



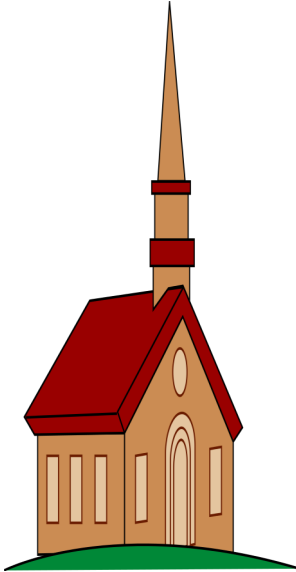
CURRENTS

AUGUST 2017

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST

- August 6th-Inside service
- August 13th-Outside service
- August 20th-Inside service
- August 27th-Outside service



Joint Service on September 10th

Come celebrate the joint service with Holmen Lutheran Church, Journey Lutheran Church and Halfway Creek Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 10th . We will met in the band shell at Holmen Legion Park in Holmen, WI. See inside for more details.



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

Return Service Requested

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 pm. If you need to reach Rose Wegner, you may leave a message on the answering machine or e-mail her at assistant@halfwaycreek.org

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SERVING OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

		SEXTON	ALTAR GUILD	OFFERING COUNTERS	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS/ACOLYTE
AUG 6	9 0 0	Mike Martin	Carrie Payne Nicole Stumlin	Rhonda Britton Sonja Nelson			
AUG 13	9 0 0	Stan Schwier	Karla Johnson Diane Jostad	Bette Pedretti Susan Jostad			
AUG 20	9 0 0	Archie Achterkirch	Nancy Holley Diane Jostad	Jodi Eide Patti Happel			
AUG 27	9 0 0	Dave Bringe	Bette Pedretti Barb Hale	Joe Noth			

Looking to Serve in the Church? Volunteers are Needed for our Sunday Worship

As summer is winding down we would like you to think of volunteering to participate in our services. Please give us a call at 608-526-3701 or use Sign Up Genius, www.signupgenius.com. Search for Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, Click on the Labor Day to December, 2017 files to select days to serve.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BETHANY RIVERSIDE

Bethany Riverside is seeking volunteers to function as a “Volunteer Front Lobby Greeter.” Bethany Riverside is a 123 bed nursing home facility in La Crosse, WI, with many visitors coming and going throughout the day. The right candidates for this volunteer position must enjoy meeting new people, always have a smile on their face, and be able to provide good verbal directions to locations within the facility. They are looking for multiple volunteers to fill positions Monday–Friday, from 10am-12:30pm, and 12:30pm-3pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact April Crowder, Direction of Recreation Therapy and Volunteer Services, by calling 608-406-3926 or by emailing at amcrowde@gundersenhealth.org

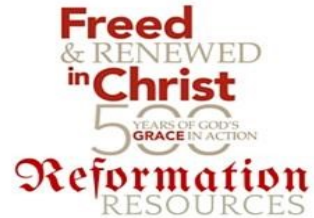
2017 SUICIDE PREVENTION SUMMIT – RAISING AWARENESS & HOPE IN THE COMMUNITY

La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative Awareness Event – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. – Riverside Park (Free Event)

Summit – Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Radisson Hotel
For more information go to www.uwlax.edu/sps Call 608-785-6500 or 866-895-9233.
Email: conted@uwlax.edu

FREED & RENEWED in CHRIST: 500 Years of God's

SAVE THE DATE! - Tue., Oct. 31, 2017
[Looking Back & Called Forward: ELCA 500 in Washington D.C.](#)
 Join Presiding Bishop Eaton as she co-hosts this commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. Keep watching web page link above for updated info as it becomes available.



Highlights from the Vision Board meeting July 27, 2017

Vision Board Actions prior to monthly meeting

** On June 29, John Daily was approved to join the Vision board.

** On July 16, the board approved the hiring of Jodi Anderson as the financial assistant based on the Personnel Team's recommendation. She will begin August 1. She comes with a wealth of experience.

Highlights of the Vision Board meeting July 27, 2017

**Financial Assistant position – Amy N. was present to answer any questions regarding the hiring procedures. John D. and Rick J. spoke about the importance of transparency. We discussed the urgency due to the late payment of bills and staff. There was also discussion of voting by email.

**We discussed an audit of the financial reports and are pursuing options for it.

**Raymond Lee addressed the board to make sure the cemetery is under the church's insurance. The cemetery association is in arrears for its portion of workers compensation, liability and property insurance for 2016. Everyone who is a member of the congregation is automatically a member of the Cemetery Association.

**Pastor Libby spoke of the situation surrounding the last pastor candidate. She is hoping for new candidates soon.

**Pastor Janet announced her last Sunday with be August 20th. Dana and Pastor plan to return to family activities in the fall. Joe and the Board thanked Pastor for her enriching us with her time and talents. Pastor Libby discussed the potential for a new interim.

**A motion was passed to offer a 403b retirement plan for the staff. This type of retirement plan is funded 100% by the employees who choose to participate. There is an annual fee of \$40 which the church will pay.

**A motion was passed to receive Jenna Hanson, Justin Happel and Bryson Happel as new members.

The complete minutes will be available in the office when they are approved.

Faithfully submitted,

Joanne Nichols

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Tyson Gates	14 Tyrus McCoy	21 Elijah Clark	28 Violet Chase Malvin Howe
3 Simon Nedoba	16 Mary Ann Hadl	23 Kayla Severson	29 Kaila Casberg Samantha Olson
5 Thelma Seveson	17 Sydney Craig	24 Karla Johnson Declan Mihm	30 Rosalinda Miller Peggy Prinz
7 Russ Bringe Patricia Martin Andy Mueller Amy Noel	18 Jessica Dammen David Gates Jennifer Stasiak Brittany White	25 Dominic Rosenow	31 Marna Holley
9 Jenna Hanson	19 Sally Johnson	26 Jenessa Hill Kohl Linberg	
13 Bryan Jostad	20 Dana Casberg Todd Johnson	27 Abigail Bramwell Brandon Clark Marry Dokkebaken Even Tuquero	

August 6th—Mission Trip Youth Sharing

Please join us for worship on Sunday August 6th at 9:00 a.m. to hear our youth and youth leaders share their experiences on their mission trip to Flathead Bible Camp in Montana.

PASTOR NOTES

Dear Members of Halfway Creek Lutheran Church,

I want to thank all and each of you for allowing me to walk with you a while in your faith journey. Almost a year and a half ago we set out to explore the wilderness together. It was an unmapped time, and unfamiliar surroundings. You were just moved into a beautiful new building and then turned out again to wander under new skies.

God's stars have never left you, and have lit your way. So many of you have shown enduring faith, an open heart for new life and care for each other....and lots of hard and future-filled work. It is no accident that you drew people towards you, offering a sanctuary of understanding and a welcome to faith in the grace of Christ.

Dana and I need to return to family plans. My last Sunday with you will be August 20, 2017. I am confident that the Bishop's office will pay close attention to your needs and help to provide continuity in any way possible. Church leaders will work with me to prepare you for the fall season.

I pray your journey together is one in which you continue to share the light and truth and love that God has given to you in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Janet Wollam

In Our Prayers:

Roy Ackerman, Talon Lichtie, Aiden Noth, Katie Wier, Diane McKee, Wally Bucholtz, Finn Swenson, Penny Pomeroy, Phoebe Kitzke, Sophia Zematis, Kathy Johnson, Ayla Humphrey, Troy Fiers, La Vonne Anderson, Jean Latham, Donna Dummer, Janet Strebe, Lynn Wegner.

ITS NOT FALL YET, BUT.. WE WORSHIP TOGETHER AT THE HOLMEN BAND SHELL SEPTEMBER 10th
On Sunday, September 10, we will be joining Journey and Holmen Lutheran Churches for Worship and Service in the park.

8:30 AM Set-up with coffee and donuts begins at the Band shell in the Holmen Legion Park.

9:30AM Worship follows with guest *preacher Bishop Jim Arends*

10:30 AM Our Service Project will be on-site at the Band shell

11:15 AM Food and Games. Please bring your favorite chair or blanket to sit on!

Our Service Project this year will be assembling personal needs kits and baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will do this as a giant assembly line right at the park. Our goal is to assemble 100 of each kind of kit. ***But we need your help!***

During the month of August, Halfway Creek will be collecting 100 *nail clippers, tooth-brushes, and combs* for the personal needs kits. Collection boxes will be downstairs for these items. We would also welcome any other small personal items. Journey Lutheran is collecting the baby kit items.

Lutheran World Relief asks that all items be *new* and without any religious, military, nationality, flags, or camouflage markings on them. We will spend a little while putting together personal health and baby kits. This lets us create a great assembly line, with great results.

Halfway will secure a grant for LWR Personal Needs Kits and collect *nail clippers, tooth-brushes, and combs*. Journey will find a grant for Baby Kits and supply the items, and Holmen will secure the food grant for and organize lunch, and the tents, Halfway has secured a grant for other personal kit items.

It's time to reeeeeeeeach out. Project Promise Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence.