



## **CURRENTS**    SEPTEMBER 2018

### ***Reaching Out to Share Christ with All***

On Sunday, September 9, joining with Holmen Lutheran Church for Worship and Service in Halfway Creek park.

8:00 AM Indoor Worship offered at Holmen Lutheran Church

8:30 AM Set-up with coffee & donuts begins at the band shell in the Holmen Legion Park

9:30AM Worship in the Park-Bring a chair or blanket to sit on

10:30 AM Service Project on-site at the band shell

11:15 AM HCLC provides food.

*Join us for*

**"God's work. Our hands."**

A dedicated day of service in our community.

### **What's Happening in September**

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| <b>Sunday, September 2</b>     | Worship at 9:00 AM   |
| <b>Sunday, September 9</b>     | Worship at Halfway Creek Park <i>(details above)</i>   |
| <b>Sunday, September 16</b>    | Worship at 9:00 AM Blessing Backpacks & Briefcases followed by Ministry Fair (aka Hodge Podge) & Sunday School Sign-up |
| <b>Wednesday, September 19</b> | Confirmation Orientation 6:00 PM   |
| <b>Thursday, September 20</b>  | Vision Board Meeting   |
| <b>Sunday, September 23</b>    | Worship changes to 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM<br>Sunday School Begins 9:15 AM  |
| <b>Tuesday, September 25</b>   | Halfway Creek serving at Holmen's Hope, American Legion  |
| <b>Wednesday, September 26</b> | Confirmation Begins 6:00 PM  |
| <b>Sunday, September 30</b>    | Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM & Intergen/Faith Time<br><i>(details on page 6)</i>                                      |

## **NOTE FROM SR. BECKY**

“For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:1

As we finish the season of growing and recreation we turn our attention to the season of harvest and learning and so much else. This newsletter is chock full of information about our “program” year at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church.

Being the body of Christ together is about far more than attending worship, Sunday school or confirmation and Bible Study. Being the body of Christ is about relationships: each of our individual relationships with God and about our relationships to each other and our Neighbors.

God continually calls us into deeper relationship with God’s own self and with each other. To strive to see the Other through the eyes and compassion of God. To see the Other both as Christ and as the child God loves with compassion.

We deepen our relationship with God the same way we deepen our human relationships: by being present with each other. That might be the hardest thing about the life of faith - there is no instant and easy path. Even for folks like the Apostle Paul with a “road to Damascus” conversion story, the path afterward requires time and attention.

Wherever your path has taken you, we hope that you’ll be with us this fall as we dwell in God’s word; pray, praise and lament to God together; and strive to mature and grow in love and service to God and our neighbors.

In Christ’s service with you,

Sr. Becky

## **MENTORSHIP/INTERNSHIP**

Over the last eight months, I have been in conversation and discernment with the La Crosse area synod staff, my Directing Deaconess of the ELCA Deaconess Community, candidacy and other discernment partners — including some of you at HCLC. I have decided to move forward with the next steps required to move from the Word and Service roster to the Word and Sacrament roster. What this means is that beginning on September 1, I will work closely with a mentor pastor in the synod, as well as work with a professor from a seminary on an independent study. I will also be meeting monthly with a group from HCLC who will serve as a support committee for me during this time. I covet your prayers as I continue to listen to where and how the Holy Spirit is calling me to serve the church and the world.

## **WOMEN AND JUSTICE: Discussion on the ELCA Draft Social Statement**

Sat, Sept. 15, 9am-12pm - Synod office

The **Women and Justice ELCA Draft Social Statement** outlines the ELCA's vision, calling, and specific commitments around the eradication of sexism in the church and society. Led by members of the synod's Church in Society Committee, in this discussion we'll read through portions of the statement and discuss it. Join us for this conversation and discernment about our calling and commitment towards gender and justice. Physical copies of the draft statement will be available, coming to the discussion having read the statement will help provide context for the conversation.

## **HOLMEN'S HOPE MEAL COMING**

Halfway Creek Lutheran is responsible for preparing and serving the Holmen's Hope Meal on **Tuesday, September 25 at the American Legion**. We are in need of volunteers to help plan and prepare the meal. Go to our website and click up Sign-up Genius button, use the sign up sheet, contact Mary Hammond at 608-397-3367 or the office at 608-526-3701 or [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org) if you are willing to be a part of this ministry.



## **FAITH UNCORKED**

After the Holmen's Hope meal at the VFW, join the women of HCLC, Journey and Holmen Lutheran for fellowship and a faith centered conversation. We start at 7:00pm at Two Beagles. Sept 25 we will decide on topics for the fall. Hope to see you then!

## **POSITION AVAILABLE AT HALFWAY CREEK**

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church has posted for a part-time Director of Music Ministry. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please direct them to our website [www.halfwaycreek.org](http://www.halfwaycreek.org) to obtain a job description or call Sr. Becky at 612-327-5087.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Registration will be on September 16th after the 9:00 church service. Sunday School welcomes all children 2 years of age to 5th grade! Parents and children will be able to turn in registration forms, meet teachers and take part in a fun start of the year activity. Registration forms will be sent out to parents soon and be available on the Sunday School Facebook page. We will also have forms available for parents to fill out the day of registration. We can't wait to welcome all of the children to another fun year!

If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday School please let Jenessa know as we are in need of another teacher this year. You can reach her by phone (text or call) 507-313-3391 or email [Jenessahill117@gmail.com](mailto:Jenessahill117@gmail.com)

## MINISTRY FAIR (formally Hodge Podge)

Is an event where you can learn about and volunteer for our ministries and service projects here at the church. It will take place after 9:00 am service, on September 16th. It is a fun way to learn how you can use your time and talents to serve our congregation and our community.



## VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT WORSHIP

To make Sunday Services a success, your time is needed. Go to [www.halfwaycreek.org](http://www.halfwaycreek.org) and select the Sign-Up Genius button. Two other ways is to call the office 608-526-3701 or use the sign up sheets on the bulletin board near the coffee area.



### Halfway Creek Lutheran Begins Two Services

**Date: Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**Time:: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

*Thank  
You*

*Sorry for the lateness but thank you for the shawl and your thoughts and prayers throughout my life and my life to come.*

*Thank you again—Lars Oines  
Graduating Senior*

*Thank you to my family, friends and everyone for cards, gifts and well wishes, making my 80th birthday very memorable.*

*God Bless you all!! Thelma Severson*

## **PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

You are invited to join Sr. Becky on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am for a short musical prayer service beginning on September 5. The service lasts about 30 minutes. We will meet in the sanctuary.

## **HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?**

A gentle reminder that a person's name will only be placed on the public prayer list if we have direct permission from the person or an immediate family member. If we receive a prayer request from a third party, Sr. Becky will pass the name only on to the prayer chain – no details of the request. She will attempt to contact the person or family member directly to schedule a visit and/or to get their permission to include them in the prayers of the church.



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

## **INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION**

During Baptism God freely adopts us as children of God. We also commit to each other - and especially to the person being baptized- that we will walk together as the Holy Spirit forms faith in us.

Faith formation lasts as long as we have breath - and we are all called to mentor and be mentored in the faith by each other. We also know that establishing relationships with faith-filled adults is a key asset in raising healthy and resilient children.

**YOU** are invited to participate in a faith formation experiment!

Beginning on September 30 and on the last Sunday of the month going forward, all the people of HCLC are invited to gather in our fellowship area for a 15-minute InterGen/Faith Formation time. While we share refreshments, we will also share highs and lows, reflect together on a verse from the Gospel for the morning, pray together, bless each other and maybe even sing a song together! Then, we'll go off to our age appropriate faith formation activities.

On those last Sundays we hope to offer an adult forum - a speaker or topic to examine together for about 30 minutes.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church usually involves 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. If you know someone who is looking for a middle school faith formation experience, invite them to join us!

Registration and orientation with parents is on September 19 at 6:00pm. First session begins on September 26 at 6:00pm.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS**

We pray for God's blessings on all students, teachers, bus drivers, administrators, lunch room workers, custodians, coaches, and everyone else who is heading back to school this month! We will have a special blessing for everyone at the start of the new school year during worship on September 16 (9:00am). Please bring your backpacks, book bags, lunch boxes or briefcases to place them at the foot of the baptismal font at the start of service.

## CALL COMMITTEE

As we move forward with the call process, we invite you to contact a committee member if you have any questions, concerns and comments. Rich Berger; Marna Holley; Travis Horstman; Jackson McCoy; Kari Fredrickson; Gaye Johnson. Call the office for contact information.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY BY



By now you have received calls, emails or heard about our church directory and scheduling a time to have your picture taken between October 11-13. You will receive a **FREE** 8 x10 portrait, but there are many other discounts available. You may stop in the office to pick them up or check out the information table. Four ways to sign up:

1. Go to [www.halfwaycreek.org](http://www.halfwaycreek.org) website and click on button
2. Call church office 608-526-3701
3. Call Lifetouch direct 866-7566-0281
4. Place your name on the sign up sheets at our table during Ministry Fair

## Time to Harvest at the Church Garden

The garden is located below the hill by the outdoor worship area. A group meet at 9:00 AM on Wednesday. If you would like to get your hands in the soil, come on Wednesday. If that time doesn't work, you are welcome to come and work in the garden anytime. Call Nancy Holley (608)526-3418- to see what needs to be done. All produce is donated to the Salvation Army meal program. Take a stroll down and see how things are growing and to pick some produce!!



## **VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 12 , 2018**

Meeting called to order by Jen S at 6:30pm

Attendance: Jodi Eide, Mandi Horstman, Philip Johnson, Jen Strangstalien, Marna Holley, John Daily, Rich Berger, Kathi Hagel Absent: Gaye Johnson(excused) ex officio: Sr. Becky Swanson Guest: Jodi Anderson

Devotions ELW Psalm 141

Approval of Agenda

Addition of Cemetery Report. Motion Mandi / Second Phil

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes with an addition to the financial numbers once decided in the Financial Report. Mandi/ Second, John

Reports

Interim Pastor report- Holmen's Hope Dinner September 25<sup>th</sup>. Kornfest Parade, wanting youth/Sunday School to walk with the float. God's Work Our Hands Outdoor Service Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion, Kathi/ Second, Rich

Financial Report: John D will call and talk to Ruthie in regard to the WELCA funds. We need to reach more members to help impact the weekly giving because the summer month decline. Jodi E and Jodi A. will draft a letter to the congregation. Discussion on if we borrow from other funds to cover expenses. John motioned to authorize the treasurer to use the funds from Thrivent income fund A and Thrivent moderate allocation fund A to meet short term cash flows needs with the intent that this will be paid back by the end of 2018. Rich second. Minutes to now reflect monthly income, and budgeted expense, and actual expense.

\$14,699.17 revenue, actual expenses \$18,419.22

Budgeted expenses \$17,751.00, budgeted revenue is \$15,997.00.

In the weekly bulletin and newsletter MTD and YTD actual revenue, actual expenses, budgeted revenue, budgeted expenses. Motion to approve Rich/ Second, Marna.

Youth Report: \$40 per student need to make up for hotel taxes.

Call Committee Update: Interview is scheduled.

Cemetery Report- Raymond Lee- Lawn mowing through church added to the insurance in 2004. The Cemetery association is part of the church as long as the board members are members of the church. To have the insurance cover the lawn care under the worker's comp and the lawn mower must be employed by the church. \$230 a year for Insurance to the church, the cemetery committee decided to boost to \$250. The people who mow are considered employees so they can be covered under Worker's Comp. Jodi A. will bill the Cemetery for the Worker's comp and the mowing. Raymond asked for the money in and money out on the annual report. Jodi A will review with the insurance to get the Cemetery Committee a correct amount. Discussed the need to recruit people for the cemetery board for the next generation.

#### Old Business

Director of Music Ministry- Planned to run ad at end of June, Amy Noel, personnel committee, to review the job description. Job description needs to be updated. Exit interview with Lynn that went well. This ad would be sent out to the local music associations, and other organizations, Indeed, musicians network, possibly Facebook?

Church Directory- Life touch... dates 11,12,13<sup>th</sup> of OCT. Signups starting Aug.

Worship planning- Kathy Johnson is available for all Sundays for the rest of summer. Outside Sundays Aug 12 and 26. Zoe or Melissa. Kathy on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Worship team is taking off for August.

Building Signage- no update. Cassie wants to help make the class rooms more welcoming.

#### New Business

Xcel- received a letter that we have reached an actual maximum monthly demand of 25 kilowatts or greater. If we do that for 4 months we will have a rate increase. Ways we can conserve energy, meet in basement. John will review with an account rep.

Insurance- Ann Stasiak wants to review our insurance, it is worth a conversation. Jodi E will review when our insurance is paid for the year.

Rostered Ministers Appreciation- program for scholarships for church leaders. We chose not to participate at this time.



## KORNFEST AUGUST, 2018

Holmen Lutheran joined Halfway Creek Lutheran Church to have a presence in this year's parade.

Thanks to all that marched passing out candy and brochures. Thank you to Rich & Bette Pedretti for pulling the trailer. Mark your calendars for next year and come join us!!



# September 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 26	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1
2 9:00am Worship Service	3 Labor Day	4	5 9:00am Prayer Service for Our Congregation 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 8:30am Worship - God's work. Our hands in the Halfway Creek Park	10	11	12 9:00am Prayer Service for Our Congregation 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	13	14	15
16 9:00am Worship Service Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15am Sunday School Orientation, Meet your 5:00pm Living Hope Supper	17 Currents Deadline	18	19 9:00am Prayer Service for Our Congregation 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00pm Confirmation	20 Bible Study - Starting with Chapters 17 & 17A 6:30pm Vision Board	21	22
23 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School/Faith Formation 10:30am Worship Service	24	25 5:00pm Holmen's Hope monthly dinner at American Legion - Halfway 6:30pm Theology Uncorked (Two Beagles Brew Pub)	26 9:00am Prayer Service for Our Congregation 6:00pm Confirmation Begins 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	27	28 7:00pm Rehearsal Wedding Johnson & Hansen	29 9:30am Wedding Johnson & Hansen
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# Dear Families and Friends,

We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

## A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life our church
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at our church website at [www.halfwaycreek.org](http://www.halfwaycreek.org) or look for our signup table at upcoming services or call our office or call Lifetouch at **1.866.756.0281**.

## PHOTOGRAPHY DATES and HOURS:

Thursday	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Friday	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Saturday	October 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00AM to 5:00PM

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those would like them prior to photography.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory. I am encouraging 100% participation!

In Christ,

Sister Becky Swanson, SAM Interim Pastor

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.



You are invited to  
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**Capture memories  
 for a lifetime**

**Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!**



We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families.

**Create treasured keepsakes**

More information will be coming soon about scheduling your photography session.

**Convenient**

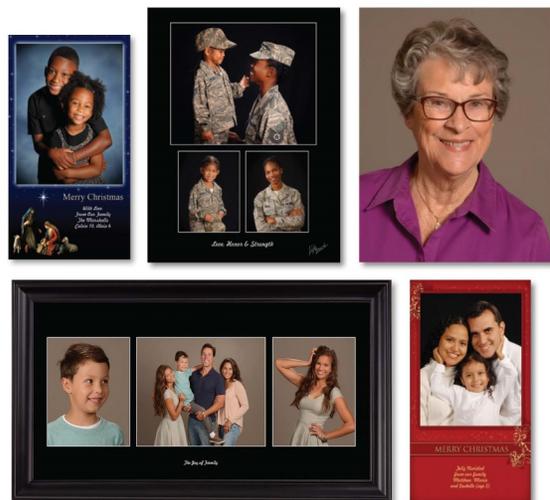
Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your photographs
- Be able to purchase photography gifts



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph & directory for participating



Exclusive products for your **cherished memories**



the purchase of any Lifetouch Directory and Portraits  
photography and frames

for

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Thank you for protecting our freedom & safety

Coupon Code MILT

**Schedule your photography session today!**

One 20% offer per family. Service discount includes active and retired U.S. Coast Guard, National Guard or Reservists, as well as first responders: police, fire fighters, etc. Please present proper ID. Offer valid when purchasing photography products at the organization serviced by Lifetouch Directories and Portraits. Not valid on reorders. Non-transferable. Void where prohibited. Purchaser pays any applicable tax and handling fees.

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## Seniors

Don't forget photography for  
your children & grandchildren

Age 60+ • Coupon Code SENI

**Schedule your photography session today!**

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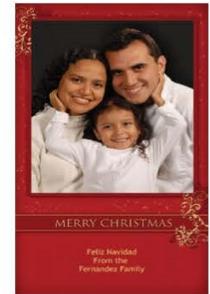


## Be yourself

Classic, casual, musical,  
sporty or fun—it's up to you!

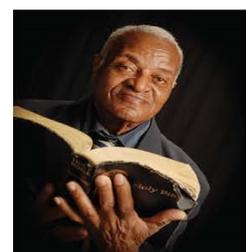


## Great gifts



## Bring special people & items

- Invite grandparents and other family members/loved ones to join your photography session (even if they are not members)
- Bring meaningful items that express your individuality: sports equipment, musical instruments, hobby items, special toys or books



Visioning- need to find sometime of visioning. Celebration and Vision meeting. How do we use Sept 16<sup>th</sup> to plant the seeds for the Celebration and Vision meeting. "Big Idea Box" Saturday in October. We will discuss more in August meeting 6:00pm.

Building Signage- Hospitality Team and signage needed do we need a sub-committee for interior design? Or a strategic planning meeting? As far as the signage goes Marna will look to see if there is a sign that GHS might donate

Parsonage Maintenance- Call Archie for issues.

Good of the Order Closing Prayer Motion to adjourn was made by Phil at 9:06

Next Meeting Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

<p><b>1</b> Rachel Temp</p> <p><b>3</b> Adalyn Ruhbusch</p> <p><b>4</b> Gail Dent</p> <p><b>5</b> Gregory Britton</p> <p><b>6</b> Teagan Yahnke</p> <p><b>8</b> Gary Anderson Angela Kinsman Bria Steffen</p> <p><b>9</b> Casey Clark</p> <p><b>10</b> Rayna Hendrickson</p>	<p><b>13</b> Jason Bramwell Gayle Johnson Emersen Strangstalien</p> <p><b>14</b> Buelah Sanders Rodney Sutherland Rochelle Thompson</p> <p><b>15</b> Jesse Fiers</p> <p><b>17</b> Kaden Casberg</p> <p><b>18</b> Diane Jostad Emily Jostad Kimberly Noel</p> <p><b>20</b> Dawn Rink</p>	<p><b>21</b> Nicole Lepsch</p> <p><b>22</b> Hadley Given Hannah Wegner</p> <p><b>23</b> James Hansen David Johnson Morgan Jostad Mark Sanders Stan Schwier Lila Sutherland</p> <p><b>24</b> Ruth Jones</p> <p><b>25</b> Ruth Jostad Benjamin Mueller Richard Pedretti</p>	<p><b>26</b> Alex Pedretti Eric Theisen</p> <p><b>28</b> Aaron Balow Jason Ruhbusch</p> <p><b>30</b> Jessica Cook Chad Hanson</p>
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**SERVING AND WORSHIP**

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<b>SEPT 2</b>	9 0 0	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne  Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton  Sonja Nelson	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>AT HALFWAY CREEK BANDSHELL WITH HOLMEN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>							
<b>SEPT 9</b>	8 3 0	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson  Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti  Susan Jostad	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>SEPT 16</b>	9 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Nancy Holley  Diane Jostad	Jodi Eide  <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>SEPT 23</b>	8 0 0	Dave Bringe	Bette Pedretti  Barb Hale	Joe Noth  <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	1 0 3 0	Russ Bringe			<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>SEPT 30</b>	8 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad	Mike Martin John Daily	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	1 0 3 0	Morgan Jostad			<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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Sunday Worship at  
8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Sister Becky Swanson

### **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](mailto: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

**Direct Church Line:** 608-399-3339

**Office :** 608-526-3701

