



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

JANUARY 2020

CONGREGATIONAL CALL COMMITTEE

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 2020 immediately following worship to elect a call committee. Please note there will be only **ONE** service on this Sunday at 10:00 am. Sunday School will remain at their usual time for a shortened lesson that day.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee Team Reports are due by Friday, January 10th.

The annual reports will be **emailed** out this month. They will also be available for pick up at church at the end of January. Please contact the office at 526-3701 if you would prefer a copy to be mailed to you. Please read through it, and give thanks to God for all that Halfway Creek has done in the last year to “Reach out to share Christ with all.”



HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

You are invited to the annual meeting in the life of the church as the congregation prepares to move ahead into the future. One of the marks of discipleship here at Halfway Creek is to “build relationships that foster faith.” That is what we will strive to do in this meeting and in the life of the church!

The meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, February 2, 2020. One service schedule at 10:00 AM. A potluck will follow the meeting .

Schedule for what to bring; if your last name begins with

A-I: main dish

J-R: side dish/salad

S-Z: dessert

HCLC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Halfway Creek Lutheran Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 between services. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Board Members: Raymond Lee, Daniel Brudahl or Mark Witte.



QUILTING STARTS IN FEBRUARY

The Halfway Creek Women of the ELCA will start quilting on Tuesday, February 4th and continue through March. All are welcome to join the fellowship at church. Every Tuesday, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

THE BACK PEW

We have a great book for suggested reading this month.



Becoming a Blessed Church was written by N. Graham Standish in 2005.

What exactly is a blessed church? Standish answers: It is a glimpse of what a church can be. It is a vision, a glimpse of a healthy church. It is a church uniquely grounded in a relationship with God. A church that allows blessings to flow.

This book is a great reference or guide for all members of a congregation hoping to be part of a blessed church.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

A copy of your charitable giving to HCLC will be mailed out to you in late January. If you need a copy before then, please contact the office email assistant@halfwaycreek.org or call (608) 526-3701.



We pray especially 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, Dawson Reed, Bill Dent, Jean Schwanebeck*



CARING TREE MINISTRY THANK YOU

With your help, Halfway Creek Lutheran Church provided over 40 gifts to the Holmen Lutheran Service Ministry Program. Special thanks to all of you for your partnership with us again this year. With your help, we distributed 350 Christmas gifts to 175 children and 83 Christmas Food/Care Packages (including towels and pillows) to families in the Holmen community on December 14th. You truly helped to make a difference in many people's lives this holiday season! Thank you AND BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS !

YOUTH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to all who donated to the Youth Raffle this year! We had an amazing amount of items donated, some even made by our youth. Thank you to Mandi Horstmann for organizing this event. We were able to raise a total of \$427 from the sale of all of the donated items for the youth.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

The cookie walk was held on December 15th between and after services. This year \$394.50 was raised for the benefit the general church fund. Thank you to all who donated and/or bought goodies, to help make this a successful event.

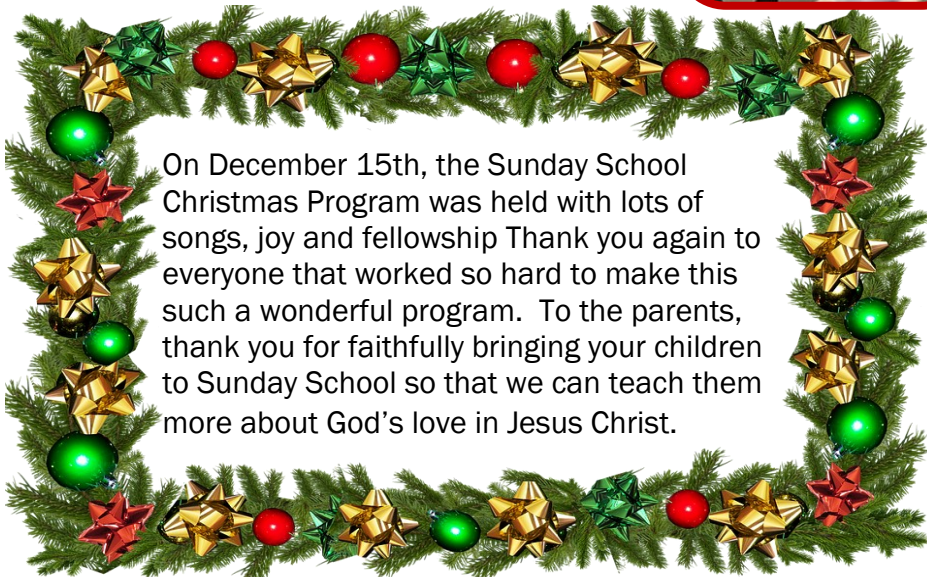
SANTA'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP STORE

Thank you to all those who donated items to our Santa's Workshop! Our Sunday's School kids were able to purchase multiple gifts for their family members and the youth students were busy elves wrapping, taping, and making sure that their gifts looked just right! This year \$140 was raised for the youth. All items left were donated to Good Steward.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS—JANUARY

January 5 Welcome Back & bring a friend for Pancakes, Prayers & PJ's
January 12, 19, 26 Sunday School



On December 15th, the Sunday School Christmas Program was held with lots of songs, joy and fellowship Thank you again to everyone that worked so hard to make this such a wonderful program. To the parents, thank you for faithfully bringing your children to Sunday School so that we can teach them more about God's love in Jesus Christ.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

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Tuck Kinsman

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Edward Swackhamer

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John Noel

Carrie Payne

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Mia Bartnik

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Keith Casberg

Audrey Clark

Petra Nedoba

7

John Stasiak

9

Paula Hammes

Noah Lepsch

10

Duane Crocker

Lonnie Oines

Edward Scholze

Jordyn Schreiber

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Mathew Barbour

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Robert Lee

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Zachary Mueller

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Mary Jane Nelson

Trevor Plomedahl

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Lisa Betsinger

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Joy Jandt

Jordyn Stasiak

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Tammy Howe

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Donna Anderson

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Rylend Tuquero

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Kathie Severson

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Chance Brandau

Joseph Ouellette

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Erica Nichols

Melissa Noth

Matt Rink

Camden Thiele

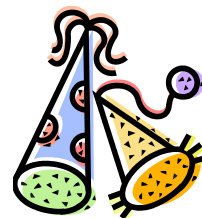
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Brystol Pralle

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Ethan Heiser

Corey Hendrickson



Thank You

While still walking among us on earth, Jesus left us with only one command- Go...make disciples...teaching them...

I want to thank you for the recognition of my years of teaching Sunday School, along with the other teachers and helpers, at the Christmas program. It's been a joy watching your children grow in Christ.

Susie Johnson

VISION BOARD NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MINUTES

Attending: Jen Strangstalien, John Daily, Jodi Eide, Mandi Horstman, Ruth Schultz, Kathi Hagel, Patti Happel, Gaye Johnson Absent : Mike Nedoba

Call to Order- 6:02

Devotion/Reflection- Gaye Johnson- Reading from Exodus, Sang 'Christ Be the Light'

Approval of Agenda- addition Elevator, offering counters, La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Meal, Business Community expo. John D Made the motion to approve and Ruth S made the second, motion passed.

Approval of October Minutes- Kathi H made the motion to approve and Patti H made the second, motion passed. Meeting with Pastor Libby Minutes- John D made the motion to approve and Gaye J made the second, motion passed.

Ministry Report- Sister Becky will continue to send in as she is part time status. Motion to receive the Ministry report was made by Ruth S, and John D made the second, motion passed.

Financial Report-

October Total Revenue \$18,052.45 Total Expenditures \$16,074.88

YTD Total Revenue \$217,544.14 Total Expenditures \$159,129.31

Reduction in Salary for Sister Becky will occur in November due to the 2 week lag for paychecks. Patti H made the motion to approve the Financial report and Kathi H made the second, motion passed.

Other financial information- \$13808.37 Still owed to Thrivent. John D will talk to David Gate and Cassie Tolvstad for the Capital campaign. Board of Trustees for the Trust names given David Bringe, Jessica Harper. Jodi E will not be able to attend the budget meeting on Dec 7th but she will get us all the items prepared. Vision Board members attending the monthly Financial meeting in between services would be appreciated. Offering counters- Need for 12/22 12/24 need 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month we could use help.

Old Business: Transition Planning-

Communication- Facebook- Sister Becky will need to make Mandi H and Patti H admins. Laurie N. and service planning- Mandi H will check in. Christmas Eve 9 pm Service will Laurie need to plan that service?

Possible new members and Sister Becky said she will meet with them.

Budget Planning December 7th 9am- Reach out to the teams to see what they are needing for the budget.

Stewardship Update: Looks like a 5% increase over last year and seemed to have a positive response.

Vision Board 2020- Jodi E will not be returning. Patti H, Ruth, Mandi, Kathi, Gaye, John. Discussion of Nominations- Nominations to start this next week and will go on for 4 weeks. Vision Board will reach out to nominees to see if they would prayerfully consider the position. Call Committee/Meeting with Pastor Libby-

Dates for Meeting? Congregational Meeting requires notice 2 Sunday's prior and 10 days by letter. January 19th. Patti motioned for 1 service at 10am on January 19th and having a congregational meeting after, John D made the second.

Thanksgiving Service- Vision Board supply the fellowship. Mandi H, Patti H, and Kathi H will do fellowship. Greeters at the door.

Sunday School Recognition- We will be recognizing Suzie Johnson on December 15th. Jen S taking our ideas back to Carrie.

Gifts and Donations-

Manger scene- A motion has been made to accept monetary donations for outdoor Poly-stone Nativity set (Hobby Lobby) by Gaye J and second was made by Patti H. Motion Passed.

Christmas Tree for entry way, Gaye J would like to donate a 15 ft tree. Motion to approve a gift of a 15ft Christmas Tree pending storage space was made by Patti H and second made by Kathi H. Motion passed.

Ann Leon- on behalf the Skogan family would like to donate a 36in Rosemaled plate painted by Judy Ritger from River Falls, WI in 1989. There are words on the plate "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." A motion was made to accept the gift by John D. and second was made by Ruth S.

Elevator- Field Inspector stopped by- Inspector stated our last inspection was March of 2018. Jodi A contacted Schlindler and they stated we had an inspection in December of 2018, and that they would contact Mr. Dierks at the state to speak to him. Jodi A to touch base with Schlindler again on 11/19/2019. The elevator door needs to have a self closer.

Thanksgiving community dinner- La Crosse- Rose received a call in regard to volunteering or donating. Great event. We will promote.

Business Community Expo- At the high school, March 21st, starts at 11am. A table for the church would have a cost of \$70 for a non-profit. Ruth S suggested having a joint table with the other churches. Ruth S will talk with the other churches. Will bring back to the December meeting.

Staff gifts- 6 staff members- Vision Board will sign cards at December meeting.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 20 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Pancakes, Pals & PJ Party 10:30am Worship & Sunday School Singing	6	7	8 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	9 Nomination Paperwork for Vision Board Due Back 6:00pm Vision Board	10 8:00am HCLC Team Reports Due Today	11
12 8:00am Worship 9:15am Appreciation for Castle Trinity 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	13	14	15 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	16 9:30am Women's Bible Study	17	18
19 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am All Congregational Meeting to Elect a Call Committee 5:00pm Living Hope Supper in Ettrick	20 Currents Deadline Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	27	28 9:00am North Conference - Mt. Calvary/Tamarack, Trempealeau 5:00pm Women's Hope monthly dinner at 6:30pm FAITH+FULL+LIFE Living Faith Fully -	29 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal	30	31	Feb 1

SERVING AND WORSHIP

		SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS
J A N 5	8 0 0	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson
	1 0 3 0	Morgan Jostad		
J A N 12	8 0 0	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad
	1 0 3 0	Kermit Jostad		
J A N 19	1 0 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Jodi Eide Volunteer Needed
J A N 26	8 0 0	David Bringe	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Volunteers Needed
	1 0 3 0	David Chase		

Volunteer to help at Worship

For this month 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 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!

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church
608-526-3701
www.halfwaycreek.org
Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sister Becky Swanson
Synodically Authorized Minister

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.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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