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The **VISION** ~December 2022~

Newsletter of HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry, Hegland & Solem

HOPE ~ LOVE ~ SERVICE

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Reverend Micah Johnson, Pastor

Hegland and Solem Lutheran Churches:

***“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.”***

(Galatians 1:3-5)

Our move is complete and our new office is in Hawley Lutheran! Becky did an incredible job making sure the transition went smoothly. She always has your best interest in mind and cares for you deeply, so thank her for all she does if you get a chance!

This newsletter is a short update to the last one we sent out. We have finalized our service times for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Please join us at any one of our services listed in this newsletter!

Other than that, our Midweek Advent Services are still continuing. The remaining dates are:

December 14th at Solem at 7 PM

December 21st at Hegland at 7 PM

These services are a great time to quiet our hearts in the season of Advent.

Finally, our new year will kick off with a lot of exciting things! One thing to keep on your radar is a Bible Class for our young ones. This is for third graders and up, with their parents, to attend a few interactive classes to learn the full story of the Bible! Please let me know if you are interested in attending this ASAP. For more information on the dates and times of this class, please refer to the rest of this newsletter.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any concerns you may have. I am happy to help however I can. I also want to get to know some of you more! So, feel free to reach out to me if you want to visit or meet over coffee.

God's peace be with you all,
Pastor Micah



from the office...

Whew! We made it! Both Micah and I are moved into our offices in Hawley Lutheran. I am slowly figuring out how to arrange everything to make the best use of this smaller space. Thank you to my brother and nephew, Roger and Adam, for doing the 'heavy lifting' for me. It took some doing and clarification about what we actually needed, but we have successfully ported our landline phone # and have our own phones in Micah and Becky's offices for 218-483-4706!!

Kudos to everyone who helped clean out the Parish Center. Especially big thanks to Alicia, Terry and Susie...the "ring leaders". I know there were many others that assisted and their help was greatly appreciated. I met with Austin, the building purchaser, at the Parish Center on November 30. We walked through and looked over everything and I gave him the keys that I had. He will change the exterior door locks after the closing. The closing was postponed to December 12, but the meters were read on November 30, ending HLS' responsibility for the utilities. Austin assumed that responsibility on December 1. Phone & internet were disconnected right before Thanksgiving.

I was so disappointed that I missed the Thanksgiving dinner at the Parish Center on November 18. I got scared out by the potential for bad weather and roads. Last winter I had a few scary drives that I am not anxious to replicate this winter.

A huge "THANK YOU" to Pr. Micah for his understanding, concern and support over these last tumultuous months. He has encouraged me to take some "comp" time after a string of weeks where I came in 4, 5 or 6 days. I took his admonition over Thanksgiving and will be adjusting my schedule the week before Christmas as well. My hope is to only work Monday & Tuesday, December 19 and 20 that week.

Thank you to everyone who has stopped by to see us in our new home! We love seeing you. I am looking forward to the Bible Study group convening here at HLC in the new year! I am finding the "regulars" here to be very welcoming and helpful and enjoy interacting with them!

A Blessed Christmas to you all!! *Becky*

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

+HEGLAND MEMORIALS+

General Fund:

In memory of Joy Melby
Terri & Todd Amann
In memory of Eleanor Miller
Terri & Todd Amann
Esther Timm, Steve,
Craig & Kelly

+HLS MEMORIALS+

None



+SOLEM MEMORIALS+

Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Jim Sander
Jim & Nancy Holm
In memory of Sigurd Severinson
Jim & Nancy Holm

Choir Fund:

In memory of Sigurd Severinson
Crandell & Barbara Shifflett

General Fund:

In memory of Sigurd Severinson
Jon Bredeson

Organ Fund:

In memory of James Sander
Ramona Kuehl
In memory of Leland Knutson
Amon & Camille Baer
Curtis & Ardelle Berg
Kevin & Chris Berg
Lyle Mikkelson
Jan & Sandy Severson
In memory of Sigurd Severinson
Shirley Anderson
Amon & Camille Baer
Curtis & Ardelle Berg
Kevin & Chris Berg
Grace Hafstad
Lyle Mikkelson
Jan & Sandy Severson

**January 2023
Lectionary Bible Readings**

January 1

1st Sunday after Christmas
Isaiah 63:7-14, Psalm 111
Galatians 4:1-7, Matthew 2:13-23

January 8

Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29
Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 3:13-17

January 15

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42a

January 22

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)
1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

January 29

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12



HEGLAND: _____

**SOLEM: \$8,445 (October)
\$8,500 (November)**

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

End-of-year Giving

It would be greatly appreciated if your end-of-year financial gifts are received in time to be recorded and deposited in 2022.

Get them to your financial secretary:

Hegland-Debbie Freed, Solem-Kevin Berg

Or use the online giving option or MAIL to:
HLS, PO Box 879, Hawley.

Pastoral Acts — from the Records

Membership

11/22 David & Cassie Ahmed joined Solem

Funeral

12/5 Eleanor Miller (Hegland)

January 2023

Newsletter DEADLINE.

If you have any information
For the newsletter, please get it to the office
no later than **December 23.**
Thank you!!

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Tentative Schedule is: **February 5-Hegland**
February 12-Solem

DEADLINES

All **HEGLAND & HLS** annual reports should be in the
office **NO LATER THAN** Thursday, **January 26.**
All **SOLEM** reports are needed **NO LATER THAN**
Thursday, **February 2.**

Earlier is always appreciated!

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Schedule Change!

Thursdays, December 8 & 15
10 a.m. @ COMMUNITY ROOM of
West Green Apartments
(behind Olson Pool)

Starting in January!

The Bible Study will meet Thursdays, at
10 a.m. in the Hawley Lutheran Church.

QUILTING: schedule has yet to be
determined! Watch your bulletin announcements!

Hello Families!

Pastor Micah will teach a 3-week Bible class for kids and their parents in January! The class will be taught by Pastor Micah for HLS at Hawley Lutheran Church on the following dates:

- * January 17th from 6:30-7:30 PM
- * January 24th from 6:30-7:30 PM
- * January 31st from 6:30-7:30 PM

This class is for third graders and up. We will walk through the WHOLE Bible, learning about how it is one big, connected story from beginning to end, and it's all true!

Please email or call Pastor Micah to register. The class is free for all attendees.

EVENTS AT HAWLEY LUTHERAN:

- * Sunday, December 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Live Nativity

- * Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service

This time of year, the theme is "holly, jolly" and "hap, happiest season." But for anyone who has faced significant loss - be it a death, relationship, job, health - the holidays are filled with tears, sadness and longing.

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. At Blue Christmas, we are reminded that God is with us, right where we're at. This special service attends to these blue feelings, provides community to remember we are not alone and comfort in the promise that God is with us.

This service is open to all people - regardless of faith, background, story. Join us and be reminded that you are not alone.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS **SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

7 p.m., December 14 @ Solem
7 p.m., December 21 @ Hegland

Sunday December 18

Joint Christmas Program Service
10:30 a.m. @ Solem

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:00 p.m. @ Hegland
9:00 p.m. @ Solem

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship
10:30 a.m. @ Solem

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Joint New Year's Day
"Carols & Scriptures" Service
10:30 a.m. @ HEGLAND



The HLS Website

www.hslslutheran.com

will be getting a makeover soon.

The hope is to add and expand on what is already there and make it a bit more eye-catching for people who are 'searching' and not already aware of us and what we have to offer!

A HUGE "Thank You" to Mark Tellefson for all the years of 'below the radar' efforts to give HLS a Web presence! As well as providing IT support when the technology-challenged hollered "HELP"!

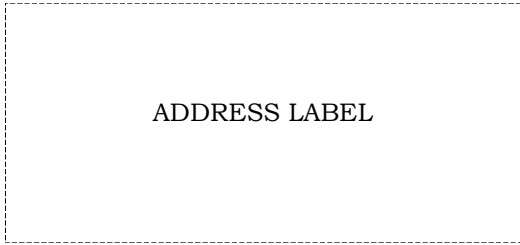
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PLEASE NOTE: the Parish Offices are now located within the
 Hawley Lutheran Church building at 510 8th Street.



Worship Schedule

| C=communion | Hegland | Solem |
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| Wednesdays: Advent Services | 7:00 p.m. December 21 | 7:00 p.m. December 14 |
| Sunday, December 4, 2022 (Blue) <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> | 9:00 a.m. C | 10:30 a.m. C |
| Sunday, December 11, 2022 (Blue) <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> | 9:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 18, 2022 (Blue) <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | Joint Christmas Program Service 10:30 a.m. @ Solem | |
| Saturday, December 24, 2022 (White) <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i> | <i>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP</i> 4:00 p.m. C | <i>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP</i> 9:00 p.m. C |
| Sunday, December 25, 2022 (White) <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i> | | <i>CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP</i> 10:30 a.m. C |
| Sunday, January 1, 2023 (White) <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> | <i>"Carols & Scriptures"</i> Joint Worship 10:30 a.m. @ Hegland | |



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 Worship & Communion 9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ROAST BEEF DINNER @ Hegland 9:30 am Sunday School & 10:30 am Worship @ Solem | 5 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 6 | 7 7 p.m. Advent Worship @ Hegland | 8 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ West Green Apts | 9 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pr. Micah @ National Guard Drills</div> | 10 |
| 11 Worship 9:00 a.m. @ Hegland 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 am Worship @ Solem *Solem Women pack Christmas boxes. | 12 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 13 | 14 7 p.m. Advent Worship @ Solem | 15 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ West Green Apts | 16 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 17 |
| 18 10:30 a.m. Hegland & Solem, Joint Christmas Program Service @ Solem | 19 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 20 | 21 7 p.m. Advent Worship @ Hegland | 22 | 23 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with communion. 4 p.m. @ Hegland 9 p.m. @ Solem |
| 25 Christmas Day Worship with communion. 10:30 a.m. @ Solem | 26 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 7 p.m. AA @ Hawley UMC | 31 |
| January 1, 2023 "Scripture & Carols" 10:30 a.m. JOINT SERVICE @ <u>Hegland</u> | | | Pr. Micah Johnson Ph: 701-595-6790 E-mail: micahdjohnson03@gmail.com Micah's DAY OFF will be FRIDAY, each week. | | | |