

Halfway Creek LUTHERAN CHURCH

CURRENTS

MAY 2015

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION MAY 31, 2015



We hope you can join us for our building dedication on May 31st! We will have one service that day at 10:30a.m. After worship there will be an open house/reception starting at roughly 11:45a.m. followed by lunch. We will have a potluck meal so please look for sign ups at church and via email.

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on Sundays
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Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday 8-4, Wednesday 8-4 and Friday 8-12. If you need to reach Anna Mally, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail her at assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

CONFIRMATION ON MAY 3

Confirmands will be affirming their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 3 at the	10:30 a.m. worship. Support our young people on this milestone of their faith journey! The	Confirmands this year are: Jack Bringe, Jesse Fiers and Ben Mally.
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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

On May 17 at both services the high school and college graduates	will be honored. Please contact the church office by May 4 if you are	graduating this spring.
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APRIL-MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

May 3: 9:15am Sunday school	May 31: Building Dedication, sing at 10:30 worship
May 10: Last day of Sunday School, Mother's Day—sing at 10:30 worship	

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 17—Regular services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

May 24—One Service at 9:00 a.m.

May 31—Building Dedication, one service at 10:30 a.m.



SUMMER USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED

Are you interested in helping out at worship services this summer? We typically have confirmation students and their families Usher and Acolyte, but in the summer, we open this up to anyone that wants to	help. This is open to people of all ages. Families with young children may want to volunteer as a way to introduce them to serving in the church. Your duties are to light the candles before	service, hand out bulletins and take up the collection. If we get enough volunteers, you may only be asked to do this once this summer. Please look for a sign up sheet during Worship services in May.
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NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

WOMEN'S CHOIR & HALFWAY MIXED CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3rd
 9 am--Women's Choir
 9:30 am--Mixed Choir (both men and women)

Wednesday, May 6th
 6 pm--Worship Team
 7 pm--Mixed Choir (both men and women)

Sunday, May 10th
 9 am--Women's Choir
 9:30 am--Mixed Choir (both men and women)

Wednesday, May 13th
 6 pm--Worship Team
 7 pm--Mixed Choir (both men and women)

Sunday, May 17th
 9 am--Women's Choir
 9:30 am--Mixed Choir (both men and women)

Wednesday, May 20th
 6 pm--Worship Team
 7 pm--Mixed Choir (both men and women)

Sunday, May 24th--Memorial Day weekend--to be determined

Wednesday, May 27th--Final Rehearsal for Building Dedication
 6 pm--Worship Team
 7 pm--Mixed Choir (both Wednesday and Sunday groups) followed by Women's Choir

Sunday, May 31st--Building Dedication Service at 10:30 am
 9:30 am--Women's Choir warm-up
 9:45 am--Mixed Choir warm-up



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

OUTREACH

Many are in need of assistance with providing food for their families. This new outreach program will help meet the basic human needs within our community. It is designed to use contributions to purchase gift cards. For every \$10 raised, a \$10 food or gas card will be purchased and Pastor Jean will distribute as necessary. There are Share Food With All brochures in the sanctuary. There are 3 ways you can help;

- 1) Cash donations. Use SFWA envelopes which are located at the church. In memo line put SFWA.
- 2) Nonperishable Food Items. Please bring in food items...we are having a competition with Sunday school and the rest of the congregation to see who can bring in the most food items! Items can be placed in shopping cart located in the sanctuary. Please put either Sunday School or Congregation Member on item so we can keep track of donations.
- 3) Go to shopwithscrip.com; click register then, JOIN a Scrip Program. Enter our SFWA enrollment code: **8973A3374414L** click register.

Thank you for supporting this new and needed ministry!

'If I were a Butterfly' Food Drive will be celebrated on Sunday May 10th, Mother's Day, with cake and cookies. Contact Dawn Bandoli or Carolyn Hackett with questions.



Right: Carilyn Daily, Tyrus McCoy, Cami Hill, Emma Lubinsky and Cartyr Stumlin help make Communion Bread in preparation for their First Holy Communion which was celebrated on April 26th.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		ACOLYTE	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS
MAY 3	800	Max Hammond	Mike Martin	Diane Jostad	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Ruth Jostad	Rose Simon	Earl & Mary Hammond
	1030	Savannah Horstman	Morgan Jostad			David Gates	Rayna Hendrickson	Travis & Mandi Horstman
MAY 10	800	Jacob Thornton	Stan Schwier	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Amy Noel	Amy Noel	Carolyn Hackett
	1030	Ben Mally	Matt Pagliaro			John Daily	Sonja Nelson	Steve & Kristi Mally
MAY 17	800	Joey Mally	Archie Achterkirch	Karla Johnson Hannah Scholze	Kendra Bringe Sally Johnson	Pat Martin	Mike Martin	Steve & Kristi Mally
	1030	Kohl Linberg	Josh Johnson			Brian Mueller	Jen Strangstalien	Luke & Jesse Oines
MAY 24	900	Jacob Wegner	Dave Bringe	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Erin Bringe	Jacob Thornton	Shawn & Lynn Wegner
MAY 31	1030	Kyron Drugg	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad	Mike Martin John Daily	Jean Latham	Ella Gander	Trinity Drugg

Mother's Day

Building Dedication

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK MAY BIRTHDAYS



1 Abigail Fredrickson Lise Graham	7 Joshua Daily	14 Sayde Nelson Wesley Witte	22 Jan Werner
2 Shayne Herman Keena Noth Melissa Strauss	8 Seth Heiser Megan Jostad-Myhre Samantha Hammond	15 Charlie Jenks Kermit Jostad	24 Barb Hale James Noel
3 Tina Mueller	9 Evelyn Clark	16 William Achterkirch	25 Priscilla Achterkirch Jon Strangstalien Olivia Temp
4 Laura Arnold Nancy Holley	10 Lauren Bringe Samantha Daily Patricia Krause Betty Schmidt	17 Roger Casberg Nicole Plomedahl	26 Chelsey Bauer Ashton Herman
5 Paul Anderson Lyle Gordon Joseph Noth	11 Mary Severson	19 Susan Chase	27 Susan Anderson Lucie Borden Jeffrey Severson
6 Benjamin Johnson	12 Samantha Stenson	20 Logan Pagliaro Dylan Severson	31 Pamela Gran



Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office (526-3701) to help us update our records. Thank you.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK



Above: Confirmation students showing off their beards of wisdom!



Right: Confirmation students building Solomon's Temple



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

PARISH NURSES

FOOT CARE



John 13: ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

Be kind to your feet. Years of wear and tear can be hard on them. So can disease, bad circulation, poorly trimmed toenails, and wearing shoes that don’t fit. Foot problems are sometimes the first sign of more serious medical conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, and nerve or circulatory disorders.

Step in the Right Direction: Practice good foot care. Take a look at your feet often; use a mirror to look at the bottoms of your feet. Look for cuts, blisters, and ingrown toenails. Ask a member of your family for help if you need it. If you have diabetes, be sure to check your feet every day. Remember to put your feet up when you are sitting down. This helps the circulation in your feet. So can stretching, walking, or having a gentle foot massage. A warm foot bath is also helpful. Make sure your feet are dry before you put on your shoes. Wear shoes when you’re outside. If you are sitting for a long time, stand up and move around every now and then. If you cross your legs, reverse or uncross them often.

Make Sure The Shoes Fit: Wearing comfortable shoes that fit well can prevent many foot problems. Shoe size may change as you age, so always have your feet measured before buying shoes. The best time to measure your feet is at the end of the day when your feet are largest. Flip flops are not a good choice. They provide do support for your feet.

Something's Afoot: Keep your feet clean and dry. Be sure to dry the area between your toes. Change your shoes and socks or stockings often to help keep your feet dry. Don’t buy tight shoes. All of these tips can prevent infections and other common foot problems.

Be Alert: Both diabetes and peripheral artery disease can cause poor blood flow to the feet, which can cause scrapes or bruises to become infected more easily. This makes good foot care very important. Make sure to check with your doctor if you develop a sore on your foot that does not heal.

Don't Get Off on the Wrong Foot: Good foot care and regular foot checks are an important part of your health care. Your doctor should look at your feet often. If you have foot problems, don’t be afraid to talk to your doctor.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

NEW LOGO REVEAL

Exciting news! Along with the dedication of a new addition at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church this spring, we are also unveiling a new logo. The idea of a more consistent image as we reach out to share Christ with all is something that I have been talking about with the Vision Board since last fall. I have worked in marketing and communications for many years, and have long recognized the value of a strong visual identity

At Halfway we’ve used the circle of leaves and the words “Reaching out to share Christ with all” as our “logo” for a long time, and while that image has served us well, it doesn’t really help convey our name. Ways we’ve used to identify HCLC on printed materials, signs or even the KornFest float have all varied. They’ve all worked, but it seems there is value in developing a way of presenting our name that is more consistent—an identity that eventually will become instantly recognizable as us. Logos are difficult to create—finding a symbol that becomes readily identifiable, that works well small or large, in full color or in black, that everyone loves, is a tall order. But with the new building project giving our facility a new look and feel, it seemed like a great time to mindfully consider possibilities for a new brand look and feel as well.

The Vision Board wanted to make sure congregation members had an opportunity to be part of the discussion and we talked about our "brand" at the Conversation and Celebration event last October. People shared impressions and images that came to mind as they thought of HCLC, what they felt our image was in the community, and what we want that image to be in the future. While responses were varied and the list was long, several common themes bubbled up—the beauty of the hills, the creek, the setting; the steeple; the idea of vibrant "God colors;" our mission of "Reaching out to share Christ with all" in an energetic, growing congregation—a blend of new growth and our historical past—were mentioned most frequently.

All of those concepts were explored with a variety of logo designs, fonts, colors and possibilities. The Vision Board discussed the input from the congregation, looked at the initial designs, narrowed and tweaked and discussed some more over several months. Finalists included a stylized icon with hills and a creek, an option with a drawing of the steeple, and the one that was ultimately chosen—a colorful cross representing a bright, vital congregation reaching out to live its mission. The cross itself isn’t painted, it’s foundational—in this case the white of the paper—symbolizing the basis for all we are. The spaces around it are filled with "God colors," blue signifying baptism, red symbolizing Pentecost, purple representing Christ the King and the alleluia gold of an Easter sunrise. There’s a vibrant energy at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church that is centered on the cross and at the same time blends away at the edges as we so naturally and readily reach outward into the community, fulfilling our mission. We’re not separate from the world outside our church building, we seamlessly flow through the lives of our members and into the fabric of everyday life, just as the watercolor flows into the paper beneath it. The font (Papyrus) was selected to keep us anchored in our traditional past. It’s a visual blend of the future and our honored tradition.

I hope it serves us well for a long time as we continue our mission and our ministry. By the way, it’s important to note that our mission statement has not changed. We are “Reaching out to share Christ with all” now with an exciting new addition, and a new visual identity.

I am also coordinating a new Communications Team at Halfway Creek. If anyone is interested in joining me, please let me know.

Marna Holley



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

SECOND CENTURY COMMITTEE UPDATE-APRIL 2015

Our substantial completion target date was April 1. We are disappointed that the date has come and gone and we still have not been able to occupy the space. We hope most of you were able to see a preview of the building on Easter Sunday. Everyone seemed to be excited and pleased with the addition. Several issues are delaying occupancy at this point. The elevator installation is not the least of them. We were expecting installation in mid March, but it was delayed. It is however, being installed the week of April 20th.

Building Progress

- Masonry is complete
- The driveway is being poured
- Landscape restoration is in progress
- Elevator in progress
- Stucco under eaves and canopy to be finished.
- Lighting to be finished
- Handrails to be finished and installed
- Many little details to be completed

2nd Century Meeting April 6

The 2nd Century Committee spent much of the meeting time reviewing the budget. Our actual and projected costs are still about \$60,000 under budget. There are many uses for that money however. We are beginning to prioritize what we would like to have done when the project is complete. some items may include:

- Landscaping
- Audio-visual enhancements
- Outside lighting improvements
- Parking
- furnishings
- We may still have some unexpected costs as well.

Dedication

The building dedication will be May 31. If you would like to help plan the event or have suggestions for the event, please contact Ruth Jostad or Gaye Johnson.

Thank you to all who have donated time and items for the building addition. To honor our 159 year history, Second Century Committee members are working with members/carpenters to repurpose the wood stairway railing, posts, balusters, and trim removed during the construction. Some of the century old reclaimed wood will be transformed into wall mounted coat racks in classrooms. We invite everyone to bring an item which can be used as hooks/hangers on the coat racks; modern or antique hook, door handle, door knob, drawer handle. A container will be left at the church to put the items in, please include name (for thank you's).

We are also inquiring about historical items for display and use, i.e. church pew (pre 1968), paintings, pictures, hardware, bookshelves, doors.

Please contact Archie Achterkirch (783-8084) or Morgan Jostad (526-3149) if you have an item you would consider donating back to Halfway Creek or if you know of someone who may.

Contact Carolyn Hackett, 608-792-4897, if you would like to be involved or have any questions.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss statement for January 1—April 22

General Fund Income:	\$ 42,320.08
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 45,276.44
General Fund Net Income:	\$ -2,956.36

If you would like more details on the financial statement please contact Bob Bandoli at robertbandoli@hotmail.com

CURRENTS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

If you would like something put in our monthly newsletter, please submit your item by the following dates. The best way to do this is to e-mail Anna at assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

It is our desire to have our newsletter into your hands by the first of each month and the only way this can be accomplished to follow these deadlines. Thank you.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submissions Due</u>
June 2015	May 18
July 2015	June 15
August 2015	July 20
September 2015	August 17
October 2015	September 21
November 2015	October 19
December 2015	November 16
January 2016	December 21



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

VISION BOARD MINUTES—APRIL 9, 2015

David Gates, Marna Holley, Brian Mueller, Bob Bandoli, Susan Chase, Syndey Craig, Joanne Nichols, Shelly Vander Linden, Pastor Jean Pagliaro

David Gates called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Pastor led us in an opening devotion using Hebrews 10:24.

Ruth Jostad updated us on plans made by the Dedication Committee. A meal is planned following the dedication service. Hot ham on rolls will be served as the entrée. The side dishes will be potluck. The committee will ask Susie Johnson about making cakes for the celebration. A question was asked if we should offer a hospitality hour and tour for returning pastors starting at 9:30am. Marna Holley suggested we get a picture of everyone at the dedication. The idea of having a ribbon tying ceremony was discussed. Ruth suggested that anyone with ideas can email her at ruthmor@msn.com.

Carolyn Hackett presented a pay application and direct purchase order recommendations from the Second Century Committee for approval. A motion was made by Bob Bandoli to approve Pay Application #9 to Olympic Builders for \$30,340.10. Shelly Vander Linden seconded. Motion was approved. Bob Bandoli made a motion to approve owner direct purchases totaling \$ 95,167.05 (Badger Corrugating \$205.00, Badger Corrugating \$2600.67, County Materials \$30,539.84, Glass Service Center \$5397.00, H&S/Always Redi Mix \$1369.13, Temperature Systems Inc \$1055.00, Wisconsin Building Supply \$939.07, Blinds By Design \$4670.00, Tri-State Carpets \$2152.27, Gexpro \$2857.94, Randy Hicks Flooring \$19,480.00,

Custom Fab and Machine \$11,069.52, Realwood Products \$497.28, Ziegler's Landscape by Design \$10,000.00, Realwood Products \$645.83, Wisconsin Building Supply \$142.00, Cornerstone Architects \$1546.50) Sue Chase seconded. Motion was approved.

Amy Noel will be making a presentation to the Vision Board concerning Synod Missions at the May meeting. She gave us an article to read before that meeting.

Marna Holley made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Joanne Nichols seconded. Motion approved.

Bob Bandoli presented the Finance Team report. A missions check of more than \$2000.00 will be sent to the Synod before the next Vision Board meeting. Anna Mally will receive Quickbooks Training to enter bills.

Pastor presented her report. There are two baptisms coming up on April 19th (Dave gates will assist) and April 26th (Sue Chase will assist). Chad Brandau will provide a certificate of insurance to the church before commencing mowing duties. Holy Week went very well. Easter Sunday attendance was 312. There has been a conversation with Journey Lutheran and Holmen Lutheran about sharing a seminary intern in the future. Pastor will keep the Vision Board updated. Jenessa Hill has volunteered to be the nursery coordinator.

Marna presented final options for a logo. After much prayerful consider-

ation, the Vision Board chose a logo, which will be announced to the congregation via the newsletter, email, and website, along with an explanation of the logo and how it was developed. Thank you to Marna for her work on the logo.

Brian Mueller inquired about the possibility of a Grants Team. It was recommended that any group interested in a grant can pursue it, and then the process can be evaluated. It was recommended that any group interested also inquire about members who may be interested in grant writing or research. Brian also inquired about an endowment fund. A trust fund currently exists and Brian will ask Gaye Johnson about that.

Joanne Nichols researched our status as a 501(c)3 tax exempt entity. In order to take advantage of that status, we need to provide the tax exempt number of the ELCA, under whose umbrella we receive that status. If any grants are applied for using that tax exempt number, we need to make clear the funds are directed to Halfway Creek Lutheran Church.

A room schedule for the new addition will be posted in the office and online. Anna Mally will be the contact person for scheduling rooms.

Room Names will be discussed at the May meeting.

Bob Bandoli made a motion to adjourn. Sue Chase seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

YOUTH GROUP THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped out and participated in our Lent dinners this year! The youth had a great time interacting and participating in serving the dinners as well as Easter Breakfast. We are all getting very excited for the upcoming Youth Gathering in Detroit!

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY—MAY 3 @ 1PM

Halfway Creek, Journey, and Holmen Lutheran churches will once again be working together to serve our community for our annual Serve Your Neighbor day. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. on May 3rd at the Holmen Bandshell. There we will sign up for various service work opportunities throughout the community. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend! If you have a need where we could be of help, or know of someone that could benefit from this, please call the church office at (608)-526-3701 or let Pastor Jean know!

TWINS VS BREWERS @ TARGET FIELD

Join Holmen, Journey, and Halfway Creek churches as we attend a baseball game! We are traveling via luxury motor coach up to Target Field in Minneapolis on June 6th. We leave at 8:30am sharp and will return around 7pm, depending on the length of the game. Tickets will only be held when full payment is received. Payment can be turned in at the church offices of your respective congregation. Cost is \$65 for tickets and transportation, food will all be on your own.



Good Friday Service



