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LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

NOVEMBER, 2020

Reaching Out to Share Christ with All

HCLC CANDY FUND RAISER

The proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of the new roof. A gracious member has offered to match candy sales up to \$2,000.

Place orders by November 26 to receive candy before Christmas.

The order form is enclosed or contact the office at assistant@halfwaycreek.org or call 608-526-3701.

Sales to Date: \$1,125.00

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Confirmands affirmed their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, October 25th. Support our young people on this milestone of their faith journey! Congratulations to the confirmands:



**Brianna Cook, Carilyn Daily, Nollan Gander, Samantha Hammond,
Trinity Horstman, Connor Lee, Erica Nichols, Cartyr Stumlin**

Welcome to our Family!

On October 18, Otilia Louise Kinsman, child of Joshua & Angela Kinsman was baptized into the Halfway Creek Lutheran Church family.

May God bless Otilia and shine upon her!

In Attendance: Patti Happel, Mike Martin, Mandi Horstman, Mike Nedoba, Kathi Hagel, Ruth Scholze, Jessica Cook, John Daily Absent: Gaye Johnson Guest: Lynn Wegner

6:03- Call to order by Patti H.

Approval of the Agenda with the addition of Confirmation discussion. Kathi H. made the motion and Ruth S. made the second, motion approved.

Approval of the Minutes. Ruth S. made the motion to approve, Kathi H. made the second, motion passed.

Financial Report

Building loan- will mature in February need to look at refinancing closer to our maturity. Call back in December

Credit card- They are applying for the Sam's club credit card. Might need a person on the account.

Rich Pedretti- Will need to end his salary. Mike M will talk to Rich to see if he thinks he would want to come back at some point.

Total Revenue August: \$12,430.68

Total YTD Revenue: \$124,106.21

Total Expenditures August: \$8,258

Total Expenditures YTD Revenue: \$\$79,171.24

John D. made the motion to approve and Mike N. Made the second. Motion passed.

Outdoor Service: Journey is doing one this weekend Sept 6.

Supply Pastors/Re-Opening

Tara Shilts- possible for outdoor.

Mark Jolivette- possible for outdoor.

Lynn W came to talk and said she would be willing to lead service on Sept 27th. The church she is music director at is doing them. They are also continuing with Virtual. Chalk off 6 foot sections for families, bring your own chairs, still wear masks. Singing outside with

masks. "Because we care for others we are going to wear masks" Worship leader/pastor wear masks unless they are talking/leading music. Possible Broadcast through radio in the church parking lot area. If you live stream we will have to purchase \$68 \$77 for streaming license. How many people watch online? PDF for the bulletin placed online. 10:00am. Mandi /john D. Ushers hand out communion, bulletin, and take offering.

Our decision for Sept 27 10:00am. (Weather permitting/COVID regulations permitting) Ushers will give instructions, hand out communion, take offering as people come in. Bring own chairs; Mask Mandatory; Letter to go out

Soft reopening- outdoor services at first and then we will keep looking at the La Crosse County COVID information

Call Committee Update Pastor Salary discussion Discussion of the survey Profile review Salary- Up to 5 years. We need to review the last year of Pastor Jean and see what we paid Sister Becky, and the ELCA salary guidelines.

Roof update: 64 cards returned. 63 yes and 1 no currently. Only 1 vote per envelope. If we do a mail voting again each voting member would need a card to vote.

Mike N will look into having Rooster Andy's do a Chicken Q on Sunday 27th. Or another food truck fundraiser.

Ramp Bid and Gutter Bid- Hail damage on the original Church \$2958.68 New church \$3695.12 Total: \$6653.80 for Church building only. Will need to get quote for the parsonage. Boards for the ramp and the benches down in the Whispering Pines- Jess C can get some composite boards for them. 16 ft boards approx \$54 dollars each board. 24 boards for the Whispering Pines. 34 for the ramp. Kathi made the motion to purchase 58 boards 16ft at 49.01 each for the ramp and the seating. Mike N made the second. Motion Passed. Jess C. will measure the railing and add those in.

Update on Property & Maintenance- Patti has volunteers for things to get done. The furnace should be checked on a maintenance schedule. Snow Removal can be salt/sand as well. Patti will ask Archie about these things.

SIMS- Kathi H. asked Rose W. to contact SIMS to get our projector back. John D. will email.



Sunday School- videos the younger kids liked it 1st -3rd grade. Just a quick look at YouTube and there are some free videos on there. Jess, Mandi, Mike will look at it.

Confirmation- Pastor Ralph Kuespert said he could be the supply pastor. Would like to do it on October 25th. Mandi H. did reach out to Jen S.

Carpet in the Parsonage still smells. Needs to be replaced. Air conditioner was replaced.

Andy Anderson Wedding Postponed until May of 2021.

Pop Cans- Mike M. Will take them in.

Closing prayer

Adjournment 8:38

Email motion: Pastor Ralph Kuespert asked for \$150 for supply pastor plus hotel cost (instead of mileage) for Confirmation on October 25th for Confirmation Families only. A motion was made by John D. "I would move that we authorize the \$150 fee and motel expense for Pastor Kuespert to officiate the confirmation service on October 25th ." Mike M. made the second. Motion passed via email.



Your giving helps with our mission-*Reaching Out to Share Christ with All*

September	Budget	Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Expense	15,646	21,707	141,070	100,936
General Fund	16,110	13,183	144,997	137,289
Debt Reduction		389		3,947

Office Hours Change Thanksgiving Week November 23-27

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

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In 1 Peter 4:10, it says: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.*

The **goal of stewardship** is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and the finances God has entrusted to us.

The Vision Board and Stewardship team would like to thank you for everything you do to make Halfway Creek a great place even though we can't physically be together in worship and fellowship.

Because of you and the **TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE** you've shared with us here at Halfway Creek, we continue to do some incredible things in "Reaching Out to Share Christ With All."

Because of you... we have supported our staff. We've been able to stay connected via social media, weekly emails and monthly newsletters. The weekly views of the Sunday message on Facebook have an average of 108 views. Thank you Pastor Kuespert for sharing your time, talent and message!

Because of you...Our building and grounds are well cared for. We have been able to start a replacement roof project.

Because of you... The Vision Board continues to meet to conduct the business of the congregation. Covid has challenged the way we think about and do business (and just about everything).

Because of you... the quilt making group was able to put quilts on the October 10th Boxcar for Lutheran World Relief.

Because of you and Pastor Kuespert....Confirmation continues to happen. Last spring's class was confirmed on October 25th and the new class of 6th, 7th and 8th graders are meeting.

Because of you our Call Committee has been able to submit the Vision Board approved ministry profile to the Synod Office. The Synod will use the profile to identify candidates who would be a good match for our mission and vision.

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Stewardship Committee update continued

Because of you...our mission support to the La Crosse Area Synod supports projects throughout the world.

Each fall we ask you to prayerfully consider, "What is God calling you to do?" Thank you for the time, talents and finances you have shared!!!



If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

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

Thank You

Rich Pedretti would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, cards, and prayers during his time of recovery.

KEEP SAFE AND ENJOY THIS YEAR'S HUNTING SEASON!!



DO YOU GIVE GIFT CARDS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON?



Great Lakes Scrip program offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Rebates vary per retailer and can range anywhere from 1% up to 25% and the rebates support our youth mission trip fund.

Enclosed is a list of available retailers or visit the website Shop With Scrip. You can also register for an online account and place your order directly online. Need something quickly? Many of the retailers offer Scrip Now so you can immediately order, pay for, and print a paper gift card right from the convenience of your home!

If you would like to order any of these gift cards, please submit the order form with payment at the church office. Contact Rose Wegner at 608-526-3701; stop in the office or email assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

CARING TREE 2020



We will be partnering with Holmen Lutheran again this year for the Caring Tree.

Details have not been finalized yet but preliminary plans are to offer a virtual option to request Caring Tree tags, in addition to having a tree in the Holmen Lutheran lobby for anyone who wants to stop by to select their own tags. Stay tune for details in the weekly update.

Vision Board Nomination Form
Halfway Creek Lutheran Church ELCA
November, 2020

We invite all voting members to begin praying now for insight. Ask God to help you identify a person(s) that you can nominate to the Vision Board that has the gifts, skills and vision to be one of the spiritual leaders for one to four year term. Pray that this person(s) might be given wisdom to know whether or not this is the right time for them to serve as a Vision Board member.

Looking for people that would like take an active interest in the future of the congregation and moving Halfway Creek Lutheran Church forward.

I nominate: _____

Please mail or e-mail your nomination form to the church office; W6016 County Rd W, Holmen, WI 54636 by December 4, 2020. assistant@halfwaycreek.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Nov 1</div> <div>All Saint's Day</div> <div>900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Election Day</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>600pm Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th Grades</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Veteran's Day</div> <div>600pm Confirmation Class for 8th Grade</div>	<div>12</div> <div>600pm Vision Board</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19</div> <div>9:15am Finance Q & A Meeting - cancelled due to COVID-19</div> <div>500pm Living Hope Supper in Ettrick</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Current's Deadline</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>600pm Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th Grades</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>900am North Conference - French Creek, Ettrick</div> <div>500pm Holmen's Hope monthly dinner at American Legion</div>	<div>25</div> <div>No Confirmation Class</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Thanksgiving</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Last Day for Candy Orders</div>	<div>Dec 1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>

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New Roof and tree clean up around the property were just a few things happening this fall.



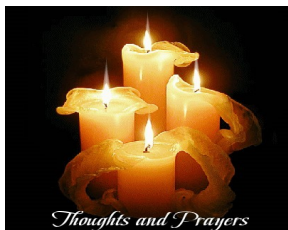
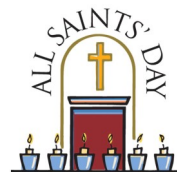
From This

To This— BEAUTIFUL!
What a great looking
roof.



Thank you to Raymond Lee, Shawn Wegner, Patti Happel, Glenn & Rose Wegner
Picture submitted by Gaye Johnson.

On All Saints Day let us remember – 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. May God watch over each of you.



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, Family of Gaye Johnson, Family of Diane Jostad, Family of Larry Severson

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The HCLC Vision Board reviewed and approved the ministry site profile that the call committee prepared. It was submitted to the Synod on Monday morning. The synod will use the profile to identify possible pastoral candidate for the call committee to interview. Thank you for the surveys you completed, the follow up conversation and just the ongoing conversations that we have had with members of the congregation. They helped us write a profile that we feel represents HCLC and what we are looking for in a pastor. Please continue to pray for God's grace in this process.

Be Grateful



With Covid-19 impacting everyone's life this year, many of us won't be together in person to share the holidays with each other.

Let us remember to be grateful and share things (people, blessings, components of your life, etc.) with each other in whatever format with others during the holiday season!

Worship has been cancelled until further notice.

Halfway Creek Roof Fundraiser Candy Order

Featuring Jim Dandy's Candy

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Nbr _____

November 1st orders will arrive before Thanksgiving. Must be submitted by 10/25.
(Check here)
November 1st _____
December 1st orders will arrive before Christmas. Must be submitted by 11/26.
(Check here)
December 1st _____

Pick up at HCLC _____

Delivery _____

Cash Drop off at Church OR
to Patti Heppel W/632 W McHugh Court, Holmen Ph: 608-317-9525

Check payable to: Halfway Creek Lutheran Church (HCLC)

Mail checks to or Halfway Creek Lutheran Church
drop them off at W6016 CTH W
Church Holmen, WI 54636

The candy is \$15.00 per one pound box(s)
Enter number of box(s) in each column.

NOVEMBER ORDER

Turtles		Mint Patties		Peanut Butter Crunch Balls		Love Food/Angel Food		Chocolate Covered Caramels	
Milk Chocolate		Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate
Pecans									

DECEMBER ORDER

Turtles		Mint Patties		Peanut Butter Crunch Balls		Love Food/Angel Food		Chocolate Covered Caramels	
Milk Chocolate		Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate	Milk Chocolate	Dark Chocolate
Pecans									



Picture drawn by the Neeloha family.

GREAT LAKES SCRIP ORDER FORM (INCLUDES FESTIVAL FOODS)

NAME: _____ ORDER TAKEN BY: _____

DATE ORDER PLACED: _____ DATE ORDER NEEDED BY: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PAID: CASH _____ CHECK # _____ PICKED UP BY: _____

RETAILER & REBATE %	AMOUNT	QTY	TOTAL	RETAILER & REBATE %	AMOUNT	QTY	TOTAL
1-800-FLOWERS—12%	\$ 50			CHIPOTLE—10%	\$10		
ACE HARDWARE—4%	\$25			CHUCK E CHEESE—8%	\$10		
AEROPOSTALE—10%	\$25			CLAIRE'S—9%	\$10		
AMAZON—2.5%	\$25			COLD STONE CREAMERY—8%	\$10		
AMAZON-2.5%	\$100			DAIRY QUEEN—3%	\$10		
AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS—10%	\$25			DICK'S SPORTING GOODS—8%	\$25		
APPLE/ITUNES—5%	\$15			DICK'S SPORTING GOODS—8%	\$100		
APPLE/ITUNES—5%	\$25			DOMINO'S—8%	\$10		
APPLEBEES—8%	\$25			DOMINO'S—8%	\$25		
APPLEBEES—8%	\$50			DRESSBARN—8%	\$25		
BARNES & NOBLE—8%	\$10			FAMOUS FOOTWEAR—8%	\$25		
BARNES & NOBLE—8%	\$25			FESTIVAL FOODS—3%	\$25		
BASS PRO SHOP—9%	\$25			FESTIVAL FOODS—3%	\$100		
BATH & BODY WORKS—13%	\$10			FOOT LOCKER-8%	\$25		
BATH & BODY WORKS—13%	\$25			GAMESTOP—3%	\$25		
BES T BUY—4%	\$25			GAP FACTORY—14%	\$25		
BEST BUY—4%	\$100			GAP FACTORY-14%	\$100		
BP—1.5%	\$50			GREAT CLIPS—8%	\$25		
BP—1.5%	\$100			GREAT HARVEST BREAD—6%	\$10		
BUFFALO WILD WINGS—8%	\$10			HALLMARK—4%	\$25		
BUFFALO WILD WINGS—8%	\$25			HOME DEPOT—4%	\$25		
BUILD A BEAR—8%	\$25			JCPENNEY—5%	\$100		
BURGER KING—4%	\$10			JCPENNEY—5%	\$100		
CABELAS—11%	\$25			JOANN FABRICS—6%	\$25		
CABELAS—11%	\$100			KWIK TRIP-4%	\$25		
CARIBOU COFFEE-6%	\$10			KWIK TRIP-4%	\$50		
THE CHILDREN'S PLACE-12%	\$25			KWIK TRIP-4%	\$100		
SUBTOTAL COLUMN A				SUBTOTAL COLUMN B			

For a complete list of retailers & denominations, please see www.shopwithscrip.com . Please make checks payable to HCLC Youth.

RETAILER & REBATE %	AMOUNT	QTY	TOTAL	RETAILER & REBATE %	AMOUNT	QTY	TOTAL
KOHL'S—4%	\$25			ROSS DRESS FOR LESS—8%	\$25		
KOHL'S—4%	\$100			SALLY BEAUTY SUPPLY—12%	\$25		
L.L. BEAN—16%	\$25			SAM'S CLUB—2.5%	\$25		
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LANDS END—16%	\$25			SAM'S CLUB—2.5%	\$100		
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MACY'S—10%	\$25			SHUTTERFLY—9%	\$25		
MARCUS THEATRES—9%	\$25			STARBUCKS—7%	\$10		
MAURICES—7%	\$20			STARBUCKS—7%	\$25		
MENARDS—3%	\$25			SUBWAY—6%	\$10		
MENARDS—3%	\$100			TJ MAXX—7%	\$25		
MICHAELS—4%	\$25			TACO BELL—5%	\$10		
MILLS FLEET FARM—3.5%	\$25			TANGER OUTLETS—8%	\$25		
OFFICE DEPOT—5%	\$25			TARGET—2.5%	\$25		
OFFICE DEPOT—5%	\$100			TEXAS ROADHOUSE—8%	\$25		
OLD NAVY—14%	\$25			TGI FRIDAYS—9%	\$25		
OLD NAVY—14%	\$100			THE HOME DEPOT—4%	\$25		
OLIVE GARDEN—8%	\$25			THE HOME DEPOT—4%	\$100		
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE—8%	\$25						
OVERSTOCK.COM—8%	\$25			ULTA—4%	\$25		
PANERA BREAD—8%	\$10			WALGREENS—6%	\$25		
PANERA BREAD—8%	\$25			WALMART—2.5%	\$25		
PAPA MURPHY'S—8%	\$10			WALMART—2.5%	\$50		
PAYLESS SHOES—13%	\$20			WALMART—2.5%	\$100		
PETSMART—5%	\$25			WENDY'S—4%	\$10		
PIER 1 IMPORTS—9%	\$25			WILLIAMS SONOMA—8%	\$25		
PIZZA HUT—8%	\$10			ZAPPOS.COM—8%	\$25		
POTTERY BARN—8%	\$25						
PRIME MEMBERSHIP—AMAZON—8%	\$104.94						
QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL—7%	\$25						
RED LOBSTER—8%	\$25			SUBTOTAL COLUMN D			
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PASTORAL CARE

If the need arises for Pastoral Care, please contact Holmen Lutheran Church at 608-406-7592 .

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