



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

JULY 2022

Reach Out , Share Christ with All

FROM PASTOR CHRIS

This month I am reflecting on the marking of my five-year anniversary of ordination. I am so thrilled to be celebrating my first “milestone” anniversary of ordination while I am here at HCLC with all of you!

My ordination service was held just down the road, at Holmen Lutheran on June 27, 2017 before I started my first call a pastor in Rice Lake, WI. It was an honor to have my seminary professor Dr. Craig Nesson preaching. At that time, I had done a poor job of imagining how to celebrate the occasion for myself and so gave him the most awful text to preach on for an ordination. But he, of course, did spectacularly. It was very cool to see people there from the various stages of my life – my home congregation, seminary, internship, and very-soon-to-be first call.

It is important to mark occasions or milestones in our life. In our life together at church we have many ways of marking some of these. For instance, we hold worship around baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, etc. We have blessings and rites for the starting of school years, hunting seasons, receiving Bibles, first communion and more. It is a big part of what we do as church to mark these major points in our lives and remember the presence of Jesus with us – to remember the belonging we have in his name because of his love for us and the calling we have to share his love in the next phase of our lives.

This upcoming program year at church we will be centering our energy around the milestones of faith. Our Sunday school program will be especially illustrious of this. As the young people of our congregation grow into the promises we made for them at baptism – living among God’s faithful people, hearing the Word of God and sharing the Lord’s supper, learning the Lord’s prayer, creed, and 10 commandments, getting the Holy Scriptures placed in their hands – each grade will have special days in worship where they, and their faith journey, will be celebrated.

Neither faith, nor living life, is something we do alone. Together, in Christ, we enjoy, celebrate, and practice both these things with one another and in the love of God. It is wonderful to celebrate together our milestones of faith and life. I hope you will find our programming and our worship to be a place where we come together to support and encourage one another in faith and life, and where Jesus' love is shared abundantly.

I also I hope you are able to join the celebration of five years of ordained ministry for myself and my wife, Pastor Luci. We will be worshipping together with Journey Lutheran that day (at Journey – 2703 Sand Lake Road) on July 10 at 9:00 a.m. Our bishop, Felix Malpica, will be there with us!

Happy Summer to you, and Peace in the name of Jesus.

-Pastor Chris

GARDENING GROUP



We meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. If you love the outdoors and don't mind digging in the dirt, come one out and join us! Each year we donate the harvest from our garden to the Salvation Army.

VISION BOARD UPDATES

We are having a Noisy Offering in July! Gather your change and let's make some noise each week! All money will go toward tuning the piano.

Anybody up for cornhole at the Holmen Area Community Center on July 30?? Let's get a team or two together representing HCLC - wear your apparel! Registration is happening now! Check out their Facebook page or call Shari to put a team together.

Kornfest will be here in no time!! Anyone interested in helping put together a HCLC Kornfest Parade Float!?! Send a quick email to the office and we'll get everyone organized!

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Haakon Simonson and Kylee Miller who will be united in marriage Saturday, July 2 and Tyler Pearson and Kendra Lundstrom who will be united in marriage Saturday, July 30. Congratulations from HCLC!

WHAT KEEPS US GOING?

To simply answer that question... Jesus! Jesus keeps us going as individuals, as church and as community! And as we gather weekly at worship service either in person or through our livestream, the Holy Spirit is alive and moving within us and through us. We are filled with the Spirit and given the strength to take care of ourselves, serve our families, our friends, our parish, our communities, our country and our world!

Thank you, Jesus, for the many people in our parish and community who are called to help keep us going through prayer, sharing their time and/or gifting their treasure.

Continue to reach out and share Christ with all! Join us for our outdoor worship services and events and invite others to join us. Share your treasure through our online giving (www.halfwaycreek.org find the giving tab) or PayPal (@halfwaycreeklutheran). Most of all, continue to pray for the members of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, Pastor Chris, the Vision Board and our community.

God bless you today and always.

IN SYMPATHY

JOHN 11:25

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

In profound grief and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we announce the death of Ted Latham. His funeral is at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, July 1 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A luncheon will follow the service at HCLC Heritage Hall.

Rest eternal grant Ted, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Gracious God,

Surround the family of Ted Latham with your love, and grant them your peace, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. Thanks be to you, O God, for you give us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule is shaping up nicely! We hope you will join us and bring your family and friends to join with us in prayer, thanksgiving and fellowship

July

Sundays

3—9:00 a.m. Worship Indoors—HCLC

10—9:00 a.m. Worship Together AT Journey Lutheran in celebration of Pastor Chris' and Pastor Luci's 5th Anniversary of ordained ministry. Bishop Malpica will lead worship!

17—9:00 a.m. Worship Indoors—HCLC

24—9:00 a.m. Worship Outdoors—
Whispering Pines

Wednesdays at Whispering Pines

July 13 and 20

Come anytime 5:30-7:00 p.m.

A fun worship time with communion begins at 6:00 p.m.

Bring yard games, enjoy a campfire treat, and let the kids run around!

(inclement weather will bring us indoors!)

August

Sundays

7—9:00 a.m. Worship Indoors—HCLC

14—9:00 a.m. Worship Indoors—HCLC

21—9:00 a.m. Worship Outdoors—
Whispering Pines

28—9:00 a.m. Worship Outdoors—
Whispering Pines

Wednesdays at Whispering Pines

TBA

Stay tuned for some upcoming fun and worship time!

Indoor Worship and COVID-19 protocols

The new COVID-19 risk levels and our related protocols for indoor worship are as follows:

Low risk—masks optional

Medium risk—Masks strongly encouraged (and people at risk should consult with their physician according to the guidelines)

High risk—Masks required

JULY BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.



<p>1 Braxtyn Jensen-Pralle</p> <p>2 Ryan Happel</p> <p>4 Alya Humphrey</p> <p>6 Ryan Beville Ron Christensen Brianna Cook Daryl Holley Ann Stasiak</p> <p>8 DeeDee Kolbo</p> <p>9 Bette Pedretti Katherine Stasiak</p>	<p>10 Nola Anderson</p> <p>11 Heather Dokkebakken Jacob Wegner</p> <p>12 Gladys Albers David Chase Leann Theisen</p> <p>13 Jessie Booth Jerin Rink</p> <p>14 Mike Bramwell Joel Oines</p> <p>15 Cassandra Bandoli Raymond Lee</p>	<p>16 Carolyn Bjerke Richard Granum</p> <p>17 Gracie Holley</p> <p>18 Diana Berger</p> <p>19 Richard Gran Macie Larson Darren Nelson Alyssa Rink</p> <p>21 Bryson Happel</p> <p>23 Landry Hill Addison Wille</p>	<p>24 Joanne Nichols</p> <p>25 Ella Gander</p> <p>26 Camden Lee</p> <p>28 Erin Hale Lane Hansen</p> <p>30 Robyn Shisler</p> <p>31 Kendall Yahnke</p>
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We pray for ... Lu Pertzsch, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebakken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Milden Schwanebeck, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, Coats family

VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2022**HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES****May 12, 2022****6:00 PM**

MEMBERS: Gaye Johnson, Amy Noel, Jessica Cook, Mike Martin, Andrea Baxter, Diane Jostad, Pastor Chris, Kari Washburn

Amy Noel, acting as President

ITEM:

Call to Order @ 6:00pm

Devotion/Reflection/Prayer: *By Pastor Chris*

Approval of Agenda: *Mike M. made a motion to approve with added info to the agenda, Gaye J. 2nd, motion passed*

Approval of May minutes: *Mike M. made a motion to approve the minutes, Andrea Baxter 2nd, motion passed*

Action by VB since April meeting - Approve March minutes

Pastor's Report: *Please see attachment*

Financial Report: *Jess C. made a motion to approve financial report, Andrea Baxter 2nd, motion passed.*

Mike M. made a motion that we use undesignated funds to pay for our synod assembly member gift. Andrea 2nd, Motion passed.

Mike M. made a motion if there is a balance to be borrowed to pay pastors health insurance and amount be paid back to undesignated funds. Andrea B. 2nd, Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Parsonage Usage: *We have a renter for June 1st, still working on updates and starting the cleaning process, the front fascia needs to be replaced.*

Property Team Update/Recommendations: *Loose Change for lawnmower gas.*

Synod Assembly Representatives: *John Daily*

Summer Worship Schedule - *Working with the worship team for schedule for outdoor services.*

NEW BUSINESS

Backup event venue discussion: *Discussion with VB on topic.*

Visioning Ideas: *Discussion*

No Vision Board Meeting in July:

Cemetery Business (Added Line) *Ray, Jay Cukla is the dad of Nathan who is 14 and wants to mow the cemetery. Property team will handle and have a disclaimer signed by Jay that he is responsible for insurance for Nathan Cukla.*

Communications to congregation: *About our renter, about Nathan mowing, Mike's Gas Fund and looking to support our mover volunteers.*

Visioning Ideas: *Was not discussed*

Closing Prayer

Adjournment @ 7:52pm

Next meeting(s): Thursday June 9, 2022 6:00pm

2022 VISION BOARD

Gaye Johnson, President—gayemj3@gmail.com

Amy Noel, Vice President—noelprairie@icloud.com

Jessica Cook, Secretary—jcook5410@gmail.com

Mike Martin, Treasurer—michaelmartin49@charter.net

Andrea Baxter—baxtera42@gmail.com

Diane Jostad—608-526-3597

Kari Washburn—kari.washburn@yahoo.com

Please contact the vision board with any input you may have. Vision Board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month.

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

May	Budget	Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Expense	18,870	18,560.40	94,431.00	90,740.56
General Fund	18,868	17,177.74	93,434.00	69,719.85
Debt Reduction		1,420.00		3,520.00

2022 SYNOD ASSEMBLY



The 2022 Synod Assembly concluded June 12 with worship at Riverside Park, lunch and service projects! Thanks to all who attended, were moved by the Holy Spirit, and engaged in God's work!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Socks and Underwear project at Synod Assembly this year! What a great response to a very obvious need in our area!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 11 is our God's Work our Hands worship at the Halfway Creek Bandshell. After service and during our service project time, join us for the Holmen Area Lutheran Musicians Festival until 1 pm. Get your voices ready. Get your worship music ready. Call your friends and family! It's time to showcase your talents while giving praise to the Lord! Clear your calendar and join the fun as a participant or just to enjoy the great music, food, games and more!

#MAILITMONDAY MINISTRY



In response to our mission: Reach Out, Share Christ with All, we are gathering monthly to make cards for our congregation to send to members, friends, family, neighbors. Our goal is to let everyone know we are here and we care! Join us in making cards. Join us in mailing cards. Join us!

Wednesday, July 27 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Because we love the Lord our Savior, we do good things for others and share His love with them.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

We often get busy and even overwhelmed in our lives. Know that your parish family is here for you. Please let us know how we can help. Perhaps in silent prayer. Or perhaps in joyous celebration of a milestone or event. We care about you! We have an active prayer chain. We have a befrienders group that will visit you, pray with you and celebrate communion. Pastor Chris is eager to pay you a visit ... or you may stop by and see him. Please call the office or email us! We want to hear what's happening. If you are hospitalized, please have someone call us. Due to privacy laws, we do not get that information from hospitals. Office email: assistant@halfwaycreek.org; phone: 608-526-3701

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

PROPERTY TEAM**We welcome Heather and her family to the parsonage!**

Hello, my name is Heather Betsinger. I was born and raised in Holmen since 1984. I graduated with the class of 2002. I am a mom of four. Justyne is almost 16, Karina is 13, Gideon is 11, and Aleaya is 9. So this upcoming school year I'll have two in high school, one in middle school and my baby girl will be in 4th grade.

I work multiple jobs in the School District of Holmen. I began my employment in Nutrition Services in 2017 at Evergreen and was promoted last summer to Nutrition Team Lead. I also drive transportation for our school district for children with special needs and now occasionally do custodial work where i was doing quite a bit before my promotion.

I love to sit outside, listen to music of all kinds, fish, hunt, eat yummy food, socialize with friends, workout, go on long walks, cheer on my children at their sporting events and watch sunsets. My oldest is a soccer athlete who has overcome a few injuries including an ACL tear. I have two daughters who love horses. Karina competes in local gymkhanas and works at a local ranch. My son is just like his dad and loves to tinker with lawn mowers, bicycles, etc.

We are beyond grateful that God has led us to this new place we now call home. Life has not been easy for us, however, our faith has always helped us through. Thank you for everything everyone has done to prepare this beautiful home and for the warm & friendly hellos. We look forward to meeting you throughout our time here.

SERVING

July 2022 Worship Volunteer Schedule

*Please arrive 20 minutes before worship begins. If worship is outdoors, please arrive at least 40 minutes prior to help set up the sound system.

Date	Worship Time*	Sexton	Altar Guild	Greeter	Power-Point Camera	Usher	Reader	Communion Assistants	Offering Counters
July 3	9:00 a.m. indoors	Mike Martin Morgan Jostad	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Sonja Nelson	Kari Washburn	Aleasha Payne	Pat Martin	Mike Martin Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson
July 10									
		9:00 a.m. Worship AT Journey Lutheran in celebration of Pastor Chris' 5th Anniversary of Ordained Ministry							
July 17	9:00 a.m. indoors	Archie Achterkirch	Nancy Holley Diane Jostad	Linda Pralle	Sally Johnson	Andrea Baxter	Kandi Holt	Kari Washburn Jamie Holt	Jodi Eide
July 24	9:00 a.m. outdoors	David Bringe David Chase	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Volunteer needed	Camera: Amy Noel	Andrea Baxter	Raymond Lee	Sally Johnson Raymond Lee	Richard Granum Diane Jostad
July 31	9:00 a.m. outdoors	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad	Morgan Jostad	Camera: Kari Washburn	Jamie Holt	Pat Martin	Mike Martin Kandi Holt	Mike Martin John Daily

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OFFICE HOURS

Normal Office Hours are Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to
1:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.—Noon.
The summer schedule may alter these
times slightly. Please watch for changes
on our website or E-News.
Email: assistant@halfwaycreek.org

PASTORAL CARE

If the need arises for Pastoral Care, please
contact Pastor Chris at 608-526-3701 or
608-397-1578 .

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Our office is closed Monday, July 4!

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