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OCTOER 2020

Reaching Out to Share Christ with All

HCLC Church Cleaning Needs

Until Rich is back at HCLC, below is a list of items that need to be done. If you are able to volunteer for an hour or two, please contact the office to set up date and time.
(assistant@halfwaycreek.org or 608-526-3701.

Clean Bathrooms, Vacuum , Sweep & Wash Floors, Dust Empty Trash

HCLC Outdoor Projects

Projects looking to accomplish this fall:
Repair Church Ramp, Tree Removal Bench Repair (spring 2021)
Contact Mike Martin 608-797-4858 for date and time

Until our congregation can be back together, we encourage you to check out the HCLC Facebook or website for our weekly Sunday presence.

Where Do Our Quilts Go?

Lutheran World Relief BOXCAR - Loading in La Crosse

Sat, October 10, 2020 - 7 - 11 am



The La Crosse area Lutheran World Relief Ingathering has been scheduled. On that morning pull into the Boys and Girls Club parking lot at 1260 Clinton St, La Crosse, and keep driving straight ahead toward the railroad tracks. You should see the boxcar parked on the tracks. [Check our Facebook page for any updates.](#)

VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2020

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

Absent: Jessica Cook

Guests: Carrie Payne, Jen Strangstalien

Call to Order: Patti H called meeting to order at 6:02

Devotion/Reflection/Prayer- Ruth S- Advice from a Sunflower

John D motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Gaye J made the second, motion passed. Additions: Judgement, Copier contract, Rich- subcategories for Rose/
Parsonage: air conditioning and carpet.

Approval for July Minutes: Motion to approve made by Ruth S, Second made by Mike M.
Motion passed

Financial Report:

Total Revenue July: \$23,303.25

Total Revenue YTD: \$111,675.53

Total Expenses July: \$10,128.82

Total Expenses YTD:\$70,688.99

John D moves to approve the Financial report, Kathi H made a second, motion passed.

Mike M meeting with Merchants Banks this next week.

Old Business

COVID/Re-Opening: Looking at doing a parking lot service, with possible communion, see if we can get communion blessed and individual. Rose will order 200 individual communion cups.

Roof Update: Mike M- met with Seamless Gutters (Chase), insurance did not get half of the damage. Mike will get the insurance company back out once we get the estimate back. Was suggested that we take off the old roof prior to getting the new one. Total tear off of the roof and put wood down \$2840. Approx \$17,500 with everything for the roof. Ruth S made a motion to move forward with the roof/gutters Gay J made the second. Discussion congregational roof approval mail out. Mandi H will put together the raise the roof fundraiser, we will need to send out a mailing to get approval. Motion denied. John D made a motion to ask the congregation to approve \$18000

for the via mail. Our constitution requires a vote. Ruth S made the second. Motion passed. John D will write the letter.

Update on Property Projects- things in the shed. Gaye J took inventory of the shed and made a list.

SIMS- came and took their projector. Not sure if our Projector was returned.

New Business:

Sunday School/ Confirmation

Virtual Sunday School-Carrie Payne- "Share Faith" Video Lessons, Sparkhouse-Videos? Mike Nedoba and Mandi Horstman will review to see costs and videos. Have Rose check for the 3rd graders for hardback bibles and possibly put in the newsletter for new students.

Confirmation-

Last year's class: Would Pastor Ralph Kuespert be willing to come and Confirm the kids. Still need to know what that would look like. Jen S will check with the confirmation families from last year.

This year class: Jen Strangstalien is the only teacher currently, Diane Jostad said she would help. Will have Rose put out in the newsletter. Jen does not think virtual will not work with these kids, have each class in person with just the grade once a month. Mandi H and Carrie P said they would be willing to help.

Rich fell and broke his hip and cannot work at the church. We need volunteers to help with the cleaning of the church. Archie did come in to help Rich with some things. But we do need to ask some of the families to come in and help. Mandi will type up list of Rich's duties.

Call Committee update- Amy Noel, 40 responses to survey. A few conversations were requested. Continue to have people do the survey. Identified themes within the survey and are working over the next month and a half by October Vision Board Meeting. John D will meet with them on the 26th of August. We need to work on salary for a new pastor.

Rose W moving into the parsonage:

Carpet cleaning Thursday the 20th of August. Dog urine smell. Not sure if that will get out. Might need to replace the Carpet. Patti H will email with results and we can address later.

Air Conditioning not working \$3,995 for Air Conditioning Unit. John D made a motion to replace, Kathi H second, motion passed.

Outside Baptism for the Kinsman Family. Pastor Matt will be presiding.

Discuss using Church space for schooling needs. – If someone comes to the church with a plan we can review it. But there is lot of logistics. Concerns if our internet will be able to support. We can discuss again if approached.

Copier contract- Tri State Business Machines- this is for the service contract. We have 1 last payment \$64.33 and we will own our copiers but will need a contract for Service Agreement. Mike M will talk with Jodi A.

Judgement- Jodi A sent an email to Patti H, notified that we won a judgement. Not sure what it is from Angela J Wing

Thrivent account: John D made a motion to pay off the Thrivent account monthly for 5 months. Kathi H made the second. (Approx \$2762.00 a month) motion passed.

Change of September meeting to Thursday Sept 3rd.

Lord's Prayer Adjournment



OCTOBER UPDATE FROM THE HCLC CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee has been busy over the past couple of months. We have been meeting (via Zoom and occasionally with social distancing) every two weeks.

There were over 40 responses to the survey we sent out this summer. It represented a wide variety of ages (15 to 65+) and years of membership at HCLC. We made several telephone calls. Those conversations have been very informative and a wonderful way to reconnect with members of the congregation. We would like to share some of the themes we heard.

What are some of the qualities, leadership skills and ministry skills of a pastor that you believe will help move HCLC forward?

Has effective communication skills.

HCLC Candy Fund Raiser

View the order form for the various types of the candy choices. We will submit orders on two different dates to be received before Thanksgiving or Christmas.



Jim Dandy's Candy is amazing!! Featured at Holiday Fair, Craft Shows, Fund Raisers and Gifts

The proceeds from the HCLC candy fund raiser will be used to help offset the cost of the new roof.

A very gracious member of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church has offered to match candy sales to \$2,000. So let's get ordering!!

Preaches sermons that relate to all, are easy to follow and have some focus on real and current world events.

Is able to work with all ages and is intergenerational in approach

Is approachable and someone I am able to have a relationship with.

What is the most important thing you personally are looking for in a pastor that makes you want to be a part of this congregation?

Sermons and has an appreciation for a blend of traditional and contemporary in worship services.

Relatable (personally and with all ages)

Someone I can trust

Appreciates how important music is to HCLC

What is unique about our congregation?

Open mindedness to try new things, willing to try something outside the box and open to progressive ideas without losing our roots

Hospitality, come as you are! We are welcoming!

Our mission of "Reaching out". We have been active in our community.

History and traditions

Outdoor worship area

You have given us a lot of important feedback through the survey and in our ongoing conversations. You are always welcome to reach out to any member of the call committee. We plan to have the profile ready for Vision Board review at their October meeting. Based on their feedback, we will incorporate any other information. The next step is to deliver the completed profile to synod leadership. The profile helps the bishop's office to recruit strong pastors to interview for our congregation. It also provides a means for telling the congregation's story accurately to prospective pastors. The call committee will use it to compose helpful interview questions.

We believe that God has a plan for HCLC. Please continue to keep the HCLC call committee in your prayers.

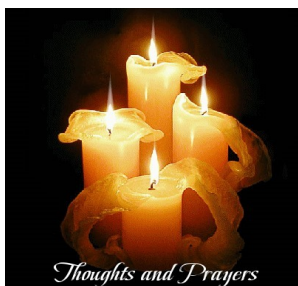
HCLC Call Committee: Nicole Lepsch, Jenessa Hill, Robyn Shisler, Lynn Wegner, John Daily, Mike Nedoba and Amy Noel

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

2	9	16	23
Steven Johnson	William Achterkirch	Micah Hill	Mark Craig
Jerome Tiffany	Kendra Bringe	Luke Tiffany	24
3	10	Sunny Wilson	Aubrey Henthorn
Leanne Erdman	Daniel Ulrich	17	Rubianne Kinsman
4	11	Joshua Johnson	25
Ronald Johnson	Ben Fiers	Brooke Nelson	Kyle Dohlby
5	Jimmie Ann Gates	Mitchell Noel	Jennifer Strangstalien
Christopher Baxter	Keith Krause	18	26
6	Lucas Oines	Mary Crocker	David Betsinger
Jason Pralle	Aiztdon Stumlin	Brianna Howe	Isabella Medd-Beville
7	12	19	28
Richard Berger	Kate Pederson	Max Hammond	Lori Anderson
8	13	Mary Thompson	29
Archie Achterkirch	Shelly Vander Linden	20	Nicole Stumlin
Susan Daily	14	Julie Hemp	30
Joseph Lepsch	Susan Kolbo	Mike Yeiter	Anne Fiers
Sr. Becky Swanson	15	21	Jamie Lohrentz
Shawn Wegner	Bridget Gander	Adam Pederson	Mark Witte



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

October 2020													
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
4 900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19	5	6	7 600pm Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th Grades	8 600pm Vision Board	9	10 700am LWR BOXCAR - Loading in la Crosse
11 900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19 8:15am Finance Q & A Meeting-cancelled due to Covid-19	12	13	14 600pm Confirmation Class for 8 Grade	15	16	17
18 Otilia Kinsman Baptism @ Whispering Pines 900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19	19 Fall Theological for North Conference Currents Deadline	20	21 600pm Confirmation Class for 6th & 7th Grades	22	23	24
25 900am Worship - cancelled due to COVID-19	26	27 500pm Holmen's Hope monthly dinner at American Legion - cancelled due to COVID-19	28 600pm Confirmation Class for 8 Grade	29	30	31 Halloween

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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.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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