



The VISION ~April 2024~

Newsletter of HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry, Hegland & Solem

*We HOPE, We LOVE, We SERVE
through JESUS CHRIST in this community and the world.*

Volume 30 Issue 4

Reverend Micah Johnson, Pastor

Hegland and Solem Lutheran Churches:

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

(2 Corinthians 1:2)

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter is not over. In fact, we are Easter people, which means we celebrate Easter every time we gather in His Service.

Over the next six weeks, we will continue to be in the Easter season of the Church, which means we will explore the events that happened after Jesus rose from the dead and talk about who Jesus is and why He did what He did for you.

Our Gospel readings are primarily from the Gospel of St. John, and our Epistle readings are from 1 John for the entire season. During this time, we will discuss six major topics of who Jesus is:

Jesus is our Peace (April 7)

Jesus is the Perfector of our Faith (April 14)

Jesus is our Good Shepherd (April 21)

Jesus is our True Vine (April 28)

Jesus is our Abiding Love (May 5)

Jesus is our Truth (May 12)

In the time after Jesus' resurrection in the early Church, John's main concern was false teachings about who Jesus was. So, John wrote a letter (1 John) to speak the truth about who Jesus is, which He also revealed in His Gospel account.

The main thing that people falsely said about Jesus is that He was not fully man and fully God at the same time. Since many did not believe this to be true about Jesus, they also denied that His death and resurrection were for our forgiveness. You can't have one doctrine without the other.

This false teaching led to a serious identity crisis in the Church as groups wrestled over the truth of who Jesus was and is. In the early Church, this battle raged on in heresies such as the Arian Controversy, which declared Jesus to be subordinate to the Father as one who was created by Him at a specific point in time, rather than what John's Gospel says about Jesus being the Word who was with God at creation.

Without a right understanding of Jesus' true identity as fully God and fully human, everything else gets confused. John was instructing his brothers and sisters in the faith to believe in Jesus as the Son of God and to believe that his life, death, and resurrection are the satisfaction of human sin for all who believe.

So, as we continue to go through this Easter season, I encourage you to come to worship and reflect on who Jesus is, what He came to do, and how what He did applies to you for the forgiveness of your sins. Happy Easter!

God's peace be with you all,

Pastor Micah

Greetings
from the office...

Well, the last month has been a little more 'wintry' than the previous 3 months, but we seem to keep dodging the worst of it. Here's to an April that provides nice spring-like weather and some moisture to make up for the months without snow. Pray for those who are experiencing very adverse weather events...tornadoes, heavy snow, floods and dangerously dry conditions.

Happy Anniversary to my brother and sister-in-law...38 years on April 5!

If you'd like to take in one last fish fry for this season...Aspelund Church Fish Fry is scheduled for April 12 at the Flom Hall. Serving begins at 5 p.m.

Have a fabulous April!

God bless. ~ Becky



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Spring Bazaar

10 AM TO 1 PM

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\$8.00

eat in OR take out LUNCH -
CHICKEN SALAD ON CROISSANT, CHIPS, BAR, MANDARIN ORANGE, BEVERAGE CHOICE OF COFFEE, TEA, OR BOTTLED WATER

VARIOUS RAFFLE ITEMS!
tickets FOR \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

QUEEN SZ QUILT, BRAIDED RUG, MUDROOM BENCH, HANDMADE CHILD'S TABLE & BENCHES



HLS Summer Family Bible Camp

Pastor Micah will be the guest preacher at Mount Carmel for Family Camp the week of **July 22-26!** Go to the HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry facebook page for information on the event.

If you have questions, please reach out to him.

(Pr. Micah: 701-595-6790)

These camps are open to families of all kinds, compositions and ages. There are opportunities and activities for all ages. There are great discounts available since both Hegland and Solem are 'member churches' (20%), and for 1st time attendees (10%).

HLS Executive Council Meeting
February 19, 2024 @ Hawley Lutheran

Attendance: Pr. Micah Johnson, Becky Meyer, Linda Ekre, Mike Martin, Alicia Baer, Terry Olson, Londa Anderson and Ryan Anderson

Ryan opened the meeting. Pr. Micah led us in prayer.

Minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mike to approve the minutes. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the month of January 2024 were reviewed. Motion by Mike to approve the reports as presented by Mike. Seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Discussion about investing some of the “cushion” in our general fund account.
 - Motion by Teresa Olson to purchase a \$15,000 9-month Certificate of Deposit at Valley Premier Bank, Hawley. Funds for this CD will be withdrawn from the HLS checking account, #497408 at Valley Premier Bank. Motion seconded by Alicia Baer. Motion carried.
- Pr. Micah shared that his visit to Hayti, SD had gone well. He preached at both churches in the parish and expressed his thanks for them sponsoring him and paying his seminary tuition.
- Micah has spoken with Lisa Bjorndahl about her presentation at the February 28 Lenten Service. She will speak about mental health and is open to doing a Q & A following the service for anyone who has further questions. Micah will post this as an event on the HLS facebook page.
- Heart of Clay will be our guests at the March 20 Lenten worship. A fish fry supper will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. Freewill donations will be collected for Heart of Clay. Micah will put together a flyer/insert of suggested items to collect for Heart of Clay.
- Micah is still waiting on paper work and other requirements to be completed for him to officially be a chaplain in the National Guard.
- Alicia shared that the directories should be arriving any day! She had also been in touch with Pr. Tom & Eunice and sent 40 kids t-shirts with them to distribute in Africa. They left for Africa on February 16.

New Business

- Talked about communion and alternatives for people who can't climb steps or have difficulty getting to the communion rail. Possibly an optional kneeler or sit in the front pew or make sure people know communion can be brought to them where they are seated.
- Reminder that we will start 8:30 a.m. services in April. This is OK with Hegland. Continue with First two Sundays of the month at Hegland and the second two Sundays at Solem.
- Suggested that we should talk to the individual councils about maybe changing our offering procedure during worship time. Passing the offering plate can be awkward when people are really spread out.
- Sympathies were expressed for Sandy Severson and family on the passing of her mother.
- Micah will be making an extra effort to check in with or reach out to people who have recently lost someone, have been noticeably not attending worship or struggling in any way. He asked that if you know of anyone who would like a call or a visit to please let him know.

- Micah has a \$600 donation from Madi's mom, Deb to split between the churches. Deb would like to see the money used for new high chairs or booster seats or for getting audio into the cry rooms.
- As a potential special event for HLS, Micah will contact Paul Oman, an artist who paints while he tells the Bible story.
 - Ryan would like to see events that will engage with youth and their families and be kid friendly.
- Micah is planning a Resurrection Egg Hunt for Sunday School kids on March 30.
- Hegland hopes to start having regular council meetings.
- From the Hawley Area Ministerium-each church needs to select a graduating senior to receive the Faith & Life Award.
- March 17th will be quilt/blanket Sunday. We need to set a date for Senior Recognition Sunday.
- Terry shared that everyone she talked to had no opinion about 'Coffee Time' so it will remain after services.

Motion to adjourn by Terry. Seconded by Londa. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Meyer, HLS Office Manager

55th Annual Hawley Art Show & Sale

All are invited to attend the 55th Annual Hawley Art Show & Sale at the Hawley Community Center. This regional art show features hundreds of original works of art by area artists with many pieces of artwork for sale. Added attractions to the show are live demonstrations and music. Suzanne Moser, Detroit Lakes, will demonstrate acrylic painting on Thursday evening along with a performance by guitar/vocalist Jan Severson, Hawley. Nancy Baier, Fargo, will demonstrate encaustic wax painting techniques throughout the day on Sunday with keyboard music provided by Suzanne Strache, Hawley.

Exhibition Dates and Times:

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Friday, April 12, 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission to the show is free.

Please come browse, relax, and take in the beauty of the creative works of art by our area artists. For more info, please contact Sandy at 218-329-9168.



Donuts by the Johnson Sisters

Crafts and Baked Goods - Hawley Lutheran Church
Variety of Vendors

Salad Luncheon - Cost \$12.00

*Assorted Salads, Sourdough Bread by Sourdough on the Farm,
Donuts, Assorted Bars, Coffee and Water*

Raffle - One Ticket for \$2 or Six Tickets for \$10

1. Jean Quilt - Mary Skallerud
2. Wagon - Rapat
3. Christmas Porch Pot - Elaine and Gerry Kluck
4. Hayride at Haugen's - Vicki and Mark Haugen
5. Framed Picture - Jim Smith
6. Handmade Table Runner and 4 Placemats - Pam Mangel
7. Firepit - Rapat
8. 'Relaxing Day' Basket - Lora Petermann



Don't forget the Hawley Art Show at the Community Building

APRIL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

NOTE TIME CHANGE!

@ HEGLAND

April 7 & 14: 8:30 a.m. Worship

@ SOLEM

April 21 & 28: 8:30 a.m. Worship

****Communion celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sundays.****

ALL are ALWAYS WELCOME!!

SENIOR SUNDAYS

Recognizing our graduates!



Mount Carmel Friends,

We are working hard to get Mount Carmel ready for family camp! There is so much that needs to be done, and your time and energy are a blessing to us! Projects are available at all skill levels for men and women who enjoy working with others at Mount Carmel.



We have three volunteer weekends coming up:
Thursday, May 16th – Sunday May 19th
Friday, May 24th – Monday, May 27th
Thursday, June 6th – Sunday, June 9th

Volunteer weekend at Mount Carmel has been a tradition for years! On these weekends, we will open up the non winterized cabins, and get the property ready for camp. Volunteers are needed anytime between May 6th and June 21st. If you are not available for these particular volunteer weekends, or would like to volunteer for more than a weekend please let us know when you are available!

Next Steps

Sign up: Please fill out an [online application](#) or send an email to volunteer@mountcarmelministries.com

Spread the word: Encourage friends, family, and fellow church members to join us!

Bring a friend: Volunteering is more fun when shared!

We will work with you to determine the best way to use your gifts. Our Volunteer Coordinators will assist volunteers to help you have a wonderful experience!

Your commitment, no matter how big or small, will make a significant impact. Let's come together to ensure Mount Carmel is a place where people experience Jesus through rest, renewal, and recreation.

Thank you for considering volunteering this spring. We look forward to seeing you at the camp!

Blessings, **Pastor Tim Peterson**
Executive Director

+HEGLAND MEMORIALS+

None

+SOLEM MEMORIALS+

Organ Fund:

In memory of Mark Baer

Jan & Sandy Severson

In memory of Pat Elton

Jan & Sandy Severson

Mona Kuehl

Lyle Mikkelsen

Kevin & Chris Berg

Rod & Jean Ulven

In memory of Earl Thompson

John & Audrey Elton

Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Mark Baer

Teresa Olson

In memory of Pat Elton

Jim & Nancy Holm

Teresa Olson

Janice Alm

Choir Fund:

In memory of Judith Nelson

Amon & Camille Baer

Building Fund:

In memory of Doloreze Anderson

Susan Olson

Teresa Olson

+HLS MEMORIALS+

HLS Missions:

In memory of Mark Baer

Mona Kuehl

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STUDY Every Thursday,
10:00 a.m. Mary Martha Room
@ HLC

QUILTING Every Tuesday
9:00 a.m. @ Solem

All are welcome!



HLS MISSIONS

Put the HLS Missions Spring Rummage Sale on your calendar!
June 15-16! At the Hawley Community Building. Set up will start June 10.
Camille Baer (701-371-2647) & Alicia Baer (701-238-1921)

HLS Missions Wish List

Items needed to help continue our mission work:

Short and long sleeve kids shirts size 18 months and 2T, baby blankets, gentle soap, boxes (sizes such as egg boxes and ream paper boxes), tubs of Vaseline, 3.5 oz or larger (not the cocoa butter ones), unscented soap, 2 matching pkgs single fold bias tape and 1 pkg rick rack, several colors appreciated.

Many hands make light work!

Any questions, please ask Alicia (701-238-1921) or Camille (701-371-2647)

Solem is collecting plastic to recycle and after we collect 1000 lbs. we can get a bench. Please bring your plastic to church. Items that can be recycled are:

Bread bags, bubble wrap, case overwrap, cereal bags, dry cleaner bags, grocery bags, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, pallet wrap and stretch wrap (shrink wrap), plastic mailers, produce bags, salt bags, store bags, wood pellet bags, Ziploc bags and other recloseable bags, plastic with #2 or #4.

Items that we can't accept: any hard plastic items, most pet food bags, plastic food containers.

Cross: The Cross is our theology. "We preach Christ crucified" -1 Cor. 1:23

Steeple: Both Churches have tall steeples that stand out in the Rural area of Hawley, calling all to come & hear the Good News.

Our Mission: We Hope, We Love, We Serve through Jesus Christ in this community and around the world.

Pine Trees: Both Churches and cemeteries are surrounded by beautiful pine trees, which stand out among the fields.

Fields: Both Churches are surrounded by fields of green, showing our location in Rural Hawley.

Green: The color of growth. We grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus through His Word and Sacraments.



Thank you!

A BIG thank you to all who supported the Ronald McDonald House and Katie's Roar during the month of February. All items and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.



Thank you to all who showed their support for Heart of Clay ministries by attending the Fish Fry meal and special presentation on March 20. We raised \$668 along with many donations of items from their 'wish list'.

It was all greatly appreciated.



Check out the HLS Website
www.hslslutheran.com
and the HLS facebook page,
HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry.
The most current information
can be found online!

April 2024
Lectionary Bible Readings

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 148
1 John 1:1—2:2, John 20:19-31

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:11-21, Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-49

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 150
1 John 4:1-21, John 15:1-8

OFFERINGS

HEGLAND: \$4,491.00(January)

SOLEM: \$9,393.00 (February)

NOTE: online giving is available by
going to the website:
www.hlslutheran.com

May 2024 Newsletter DEADLINE.

If you have any information or announcements
for the newsletter, please get to the office
no later than **April 18.** Thank you!!

Worship Assistants for April @ Solem

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
Alicia Baer & Terry Olson

ALTAR GUILD:
Nancy Holm & Cleo Job

READERS:

4/7 @ Hegland
4/14 @ Hegland
4/21 Gerard Faith
4/28 Rich Ulven



1. Barb Aakre
- 2.
3. Daniel Kelly, Aspyr Roberts
4. John Elton, Layla Winkler
5. Sandy Severson, Sara Burnside, Jordan Plaziak
6. Audrey Elton, Diane Hovelson, Gary Larson
7. Jesse Norman
8. Doris Grani
9. Curt Berg, Sherry Schumann, Zachary Lamouria, Colby Knutson
10. Amy Kronbeck, Jericho Johnson
11. Duane Hovelson, Mindy Shaver
12. Stewart Aakre, Laurence Aakre, Tara Anderson
13. Steve Knutson
14. Dan Mergner
15. Kim Ulven, Marla Blakeway, Corey Peterson
- 16.
17. Brad Burnside, Emily Nuechterlein, Faith Stafki, Judy Oxton
- 18.
- 19.
20. Davis Blakeway
21. Jerome Mikkelsen, Stella Wavra
22. Sonja Tollefsrud, Ellery Langseth
- 23.
24. Nancy Schenck
25. David Norman, Katie Peterson
26. James Erickson
27. Miranda Heinonen
28. Ruth Christianson, Benjamin Schumann, Jesse Burnside, David Cederberg
29. Joshua Erickson, Reid Aakre, Parker Moy
30. Carol Sheridan



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PLEASE NOTE:

The HLS PARISH OFFICE & PR. MICAH'S OFFICE are located in the
Hawley Lutheran Church Building at 510 8th Street.

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2024 Worship Schedule

	Hegland	Solem
Sunday, April 7 (White) <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion @ <u>Hegland</u>	
Sunday, April 14 (White) <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 a.m. Worship @ <u>Hegland</u>	
Sunday, April 21 (White) <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion @ <u>Solem</u>	
Sunday, April 28 (White) <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 a.m. Worship & Graduate Recognition @ <u>Solem</u>	
Sunday, May 5 (White) <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion @ <u>Hegland</u>	



April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	2 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem	3 Food Box Deliveries	4 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en’s Bible Study 2 p.m. Pr. Micah @ Hawley Sr. Living	5 7 p.m. AA @ Haw- ley UMC	6 10 a.m.-1 p.m. <i>Solem Spring Bazaar</i>
7 Worship & Communion 8:30 a.m. Joint Service @ Hegland	8 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	9 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem	10	11 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en’s Bible Study 6:30-9:00 p.m. Hawley Art Show	12 7 p.m. AA @ Haw- ley UMC 1:00-8:00 p.m. Hawley Art Show	13 10 a.m.-3 p.m. <i>HLC Spring Fling</i> 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Hawley Art Show
					Pr. Micah at National Guard Drill	
14 Worship 8:30 a.m. Joint Service @ Hegland 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Hawley Art Show	15 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	16 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem April 2024 Newsletter DEADLINE!	17	18 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en’s Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Ministeri- um @ Hegland	19 7 p.m. AA @ Haw- ley UMC	20
21 Worship & Communion 8:30 a.m. Joint Service @ Solem	22 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	23 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem	24	25 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en’s Bible Study	26 7 p.m. AA @ Haw- ley UMC	27
				Pr. Micah at Augustana District Convention		
28 Worship 8:30 a.m. Joint Service & Senior Recognition @ Solem	29	30	Pr. Micah Johnson Ph: 701-595-6790 e-mail: micahdjohnson03@gmail.com Micah’s DAY OFF is typically FRIDAY, each week.			