



# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CURRENTS

NOVEMBER, 2019

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

#### **SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER**



- November 3 All Saints Sunday  
8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship-Sunday School Singing
- November 10 Service planned & lead by Confirmation  
Blessing of the Hunters  
8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship
- November 17 Guest Preacher on World Hunger  
8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship
- November 24 Christ the King  
8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship
- November 27 Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:00 pm  
@ Halfway Creek Lutheran Church  
(no Confirmation tonight)
- November 30 Deck the Halls Advent Festival  
9:00-12:00 pm Get church ready for Advent  
Everyone Invited

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 3**

All Saints Sunday 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 10**

We will bless our hunters at both services on November 10th.  
Wear your blaze orange or camouflage to church!



*Want to learn more about Pine Ridge Reservation. Come listen to Diane Jostad share her experience between services on Sunday, November 17.*

### **WORLD HUNGER APPEAL NEWS**

**Because of you** a family of four has food for 16 days. Andrea Baxter turned in \$320 at the Coulee Region Hunger 5K on October 13. 100% of the funds will be distributed to Wafer Food Pantry, Hunger Task Force and Holmen's Hope. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.**

What is next? November is World Hunger Appeal month at HCLC. Through the World Hunger Appeal we support projects to alleviate hunger and poverty in 46 of the 50 United States. Some of those projects were done here in our La Crosse Area Synod. We also support projects in over 60 countries around the globe.

Each Sunday we will be collecting a noisy offering to contribute to the ELCA World Hunger appeal. On November 17, Pr. Kath Ingbritsen will share with us how the dollars we give make a difference for hungry people in this country and around the world.

**Remember**-bring your donations for the local food pantries to the Thanksgiving eve service!

### **DECK THE HALLS ADVENT FESTIVAL—NOVEMBER 30**

On Saturday, November 30th, 9:00 -12:00, we are inviting families to help get the church ready for the start of Advent. This is a great opportunity for confirmation kids to earn service hours! Decorate the sanctuary and our fellowship space for Advent and Christmas!

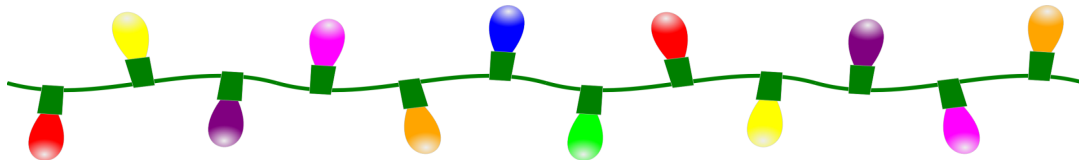
## YOUTH CHRISTMAS CRAFT RAFFLE

Attention HCLC crafters. Would you like to help our youth put some extra money in their accounts for their summer trips and missions? If you are a crafter and have special hand-made items you would want to donate to the youth, we will be doing a craft raffle. Aren't crafty and would like to put together a themed basket, that would be appreciated as well.

Contact Mandi Horstman [adhorstman2000@gmail.com](mailto:adhorstman2000@gmail.com) or 608-780-1653 (call or text) with your items. Donations are needed by Sunday, November 17th. **Raffle tickets will be sold Sunday's 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, and 12/15 between and after service. Drawings will take place 12/15 and winners announced after 10:30 service.**

## 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 22**. 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.9-20 when office is open** and put them in the box labeled "Santa's Workshop Christmas Store".



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Join Cassie for coffee & fellowship at **The Grind Coffee Shop** in Holmen on Wednesday, **November 13th at 4:30 p.m.** Bring yourself and a friend, if you want! We will catch up, have a coffee and a sweet treat, and a small bible study! Can't make it November 13th? Our next coffee fellowship will be on Tuesday, December 17th at Caribou Coffee in Onalaska!

**Stay tuned!** We are in the process of planning next summer's youth faith formation adventure trip! This trip is open to all youth grades 9-12 and 8th graders going INTO 9th grade for the 2020-2021 academic school year.

**Santa's Workshop:** Have you been doing any fall cleaning? Do you have gently used items that can be donated to Santa's Workshop? Donations for Santa's Workshop is currently being accepted until December 7th.

## 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, November 29.** **Cost: \$17.00/ea.** All poinsettia donations will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin.

## HCLC CARING TREE

Watch for the Caring Tree in the Narthex late November. Please record your phone number on the sheet on the clipboard by the tree when taking a tag. Each child receives two presents. One item is clothing and the other is a fun item. Suggested maximum gift amount of **\$25 for each item.**

**If you would like to spend more than that, please take both tags for that child or select more tags.** We want to keep the amounts of gifts consistent for each child within a family.



**Please return gifts (wrapped, with the tag attached) to church by Dec 8th.** if you are unable to deliver your gift, contact Bette Pedretti by phone or text at 608-526-3241 or email [bettepedretti@yahoo.com](mailto:bettepedretti@yahoo.com).



## LOOKING TO READ SOMETHING NEW THIS FALL

Check out **THE BACK PEW** shelves in the fellowship area. We have found these titles interesting and inspirational. Feel free to borrow them. We hope you love them too!

*Living Lutheran* by Dave Daubert

*Becoming a Blessed Church* by Stanley Ott

*Our Lives Are Not Our Own, saying yes to God* by Rochelle Melander and Harold Eppley

*The Agile Church* by Dwight J. Zscheile

*We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren

*How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going* by Susan Beaumont

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

The October Stewardship celebration was a great event! Thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment to the ministry of HCLC. The results of your effort are reported below. The one thing we have found is that a very high percentage of members who make a financial commitment meet that commitment.

For anyone who hasn't made a commitment yet, we hope you are prayerfully considering this opportunity. Cards have come to you in the mail and will also be available in the narthex. The amount committed will assist the Vision Board in creating a budget for 2020.

***Because of you***, there is so much we can accomplish! ***Thank you!***

The Stewardship Team

Statistical report comparisons

<u>11.2016</u>	<u>11.2017</u>	<u>11.2018</u>	<u>10.13.2019</u>	
64	58	50	46	1. Number of Pledge cards completed/giving units present today
43	38	30	22	2. Number of those in #1 who pledged to increase giving from last year
48	45	41	30	3. Number of giving units present today who made a pledge
\$ 114,802	\$ 107,688	\$ 106,434	\$ 91,885	4. Total Dollars pledged today
\$ 40,466	\$ 36,296	\$ 59,370	\$ 98,141	5. Dollar amount of past 12 months of giving for those without a pledge today
\$ 4,289	\$ 4,240	\$ 3,857	\$ 3,301	6. Average Loose offerings for the past 3 years
\$ 5,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	7. Income from Non-donor sources
\$ 164,681	\$ 148,224	\$ 169,661	\$ 193,327	8. Total anticipated income for next year
\$ 126,550	\$ 124,702	\$ 151,663	\$ 183,822	9. Income received for the general fund over the last 12 months
\$ 38,131	\$ 23,522	\$ 17,998	\$ 9,505	10. Operating Budget income increase for next year
30%	19%	12%	5%	11. Percent increase in total giving above last year

Notes

During 2019, several people gave larger lump sums because of the appeal in the Spring

This effects Lines #2, 9 and 11

During 2016,(line 7) the parsonage was rented to cover the costs of its maintenance/ utilities/etc

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars with the following events:

**Sunday, November 3-** Sing at 10:30 am Worship

**Sunday, November 10, 17 & 24-** Sunday School

**Sunday, December 1 & 8-** Sunday School

**Friday, December 13-** 6:00 pm hot dog dinner Jesus Birthday Party & Christmas Program rehearsal (parents asked to stay)

**Sunday, December 15-** Christmas Program at HCLC

**Sunday, December 22-** Santa's Workshop Christmas Store

**Sunday, December 29-** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday, January 5-** Pancakes, Pals, PJ Party & Sing at 10:30 am Worship



## CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR COOKIE WALK

This year the Cookie Walk will be on Sunday, December 15. Bakers: let Patti Happel patiszoo@yahoo.com or (608)317-9525; Kathi Hagel khkitzke@centurytel.net or (608)397-5051 know what you are whipping up!!



*Thank You*

*To all that volunteered for Trunk or Treat on October 19th. It was great to see so many participating. Thank You*



We pray for Roy Ackermann, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Ted Latham, Gayle Kuespert, Sue Bjerke, Larry Severson, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Betty Schmidt, Andy & Andrea Weckherlin, Sarahann Jones, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Jean Schwanebeck, Dawson Reed



## **VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

Attendance: John Daily, Gaye Johnson, Patti Happel, Mike Nedoba, Ruth Scholtz, Jodi Edie, Mandi Horstman, Jen Strangstalien , Sr. Becky Swanson

Absent: Kathi Hagel (excused)

Call to order-6:00pm by Jen Strangstalien

Devotion/Reflection- Led by Sr Becky Swanson

Approval of Agenda- John D. Made the motion to approve the agenda and Patti H. Made the second. Motion Passed

Approval of August Minutes and August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

August Meeting Minutes- Gaye J. made the motion to approve the Vision Board Minutes for August and Mike N. Made the second. Motion passed

August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes(Bishop Arends)- Gaye J made the motion to approve the extra meeting minutes and Mike N. Made the second. Motion passed

Ministry Report- motion to receive- Ruth made the motion to receive the ministry report and Mike N. Made the second, motion passed.

Financial Report-

Total August Revenue \$12,614.36, Total Expenditures \$10,739.00

YTD Revenues \$183,920.34, YTD Expenditures \$125,429.08

Gaye J made the motion to accept the Financial Report and Ruth S made the second. Motion passed.

Gaye J made a motion to take the money raised from the recent fundraisers and give it to the general fund. Mike N. Made the second and the motion passed.

Jodi E.- There were 3 months of Portico payments to be made and \$8130.87 taken from Thrivent Account to make that payment. Gaye J. asked what the plan is to pay back the Thrivent account? With going to a part-time pastor, this should help with the finances. We will continue to have the Financial Meeting after service. Jodi E. will be requesting people to help be counters, capital campaign, trust board. Jodi Anderson would like us to have a audit committee look through the books (1 trained and 2 readers) We do have a manual for Audit committee. Discussion on what would our goal be for the Capital Fund? The bank thought as a base to at least try for a year of mortgage payments. Plus



the roof will need to be redone as well. Adventurefest was a huge success as a fund raiser, but it was a lot of work.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising Opportunities/Kornfest- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Bake Sale (Jillian Edie, Emma Nedoba, Olivia Nedoba). Thank you to the Stauffer's for donating the can koozies for Kornfest parade.

Fall Kick Off- Sunday 9/15 at 9:00am-

Speakers from each committee: Cassie-Youth, Diane- Alter Guild, Ruth- Discipleship, Jodi- Finance, Carrie- Sunday School, Amy-Stewardship, Jen- Interior Decorating, Matt- Technology, John - Music and Liturgy

Communication committee- Flyers, brochures, colors for the logo, Facebook, Instagram. Do we want to make it more of a marketing committee. Discussed reaching out to Chris Stauffer or Kris Johnson.

Holmen's Hope on 9/24- Mike has a gentleman from North Country Steak Buffet coming to help, need volunteers to help. Mike N. will connect with Archie for the Food Bank as well.

Fall Schedule-

Services- right now stay status quo, need to discuss and see if we have support from the Congregation. We can re-evaluate monthly or after the new year. Sr Becky suggested having larger group conversations, Ruth S. suggested having meetings like the Financial Update meeting in between.

Motion from John D, second from Patti H for purchase of a Wisconsin Raffle License - Mandi will cover the \$25 cost.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sr. Becky Part-time Agreement and Tasks- She will move to part-time on October 15<sup>th</sup>, she will continue to plan and preside over the Thanksgiving Service. 1 afternoon service for Christmas with the option to have supply pastors for other Christmas Services. Jen S, Joanne Nichols, Cassie Tolvstad will be teaching confirmation. Brice Hale, Gary Andersen, and Diane Jostad have agreed to help. Other tasks that need to be taken care of: Signing of timecards every 2 weeks, oversight of the employees, checking of the announcements, bulletin, helping Rose in the office. We need to have liaisons to reach out to Rose or for Rose to reach out to. Being in touch with Rich and Laurie. Sr. Becky will not be running Bible studies, or participating in evening meetings. As the Vision Board we need to be aware of items that need to be shared with the employees.



Holmen Lutheran Funeral Request- Motion to allow Holmen Lutheran to have funerals at our facility with the normal fees applying. Mike N made the motion and Jodi E made the second, motion passed.

Holmen High School Service Ministry- Journey started a ministry for the Holmen students that are in need. We did socks & underwear during Lent. We will continue to focus on Lent but with open communication lines in case of urgent needs.

Sunday School Request- Carrie Payne wants to have a Bulletin Board hanging near the door for Sunday. We just want to make sure it looks similar to what we have.

Amendments to the Constitution- from the church wide assembly there are many changes. Amy Noel can lead that portion of the annual meeting and will make the updates.

Stewardship Update- 1 Service 10/13/19 10:00am- cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee. Bishop Arends will be preaching. Stewardship team are taking different Sundays to speak. "Because of you" theme. John D made a motion for the service change and Mike N made the second, motion passed. Mike N will take it to Sunday School. Stewardship committee will have people here to help people get electronically set up for giving the 2 weeks after the meeting.

Survey Results- More Organ music, communion at the rail, traditional service stays traditional, both lessons and psalms. Only 3 turned in.

Designated Gifts-

4 paintings that Pastor Garman- John a motion to accept the gift of the paintings and Mike made the second, motion passed with the knowledge that the Vision Board will be able to approve where the items will be displayed.

Outdoor worship sign- design will be brought to the Vision Board for approval.

Devotional- Gaye J. will send us a few suggestions.

Closing Prayer- The Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER LA CROSSE

# HOLMEN

AREA CLUB & COMMUNITY CENTER



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF GREATER LA CROSSE

*Great Futures Together*  
**A \$3.5 MILLION Campaign**

## Fundraising Kick Off Celebration

Saturday, November 2, 2019  
10:30 arrive  
11:00 program  
Holmen High School Commons



### PROGRAM

- Kristina Smaby-Schoh & guests share intergenerational value of the Club
- Facility purpose & design
- Partnership fundraising announcements

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Holmen Area Community Center
- School District of Holmen
- Village of Holmen
- Holmen Area Businesses
- Holmen Area Service Organizations
- Community Members

### THE NEED IS REAL



The northern La Crosse County corridor is the second fastest population growth area in the state. A safe and welcoming space for the residents of the area is vital. Even though Holmen is the largest school in the Mississippi Conference it is the only one that does not have a dedicated space for after-school activities and learning support, putting many kids at risk.

Residents of retirement age also do not have a dedicated place to gather, receive wellness and nutrition services, recreate and share their talents. Fulfilling this need is vital to being a community that provides a community space for all of our residents, regardless of age.

### STAY FOR THE CELEBRATION

**AFTER THE DECA SENIOR HOLIDAY BREAKFAST 8-10:30 AM**



November 2019

November 2019							December 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Sunday School Singing	St. Beckvon Stuck, Leaver/Germany 11:30pm Veterans Day	Election Day 6:00pm 2020 Adventure Trip for Youth Mandatory Meeting	6:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	4:30pm High School Kids @ The Grind Coffee Shop w/Cassie 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	All Saint's Day St. Beckvon Stuck/Leaver/Germany	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00am Worship 9:15am Faith Travel Sharing - Pine Ridge - Diane Jostad 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Living Hope Supper In Erick	Currents Deadline	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	25	9:00am North Conference - North Beaver Creek, Blair 5:00pm Women's Hope monthly dinner at American Legion	6:00pm No Confirmation 6:30pm No Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service	Thanksgiving 9:30am Women's Bible Study	29	9:00am Deck the Halls Advent Festival @ Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

HCLC Assistant

**SERVING AND WORSHIP**

**Volunteer to help at Worship**

		SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS
<b>N O V 3</b>	8 0 0	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne  Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton  Sonja Nelson
	1 0 3 0	Morgan Jostad		
<b>N O V 10</b>	8 0 0	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson  Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti  Susan Jostad
	1 0 3 0	Kermit Jostad		
<b>N O V 17</b>	8 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad  Nancy Holley	Jodi Eide  <b>Need Volunteer</b>
	1 0 3 0	<b>Need Volunteer</b>		
<b>N O V 24</b>	8 0 0	Dave Bringe	Barb Hale  Bette Pedretti	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
	1 0 3 0	Dave Chase		

**For the month of November your assistance at each service is needed:**

- ♦ **Acolytes**
- ♦ **Greeters**
- ♦ **Communion Assistants**
- ♦ **Lectors**
- ♦ **Powerpoint**
- ♦ **Ushers**

**Use Sign-up Genius button on the website; email [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org) or there are sign up sheets on the bulletin board near coffee area.**

**Gifting of your time is important to help meet the needs of this congregation at each service.**

**Sexton and Offering Counters are needed to assist on a monthly basis. If you want to know more, please contact the office.**

**Thank you to those that serve the church!**

**Office Hours Change Thanksgiving Week November 25-29**

Hours on Monday 8:00-5:00; Tuesday 8:00-2:00; Thursday-Thanksgiving; Friday-Closed.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.*

<b>1</b> Leslie Kolbo	<b>10</b> Kari Hendrickson	<b>20</b> Shannon Given	Brian Mueller
<b>2</b> Sue Bramwell	<b>11</b> Angela Balow	Hadleigh Lohrentz	<b>29</b> Zachary Gordon
Jean Latham	<b>12</b> Kari Fredrickson	Connor Mihm	Coleton Lee
Noel Jandt	<b>14</b> Ema Nedoba	<b>21</b> Aspen Balow	<b>30</b> Gavin Bramwell
<b>3</b> Robert Bandoli	Olivia Nedoba	Hannah Noel-	Rylan Hendrickson
Brian Rosenow	<b>16</b> Samuel Nedoba	Bouchard	Jill Noel
Jayden Tuquero	<b>17</b> Elisa Moss	<b>23</b> Kathy Johnson	Chesney Plomedahl
<b>6</b> Masen Harper	<b>18</b> Joe Fredrickson	<b>25</b> Marjorie Lee	
<b>7</b> Cashten Dammen	<b>8</b> Amber Nelson	<b>27</b> Steven Lee	
<b>8</b> Carmon Jostad		<b>28</b> Richard Hale	

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH INVITATION**

**When: Saturday, December 7**

**Time: 9:30 AM**

**Where: Mindoro Lutheran Church**

**RSVP: Mona—608-857-3474 by Dec. 1**



**Faith + Full + Life: Living Faith Fully!**

**Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM for**

**Holiday Party & Service Project**

**At Lori Schipper's Home**

**Bring favorite regular or adult beverage and snack to share**

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church  
608-526-3701  
www.halfwaycreek.org

Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

### **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](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org).

### **PASTORAL CARE**

If the need arises for Pastoral Care, please contact Sr. Becky at:

**Cell: 612-327-5087**

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

**Office: 608-526-3701**

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