



CURRENTS

AUGUST 2025

Reach Out , Share Christ with All

Greetings Halfway Creek Family and Friends,

Recently, I've been spending some time reflecting..... I've been thinking back, to just a little over a year ago, when we were faced with so much uncertainty. We had multiple conversations and had to make some difficult decisions. I remember having a conversation, at a congregational meeting, about how it would be necessary for everyone to work together as a family if we wanted to keep going.

And now, here we are, standing in a better place than last year. I would like to say a great big "THANK YOU" to everyone!! I am so proud of us!! We have all come together to do whatever was/is needed to be done. Not only financially, but also with prayer, volunteering, outreach, support, and encouragement. We came together as a family should, to reach a goal. I am so very grateful for everyone!!

We are not quite where we need to be yet, but definitely in a better position than we were before. We will need to keep moving in the same direction we have been, in the hopes of becoming self-sustainable.

With gratitude and blessings to all ~
Patti Happel, SAM

Luke 6:38 *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 3** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Patti Happel presiding
- 8** 6–9 p.m. Youth Night Out at HCLC (friends are welcome, too!)
- 10** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Jason Knipe, Patti Happel presiding
- 14** 6:00 p.m. Vision Board Meeting
- 17** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Jason Knipe, Patti Happel presiding
- 24** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Rev. Ralph Kuespert presiding
- 31** 9:00 a.m. Worship; Ron Christensen, Patti Happel presiding

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY



Join the Holmen Area ELCA churches for God's work. Our hands. on Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. We'll have coffee and donuts to start the day followed by worship with Pastor Kathryn Thompson of LuMin Campus Ministry preaching. We'll participate in a service project by assembling Lutheran World Relief kits and have a light lunch! Plan to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Let's fill the lawn! Also, if anyone would like to help serve coffee and donuts, please let Bette or Patti know. Thank you!

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Please contact the vision board with any input you may have. The next Vision Board meeting is Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. There was no meeting in July!

FINANCIALS THROUGH JUNE 2025

	Total Offering	Rent Income	Expenditures	Difference
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
June-25	\$12,330.00	\$2,150.00	\$14,326.76	\$153.24
Totals	\$70,696.18	\$12,900.00	\$83,081.14	\$515.04

FINANCIAL CORNER: STEWARDING GOD'S PROVISIONS

- Contribution statements will be mailed out three times per year. You will receive statements in May, September, and January.
- If you are age 70 or older, have an IRA, and are writing checks to Halfway Creek Lutheran Church for your weekly, monthly, annual offering – STOP! Instead, you can make a direct contribution to Halfway Creek Lutheran Church through your IRA without tax implications. Contact Jodi Anderson at the church office for more information.
- As of July 2nd, Halfway Creek Lutheran Church paid the mortgage balance held at Merchants Bank in full!
- Did you know that Halfway Creek Lutheran has other dedicated funds to which members can donate? These include outreach, maintenance, technology, and sound equipment. No special envelope is needed – just write the name of the fund on the envelopes you currently use.

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.



NOISY OFFERING

The August noisy offering will support God's work. Our hands. Sunday!

The July noisy offering supported Halfway Creek Cemetery with \$436.55 collected! Thank you for your generosity! Let's keep making some noise!

SOUND EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As you might have heard, we are fundraising to replace some of the sound equipment used by the Worship Team. Worship Team has been using the original sound equipment that is approximately 25 years old. The age of the equipment has been starting to show and giving us sound issues the last few years. Here's a quick summary of our immediate needs, our wish list items, and what we have currently available for funds:

1. Immediate needs and costs

*Digital mixer \$1,978 (ordered)

*Six new mics, cords, and stands \$1,412

Immediate needs total: \$3390

2. Items needing to be replaced soon

*Electronic keyboard \$2000

*Two wireless mics \$2845

Items to be replaced soon: \$4845

Grand Total: \$8235

Amount **donated** so far: **\$1615**

(\$1275 fundraiser + \$340 in memorials in honor of Harvey Miller)

Thank you for helping us reach our goals!

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPLY PASTORS AND WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We are so grateful for Patti Happel and all of our supply pastors for leading worship each week. Thank you to our music director, Lynn, and worship team for providing such beautiful services and music! Thank to our volunteers from our sextons who make sure the church is open and ready to our altar guild and communion servers, worship production team, greeters, ushers and acolytes, and our fellowship volunteers. You each make worshiping at Halfway Creek a prayerful and special time.



YOUTH NIGHT OUT

Youth in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to our Summer Youth Night Out on August 8th! Please RSVP and remember a permission form is needed for each participant and you can find them on our website ([Confirmation](#)).



WELCOME BACK

Welcome Home Brooklyn Cook! Brooklyn made it home from deployment.

“Thank you for the last several months for added prayers from the congregation for her, it really does mean a lot to me.” - Jess

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us for worship each Sunday at 9 AM. We'll continue this schedule through Sunday, August 31st. Beginning September 14, worship time will be 10:00 a.m.

HOLMEN LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Requests for August: soup (no cream or tomato), jars of spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, Pasta Roni, canned chicken.

Please no 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!!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Card Ministry—In July a few of us met to mail out notes to those on our prayer list and befrienders. We had good fellowship doing this project and some great food! We have had positive feedback from some recipients, appreciating the extra thoughts and prayers. We will plan to do this on a quarterly basis, so watch for an upcoming opportunity to participate in October. We provide the supplies, just need some well-wishers to help us write out the notes! Thanks to all those who participated in our first endeavor.

Care packages—We will be collecting items beginning late August through September for care packages to send to our newly graduated members who are beginning the next chapter of their life. We will put out a list with some of their "favorites" that can be purchased to send to them the beginning of October. This is an important time in their lives, and we want them to know that their church family is thinking of them and praying for their safety and success. This is a great way to support our young adults and know that they are always welcome back home at HCLC!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

The education teams met several times in June and July and are preparing for a great year of Sunday School and confirmation. Information about the programs and registration forms will be mailed mid-month with in person sign-up (Rally Sunday) being planned for September 14th. If you know of anyone interested in attending either of these education programs, please contact the office so we can put them on the mailing list.

If you are interested in helping to chaperone or volunteer this year, please reach out to Patti or the office.

PROPERTY TEAM

The property team and helpers have been busy this past month! Wayne and Archie climbed into the attic and bell tower to fix the screen and remove some wasp nests. On another day, Dan, Rich, Wayne and Archie were in the parking lot trimming trees! Thanks for taking such good care of our church and the land.



HALFWAY CREEK CEMETERY NEWS

A blessed thank you to everyone who donated at church to the “noisy offering” collected during the month of July for Halfway Creek Lutheran Cemetery Association. The money supports the ongoing upkeep at the cemetery.

A thank you to the Joe & Kelly Anderson family especially Jordan & Blake. The mowing has been continuous and it looks wonderful. Please visit the cemetery soon and enjoy the breezes and bird songs. It’s a place that brings peace and comfort.

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

August: **“When summer gathers up her robes of glory, and like a dream of beauty glides away.”**

— Sarah Helen Whitman

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all the helpers at Harvey's funeral on Saturday, July 12th. His long, very courageous fight is over, and he has received the blessed rest of everlasting peace. Your help was so appreciated. — Alice

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is missing, please notify the office.

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for friends and family of those who have recently passed: Harvey Miller, Charles Severson, Ray Cook, Madilyn Vang.

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

SERVING AND WORSHIP

	WORSHIP TIME	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS
AUG 3	9:00 Patti	Mike	Carrie Nicole	Rhonda Sonja
AUG 10	9:00 Jason/Patti	Stan	Bette	Bette Susan
AUG 17	9:00 Jason/Patti	Archie	Nancy	Jodi E
AUG 24	9:00 Rev Ralph Kuespert	Joe A.	Bette	Mike
AUG 31	9:00 Ron/Patti	Archie	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](#)!

TRAINING

Training is available for volunteers! If you have been considering helping and are not quite sure of the duties, reach out to Patti or Shari. We'll get you the information you need, training and support to be successful and have a great time!



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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.

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