



Halfway Creek LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

JANUARY 2021

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Due to Covid-19, still investigating our options for holding meetings. Information on the annual meeting will be forthcoming. Contact the office to receive Annual Budget. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Vision Board Members or call the office.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee Team Reports are due by Monday, January 4th.

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."

HCLC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Due to Covid-19, still investigating our options for holding meetings. Information on the Cemetery Association February annual meeting will be in the February Currents. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Board Members: Raymond Lee, Daniel Brudahl or Mark Witte.

**THANK YOU AND BLESSING TO YOU
AND YOURS THAT HELPED MAKE THE
GIVING TREE SUCCESSFUL DURING
THIS YEAR.**



ENVELOPES vs. SIMPLY GIVING (online donation format)

Envelopes vs. Simply Giving (online donation format) - if you are using Simply Giving but still receive envelopes, please let the office know so the adjustments can be made. If you would like to provide additional contributions for holidays, building, Sunday School, etc, that can be done by direct donation, through Simply Giving or GivePlus+ app.



Thank you to everyone who uses AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and designates HCLC as your charity. Halfway Creek Lutheran Church received a gift of \$402.97.



QUILTING IN FEBRUARY

The Halfway Creek Women of the ELCA usually start quilting in February. Due to Covid-19, information will be provided in the February newsletter.

2020 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 for Roy Ackermann, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Ted Latham, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Betty Schmidt, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Thelma Severson

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

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John Stasiak

9

Paula Hammes

Noah Lepsch

10

Dewey 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

JJ Ouellette

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Erica Nichols

Melissa Noth

Matt Rink

Camden Thiele

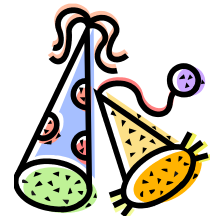
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Bristol Pralle

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Ethan Heiser

Corey Hendrickson



CHRISTMAS ARTWORK

IN HOME COMMUNION

If you would like to receive communion, contact the office to pick-up or schedule a visit.



Noah Lepsch
age 8, grade 3

Amendments to the HCLC Constitution and Bylaws

The purpose of this article is to inform the HCLC Congregation of amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA as approved by the 2019 Church-wide Assembly. There have been some additional recommended changes as a result of the Covid pandemic based on resources from the La Crosse Area Synod. These changes have been endorsed by the Vision Board. The next step is to approve these changes at the next called meeting of the congregation. If you have questions, please email Amy Noel at noelprairie@icloud.com or call me at 608-386-0299.

The significant changes are highlighted below.

Change in language

strike “synodical” and replace with “synod”

strike “the congregation” and replace with “this congregation” where appropriate

Chapter 6: CHURCH AFFILIATION

*c6.05. Process of termination requires two legally called and conducted special meetings and outlines the process. Previously only required one meeting.

Chapter 7: PROPERTY OWNERSHIP – Focuses on the process if a congregation ceases to exist, the title shall pass to the Synod and then further clarifies the process.

NEW: Chapter 10. CONGREGATION MEETINGS - C10.08.

This **congregation** may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

NEW Addition in December 2020 as a result of Vision Board Approval of **emergency bylaw:** Chapter 10. CONGREGATION MEETINGS - Will add to C10.08. Upon the occurrence, and for the duration, of any “emergency” as that term is defined in Wisconsin Statutes § 181.0207(1) this congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

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NEW Addition in December 2020: Chapter 12. CONGREGATION COUNCIL - C12.13. This congregational council also known as **Vision Board and its committees** may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, and to the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

Chapter 13: CONGREGATION COMMITTEES – Not currently in our constitution: C13.08. The pastor of this congregation shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees and boards of this congregation. [The president of this congregation shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees and boards of this congregation, except the Nominating Committee.



New Christ in Our Home Edition for January, February, March are available in the lobby



Synod News

Bishop Jim Arends as he ends his call as Bishop with the La Crosse Area Synod on December 31; that he and his wife may enjoy the rewards of retirement and hold close the memories from Jim serving 39 years as a pastor of the ELCA and 12+ years as bishop of our synod. May God bless you both!

Serving our area will be: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

–**Singing, Writing, Moving, Connecting: Rituals for Uncertain Times** - ‘In times of turmoil and uncertainty such as we’ve experienced this year, it can help to name these days as “liminal.” The word “liminal” comes from the Latin word for threshold—a place that represents the ending of one thing and the beginning of another.’

What is in store for 2021?

VISION BOARD NOVEMBER 12, 2020 MINUTES

In Attendance: Patti Happel, John Daily, Mandi Horstman, Ruth Scholze, Jessica Cook, Mike Martin, Kathi Hagel, Mike Nedoba.

Absent: Gaye Johnson

Call to order, by Patti Happel at 6:13

Devotion/Prayer by Ruth S.

Approval of Agenda- Ruth S made a motion Kathi made a second, Motion passed

Approval of October Minutes- mandi will add Confirmand names. Kathi H made the motion to approve the minutes and Mike M made the second. Motion approved with additions.

Financial Report- * Building Loan will Mature in February

Total October Revenue- \$16,739.78

Total revenue YTD- \$ 154,028.84

Total October Expenses- \$19,568.94

Total YTD Expenses- \$120,580.35

2 more months of paying off the Thrivent Loans

Kathi H made the motion to approve the financial report Mike N made the second and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Vison Board Nominations: Carolyn Bjerke, Shelly Thompson, Earl Hammond are the current nominations. Mandi will call Earl H. Patti will reach out to Carolyn B and Shelly T. 4 Member are currently staying, 1 maybe, 4 leaving.

Concerned with re-opening, closed in November and December. Communion for people that cannot get out. Ruth suggested up finding a way to get communion to those who cannot get out. Jessica C made a motion for Ruth find a way to do in home communion or curbside communion. Kathi H made a second. Motion carried. Hope for the Holidays.

Candy Sales- November orders are in. We make \$4.00 a box. We have had offers to match or get us up to the match.

SIM update- our projector has been returned. Rose's suggested that instead of the projector using a smart TV. Laurie Noelke didn't mind that but need a newer laptop. Just to think about. We would need to think about how to hang, how to get electrical to it?

New Business:

Holiday Services- Laurie N. and Lynn Wegner. Laurie would like to have some help for some of the ideas, but she needs to have specifics on what she is needing. Having lots of special music is an idea. Videos of families saying Merry Christmas. A Family for each candle devotions. Christmas cards from the Sunday school kids. Putting the Nativity out for Christmas.

Annual Meeting and Voting- First Sunday in February. There were items that we did not get in for the Annual Meeting for constitution updates (virtual meeting, voting). Possibly get out the information sooner.

Decking- Entrance ramp floor and worship area. Mike will try and get over and at least secure the railing. The Amish group offered to do all the work for \$1200, but can't do it until 2021.

Gutters- We can do that when we want, we have the money. Mike M will call the gutter installers.

Pop Cans- Mike M will call Rich and see if he has ideas or can take them to be recycled.

Closing Prayer- Lord's Prayer

Adjournment- 7:19pm

Upcoming: December 5th, 2020 Budget Meeting 9:00am, Vision Board meeting
December 10th, 2020 6PM



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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 Holmen Lutheran Church at 608-406-7592.

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