



Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

APRIL 2023

Reach Out , Share Christ with All

FROM PASTOR CHRIS

The women went to the tomb,

the place where they know Jesus should be,
and they found it *empty*.

Where do you look?

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, God in flesh,
come to bring life and hope to the hopeless,
the one to whom the world shouts, "Hosanna, save us!"
the one crucified for loving the lost and honoring the despised?

He has been raised. He is not here.

Where now will we find him?

He is out where the hungry are *fed*.

Jesus is where the people are working to free the ones captive to violence and fear.

He is where the people are:

demanding *change*, demanding *life*,
demanding to *be heard*, seeking to be *valued*.

Jesus has gone ahead. "Meet me in Galilee," he told his followers. He is on the move.

Are we ready to follow?

The church, the "body of Christ," are we ready to follow?

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When the women went to Jesus' tomb, they found it empty. Where they expected Jesus was not where he was. But, just as he said, he was raised from the dead, bringing the message of God's love and justice—the care for the poor, the healing of the sick, the befriending of the outcast, renewing creation – out to the world.

The amazing news of the resurrection is that we do not find Jesus at his tomb, nor must we wait for him at our own. We find him today, “ahead of us in Galilee”—where the world is being cared for and its people being loved. Where the lonely or hurting people find strength and love in their neighbor, that is where Jesus is today.

He is on the move. We are on the move. Christ is Risen. He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

-Pastor Chris

NOISY OFFERING

During March, our Noisy Offering supported the Holmen Lutheran Church Food Cupboard.

In addition to money collected, we collected food and personal items. At the time of printing we collected \$113.41 and a total of 35 food items and 18 personal items. All of this was well received and so appreciated. Thank you Rich and Bette Pedretti for delivering our donations!

Thank you to everyone that supported (and continues to support) this very important ministry in our community!

With Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, this month's Noisy Offering collections will support various Environmental Causes. Stay posted to E-news for weekly updates on how your donations make a difference!

2023 VISION BOARD

Gaye Johnson, President—gayemj3@gmail.com
Kari Washburn Vice President—kari.washburn@yahoo.com
Amy Noel & Andrea Baxter, Secretary
Mike Martin, Treasurer—michaelmartin49@charter.net
Andrea Baxter—baxtera42@gmail.com
Diane Jostad—608-526-3597
Amy Noel—noelprairie@icloud.com
Patti Happel—patiszoo@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.

WISH LISTS

Ever wonder how you could help out at HCLC? Besides volunteering and sharing your talents, we could use your assistance in fulfilling our wish lists!

We have a list started on [Amazon](#). Follow the link or email the office for more information.

Property Team: We would like a Snow Blower 7hp. Please contact Mike Martin for more information. (608)797-4858

Sunday School: We could use camping chairs in the 3rd-5th grade space. Contact Andrea Baxter for more information. Email: baxtera42@gmail.com

Audio/Visual/Tech: We are looking to add a TV to the Gathering Space (~\$600). We would also like to purchase an AV Rack for our equipment in the Sanctuary (~\$3000). Contact [Pastor Chris](#) or the office for more information.

Thank you!!

**HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
VISION BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

February 9, 2023 - 6pm

MEMBERS: Pastor Chris Sesvold, Gaye Johnson, Amy Noel, Jessica Cook, Mike Martin
Kari Washburn, Diane Jostad, Patti Happel

Absent: Andrea Baxter

ITEM:

Meet Pastor Chris in the Sanctuary

Call to Order **@6:30 pm**

Approval of the Agenda: **Amy N. made motion to approve agenda, Mike M. 2nd, motion passed**

Welcome New Member: **Welcome Patti Happel**

Election of Officers: **Vice President, Patti H. nominated Kari W., Kari W. accepted, Diane J. 2nd, passed**

Treasurer: Amy nominated Mike M., Patti H. 2nd, passed

President: Amy nominated Gaye J, Kari w. 2nd, passed

Secretary: Tabled until March

Approval of January Minutes: **Mike M. made a motion to approve minutes, Amy N 2nd, Motion Passed**

Action by VB since January meeting : **None**

Pastor's Report

Annual Meeting Comments/Report: **Filling out congregation report.**

Finance Team

Treasurer's Report – Mike: **Amy N.made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, Patti H. 2nd, Motion passed**

Offering Envelopes: **tabled**

Noisy Offering for February - Catholic Charities Warming Center

For March -**Holmen Lutheran food pantry donation money/items**

Property Team.

Lighting & Fans: **sanctuary lights have been updated, fan modules are being replaced (all 3 are burnt out)**

Narthex TV – trying to die??!! : **it hasn't yet but it is on its last leg.**

Update on elevator: **asking Schindler for \$944.73 back since they didn't come for over a year.**

Ramp Railing & Lawnmower

Worship & Liturgy – Word of God

Worship Schedule 2023 – 2 Services: **tabled**

Lenten/Worship Schedule: **Was published and there will be a 9am & 10:30am Easter Services**

Diane made a motion to approve Pastor's lenten worship schedule, Amy 2nd, motion passed

Education - Sunday School. Confirmation. Adult Ed

Bible Journaling: **pizza making was fun and halfway creek won the friendly competition**

Bible Study: **Will be picking a new book soon**

Evangelism – Go & Tell

Discipleship – Learn & Follow

NEW BUSINESS

Trust Foundation & Dedicated Funds : **Rhonda Britton is interested in heading**

Vision board Wednesday Lenten Meal – March 1 : **sign up with Amy what you want to bring**

VISIONING

Post Confirmation Youth: **Starting the conversation**

Sanctuary to meet our needs today: **Starting the conversation**

Closing Prayer

ADJOURN@8:08pm

Next meeting March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Next Vision Board Meeting: Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm

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

FEBRUARY	Actual	Budget	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget
General Fund	16,553.00	19,186.66	30,301.27	38,373.32
Expense	17,395.84	19,186.66	38,223.73	38,373.32
Debt Reduction	315.00		585.00	

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

BIBLE JOURNALING

Our next Bible Journaling gathering is scheduled for **April 23** following worship. Bring your Bible and/or sketchbook along with markers and color pencils. All are welcome!

#MAILITMONDAY MINISTRY

Stop by and pick up a card or two to mail to a friend, family member, someone from church you haven't seen in a while! What better way to share Christ's love with all than by reaching out and letting someone know you care? We'll be making cards throughout the spring and summer. Stay tuned to E-News for dates and more information. If you would like to schedule a card making event to support this ministry, contact Shari in the [office](#).

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Both sessions will be studying the book, Unafraid, by Adam Hamilton. Hope you will join us!

CONFIRMATION DIRECTORY HELP NEEDED

Have you ever seen the extensive and comprehensive directories at other churches? We have pictures of confirmands dating back to the 1920s. How fascinating would it be to have those displayed at HCLC? Would you be interested in helping put this together?

Contact Gaye at 608-780-5179.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the office will be Closed on Monday, April 10.





Thank you Quilters!! The quilting group had another great season of fellowship, work and fun assembling quilts to be donated to those in need. We completed 33 quilts in 7 weeks with help from Ruth Jostad, Diane Jostad, Archie Achterkirch, Nancy Holley, Alice Miller, Karla Anderson, Susan Jostad and Bette Pedretti with a guest appearance by Pastor Chris!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

1	12	19	26
Nicole Barbour	Cohen Lee	Jennifer Kruckow	Dawn Bandoli
2	Kennedy Strangstalien	Wyatt Oines	27
Anika Sesvold	14	21	Rebecca Hauser
3	Alexa Lautenschlager	Kathleen Hagel	28
Noah Hanson	15	Chantel Temp	Ryan Olson
Gregory Temp	Kristi Johnson	22	Cartyr Stumlin
4	16	Gabriel Hansen	29
Rachael Hauser	Erica Daily	Allison Oines	Audrey Bringe
Trinity Horstman	Cora Klich	Ethan Oines	Lars Oines
6	17	Calvin Smith	
Rhonda Britton	Marcella McDonald	23	
Doug Gordon	18	Savanna Britton	
Zach Johnson	Andrea Baxter	Philip Johnson	
Cassie Tremain-Tolvstad		Joanne Mihm	
		Randy Tuquero	



*We pray for ... Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk,
Pat Krause, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans,
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,
Zach Mossman, Marie Jezova, Coats family*

SERVING AND WORSHIP

		SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS
APR 2	9:00 Palm Sunday	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson
APR 7	7:00 P Good Friday	Mike Martin		
APR 9	9:00 Easter	Stan Schwier	Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad
	10:30 Easter	Mike Martin		
APR 16	8:30	Archie Achterkirch	Nancy Holley Diane Jostad	Jodi Eide
APR 23	9:00	David Chase	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Diane Jostad Mike M
APR 30	9:00	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad	Mike M John Daily

Volunteer to help at Worship

Use [Sign-up Genius](#) button on the website or E-News; call the office or email assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

Gifting your time is important to help meet the needs of this congregation at each service.

Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents!

Volunteer Roles

Acolyte
Greeter
PowerPoint
Usher
Reader
Communion Assistants

These volunteer roles are needed at each service. The duties for each of these roles may be found in the Gathering Space. If you have any question, please contact the office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congratulations to our Sunday School students who received First Communion on Sunday, March 26. We welcomed Jordyn Schreiber, Cailyn Schreiber, John Fredrickson, and Adalyn Ruhbusch to the Lord's Table! God bless you and keep you!

April Schedule

2 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Palm Sunday
9 - 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Easter Services
16- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
23 - 9:45 a.m. Milestone Lesson 6
30 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (note: Confirmation weekend)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Sunday is approaching quickly and we just wanted to make sure you had some details. Confirmation students will read their faith statements at BOTH services. The Confirmands will receive the Rite of Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m. service. So invite your family and friends to join you then!!

Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship & Faith Statements

10:00 a.m. Treats between services in honor of the Confirmands

11:00 a.m. Rite of Confirmation & Faith Statements



Halfway Creek Cemetery

It's never too early to purchase your final resting place

If you plan to be buried — or cremated and buried — in Halfway Creek Cemetery, it's to your benefit to choose your location and purchase your lot(s) well in advance of your demise.



- Halfway Creek Lutheran Church members pay just \$300 for a single casket-and-vault burial plot OR a cremation plot that will accommodate up to four cremation urns.
- Nonmembers who wish to be buried — or cremated and buried — at the cemetery pay \$600 for a single casket-and-vault burial plot OR a cremation plot that will accommodate up to four cremation urns.
- Cremation urns may be buried in an existing family member's plot (a parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, for example) for \$250 per urn.

For more details, or to reserve your resting place, call Raymond Lee at 608-769-6964 (cell) or 608-526-3900 (home).

Your cemetery needs your support

Remember Halfway Creek Cemetery when you're making your charitable contributions — and please consider a donation to the cemetery in your will, too. The cemetery does not receive funding from Halfway Creek Lutheran Church. It needs your help with donations to mow the lawn, trim trees and provide general maintenance. That expense is more than \$3,000 annually. For more information, call Raymond Lee at 608-769-6964 (cell) or 608-526-3900 (home).

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WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. **Sundays**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m.—Noon

For Wednesday or after
hours appointments please
call the office or 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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website

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Happy
Easter

Holy Week—April 6-9, 2023

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Agape Feast followed by Communion
at Journey Lutheran

Good Friday

Noon Crosswalk— meet at Halfway Creek bandshell
1:00 p.m. Community Worship at Holmen Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Worship at HCLC

Easter Sunday at HCLC

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join us for worship!

For livestream worship visit our website, YouTube channel or Facebook page!



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