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JULY 2025

Reach Out , Share Christ with All

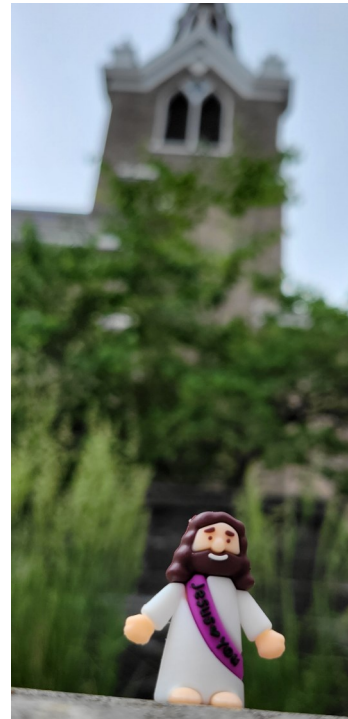
Hello Halfway Creek Family!!

Where are you looking for, or finding, Christ?

A few weeks ago, a member of our church family handed me two wrapped packages of mini (1 ¼ inch) Jesus figurines. The premise behind this is to set them around the places you go, in order for others to find.

About a week later, another congregant handed me one of these same figurines. I laughed and told her the story of the two packages that are currently sitting on my desk in the church office. I set the one individual figurine in my work area at home, and throughout the next several days, I would take a few moments to focus on it each time I would sit at my desk.

As the days went on, I started to think about the places I could set out, or hide the others, which then got me thinking about what someone might think if/when they found one. Those thoughts then turned into finding Jesus anywhere and everywhere we might look. Christ is present in all aspects of our lives, not just at church or in religious spaces.



I can't help but wonder if this thought would have any impact on people. Would someone that doesn't attend church or have much of a spiritual focus find it inspiring? Or, may it possibly make a difference to someone having a bad day? I guess we can never be sure when we might say or do something that could have an

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influence on others, so we should always be mindful of our actions and the words we speak, so that we may have the best impact on others.

Blessings to all ~

Patti Happel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 4** Happy Independence Day!
- 6** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Patti Happel presiding
- 8** 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Outreach—Writing and mailing cards
- 13** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Pastor Carol Garman presiding
- 22** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Pastor Wayne Van Kauwenbergh presiding
- 27** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Pastor Carol Garman presiding

HOLMEN'S HOPE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



Holmen's Hope Summer Lunch Program is in need of food items including **granola bars, juice boxes, fruit snacks, peanut butter, and jelly**. If you can help, please bring items to church, and we'll deliver them!

You can also volunteer to make and deliver lunches this summer. Lunches begin the week of June 9th. Coulee Life Church has volunteered to take Mondays during the summer, so they are looking for volunteers for Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in helping, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact our office.

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Please contact the vision board with any input you may have.

FINANCIALS THROUGH MAY 2025

	<u>Total Offering</u>	<u>Rent Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
January-25	\$11,212.00	\$2,150.00	\$13,676.56	-\$314.56
February-25	\$10,732.00	\$2,150.00	\$11,094.45	\$1,787.55
March-25	\$12,072.18	\$2,150.00	\$13,616.82	\$605.36
April-25	\$13,895.00	\$2,150.00	\$16,634.74	-\$589.74
May-25	\$10,455.00	\$2,150.00	\$13,731.81	-\$1,126.81
Year to date	\$58,366.18	\$10,750.00	\$68,754.38	\$361.80

July 2025 Currents

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Halfway Creek Lutheran Church Vision Board Meeting Minutes – June 12th, 2025

Present: Patti Happel, Bette Pedretti, Nicole Stumlin, Carrie Payne, Wayne Atchley, Andrea Baxter, Nancy Holley

Absent: Amy Noel, Ema Nedoba, Olivia Nedoba, Michelle Olson

Guests: Shari Ireland, Jodi Anderson

Call to order at 6:02 p.m. Devotion lead by Bette Pedretti.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made and second to approve agenda.

Actions since last meeting:

Approved VB minutes via email 5/16/25

Approved repair of roof leak in church 5/21/25

Financial Report:

Noisy Offering:

July – HCLC Cemetery

August – God's work. Our hands. Sunday

September – Suicide Prevention

May financial reports reviewed by Jodi Anderson. Motion was made and second to re-name Debt Reduction Fund to Maintenance Fund. Motion passed. Will set up a meeting with Todd Trautman at Thrivent for review of accounts and options. Update provided on insurance quote from TRICOR.

Office Update:

Newsletter items are due by June 19. Supply pastors are scheduled through October. God's work. Our hands. t-shirts will be available to order through mid-July. SAMS update provided by Patti Happel.

Music and Liturgy:

No update regarding fundraising.

Old Business:

IT team – Training will be scheduled soon.

Outreach – Blood Drive had 14 donations. Holmen’s Hope Summer Lunch program – box for supplies by the entryway. They are still looking for volunteers and you can sign up online. Card sending group will meet on July 8, 11-1.

Legacy Committee – meeting tonight.

Job descriptions/current policies – staff reviewed descriptions, in need of volunteers to review current policies.

Recommendations for Worship Volunteer Roles – Nicole/Carrie reviewed and made recommendations.

Printed draft “Welcome” brochure reviewed, and “Outdoor Worship” section will be edited.

Leaking roof update – Krause was here June 2nd and leak has been fixed.

Youth Team – has met and looking to plan summer youth night.

Safety plan/policies – Carrie and Michelle have met and moving forward with utilizing local resources to assist with developing plans.

New Business:

Property Team Need – Motion was made and seconded to purchase back door, clean gutters and purchase covers, and cutting down of trees. Motion passed.

Discontinuation of Microsoft 365 Business Premium Grant – tabled.

Using Church as Wedding Venue for outside Pastors – tabled.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting: August 14, 2025, 6 p.m.

We will be taking the month of July to work on committee assignments with no Vision Board meeting.

GIVING AT HCLC

HCLC uses on-line giving through VANCO. You can also use Paypal—just search for Halfway Creek Lutheran Church or scan this QR code to go directly to the App. Thank you for helping us further our mission.



HOLMEN LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Requests for JULY: Egg noodles, peanut butter, Manwich, pasta (no spaghetti), soup (no cream or tomato soup). Please no green beans, macaroni and cheese, tuna, black beans, garbanzo beans or corn, due to ample supplies of these items. Thank you for your support! Items dropped off at Halfway Creek will be delivered to the Food Pantry!!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us for worship each Sunday at 9 AM. We'll continue this schedule through Sunday, August 31st.

NOISY OFFERING

The July noisy offering will support the Halfway Creek Cemetery. Let's make some noise!

GARDENING GROUP

Our HCLC Gardening group consisting of Archie, Rich, Alice, Nancy and Susan, spent the spring setting up our new garden and planted it by late May. It took 7 yards of compost to get the base to a good growing level. Thank you to Tom Dummer for donating a yard of compost to this project. We'd also like to thank Bill Achterkirch for donating the plants.

The gardeners meet each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and have been pleasantly surprised at how few weeds there have been but also how well the plants and seeds have started to take root and grow! Stop by and check it out! If you would like to join the group, just stop on by Wednesdays around 830 AM.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Gardening Group through the June noisy offering. **A total of \$156.76** was collected through June 22. A final total will be in the weekly E-News!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Our Worship Team in need of some new equipment. Our current sound system and microphones are over 25 years old, and seem to be giving us some issues. The sound quality is not great and what we currently have does not tie into the rest of our sound system, so it cannot be heard during our livestreaming.

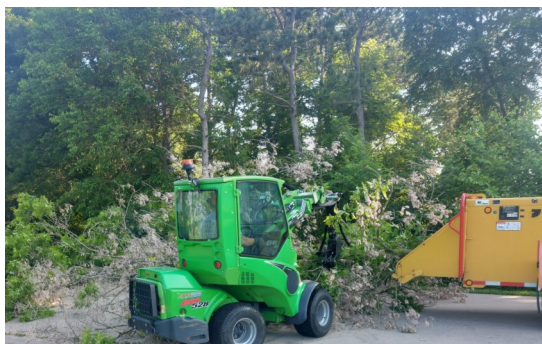
What we need is a new sound board, as well as new microphones. We are hoping to raise between \$4,000 - \$10,000. The minimum would allow us to purchase a new sound board and 2-4 microphones. Any additional money received would allow us to purchase additional microphones, as well as a few extra things.

We will have a “musical note” pinata placed in the fellowship area that will collect any donations. Or, feel free to reach out to any worship team members.

WE APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE!!

HIGHLIGHTS

Property team had several dead trees removed.

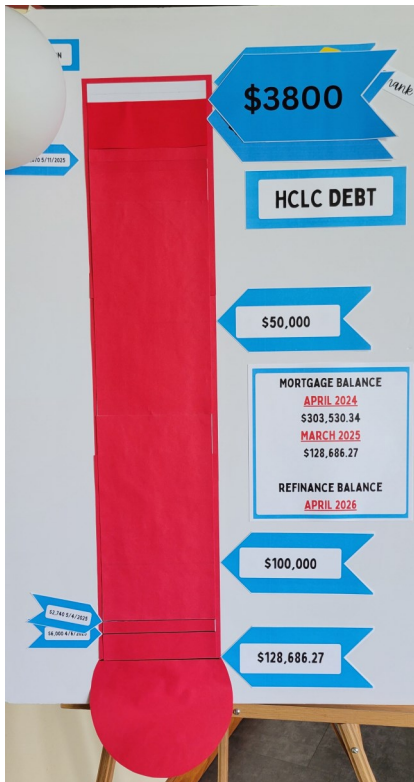


Worship team sang for the sisters at St. Rose.



So very thankful for our guest vocalists, musicians and pastors!

DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE



Update: ***Nearing the end of our mortgage!!***

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The generosity that we at HCLC have witnessed over the last 12+ months is beyond words! Whether you contributed time, money, or prayers, we appreciate all who have supported our church through this journey.

As we near the end of our mortgage for the church addition, the Vision Board has been planning ahead for the next chapter. At the recent Vision Board meeting we approved renaming our debt reduction line item to a church property maintenance line item. This would mean having an account dedicated to just property maintenance and improvements knowing that

this is an ongoing need. We also discussed looking at options outside of our “dedicated” funds to invest this account to assure we are making the most of our interest accrual versus having that money in a savings account at the bank. Our next step is to meet with Todd Trautman at Thrivent to look at the best options for investing this money. Once we no longer have our monthly mortgage payment (\$2581), we plan on putting part of that payment into this account for future needs of church property maintenance or improvement.

We welcome any questions or comments in regard to this plan. We will keep you updated as we move forward and have more information. Thank you to all! We at HCLC are very blessed!

HALFWAY CREEK CEMETERY NEWS

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Did you know the Doxology, specifically the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," is approximately 350 years old. Its lyrics were written in 1674 by Anglican Bishop Thomas Ken. The words express all good things that come from God. How blessed we are to live where we do and to have a final resting place that gives a declaration to God's glory.

A special thanks to the Joe & Kelly Anderson family, especially Blake & Jordan for maintaining the lawn care at the cemetery. It looks awesome!

It's never too early to purchase your final resting place. If you wish to purchase a lot for either full casket or cremation burial, please contact one of the Trustees below. Lots are \$300 for members of Halfway Creek and \$600 for non-members. A single lot can be used for either one full casket burial or up to four cremation burials.

Dan Brudahl, 608-526-6950
Mark Witte, 608-317-0183
Hannah Scholze, 608-797-9388



Save the date for God's work. Our hands. on Sunday, September 7 at Halfway Creek Bandshell in Holmen! We are ordering shirts and sweatshirts that are GWOH yellow with black writing. Halfway Creek Lutheran Church will be printed on the back along with the ELCA logo. See the inserted order form. Orders are due July 13. Please write checks to HCLC.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

1 Braxtyn Jensen-Pralle	11 Heather Dokkebaken	19 Richard Gran	28 Erin Hale
2 Jeanne Atchley	Jacob Wegner	Macie Larson	Lane Hansen
Ryan Happel	12 David Chase	Darren Nelson	30 Robyn Shisler
6 Ryan Beville	Leann Theisen	21 Bryson Happel	31 Kendall Yahnke
Ron Christensen	13 Jerin Rink	23 Landry Hill	
Brianna Cook	14 Mike Bramwell	Addison Wille	
Daryl Holley	Joel Oines	24 Joanne Nichols	
Ann Stasiak	15 Cassandra Bandoli	25 Ella Gander	
8 DeeDee Kolbo	16 Carolyn Bjerke	26 Camden Lee	
9 Bette Pedretti	17 Gracie Holley		
10 Nola Anderson			



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for friends and family of those who have passed: Charles Severson, Ray Cook, Madilyn Vang, Jeff Rose, Ron Hanson, Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee, Marie Jezova

We pray for Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Mike & Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Brooklynn Cook, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, Bob Loper, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, the Coats family.

SERVING AND WORSHIP

	WORSHIP TIME	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS
JULY 6	9:00 Patti	Mike	Carrie Nicole	Rhonda Sonja
JULY 13	9:00 Pastor Garman	Stan	Bette	Bette Susan
JULY 20	9:00 Pastor Wayne	Archie	Nancy	Jodi E
JULY 27	9:00 Pastor Garman	Stan	Bette	Mike

Volunteer to help at Worship

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

assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

Volunteer Clipboards are also in the gathering space.

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!

Check out our Google Calendar now on the home page of our [website](#)!

SUPPLY PASTORS

Thank you to our June supply pastors and ministers, Ron Christensen, Patti Happel, Rev. Bill Pursley, Pastor Carol Garman. We appreciate your time and prayers!



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SUMMER WORSHIP

June 1–August 31 at 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed

Tuesday—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Thursday—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday—Closed

Saturday—Closed

Sunday—Worship

PASTORAL CARE

If the need arises for Pastoral Care,
please contact Patti at 608-317-9525.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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ORDERS DUE JULY 13

INFORMATION

ORDER DATE:

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS ARE PRE-SHRUNK 100% COTTON WITH HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH ON THE BACK. SIZE CHART ON BACK PAGE.

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS ARE 100% COTTON - HEAVY WEIGHT; HOODED SWEATSHIRTS ARE 50/50 COTTON/POLY FLEECE. SAME COLOR AS SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL/PHONE

PAYMENT METHOD


☐ Cash

☐ Check


FRONT



BACK

SIZES AND PRICES

SHORT SLEEVE TSHIRTS

YOUTH XS-L	\$17
ADULT S-XL	\$17
ADULT 2XL-5XL	\$25

LONG SLEEVE TSHIRTS

ADULT S-3XL	\$25
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HOODED SWEATSHIRT

ADULT S-3XL	\$30
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ORDER

SHIRT TYPE	SIZE	PRICE
GRAND TOTAL		

God's work. Our hands. t-shirt sizing for short sleeve shirts

Short Sleeve T-Shirt Sizing

Adult Sizing

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Body Length	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Chest Width (Laid Flat)	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
Sleeve Length (From Center Back)	16 3/4	17 3/4	19 1/4	20 1/4	21 1/4	22 3/4	23 3/4	24 3/4

Youth Sizing

	XS	S	M	L
Body Length	20 1/2	22	23 1/2	25
Chest Width (Laid Flat)	15	16	17	18
Sleeve Length (From Center Back)	13 1/4	14	15	16