



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

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Reach Out , Share Christ with All

FROM PASTOR CHRIS

Wait.... September?

August is a great time to start looking forward to September, don't you think?

I don't want you to miss all the great stuff that comes in August, but I do want you to be aware of some amazing things for you right away in September.

- ◆ September 11th, along with “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday worship, we will be having our first ever (that I’m aware of) Music Festival! If you play an instrument or sing, you can sign up to share your talent with us on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. While we are doing our **service project** and eating **lunch** – two things Lutherans do best – we will be praising God and sharing our love of **music** (the other thing Lutherans do best). Take a look at the rest of “Currents” for more information – and be sure to sign up if you have a song to share!
- ◆ Sunday School is also adding some fun things. Firstly, we are seeking musicians to lead and teach songs as part of the regular Sunday School experience. It’s so great to have music back in our schedule! Second, we are scheduling special Sunday School events throughout the year to learn about some of the important moments in our faith. These events will be for all the Sunday schoolers and their families to experience and learn together. THEN, the next week at church, certain grades will have important parts in the worship and we will celebrate those big moments (we’re calling “**Milestones**”) with our fellowship time (I’m hoping it’s with cake)! There will be a parent’s day at the beginning of the year to orient you to this new emphasis and let you know what you can expect and how help make this ministry a great one for our kiddos. Watch for the Sunday School to see what date that will be.

That’s all for now. So don’t rush the summer away, but do get excited for some fun things happening this fall!

Peace to you in Christ!

-Pastor Chris

ATTENTION 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

We are putting together a program just for you this year! It's called **Connect** and it comes with a fun new Bible, funny video lessons, and activities.

Connect will take the place of Sunday School for you, full of learning that is for you older kids. So you could think about it as Sunday School if you want – but you could also think of it as pre-confirmation.

The lessons are so much fun and you get to write, draw, and doodle in your Bible! We'll continue using your same Bible, with all your fun notes in it, when we get to confirmation.

So, get ready and excited to join your friends this fall for *Connect*!

Parents, here's what the developers say about *Connect*:

Combine humor with teachings from the Bible

Capture attention while applying biblical teachings from the lesson with the Connect curriculum, which is notorious for its witty, quirky humor-filled videos.

Relate to preteens with content they understand

Help teens see the big picture of the Bible with Connect Bibles, which feature visual icons, vibrant maps, and instant activities while providing relevance for preteens.

Build understanding around key Bible themes

Encourage preteens to see the narrative arc of the Bible with Connect's Bible-centered approach.

Want a teaser? Check out this YouTube link for a promo video:

<https://youtu.be/7sU53BKDDZM>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—FAMILY STYLE

Holmen Lutheran Church is hosting Family VBS this year **August 7-9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Join the fun with picnic dinners, family games, and great lessons as we celebrate God's AWE-SOME creation! There will be animals, crafts, food, a bounce house, and ways to contribute to our neighbors in need. Email assistant@halfwaycreek.org to get the registration link!

WHAT KEEPS US GOING?

Last month we talked about how Jesus keeps us going! With that we also should talk about prayer. Prayer keeps us going! How often do you pray? That's something we don't usually get asked, and it can be very personal. Growing up I always thought prayers were said only at night and at church, of course. We learned the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Each night one of our parents would say a prayer with us when they tucked us in. As an adult, I engaged in more Bible studies, lectures and book studies, and I was assured that God hears us and wants us to talk to Him ANYTIME and in any way! He doesn't NEED us to talk to him, it's truly for our benefit and for us to build a relationship with Him and bring the Holy Spirit deeply into our lives. From petitions of need or prayers of thanksgiving, He hears it all. I now often pause and simply say "Thank You, Lord."!

While prayer is personal, it's also very communal. *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.* **Matthew 18:20** We pray together in words and actions when we gather for worship or meetings or any of the numerous ministries at church and in our community. Prayer keeps us going!

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you care for, please call or email the church.

God bless you today and always.

Shari



We pray for ... Stan Schwier, Lu Pertzsch, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Mildred Schwanebeck, Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, Coats family

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

August

Sundays

7—9:00 a.m. **Worship Indoors**—HCLC

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

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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

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

September 11th is “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday at the Halfway Creek Bandshell. The morning will be filled with worship, service, lunch and music!

The schedule for the day:	9:30 a.m. worship
	10:30 a.m. service project
	11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. lunch and music.

Three things you can do to get ready—mark your calendars, donate blessing bag supplies (see insert for list of items), and sign up to sing or play. If you would like to perform during the music festival portion of the day, please contact the office at assistant@halfwaycreek.org or call 608-526-3701.

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.



2	14	24	29
Tyson Gates	Ty McCoy	Karla Johnson	Kaila Casberg
3	16	Declan Mihm	Samantha Olson
Simon Nedoba	Mary Ann Hadl	25	30
5	18	Carol Bringe	Rosalinda Miller
Thelma Severson	David Gates	Dominic Rosenow	31
6	Jennifer Stasiak	26	Marna Holley
Rhonda Tremain-	Rori Tolvstad	Jenessa Hill	
Yeiter	19	Kohl Linberg	
7	Sally Johnson	27	
Pat Martin	20	Abigail Bramwell	
Andy Mueller	Dana Casberg	Mary Dokkebaken	
Amy Noel	22	Evan Tuquero	
9	Jane Halverson	28	
David Anderson	23	Violet Chase	
Jenna Happel	Kayla Severson	Mel Howe	

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Haakon and Kylee Simonson who were united in marriage Saturday, July 2, and Tyler and Kendra Pearson who were united in marriage Saturday, July 30.

May God bless you all abundantly in love, joy and happiness.

VISION BOARD—THERE WAS NO MEETING IN JULY.

2022 VISION BOARD

Gaye Johnson, President—gayemj3@gmail.com
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Please contact the vision board with any input you may have. Vision Board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. **Next meeting: August 11**

NOISY OFFERING UPDATE

In just three weeks, the July Noisy Offering raised \$114.76 towards the Piano Tuning fee! That is great! Thanks for supporting our efforts and bringing in your loose change (or donating through PayPal). The cost of tuning our piano is \$145 and this is done twice a year. Thanks again for helping us maintain our piano.

PAYPAL

Giving has been made easier! You may now donate to Halfway Creek Lutheran Church and it's ministries using PayPal! Read the QR code here, or find us on PayPal with the email address treasurer@halfwaycreek.org. *Thank you for your continued support and for making a difference!*



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

June	Budget	Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Expense	18,869	15,886.39	113,300.00	117,413.16
General Fund	18,868	15,784.00	113,211.00	85,503.85
Debt Reduction		270.00		3790.00

#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, August 24 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.

SUMMER BINGO



We sent out 54 cards and Summer BINGO sheets to our HCLC kids Pre-4K to 6th grade. If you know of someone who would like to play BINGO with us, please call or email the office.

Once the cards are completed, the kids can bring them to church for a prize. Prizes will be available in the church office or at worship on Sundays through **Rally Sunday**, which is **September 18**.

See you soon!

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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 .

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goodbye July, hello
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