



# CURRENTS

JUNE 2016

## SUMMER WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.

Our Sunday worship schedule will change for the summer. We will have one Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. Journey will be hosting summer services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on June 1. Communion will be offered at both of the services. Some of the 9:00 am services will be held outside in our outdoor worship area called Whispering Pines. Please see that schedule below.

June 5 - inside	July 3 - inside	August 7 - inside
June 12 - inside	July 10 - inside	August 14 - inside
June 19 - inside	July 17 - inside	August 21 - inside
June 26 - inside	July 24 - inside	August 28 - outside
	July 31—outside	
		September 4 - inside

Location of 9:00 am service

## WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP AT JOURNEY

Journey Lutheran will be hosting summer services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on June 1st and ending on August 31st. Pastor Janet, along with the pastors from Journey Lutheran and Holmen Lutheran, will be sharing worship leading duties. Hot dogs and s'mores will be served before worship. If you attend the mid-week services, you can mark your offering for Halfway Creek, and it will be sent over to church for you.



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**HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 W6016 County Road W  
 Holmen, WI 54636  
 Phone 608-526-3701  
 Pastor Janet Wollam  
 Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
[www.halfwaycreek.org](http://www.halfwaycreek.org)

**Return Service Requested**

### OFFICE HOURS

Office hours will vary during the summer. If you need to reach the office, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail at [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org).

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**PASTORNOTES**

Well. We made it through the year. That is what I am hearing. And it is true. Halfway did not just make it through the program year, but collaborated, consoled and consolidated the faith and gifts in your body to bring a rich end to Confirmation and Sunday School for the 2015-2016 season. As summer opens up wide before us, the rivers of activities, camping and tournaments and special workshops pour in to take the place of the structured school year.

But our year has not ended. In fact, this is a beginning time. New Life. We have families who will be joining in June, and more later in the summer. It is time, after every move, to go through and look at the stuff that was moved, to love it or leave it or relocate it. Plans for stewardship and nominations and fall programming, confirmation and Sunday school are already on peoples' minds, and in our conversations.

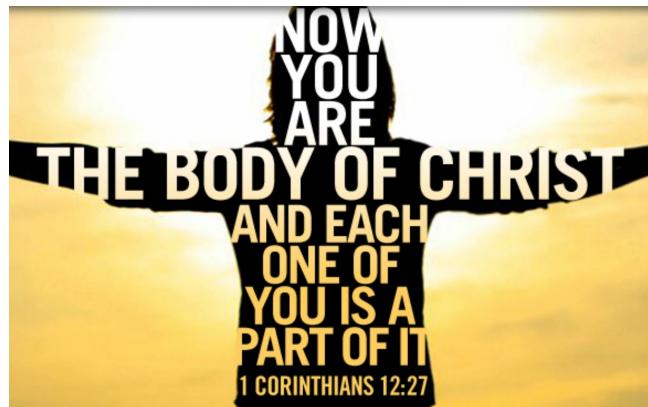
And all of this is possible because of the ways in which this membership has learned to, and worked at, being a body. This month we are reading Paul's second (of probably 4) letters to the growing church at Corinth in Greece. The conversation he is having with them is hard and complicated. It is life. But worth all the effort because it honors the history and faith that gathered them, the Holy Spirit of baptism and Pentecost that empowers them, the world of needs that waits for their care, and the cross that says we are human and holy. Maybe Paul, and Greece, and the year 52 of the Cristian era are not so far away?

Come and be the church. On Sundays hear from Paul (and follow the map), and the music and readers, On Wednesdays at you can worship at Journey Lutheran at 6:30 and be reminded we walk with others. Last-of-the-month Sundays, come to worship in the abundance of outdoors.

What we need most this summer is simply your presence: to encourage, to con-sole or walk together, to be grateful, and to celebrate this messy wonderful love that is ours in Christ. Come and follow the life of Paul in the Mediterranean, and help us pursue ours.


Yours in gratitude for your faith,

Pastor Janet



**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.**

**WELCA NEWS**



**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
**LA CROSSE SYNOD NORTH CONFERENCE SUMMER EVENT**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016  
 HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 W6016 County Rd W, Holmen, WI

8:30 AM Coffee & Registration, \$10.00 covers lunch  
 9:15 AM Opening Music & Devotion

**Presidential Gardeners Program:**  
This presentation will focus on a few of our past U. S. Presidents who were gardeners. You will be surprised at how our country's founding fathers took both pride and pleasure in growing vegetables, herbs, importing exotic plants, and designing elaborate gardens at their homes before and after the time they spent at the White House. Focusing mainly on the efforts of Jefferson, Adams, and Washington, pieces of their personal plant preferences, gardening philosophy, and lasting horticultural legacy will leave you with even more appreciation for these men that formed our country. The session will be led by Carol Labuzzetta, a Bluff Country Master Gardener Volunteer, who has held certification since 2004 and developed a local after-school garden club for students at Evergreen Elementary in Holmen.

**RSVP by June 1, 2016 to Ruth Scholze**  
 Call 608-526-3064 or email [escholze@centurytel.net](mailto:escholze@centurytel.net)



All ladies are welcome to the Summer Event on June 15. We are hosting so come and support this fun activity..

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) plans to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Since 1945, U.S. Lutherans have made and sent more than \$661 million worth of quilts and kits around the world. Halfway Creek Lutheran Church Women have supported this mission for many years as well. Plan to continue this support as we look forward to collecting items for the school kits, personal care kits, and layettes along with the quilts the women have made. A great way to live out the mission of our church.

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT. PUMPKIN PLANTING



On their last day of Sunday School, the kids helped plant pumpkin seeds in the garden!



## CONFIRMATION—MAY 1



Front row: Alex Pedretti, Bryce Hale, Jacob Thornton, Jackson McCoy, Alyssa Rink, Zach Mueller, Kohl Linberg, and Sally Johnson. Back row: Pastor Ralph Kuespert (Savannah's grandfather), Jacob Wegner, Ben Olson, Savannah Horstman, Jameson Happel, Kyron Drugg, Pastor Janet, and Lee Anderson

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

COMING SOON TO A  
CHURCH NEAR YOU!

Stay tuned for more details!



## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK

### HOLY COW! HAVE YOU "HERD" WE'RE "HALFWAY" TO OUR SECOND COW!!

We're on the "moove" to stomp out hunger. As of May 24, we have raised \$749.55! On Sunday, June 5th, we will have our final noisy offering for this fundraiser. In addition, we will have a mini dairy breakfast after the church service. Thanks to everyone who has participated so far.



### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS JUNE 26

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, June 26 at the 9 am worship service. If you are interested in joining Halfway Creek, please contact Pastor Janet at [pastor@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:pastor@halfwaycreek.org) or the office at [assistant@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:assistant@halfwaycreek.org).



### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has met with the Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Libby Howe. The committee is in the process of completing the church's site profile. Call committee members include: Rich Berger (chair), Marna Holley, Gaye Johnson, Travis Horstman, Jackson McCoy, and Jen Strangstalien.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2016-2017

Please contact Jenessa Hill at 507-313-3391 if you are willing to serve in our children's ministry in any way. We are looking for volunteers to teach classes and assist, substitute teach, plan celebrations, and help with music. We are also looking for volunteers to staff the nursery during the late service during the school year.

### Do You Shop on Amazon? Earn Donations for Halfway Creek through AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Halfway Creek Lutheran church every time you shop, at no cost to you. You need to shop Amazon through this link [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Halfway Creek Lutheran Church as your charity. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. If you have an Amazon account already, it will work through the [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) shopping link.

### CONCERNS REGARDING THE PASTOR EMAIL ACCOUNT

It has been brought to our attention, by a few members, that emails from [pastor@halfwaycreek.org](mailto:pastor@halfwaycreek.org) are still appearing as though they are being sent from Jean Pagliaro. The office has updated everything in our email system regarding the pastor email account. We have taken every step to ensure that Jean Pagliaro does not have access to the pastor's email address anymore. If you are still receiving emails that appear from Jean's name, you may have to update your computer's email address book.

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES—APRIL CONT.

There will be one service on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am for Pentecost with a global potluck to follow.

We will hold a fall work day with Holmen Lutheran and Journey Lutheran on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have Hodgepodge the following Sunday.

Joanne Nichols led the Vision Board in a prayer.

Jordyn Stasiak made a motion to adjourn. Joanne Nichols seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Faithfully submitted,

Joe Noth

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss statement for January 1—May 18, 2016

General Fund Income:	\$ 50,108.03
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 58,764.32
General Fund Net Loss:	\$ -8,656.29
Building Fund Balance:	\$ — 253.47

As you travel this summer, please remember that our church expenses continue, even when you are not with us on Sunday morning. Your weekly offerings allow us to further our mission. Please be sure to mail your weekly offering, sign up for Simply Giving, or set up your offering through your bank's online bill pay.

Please note that our building fund is a separate account from our general fund. Be sure to write separate checks for each account.

### THANK YOU FOR THE ELCA WALK FOR WATER

Dear Halfway Creek,

Thank you so much for helping make the ELCA Walk for Water a success! We couldn't have done it without your youth volunteers. We raised over \$1700.00 to go towards helping people get clean water.

Thanks,

Tina Nelson, First Lutheran

## NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.

### VISION BOARD MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 2016

Minutes of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church Vision Board Meeting April 21, 2016

David Gates, Bob Bandoli, Rich Berger, Joanne Nichols, Joe Noth, Jen Stangstalien, Jordyn Stasiak

Dave Gates called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pastor Janet led us in devotion and each member reflected on something they left behind this evening. We also reflected on Corinthians Chapter 13 relating to God's gift of love.

We discussed the youth. Jordyn Stasiak brought up the idea of Confirmation 2.0 for the High School aged members and we discussed the use of the youth room for the High School aged members.

The office assistant position was discussed. The interview process for the office assistant position has begun and we are still looking for a candidate. Once a candidate is selected they will be brought to the Vision Board for approval.

We discussed the grant process. Pastor Janet will be meeting with Pastor Libby on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the next steps in the grant process.

The call committee was selected by the congregation on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jen Strangstalien will work with the call committee to get the first meeting scheduled with Pastor Libby.

Bob Bandoli gave us an update on finances. We have seen consistent giving through the offerings each week. We also discussed stewardship team outreach, building fund commitments, and increasing electronic giving.

A motion was brought to approve the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup> Vision Board minutes with a change to the allocation of Pastor Janet's salary by Jen Stangstalien. Rich Berger seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

A motion was brought to allow Rich Pedretti and family to use the parsonage from May 1<sup>st</sup> till September 1<sup>st</sup> for a monthly donation and reimbursement of utilities by Joanne Nichols. Jordyn Stasiak seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The first new member classes will be held at the end of April and will be led by the Evangelism and Discipleship team.

We will have nametags available for the worship services on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Summer worship services were discussed. There will be one service each Sunday this summer at 9am. There will be 3-4 services outside w/ dates to be determined by Pastor Janet and Lynn's schedule. These will be special services of some kind.

## SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

	SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	ACOLYTE
<b>J U N E 5</b>	Morgan Jostad	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson	Amy Noel	Sonja Nelson	Rich & Bette Pedretti	Volunteer Needed
<b>J U N E 12</b>	David Chase	Karla Johnson Hannah Scholze	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad	Tyrus McCoy	Cassie Tolvstad	McCoy family	Jackson McCoy
<b>J U N E 19</b>	Archie Achterkirch	Diane Jostad Nancy Holley	Patti Happel	Jen Strangstalien	Patti Happel	Strangstalien Family	Kennedy Strangstalien
<b>J U N E 26</b>	Dave Bringe	Bette Pedretti Barb Hale	Joe Noth	Ruth Jostad	Hannah Wegner	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

**Thank you for your service in our worshipping community.**

If you are unable to volunteer for a time in which you are listed, please find somebody to take your place.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

<b>1</b> Adelynn Balow	<b>10</b> Brian Johnson	<b>19</b> Anna Holley Andrew Wilson
<b>3</b> Bryce Hale	<b>13</b> Joseph Anderson	Jacob Thompson John Tracey
<b>4</b> Blake Anderson Jordan Anderson Karla Anderson	<b>14</b> Susan Swackhamer	<b>20</b> Glenn Schmidt
<b>5</b> Terrie Borden Samantha Daily	<b>15</b> Tyler Rosenow Jackson McCoy	<b>23</b> Dawn Stenson Nadine Strauss
<b>6</b> Brenda Herman Liam Oines Aleasha Payne	<b>16</b> Carol Gordon	<b>24</b> Jack Bringe
<b>8</b> Bonnie Trapp	<b>17</b> Mary Gordon Dylan Hale Abbey Stasiak	<b>25</b> Elvern Nyseth
<b>9</b> Alice Miller	<b>18</b> Jessica Harper	<b>26</b> Michael Betsinger

<b>27</b> Sami Adam Matthew Harper Aiden Noth
<b>28</b> Luciana Jessesky
<b>29</b> David Gates
<b>30</b> Kathy Boldt James Gran

**HAPPY 65TH ANNIVERSARY!**  
Orin and Elvern Nyseth will be celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 10th! Congratulations!



**NEWS AT HALFWAY CREEK—CONT.  
FAITH & FITNESS**



**8 WEEK SESSION**

STARTS JUNE 7TH

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

**8:30 AM**

HALFWAY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH  
W6016 CTY RD W, HOLMEN

**\$65 HCLC MEMBERS  
\$75 FOR NON-MEMBERS**

**SIGN-UP FAST!**

*(CONTACT KIRSTEN OR BECKY)*

OPTION TO ATTEND **16** OTHER CLASS TIMES AT LACROSSE LOCATIONS

Our classes—Strike, Fusion (HiTT), Core, Strength and Dance Mixx

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