



The **VISION** ~March 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 3

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)

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 18:1-4

What is childlike faith? Why does Jesus call children the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven? When we think of children in church, we think of them not paying attention, coloring under the pews, screaming and needing to leave an endless number of times, and a distraction to the parents and the congregation. So why is their faith something to emulate?

A child hears and believes. A child proclaims faith in Jesus without even trying to explain what their faith means. A child attends church, obeying their parents’ wishes to be there. A child learns about Jesus for an hour before Church, then attends another hour to hear more. A child hears the parts of the Liturgy, and the Words of Scripture are written on their hearts from a young age. A child waves Palms on Palm Sunday, sings songs in front of the Church, and hears about the cross and is overjoyed! A child isn’t worried about what is going on in the world. A child has no political views. A child simply hears the Gospel and believes with the faith that was given them in their baptism.

Children are essential in the body of Christ. They are never a distraction, and always a blessing. In fact, their faith is to be imitated.

Holy Week is this month, and I encourage you to approach it with childlike faith. You are invited to enter the procession with the children and wave the Palms on Palm Sunday. You are encouraged to bring your children and grandchildren to Church for all the Services during the week and beyond. You are encouraged to receive communion on Maundy Thursday in wonder and awe, as if it were your first time receiving the grace of God. You are encouraged to sit in church on Good Friday and reflect on the solemnity that the Service brings, but always keeping in mind the joy that comes in the morning. You are encouraged to come to the Sunday School Resurrection egg hunt on Saturday, March 30th, and hear the history of Jesus as a child might hear it. And finally, you are encouraged to show up on Easter morning and sing the hymns of praise as loud as you can, even making a fool of yourself, because the faith of a child hears, believes, and is full of joy in the Resurrection of Jesus!

The faith of a child is the faith we tend to depart from as we get older and have more to worry about. But this month, I encourage you to keep your childlike faith at the forefront of your mind, finding joy in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus!

And maybe you can even make a fool of yourself along the way.

May God’s peace be with you all as we finish out Lent and anticipate the joy of the Resurrection!

Pastor Micah

Greetings
from the office...

This will be pretty brief since a day of full-fledged winter kept me out of the office. I know we need the moisture, but I'm still hoping this round of snow is just a brief set back in our march to spring.

I'd like to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers and concern for my mom when she was hospitalized recently. She's home and doing really well! She is a tough lady. She turns 89 on March 13. I am so thankful for my parents and feel so fortunate that they are able to live independently.

Shout out to the ladies who help me put this newsletter together! It's always fun to visit while we work and it gets done in a fraction of the time it takes me to do it alone.

Have a joyous March and especially Easter, knowing that Jesus has risen indeed.

God bless. ~ Becky



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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%), for 1st time attendees (10%), as well as 'early bird' discounts if you register by March 1 (10%).

HLS Executive Council Meeting
January 18, 2024 @ Hawley Lutheran

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

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

Minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Londa to approve the minutes. Seconded by Alicia. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the end of the year annual reports including the proposed budget for 2024 were shared. Becky Meyer shared some specifics about the reports and how the accounting reports may look different from the budget reports but actually provide the same information. Going forward, income (donations and fund-raisers) and expenditures for special projects and events will be separate line items on the budget. She will be writing up a budget report with explanations. Motion by Alicia to approve the financial reports. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

- Micah inquired about the possibility of putting our “cushion” in some kind of high-yield account to compensate for what we are not collecting from the congregations to meet the budget. Becky will check with Valley Premier and see what they have to offer.

Old Business

- Mount Carmel Family Camp, Micah will be guest pastor, will be the week of July 22-26. Discounted rates are available for member churches, “first-timer campers”, and early bird registration. It would be great to have HLS families or other groupings take advantage of this opportunity.

New Business

- Mid-week Lenten services. There are 6, including Ash Wednesday. The first 3, in February, will be at Hegland and the second 3, in March, will be at Solem. No meal, worship at 6:30 p.m. Will try to devote 1 Wednesday to guest speaker Lisa Bjorndahl/Katie’s Roar and 1 Wednesday to someone from Heart of Clay.
- Tentative Holy week and Easter schedule: Maundy Thursday @ Hegland. Good Friday @ Solem. Easter Sunday, 8:00 a.m. @ Hegland and 10:30 a.m. @ Solem. Pr. Micah hopes to do a Kids’ Event on Saturday before Easter again this year.
- Micah noted that because of the worship time being later in the morning, it seems our coffee fellowship after services is dwindling. Might be worth a try to set up coffee before services and invite people to come a little earlier.
- Micah has been looking into a MS 365 business subscription to replace our family subscription. This would give us new e-mail accounts for Micah and Becky. The additional cost would be \$44/year. He was told to go ahead with it.
- Pr. Micah noted that he had completed his Master’s in Chaplaincy with the National Guard in December. He will be done with his seminary classes in May.
- February 18, Pr. Micah will be preaching in South Dakota at the parish that has been sponsoring him in the seminary. This will be an opportunity to thank them in person for their financial support. (Pr. Micah will lead services at HLC on February 11 for Pr. Andrea.)
- Pr. Micah would like to speak some at the annual meetings about Stewardship. Focus on educating. Ask for prayer.
- Alicia had had a long conversation with Pr. Tom and shared about how they had gotten a car for their use in Africa, as well as their schedule, leaving the U.S. on February 15. They will be visiting Gambia and Ghana before going to the Congo where they will be March –July.
- Weather cancellation policy worked well.
- Linda and Alicia said the Directory is ready to print.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Meyer, HLS Office Manager

NEEDS

For Heart of Clay

- Salad Tongs
- Spatulas for serving
- Cups and Glasses
- Cookie Sheets
- New Pillows
- Full/Twin Sheets
- Mattress Protectors
- Printer Paper
- Old Gift Cards

This March, we are collecting items for **Heart of Clay Correctional Ministry!**



During the month of March, we will collect donations of needed items and take freewill offerings for **HEART OF CLAY**. Bring your items to church or drop them off at the office.

On **Wednesday, March 20**, the meal prior to Lenten Worship will be a *Fish Fry Supper* served by the men of Solem. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The Worship begins at 6:30 p.m. with representatives from **HEART OF CLAY** speaking about their ministry.

Please consider helping out this great organization!

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.



March is also, Minnesota FoodShare Month. During this time monetary donations to our local foodshelves are especially appreciated. Food-banks and other opportunities are available so those dollars can be stretched to purchase more than is possible at our grocery stores. If you wish to support the REACH Foodshelf, now would be a great time to do it.



Lent 2024 Midweek Services Psalm 41 Study

March 6	Lent 3 at Solem 6:30 PM Psalm 41:5
March 13	Lent 4 at Solem 6:30 PM Psalm 41:6
March 20	Lent 5 at Solem 6:30 PM Psalm 41:7-8 Special Guest: Heart of Clay
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MARCH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

@ HEGLAND

March 3 & 10: 10:30 a.m. Worship

@ SOLEM

March 17 & 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday at the same site as worship.

ALL are ALWAYS WELCOME!!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:30 p.m. Worship & Communion @ Hegland

Good Friday, March 29

6:30 p.m. Worship @ Solem

Saturday, March 30

10-11:30 a.m. Resurrection Egg Hunt @ Solem
For Sunday School kids.



March 31

8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion @ Hegland

Easter Breakfast follows worship

9-10:15 p.m. Solem Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion @ Solem

memorials
& gifts

+HEGLAND MEMORIALS+

General Fund:

In memory of Charles Siggerud
Sharon Haugen

+SOLEM MEMORIALS+

Organ Fund:

In memory of Earl Thompson
John & Audrey Elton

Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Mark Baer
Jim & Nancy Holm
In memory of Doloreze Anderson
John & Audrey Elton

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!



Easter Blessings



HLS MISSIONS

Our missions group is busy making quilts for our graduates! There are quite a few graduates so it's good they got an early start. They are also helping with the collections for the Ronald McDonald House and for Heart of Clay.

Shirley Anderson's new wish list!

Shirley does a lot of sewing projects for Mission Kits and OCC boxes. She is looking for embellishments. Specifically: **RICKRACK, BIAS TAPE and ELASTIC!** (She says no more lace...she has more of that than she can use!)

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)

A SELECTION OF MEDIA AVAILABLE!!

Solem's library shelves and contents have been cleaned, sorted and reorganized, leaving a number of items available for your taking. These books/tapes/devotionals etc. are in the narthex on the pews and railing and will remain there until after Heart of Clay comes to Solem on March 20th. Anything left at that point will go on the HLS Missions Rummage Sale.

HLS Picture Directories

The new HLS Directory has been delivered! They can be picked up at the churches or contact Linda Ekre & Alicia Baer. There are some extra so if you would like one, check with Linda or Alicia to see what's available.

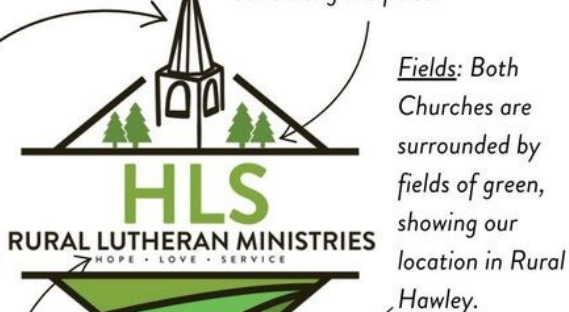
If you see corrections or updates that should be made, please contact the office.

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

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

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.



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.

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!

Daylight Savings Times Begins
March 10



Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!

March 2024
Lectionary Bible Readings

March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 2:13-25

March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-9
Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:32-45

March 24

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 118:19-29
Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1—15:47

March 31

Resurrection of Our Lord

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 16
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8



OFFERINGS

HEGLAND: \$4,491.00(January)

SOLEM: \$7,750.00 (January)

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

April 2024 Newsletter DEADLINE.

If you have any information or announcements
for the newsletter, please get to the office
no later than **March 20.** Thank you!!



- 1.
2. Mikayla Schlauderaff
3. Becky Kelly
4. Ian Kronbeck
- 5.
6. Camdyn Lewis
7. Mark Tellefson, Aundie Curtiss, Rilynn Burnside, Austin Alm
- 8.
9. Cassandra Hoard, Colin Jorgenson, Brendon Sletmoen
- 10.
- 11.
12. Chase Burnside
13. Kate Martin
14. Linda Ekre
15. Kiah Odenbach
16. Jareb Baer, Amanda Lamouria
- 17.
18. Lyle Mikkelsen, Tim Knutson, Adam Meyer
19. Shirley Anderson, Deb Aakre, Brendon Giesler
20. Ingrid Olson, Rebecca Meyer, Jayson Plaziak
21. Jaxson Ott, Bryce Kasin
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23. Muriel Grefsrud, Lane Marvig
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25. Jill Dibley, Brynn Thorp, Colten Tangen
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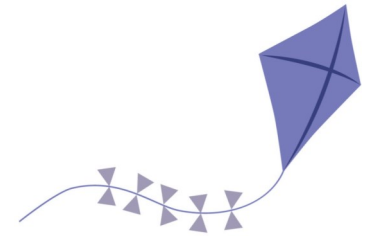




2024 Worship Schedule

	Hegland	Solem
Sunday, March 3 (Purple) <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	9:30 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion <u>@ Hegland</u>	
Wednesday, March 6, 13 & 20 (Purple) <i>Lent</i>	March 6 & 13: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Solem March 20: 5:00 p.m. FISH FRY MEAL and 6:30 p.m. LENTEN WORSHIP (Guests: Heart of Clay Ministry) @ Solem	
Sunday, March 10 (Purple) <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	9:30 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 a.m. Worship <u>@ Hegland</u>	
Sunday, March 17 (Purple) <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	9:30 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion <u>@ Solem</u>	
Sunday, March 24 (Scarlet) <i>Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion</i>	9:30 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 a.m. Worship <u>@ Solem</u>	
Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, March 28 <i>Good Friday, March 29</i>	6:30 p.m. Worship & Communion <u>@ Hegland.</u> 6:30 p.m. Worship <u>@ Solem</u>	
Sunday, March 31 (White) <i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	Worship & Communion 8:00 a.m. <i>Easter Breakfast & Fellowship</i> follow the service	9:00-10:15 a.m. <i>Easter Breakfast & Fellowship</i> Worship & Communion 10:30 a.m.



March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	2
					Pr. Micah at National Guard Drill	
3 <i>Worship & Communion</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Joint Service All @ Hegland	4 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	5 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem	6 <i>Lent</i> 6:30 p.m. Service @ Solem	7 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en's Bible Study 2 p.m. Pr. Micah @ Hawley Sr. Living	8 7 p.m. AA @ Haw- ley UMC	9 Spring ahead  1 hour tonight!
10 <i>Worship</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Joint Service All @ Hegland <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	11 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	12 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem	13 <i>Lent</i> 6:30 p.m. Service @ Solem	14 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en's Bible Study	15 7 p.m. AA @ Haw- ley UMC	16
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24 <i>Palm Sunday Worship</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Joint Service All @ Solem	25 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC	26 9 a.m. Quilting @ Solem	27	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10 a.m. HLS Wom- en's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Worship @ Hegland	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 6:30 p.m. Worship @ Solem	30 10-11:30 a.m. <i>Resurrection Egg Hunt</i> for SS kids @ Solem
31 <i>Worship & Communion</i> 8:00 a.m. @ Hegland Easter Breakfast follows. 9-10:15 a.m. Solem Easter Breakfast 10:30 a.m. @ Solem Easter Sunday			<div> Pr. Micah Johnson Ph: 701-595-6790 e-mail: micahdjohnson03@gmail.com Micah's DAY OFF is typically FRIDAY, each week. </div>			