutheran Cemetery Association

Between services on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 9:20 AM we will be voting on the changes to the By-Laws of the Halfway Creek Lutheran Cemetery Association. All changes have been underlined and strike out below. Please contact Raymond Lee at 608-769-6964 for further discussion or questions.

ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS:

The annual meeting of this association shall be held in the Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, in the Town of Onalaska, County of La Crosse, State of Wisconsin on the second Sunday in February ~~following the latest morning worship service.~~ Public notice of the annual meeting or a special meeting shall be give at least two consecutive Sundays prior to the meeting date. Such notice shall be included in a newspaper designated by law to publish notices (presently the La Crosse Tribune). (in the local Holmen newspaper).

Such notice shall be included in the regular Sunday bulletin, monthly church newsletter, and posted in the Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. A special meeting may be called by the president, by two trustees, or by a petition of 10% of the association membership. A quorum for either such meetings shall be 10 voting members of the association.

In Our Prayers: Roy Ackermann, Talon Lichtie, Aiden Noth, Katie Wier, Finn Swenson, Phoebe Kitzke, Sophia Zematis, Ayla Humphrey, Ted Latham, Donna Dummer, Gayle Kuespert, Richard Granum, Andrea Baxter, Jim Ainslie, Jenny Wegner , Sue Bjerke, Matt & Cassie Tolvstad



Do You Know the Warning Signs?

Make it your mission to learn all you can about heart attacks and stroke – **don't become a statistic.**

Recognize these Heart Attack Signs

Uncomfortable pressure, sneezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

Recognize these Stroke Symptoms:

Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

If you have any of these signs, don't wait more than five minutes before calling for help. Call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital right away.

Coulee Region Gospel Choir Concert

John Daily, sings in the Coulee Region Gospel Choir invites us to hear their musical, **"Experiencing God"**. A narrator and 85 voice choir, directed by Tim Jensen, represents thirty area churches. Join them for one of the concerts:

Sunday, March 18 @ 3:00 pm at Christ Episcopal—9th & Main, La Crosse

Sunday, March 25 @ 3:00 pm at Bethany Free—County B, La Crosse

Sunday, April 8 @ 3:00 pm at Holmen Lutheran—Church & Morris St., Holmen

Sunday, April 15 @ 3:00 pm at Olivet Lutheran—2100 Bainbridge, French Island

Sunday, April 22 @ 3:00 pm Shepherd of the Hills—1215 Redwood, Onalaska

Halfway Creek Youth Updates

Butter Braid Fund Raiser

From February 18 – March 4, the youth will be selling butter braids to help fund their trip to the Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this summer. Available in a variety of flavors at \$12.00/ea. Delivery date is March 20th. If ordered through the church, a youth will contact you to arrange the delivery. Thank you for your support!

Group Outing—Thursday, March 29th

From 4:00–6:00 pm the youth outing will be at the Jump Start Trampoline Park in La Crosse. It is located on County B.

Wednesday Lenten Meal Schedule

March 7th—Tater Tot Casserole

March 21st –Spaghetti

March 14th—Cooks Choice

March 28th—No meal served tonight



ELCA QUILTING INVITE

The Halfway Creek Women of the ELCA will be quilting in March. All are welcome to join the fellowship at church. Every Tuesday, from 8:30 am–12:00 pm.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2018 to direct them on line**, or **March 29, 2018 to direct by phone call** (due to Good Friday Holiday and weekend dates). Don't miss this opportunity [to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to](#) our Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	Mar 1 9:00am Staff Meeting	2	3
4 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Book Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	5 5:30pm Grief with Our Family and Friends - @ Mayo Health (Lang Conference Room, 800 West Ave., La Crosse)	6 8:30am Quilting 9:00am Staff Meeting	7 5:30pm Lenten Dinner & Worship 6:15pm Confirmation Class attends worship & book 6:45pm Worship Team Rehearsal 6:45pm Book Study	8 6:30pm Prayer Chain Meeting @ Church	9	10
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I don't know how to put into words how very thankful I am for all your help and support. The fire caused a devastating loss of security as well as belongings and mementos. While belongings are just things, you never truly realize how many you have or how much sentimental value they have until something like this happens.

This very difficult time had been made immeasurably easier by the kind words, thoughtful deeds, and generosity of many.

Andrea Baxter

Women's Clothes Closet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

The WELCA is asking for your support to continue this important social ministry to help women in need. They provide gently used clothing and accessories at no charge to women with limited income. Ways to help:

- ◆ Donations of gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, coats, winter wear or financial gift
- ◆ Need of hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion or soap
- ◆ New undergarments or socks

Call 608-784-5745 to schedule a drop off during business hours at 612 Division St.



We received these new members on February 18th

Joseph, Nicole & Noah Lepsch

Gary Anderson

VISION BOARD MINUTES—JANUARY 18, 2018

Members present include Sister Becky Swanson, Joe Noth, Bob Bandoli, Jen Strangstalien, John Daily and Joanne Nichols. Guests present are Harvey Miller and Lynn Wegner. Rich Berger was excused.

President Joe called the meeting to order at 6:40. Sister Becky shared some reflections from the “Prayers for Christian Unity”.

Lynn presented the Worship & Liturgy Team’s proposed budget items for 2018.

John made a motion to present the budget to the congregation at the annual meeting of \$191,967.55. Jen seconded. Motion passed.

Bob presented the financial reports as of December 31, 2017. The net loss was \$6,625.24. The building bank account will be closed this month. The General Fund bank account has a balance of \$12,986.12 today. John made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Jen seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Morrison will present his report to the current and new Vision Board members in February.

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2017, meeting. John seconded. Motion approved.

John made a motion to approve the agenda for the annual meeting on February 4, 2018. Jen seconded. Motion was approved.

We reviewed the list of nominees for the 2018 Vision Board. We will finish contacting all nominees.

Bob made a motion to approve the secure destruction of financial documents over eight years old. Jen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Jen made a motion to adjourn and John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Nichols

CREATED TO CREATE



Love to crochet but never seem to find the time? Are you still working on your child's baby scrapbook even though they are in high school? Do you just need time to organize your digital photos and upload them to a photo site? Do you like to paint but haven't pulled your paint supplies out of the closet in over a year. We are excited to begin a new opportunity for Bible study, fellowship, and a little Sabbath (i.e., time to work on your crafts, hobbies, and Pinterest projects)! For the months of April, May, and June, Halfway Creek will be hosting **Created to Create** on the first Friday evening & Saturday morning of the month.

Friday, April 6th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Saturday, April 7th from 8 am to noon

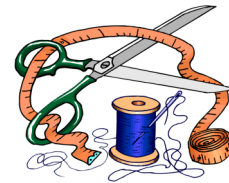


We ask that participants bring a snack to share for Friday night and a potluck item for lunch on Saturday.

Sr. Becky will lead a Bible study on Friday @ 7:00 pm & Saturday @ 9:30 am that we can discuss while we work.

FREE event, open to anyone middle school age and up. **NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED.** WiFi is available.

DEADLINE: Reserve your spot by Tuesday, April 3, via the online signup or by contacting the office so that we can set up the space accordingly.



LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD W-ELCA SPRING CONVENTION

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Living Hope Lutheran in Ettrick, WI. For more information and registration look in the March issue of Crosswinds.

SERVING AND WORSHIP

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M A R 4	8 0 0	Volunteer Needed	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Gary Anderson	Kari Fredrickson	Volunteer Needed
	1 0 3 0	Bramwell Family	Morgan Jostad			Jen Strangstalien	Jen Strangstalien	Bramwell Family
M A R 11	8 0 0	Volunteer Needed	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
	1 0 3 0	Bramwell Family	Volunteer Needed			Joe Noth	Jenessa Hill	Bramwell Family
M A R 18	8 0 0	McCoy Family	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Jodi Eide Patti Happel	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	McCoy Family
	1 0 3 0	Cornelius Family	Volunteer Needed			Carter Thiele	Jenessa Hill	Cornelius Family
M A R 25	8 0 0	Bringe Family	Dave Bringe	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Joe Noth	Pat Martin	Kari Fredrickson	Bringe Family
	1 0 3 0	Amy & Jim Noel	Dave Chase			John Daily	Carter Thiele	Amy & Jim Noel

Lots of Opportunity— Volunteer for a Service

To make Sunday Services a success, your time is needed. Use Sign-up Genius or call the office 608-526-3701. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9aa22a3fc1-worship4> or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a9aa22a3fc1-acolyteusher1> . Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board near the coffee area.



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Doug Johnson	Robert Nelson	Elyzabeth Yahnke	Nollan Gander
Graham Kinsman	Sydney Page	18	Nic Hill
3	12	James Dokkebaken	Noah Nelson
John Fredrickson	Paul Jostad	Collin Noel	Ruth Scholze
Kynzie Severson	13	20	30
Lynn Wegner	Gaye Johnson	Jesse Oines	John Daily
4	Mike Martin	23	Stella Pederson
Shelbi Craig	Garrett Pederson	Jeremy Cook	31
Wendy McCoy	Trish Syverson	26	Daniel Brudahl
5	15	Katrina Bringe	Reid Stumlin
Mike Nedoba	Braxton Lohrentz		
6	16		
Timothy Severson	Samantha Jensen		

 **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY** 

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Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Sister Becky Swanson

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OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTORAL CARE

If the need arises for Pastoral Care, please contact Sister Becky Swanson at one of the following numbers:

Cell: 612-327-5087

Church: 608-399-3339

