



CURRENTS MARCH 2016

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Maundy Thursday Worship Service—6:00 P.M.

You and your entire family are invited to join us on Thursday, March 24, for a soup dinner and communion service. On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples. The meal of soup and bread will be served family style and we will have a time of worship including communion. We will serve each other communion at the tables – it is a unique experience to serve each other communion and we invite all to participate in this evening!

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Noon—"Crosswalk" *Meet at Bandshell*

1:00 P.M.—Good Friday Worship

A More "family friendly" way to observe Good Friday. We will start at noon at the Bandshell in Halfway Creek Park in Holmen and walk through the community, pausing at places for song, prayer and scripture. We will end up at Holmen Lutheran with an indoor worship focused on the seven last words of Christ. The worship service begins at 1:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.—Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ Halfway Creek

Tenebrae means darkness or shadows. At the final word, the church will be immersed in total darkness. The focus on rising darkness reminds us of the suffering and forsakenness of our Lord in payment of the penalty for our sins.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 A.M.—Sunrise Service in Whispering Pines *Weather Permitting*

9:00 A.M.—Festive Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 A.M.—Festive Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Our youth will serve Easter breakfast from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. The menu is egg bake, muffins, fruit bread, fruit, milk, coffee and juice. Invite your friends and relatives!

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HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
 W6016 County Road W
 Holmen, WI 54636
 Phone 608-526-3701
 Pastor Janet Wollam
 Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays
www.halfwaycreek.org

Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will vary during the month of March. If you need to reach the office, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail at assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

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NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

WELCOME, PASTOR JANET WOLLAM, INTERIM PASTOR

The Vision Board is happy to announce that Pastor Janet Wollam will be serving Halfway Creek as our Interim Pastor beginning March 1st. Pastor Janet will lead Sunday worship for the first

time on Sunday, March 6th. Many of you know Pastor Janet, as she served for a number of years at Lewis Valley/Mindoro Lutheran Churches. Pastor Janet and her husband Dana Fisher have lived in

La Crosse since the early 1980's. They have one son.



WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m.—Dinner served by the Youth/Confirmation Students

March 9th—Chili & Soup

March 16th—Spaghetti

A free will offering will be taken for the dinner. All proceeds for the dinner will support the youth on their mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer.

6:15 p.m.—Worship in the sanctuary

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—Small group discussion in the narthex

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—Confirmation

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

March 6 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

March 13 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

**Daylight savings time begins*

March 20 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

March 27 Easter—No Sunday School classes

**Children sing at 10:30 a.m.*

Easter Worship Service

Thank you for your support!
HCLC Sunday school Team



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coulee Region Gospel Choir Spring Performances

The Coulee Region Gospel Choir under the direction of Ruth Granum, accompanied by Bev Jaderston, Sylvia Groleau, Julie Bodendein, Carolyn Bjerke, & Paul Leithold, presents “Alpha & Omega” at the following area churches:

Alpha & Omega—A free will offering will be taken

March 13, 3:00 p.m. Olivet Lutheran Church, 2100 Bainbridge St, La Crosse

March 20, 3:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse

April 3, 3:00 p.m. Shepherd of the Hills, 1215 Redwood St. Onalaska

April 10, 3:00 p.m. La Crescent Methodist, 530 N Elm St. La Crescent, MN



HCLC Worship Team will be providing pre-concert music on April 3rd.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2016**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity [to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide grant funding to Halfway Creek Lutheran Church.](#) Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

Living Hope Supper

“Come for Supper” is hosted by Living Hope, 15360 East 4th Street, Ettrick, Wisconsin. This event takes place on the third Sunday of each month om 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

QUILT AUCTION WINNERS

Thank you to all who had participated in the Sport/Valentine quilt auction. Congratulations to our winners: Mike Martin; 2 quilts, Pat Martin, Samantha Hammond, Mary Hammond, Bette Pedretti, Sonja Nelson, Jacob Thorton and Amy Noel. Thank you to Penny Archterkirch for her talent, time and for donating the quilts for auction. The proceeds of \$385 will go into our general funds. Our next auction will celebrate the spring and summer seasons. Contact Dawn Bandoli at 608-498-0774 with question.

THEOLOGY UNCORKED—MARCH 22

Women, please join us at The Holmen Meat Locker on the last Tuesday of the month to discuss topics of faith and life, as we enjoy wine or another preferred beverage. Pastor Allison will lead the group and we will also be with women from Journey and Holmen Lutheran churches. Please join us! Our next meeting will be March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

SCRIP CARDS

Festival Foods & Kwik Trip Scrip cards are available after our worship services each week. Scrip cards can also be purchased during church office hours. This is an ongoing fundraiser. Please consider using scrip cards on a regular basis. Thank you.

POP CANS

Pop cans are a huge help to the youth. Please remember to drop off your pop cans in the bin located at the bottom of the parking lot. Thanks!



DONATING ITEMS TO CHURCH

The congregation appreciates the generosity of its members who want to donate items to the church. However, some teams are still in the process of determining how some of their dedicated funds will be spent on items still needed for the church. If you are considering donating an item to the church, please contact Archie Achterkirch at 608-790-5621 or a member of the property committee



NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

CALL COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

The Vision Board will be forming a Call Committee of six members to call a new pastor. This committee will be demographically diverse. People willing to serve on this committee must be willing to serve for at least a year and make this commitment a priority. If you are interested in serving on the Call Committee, please contact a member of the Vision Board so that your name can be added to list of possible committee members. Interested members can contact the Vision Board at visionboard@halfwaycreek.org

QUILTING

Quilting will continue every Tuesday morning through the end of March. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the church. Everyone is welcome to help cut, sew, tie or join in the fellowship.

HOME VISITS

If you or someone you know has not been able to come to church in awhile and would like a visit from Pastor Janet, please let the church office know. Pastor Janet loves to visit members.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please let the church office know so Pastor Janet can visit them. HIPAA prevents us from being able to call the hospitals to find out if one of our members is there.

OFFICE HOURS

Lynn Wegner will be temporarily filling in as our Office Assistant until the Vision Board can hire a replacement. Office hours will be varied the next few weeks so please contact the church office at 526-3701 before stopping in. You can also contact Lynn at home at 526-3110 or lwegner2005@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

We are need of offering counter volunteers to count on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month. Please contact Rhonda Britton at 526-3867 or the Church Office at 526-3701 if you are willing to volunteer.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—MARCH 10

One of our Men's Ministries Is Theology on Tap. This ministry is for all men 21+. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Holmen Meat Locker. Please join us! Our next meeting will be March 10.



SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		ACOLYTE	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS
MAR 6	800	Zach Mueller	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Marge Lee	Amy Noel	Andy & Tina Mueller
	1030	Olivia Temp	Morgan Jostad			Brian Mueller	Rayna Hendrickson	Greg & Chantel Temp
MAR 13	800	Jackson McCoy	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson Hannah Scholze	Betty Pedretti Susan Jostad	Jackson McCoy	Tyrus McCoy	Wendy McCoy
	1030	Kohl Linberg	David Chase			John Daily	Volunteer needed	Jesse & Luke Oines
MAR 20	800	Ella Gander	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Ted Latham Jean Latham	Ruth Jostad	Ruth Jostad	Trent & Bridget Gander
	1030	Aiden Noth	Volunteer Needed			Dave Gates	Lee Anderson	Joe & Melissa Noth
MAR 27	700		Dave Bringe	Barb Hale Bette Pedretti	Joe Noth			
	900	Chesney Plomedahl	Dave Bringe			Cassie Tremain	Sally Johnson	Nicole & Jesse Plomedahl
MAR 27	1030	Mason Harper	Russ Bringe	Diane Jostad		Amy Noel	Sonja Nelson, Jen Strangstalien, Jean Latham	Matt & Jessica Harper

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

Edward Jones 1st Annual



Come out from the 'chilly' weather to taste and vote for the Best Chili...
Cast your monetary votes to the team you think has the best chili.

March 13, 2016

at the

Holmen American Legion Post 284

419 1st Avenue West, Holmen WI

11 am to 3 pm

Admission for Chili Tasting

Adult - \$5.00

Children ages 7-12 - \$3.00

Children under the age of 6 - FREE



Monetary votes will determine the "People's Choice Award" 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded by judges to teams for the Best Chili.

There will be a Chinese Auction and Bake Sale and Auction

Contact Laurie to register for competition or with event questions at 608-769-7446
Or Laurie.Tweten@EdwardJones.com

Brought to you by Barry Ploessl and Laurie Tweten from Edward Jones in Holmen

All proceeds will be collected from and for the benefit of the Holmen Area Community Center

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

Share Food With All Pampered Chef Spring Fling – Thrivent Action Team Event



Saturday, March 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, W6016 Cth W, Holmen, WI 54636

Funds raised will support Share Food With All ministry and the youth mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer.

Pampered Chef books and order forms will soon be available on the Share Food With All cabinet in the narthex.

All members and friends are invited and asked to bring a non-perishable food item. The food items will be donated and used for Holmen's Hope monthly community meal.

Contact sharefoodwithall@halfwaycreek.org with any questions.



SUSAN BRINGE-CHASE BREAST CANCER BENEFIT

March 12, 2016

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Drugan's Castle Mound, Holmen, WI—Grand Norway Ballroom

3pm – 6pm: silent auction, raffle and bake sale.

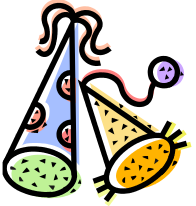
Children's entertainment and face painting will also be available.

Make a donation: gofundme.com/susanchasefund

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	6	15	26
Seth Warner	Timothy Severson	Amy Britton	Katrina Bringe
2	10	16	29
Doug Johnson	Sheri Nichols	Samantha Jensen	Nollan Gander
Graham Kinsman	11	17	Noah Nelson
3	Robert Nelson	Elyzabeth Yahnke	Ruth Scholze
Lynn Wegner	Sydney Page	18	Nic Hill
John Fredrickson	12	James Dokkebaken	30
Kynzie Severson	Paul Jostad	Collin Noel	John Daily
4	13	20	31
Shelbi Craig	Gaye Johnson	Jessie Oines	Daniel Brudahl
Wendy McCoy	Mike Martin	22	Zachary Nichols
5	Garret Pederson	Donald Graham	Reid Stumlin
Mike Nedoba			



PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism Tuck Joshua Palmer Kinsman (February 28, 2016)

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

SECOND CENTURY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Vision Board has converted the construction loan into a commercial loan with Merchants Bank. The Second Century Committee is happy to report that our project cost, loan amount, and monthly payment all came in less than was anticipated by the committee and approved by vote of the congregation.

The final numbers on the building project are as follows:

Total project cost \$1,071, 638.84	Budgeted cost \$1,082,460	\$10,821.16 under budget
Loan amount approved \$588,460	Actual loan amount \$561,269.76	\$27,190.24 less than approved
Monthly payment approved \$3500	Actual monthly payment \$3059.81	\$440.19 less than approved

Please sure to keep up to date with your building pledges and general offering since our budget has increased as a result of the new addition.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Dine In Night at Texas Roadhouse on Fat Tuesday! The youth raised approximately \$315 for the mission trip & Share Food with All raised approximately \$90 for their ministry!

NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

Bring a Buddy Bean Bag Tournament

March 13, 2016

Sponsored by the

After the late service

Faith & Fitness Team

11:30 am to 1 pm

Everyone is welcome

No experience needed

Sign ups posted at church



Sign up as a team or an individual (we'll pair you up)!

Don't know how to play? We will teach you!

JAZZERCISE 8 WEEK SPRING SESSION BEGINS MARCH 7TH

Get in shape for spring! Halfway Creek will be hosting an 8 week Jazzercise Session beginning on Monday, March 7th. Jazzercise fuses cardio, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and of course, the demanding forms of dance; burning up to 800 calories in one 60 minute class. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$65 for Halfway Creek members and \$75 for non-members (check payable to Jazzercise). This fee also includes the opportunity to attend 16 other class times at LaCrosse locations. Please contact Becky Brudos at bbjazzercise@gmail.com if you have any questions about this class