

CENTER Happenings

THE HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER
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Getting into the Holiday Spirit!

Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus

**Sunday, December 7th
10 am - 1 pm**

Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder. Join us for Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus where children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious meal, and revel in the magic of the season!

Tickets

\$12.00 Adults
\$6.00 Children
FREE 3 and under



Ticket price includes brunch with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, muffins, beverages + hot cocoa bar! Enjoy music, creative crafts, storytime, Santa fun, and a gift for each child.

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Fun List!

- ✓ Take a Photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- ✓ Write a Letter to Santa Claus
- ✓ Storytime with Santa's Elves
- ✓ Create Christmas Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Enjoy Brunch & Hot Cocoa Bar
- ✓ Holiday Music

A PART OF
JINGLEFEST
Downtown Holmen
WEEKEND



LOWMAN
FAMILY DENTAL

The Giving Tree

Pick a tag off the Giving Tree!

Please remember to attach the gift tag when you return your gift for one of our families in need in our community. Thank you for your kind generosity. Return gifts by December 15th



Rotary



Help Mrs. Claus make Muffins for Brunch with Santa!

Help us Bake Muffins!



Any flavor or variety!

Mrs. Claus needs a little help! We are accepting donations for muffins. Any variety- Regular size preferred but we will accept any size! Please bring on Friday, December 5th!

Santa Fun!

Get your ticket in advance for this magical family event. \$12.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child, 3 & under are FREE. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy creative crafts, write a letter to Santa, listen to a story with Santa's elves, holiday music and receive a special gift! Get your tickets today at this code.



608-399-1870 or info@holmencc.org





MAIN EVENT SPONSOR - WNB FINANCIAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- STREET ACTIVITIES & OUTDOOR VENDORS
- INDOOR VENDORS AT THE LEGION, LIBRARY & VILLAGE HALL
- FACE PAINTING AT THE LIBRARY (10AM-2PM)
- VISIT SANTA & MRS CLAUS AT THE LIBRARY (10AM-NOON) AND BY THE VILLAGE HALL (12:30PM)
- APPEARANCES BY THE GRINCH
- FOOD TRUCKS & WARM DRINKS
- WNB WARMING TENT IN THE LEGION PARKING LOT

5:00 PM

- HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE FOLLOWED BY ROTARY TREE LIGHTING AT THE END OF PARADE ROUTE
- **REINDEER RUN** — JOIN IN FUN & VISIT PARTICIPANTS OF THE GAME (FREE)!
- **DOWNTOWN BUSINESS** — VISIT TO CHECK OUT PROMOTIONS OFFERED!

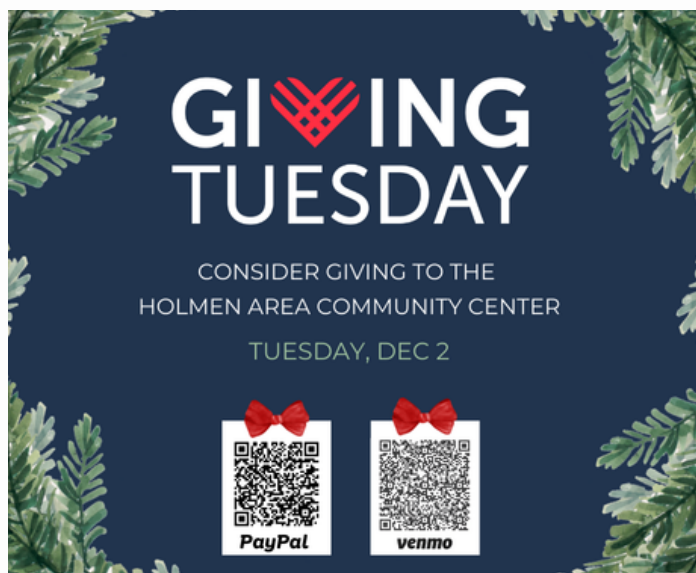
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

10 AM - 1PM

BRUNCH WITH SANTA & MRS CLAUS—HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER | GET YOUR TICKET AT HOLMENCC.ORG!

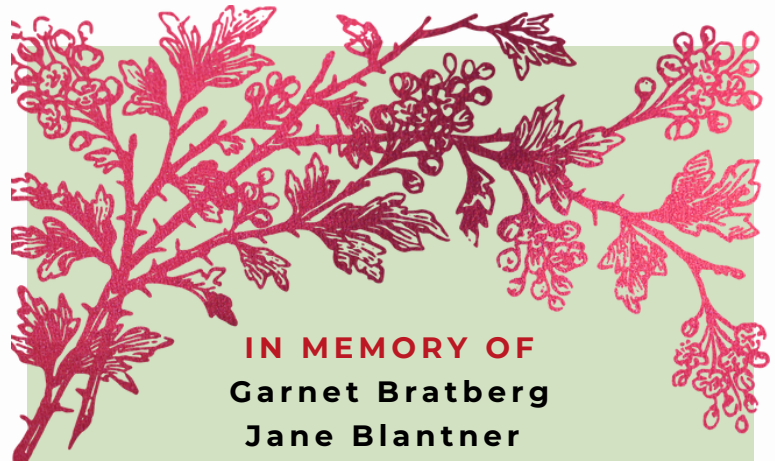
Find out more at www.jinglefestholmen.com

f Jinglefest Holmen for the Holidays



Thank You

To everyone who has supported our Memorials this year.
So many have donated to the Community Center in the name of someone that they love or admire.



IN MEMORY OF
Garnet Bratberg
Jane Blantner
Cathy Braund
Ray Cook
Evelyn Dahlen
Judy Eddy
Sandra Holthaus
Donna Miller
Orville Molling
Barbara McNaughton
Paul Peek
Les Ross
Guy Theune
Ronald Sacia
Jim Tocko
Marilyn Wilke
Charles and Barbara
George and Dorothy

IN HONOR OF
Dean and Nancy McHugh

**Connecting
Generations**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Benton
Dick Berg
LaVonne Bordner
Vicky Carraher
Mary Csiacsek
Shari Eberhardt
Sandy Gilbertson
Kelly Graner
Cheryl Hancock
Judy Johnson
Lisa Knauf
James Knowler
Sharon Krumenauer
Margaret Lentz
Rose Linder
Debbie Mayfield
June Pellowski
Jeff Pollreis
Allan Rindahl
Kathleen Ristey
Larry Ristey
Doug Stellick
Holly Thomas
Todd Trautman
Deb Truscott
Peter Weber
Evelyn Wolf
Martha Woods
Peggy Zittel

*Welcome New
Members From
November*

*David Burch
Clair Coleman
Monica Cox
Don Frisby
Dan Grant
Sherry Grass
S. Linn Kotnour
Kim Krupicka
Patti Merfeld
Diane Nedland
Kristine Peterson
Jon Remus
Barbara Schmalz
James Schmalz
Kathleen Severson
Gayle Steinquist
Vicki Truscott-Tridle
Sally Urbick
Jill Wenthe
Joan Wroblewski*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Give the Gift of Health,
Wellness & Friendship*
To a parent, friend or loved one!

Gift Certificate

Given to: _____
From: _____
Amount: _____
Date: _____
Good for up to one year after date given for membership or classes.

Gift Certificates for Membership or Classes!
One Year Membership is \$60 for seniors and \$70 for Adults.
Over 50+ classes and programs to choose from for all ages.

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*Christmas brings
family and friends together.
It helps us to appreciate
the love in our lives
that we often take for granted.
May the true meaning of
the holiday season
fill your heart and home
with many blessings.*

Attitude to Inspiration

HACC VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an essential part of the Holmen Area Community Center. We could not accomplish everything we do throughout the year without help from our amazing volunteers. Each month, we will recognize our volunteers and share their stories.

Our Volunteer Hours for November = 178



We are so fortunate to have these two amazing artsy volunteers to lead our “Fun with Watercolor” class each Monday morning. Eloise has been with us for several years to guide this class. Gail came on the scene and now they are both here to help beginners learn watercolor techniques, share in each others gifts, and create a space that is creative, welcoming and supportive.

-Eloise Reinhart and Gail Dent



Fun with Watercolor

Mondays 8:30 - 11:00 am

Social and fun! This group is for watercolor enthusiasts who love sharing and learning to fine tune their craft. The group is willing to explore new techniques and to instruct with simple to more challenging projects.

All Levels are Welcome!






CALL TO ARTISTS

“TEENY TINY ART SHOW & SALE”





Make a Big Impact . . . One Teeny Tiny Artwork at a Time!

MONTH OF DECEMBER

The Holmen Area Community Center (HACC) announces a call to artists and art enthusiasts for the first “Teeny Tiny Art Show and Sale”. This is a fundraiser for the Holmen Area Community Center.

Art Drop Off: Drop off art November 1st - December 5th, 2025

Art Pick Up: Unsold artwork work can be picked up after December 31st.

Reception: Teeny Tiny Art Reception Monday, December 8th at 10 am

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Upcoming Opportunities

Volunteering offers numerous benefits as we age, including improved mental health and a renewed sense of purpose and social connection. Below are a few HACC volunteer opportunities:

- Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus- Sunday, December 7th
- Family Fun Night - Spring Series: Feb, March & April
- Toddler Story Time Readers- 1 x per month - Sept to May

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a volunteer!



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

"Bringing our Community Together"

We are proud to celebrate our 5th Anniversary this year and we want to express our gratitude for your support, trust, and commitment to the Holmen Area Community Center.

As we are launching our Annual Campaign, we invite you to join us in making a lasting impact on the people and the community we serve. We have set a campaign goal of \$50,000 this year. Funds raised will support innovative new programs, enhance existing services, and reach more individuals. Together we can continue to make a difference to help our community connect and grow.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- We have grown our membership to over 450 members.
- We have strengthened our programs, partnerships, and events for intergenerational experiences.
- We have fully utilized our facility for rentals on evenings and weekends for business meetings, health services, educational opportunities, community events and family gatherings.
- We have grown our intergenerational programming like "Holmen Get Together" socials with live music, tastings, and an artist opening, and our growing "Family Fun Nights" monthly in the fall and spring to bring families together. We have added intergenerational classes throughout the year in art, crafts and nature.
- We have successful community fundraising events like "Cheese Fest" in June, "Wonderland Tea Party" in July, "Pumpkin Fest" in October and "Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus" in December during Jingle Fest.

GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

- Increase community awareness and recognition of the Holmen Area Community Center.
- Launch new programs to expand our impact and reach to all generations and cultures.
- Prioritize programming to promote a diverse and inclusive membership.
- Enhance existing health and social services to reach more individuals in need.
- Extend hours to accommodate additional programming and services.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Consider a one time, monthly or annual donation to the center to provide sustaining support.
- Volunteer your time and expertise to help us achieve our goals.
- Invite a friend to the community center and help us to grow!

**YES! I would like to support the efforts of the
Holmen Area Community Center**

_____ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____
_____ Donate online at: WWW.HOLMENCC.ORG or scan the QR code
_____ Please call 608-399-1870 to make your donation over the phone



Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Community Education and Resources




Good Morning Holmen!
Friday, December 19th from 9 - 10 am

Join us early for coffee and conversation at 8:30 am
Third Friday each month attend our educational program that offers a variety of fun and interesting topics!

Santa, Songs and Snacks
Holiday sing-along to spread good cheer!
Special guest appearance and delicious christmas cookies!

Hello Holmen! moves to third Thursday January 15, 2026 8:30 - 9:30 am

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:
608-399-1870
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A Joyful Life *Happy holidays*

Wednesday, December 3rd from 2 - 3 pm
Community | Kindness | Conversation

"How Not To Lose Your Marbles During the Holidays"
Presented by Heather Quackenboss
Heather will help us find humor and lightness as we explore ways to reduce stress and find glimmers of joy each day.

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Where Our Community Gathers!



"Mocktails & Me" Series

Join Heather Quackenboss, Human Development and Relationships Educator from UW Madison Division of Extension in La Crosse County to try some of these beverages and learn a little more about yourself and caregiving.

Thursday, December 4th 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Cocoa-Nuts about Caregiving

We will try the magnesium cocoa that is supposed to help us sleep better and lower our stress levels while we chat about making friends with stress as we provide care to our loved ones.



ST. CROIX HOSPICE
There where you need us the most.


Grief During the Holidays
Thursday, December 4th
12:30 to 1:30 pm

The Holiday season can bring about many mixed emotions for someone grieving from a recent loss.

Join us for this session to go over helpful coping tips, connect with others who have experienced a loss, and discuss ways to approach the upcoming Holiday season.

Facilitated by Dana Bistodeau and Kris Bjerke-Ulliman, Chaplain

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Reading in January 2026

Cozy Readers

"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi

Page Turners

"My Friends" by Fredrik Backman

ADRC

Aging & Disability Resource Center
Free information about local resources.

(608) 785-5700
(800) 500-3910


www.lacrossecounty.org/adrc

Fitness, Health and Wellness



Chair Yoga *with Marty Landry*

Mondays 9:15 - 10 am

Chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance. Chair-based yoga offers the same benefits as traditional yoga, like boosting strength, flexibility, and mental well-being.

Yoga Nidra and Sound Bath
with Sam Bigalke



**Friday
December 5th
10:15 - 11 am**

Yoga for mind. No poses just relaxation, guided meditation and sound bowls.

Bring your comfy blankets and pillows to this class.

**Members \$5
Non-Members \$10**



Beginner Pilates
8-Week Series
Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Thursdays
8:30 to 9:15 am**

Beginner Pilates Series
Looking to build strength and improve flexibility? This beginner-friendly Pilates class focuses on simple, low-impact movements to strengthen your core, improve posture, improve balance, and help you move with ease. No experience needed—just bring a mat!
Instructor: Jordan Tredinnick

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Pickleball Open Play
**Tuesdays and Thursdays
11 am - 1 pm**

Open play is a time for pickleball players, of any skill level, to play on the courts and practice new skills. We have two courts, one will be designated for beginners and another for intermediate players. We provide balls and have a few paddles available to use.

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Non-Members**

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Where Our Community Gathers!



**Walking
Path Hours**
**Monday - Friday
7 - 10 am
11 am - 1 pm**




Total Body Conditioning
8-Week Series
Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Thursdays
9:45 to 10:15 am**

Total Body Conditioning
A beginner-friendly full-body workout that blends light cardio, bodyweight exercises, and basic strength training. This class combines gentle cardio, controlled bodyweight movements, and light weights to help you build strength and endurance. You'll work every major muscle group at a comfortable pace, with easy-to-follow exercises that build confidence and help you stay active and energized. Instructor: Jordan Tredinnick

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Arts, Entertainment and Community!



Music with
GREG GROKOWSKY
Friday, December 5th
11 am - 12 pm

Acrylic Art Class
Subject: Winter Sunset
Instructor: Lori Ehlke



Friday, December 12th
9:30 - 11:30 am

Learn to paint a Winter Sunset in Acrylic. Lori will walk you step by step through painting the image, applying color, using special techniques to achieve certain looks, and adding finishing detail work. All levels welcome!

Members: \$35.00 Non-Members: \$40

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Where Our Community Gathers!



Holmen Ukulele Group (HUG)

Members
FREE
Non-Members
\$2

**Tuesdays
12:00 to 1:00 pm**

Come and join the Holmen Ukulele Group (HUG)! Everyone is welcome. No musical experience required. We will learn together as we strum. If you have a ukulele and music stand, please bring them. If you have questions, call Marilyn Cautum at 608-790-0258.

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Good News Singers
Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 10th
10 - 11 am



**Holmen Ukulele Group (HUG)
Holiday Concert**

**Tuesday, December 16
12:00 to 1:00 pm**

Enjoy festive holiday music by the Holmen Ukulele Group!
FREE and open to the public.
Hot chocolate and cookies will be served!



**Grumpy Old Men
Big Band Concert**

Thursday, December 18th
10 - 11 am

Join us for festive music and holiday cheer at the Holmen Area Community Center!

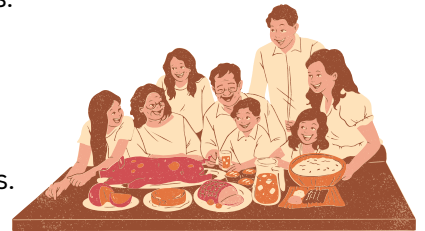
Family Friendly Programming

Importance of Preserving Family Memories

Family memories are priceless treasures that connect us to our roots, remind us of our shared experiences, and help future generations understand their heritage. Preserving these memories ensures that the stories, traditions, and moments that define your family are not lost over time.

To preserve family memories effectively, consider these strategies:

- Create a dedicated family photo album or scrapbook to organize pictures.
- Use digital tools to scan and store old photographs and documents.
- Record family stories and anecdotes through audio or video interviews.
- Establish a family tradition of sharing memories during gatherings.
- Utilize social media or family group chats to share updates and memories.
- Regularly back up digital files to ensure they are not lost over time.



Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Bring the family for Joy & Wonder! Take a Photo and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus

Jingle Fest WEEKEND

Tickets: \$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children 4-16, FREE Age 3 and under

Sunday, December 7th 10 am - 1 pm

Get your ticket for brunch with pancakes, eggs, sausage, muffins, beverages + hot cocoa bar! Enjoy music, crafts, storytime, Santa fun, and a gift for each child.

Family Fun Night "Gather & Gratitude"

Drawing Prize Winner!

Congratulations Paige!

Drawing prize provided by

Muscles in Motion

Tuesdays 9 -10 AM

September 2025 - May 2026

Muscles in Motion is a shared time for parents, grandparents, or caregivers to participate with their toddler or preschooler in open-ended physical activities. Get ready to move! It's FREE!

Toddler Craft Time - 2nd Tuesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Story Time - 4th Tuesdays at 10 AM

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Holmen FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Save The Dates

HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Second Tuesdays this Spring from 5:00 - 7:00 Pm

Join us for an evening filled with fun for your entire family!
Enjoy a shared meal, games, crafts, and activities.

**February 10th
March 10th
April 14th**

Safari
Safari
Safari

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Drawing prizes provided by

November Happenings at the Center

Spring Rolls with Tan Pham ▼



Thanksgiving Food Drive ▼



Veterans Day Program
November 11, 2025 ▼



Aging with Confidence Program ▼



Family Fun Night
"Gather & Gratitude" ▼



Good Morning Holmen!
"Avalanche Avenue Store" ▼



Decorating the Giving Tree
with Kristin Beseler ▼



Community Crafts - Holiday Snowmen ▼

