



CURRENTS — JUNE 2021

New Worship Schedule!

Sunday, May 30: Online, Facebook by recorded service

Sunday, June 6: **9:00 a.m. in the HCLC Parking Lot!** Bring your lawn chairs. (Facebook live at 9:00) Inclement weather service will be held inside

Sunday, June 13: Online, Facebook Synod-wide worship for Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 20: TBD, in-person paired with Facebook live streaming

Protocol for In-Person Worship

As we learn to move back from worshipping at home to worshipping all together again, there are a lot of adjustments we all are making—in practices as well as internally. Our gathering will look different than it did before, and many of us will take some time yet to adjust back to feeling safe in gatherings.

As a faith community, our main objective is to create a space for worship where everyone can feel welcome and safe—with particular attention to people who are more cautious and more vulnerable to COVID. We will likely stumble in accomplishing that at times but will promise to continue adapting to keep safety and love for neighbor our main focus.

There are many ways to keep each other safe and reduce risk of spreading COVID. In short, here are a simplistic "easy 3" precautions we will use for when we gather:

- 1.) Wear masks
- 2.) Keep distance of about 6 ft at all times
- 3.) Gather outdoors

As more people are getting vaccinated and the spikes we've seen are decreasing, risk is also going down. Therefore, we are finding that a “choose two” out of those three, leads us very well to create a welcoming environment.

*Communal singing will only be done when able to gather outdoors; however, limited solos or small group performances and offerings will be allowed when inside.

**This list represents the tip of an iceberg of research, prayer, and discernment. It takes no single source of information but weighs many sources and grounds decisions in Christian’s love and concern for the most vulnerable. We welcome, and encourage, conversation for more information on these choices.

-Pastor Chris



Halfway Creek Lutheran Church Garden

The garden is located below the hill by the outdoor worship area. This ministry meet at 9:30 AM on Wednesday. If that time doesn’t work, you are welcome to come and work in the garden anytime. Call Nancy Holley (608)526-3418- to see what needs to be done. All produce is donated to the Salvation Army meal program.

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

| April | Budget | Actual | Y-T-D Budget | Y-T-D Actual |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Expense | 15,853 | 15,044 | 63,415 | 42,385 |
| Revenue | 15,834 | 37,859 | 63,336 | 70,621 |
| Debt Reduction | | 295 | | 1,703 |

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CHRIS

Happy June!

It was such a pleasure being able to worship, gathered together with some of you, this last Pentecost Sunday. I can tell the Spirit is moving and we are eager to get to work following her lead and engaging in the mission God has placed before us.

As we look forward to the summer, I am interested in hearing your dreams. What are you excited about seeing happen in the life of the congregation? How about Holmen—what are you seeing that is exciting about your town right now?

I would love to have my inbox full and my voicemail stuffed with your communications ready to tell me of your dreams, and goals, and visions. By the end of this month of June, there will be a lot of fun experiments that we begin planning and executing.

I look forward to getting to know you this month by hearing what you are looking forward to.

Have a blessed June, and I'll be hearing from you!

Email: csesvold@gmail.com Phone/text: 608-397-1578 Mail: to the office, please.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Confirmation will take place in June for Kaden Casberg, Josie Happel, Connor Mihm, Sammy Nedoba, Jerin Rink, Tyler Rosenow, Camden Thiele, Hannah Wegner



*To all that have graduated in 2021.
Wishing you the best!*

*Abby Bramwell
Erin Bringe
Max Hammond*

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2021 6:00 PM

MEMBERS: Patti Happel, Mike Martin, Mike Nedoba, Gaye Johnson, Jessica Cook, Carolyn Bjerke, Diane Jostad

Call to Order @ **6:04 pm**

Devotion/Reflection/Prayer - **Patti Happel**

Approval of Agenda - **Gaye made a motion to approve the agenda, Mike N seconded the motion, motion passed.**

Approval of March minutes - **Mike M made a motion to approve March's minutes, Gaye J seconded the motion, motion passed.**

Financial Report - **Gaye made a motion to approve the financial report as read by Mike M, Mike N seconded the motion, motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

SIMS - **Discussion with tabling**

Opening – more services? - **possibly if we can find a pastor.**

NEW BUSINESS

Update all policies **look at doing with the new pastor, Pastor Chris.**

Committee Liaisons - **tabled**

Confirmation - **Jen S. and Pastor Chris are working on a date.**

3 new member requests - **Robyn S. parents, Tweed family and a third group.**

Music Director - **looking into hiring from within the church.**

Fundraising - Parsonage roof & flooring - **Gaye made a motion to move ahead to replace roof on Parsonage, Mike N. seconded the motion, motion passed. (Money donated by members of the congregation for the parsonage roof repair for 50% of the cost of repair.)**

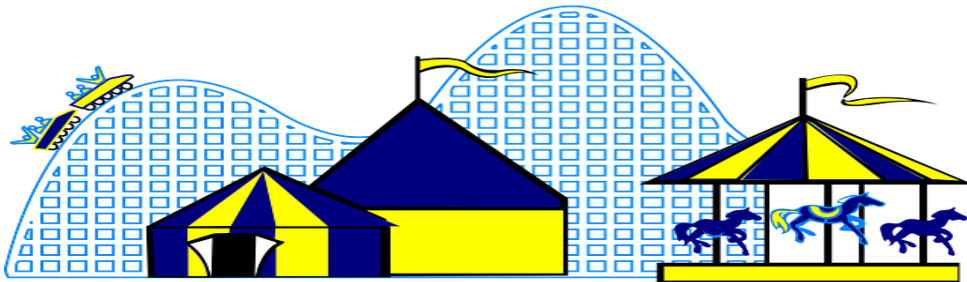
Desk for Pastor - **Tabled**

Closing Prayer
Adjournment @ 7:14pm

Next meeting(s): Thursday May 13, 2021 6pm – Regular Vision Board Meeting

****Devotion by Gaye in May****

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



Opportunity at Trempealeau County Fair—July 15-18

We've been offered the opportunity to work some shifts at the Trempealeau County Fair. Last time raised over \$1,500 for the church. The jobs are very simple, and anywhere from 2-4 hour shifts. The more shift we cover the more money we raise.

Shifts are filling up quickly, so please don't hesitate to sign-up. When you sign-up for a shift, write Halfway Creek Lutheran Church after your name. You can use the below link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4ca9ad22a7f58-trempealeau1>

Or call the office to Sign-Up



If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 10 | 17 | 21 |
| Adelynn Balow | Brian Johnson | Mary Gordon | Benjamin Olson |
| 3 | 12 | Dylan Hale | 23 |
| Bryce Hale | Jillian Eide | Samanatha Pralle | Nadine Strauss |
| Will Tiffany | Hallie Halverson | Abbey Stasiak | 24 |
| 4 | 13 | 18 | Jack Bringe |
| Blake Anderson | Joseph Anderson | Henry Barbour | 25 |
| Jordan Anderson | 14 | Jessica Harper | Elvern Nyseth |
| Karla Anderson | Susan Swackhamer | 19 | 26 |
| 6 | 15 | Rowdy Beneke | Jameson Happel |
| Liam Oines | Jackson McCoy | Anna Holley | 27 |
| Aleasha Payne | Tyler Rosenow | Andrew Wilson | Sami Adam |
| 9 | 16 | 20 | Aiden Noth |
| Alice Miller | Carol Gordon | Patti Happel | 29 |
| | | Glenn Schmidt | David Gates |



This year Halfway Creek will join with other churches in the area for Vacation Bible School. Look for upcoming information on dates and location.

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Chris Sesvold

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 Pastor Chris at 608-526-3701 or 608-

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church
W6016 County Road W
Holmen, WI 54636

