### HAWLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CONNECTION FALL NEWSLETTER



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It's been a full summer, filled with ministry, mission, time to connect with family and friends, transporting kids, traveling near and far. For our family, summer 2023 was a season spent with family, hanging out at the lake, reconnecting with friends and making memories.

Now, with football starting, harvest haze filling the air, and the sun setting earlier each day, I can't help but think about fall and what the next season will bring — both for my family *and* our church. I am convinced that for Hawley Lutheran, the fall promises to bring good things.

The following pages are filled with information and ministry opportunities for the season ahead. From Kids Ministry and Confirmation, to Worship and Rally Day, *Now Is the Time* to be part of what God is doing at Hawley Lutheran. This fall is filled with opportunities to engage, reconnect, invite and move with faithfulness, fearlessness and passion. The events and opportunities in these pages have been created with intention and purpose, preparing us *now* as we anticipate the future to come. Join us Hawley Lutheran this fall and invite others to discover the momentum of God moving as we let the future begin. **soli deo gloria | to God alone be the glory** 

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### All Church Rally 2023 | Sunday, September 10 One Church. One Vision. One Rally. Let the future begin.

Join us for an exciting celebration of what God is doing **now**, as we anticipate to what lies ahead.



## Now Ministry Showcase

It's an exciting season and there are a lot of awesome things going on! The Ministry Showcase will provide an opportunity to learn about the ministries, organizations and events at Hawley Lutheran. You'll also have the opportunity to visit with members of these groups and discover new opportunities to share your gifts, grow, learn or serve.

# All Treasure Kids Meet Your Teacher

We invite all Kids in Preschool - 6th grade to come and meet their teachers, check out their classrooms and learn about the year ahead. *This Kick Off will be for all Treasure Kids Ministry — Sunday and Wednesday.* Kids will sing in Church @ 9:30 a.m.







WORSHIP + COMMUNION CHOIR, WORSHIP TEAM AND KIDS SINGING! 9:30 A.M.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE 10:30 A.M.

ALL TREASURE KIDS MEET YOUR TEACHER 10:30 A.M.

FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF LUNCH 11:00 A.M.

TEEN MINISTRY GAME DAY @ PAULSON'S 12:30 P.M.

## First Annual Rally Sunday Chili Cook Off Make the best chili and win!

What better way to kick off fall than with a Chili Cook Off! Bring your best, most interesting, unique and excellent chili recipes. Include information about the chili - what makes it stand out? Why is it the best. Remember to bring the fixins' and sides to kick it up. Prizes for top three winners and a Chili Champion Traveling Trophy!

#### Contact the Church Office to sign up!

*Kid friendly soup, bread, root beer floats and dessert will be provided!* 

THE FUTURE BEGIN

# KIDS MINISTRY

# All Treasure Kids Kick Off: September 10

Kids who attended VBS will be singing two VBS favorites in Church (Ready, Set, Move and Yes I Am.) Please arrive by 9:20 a.m. All adult volunteers and teens are encouraged to come sing with us! Meet Your Teacher for Sunday and Wednesday will begin at 10:30 a.m. Come check out your classroom and learn about the year to come!

First day Wednesday Treasure Kids + CREW (Gr. 5 and 6): September 13, 2023

> First day of Sunday Treasure Kids: September 17, 2023

# REGISTER FOR KIDS MINISTRY

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**KIDS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES** 

## Get News With Class Dojo

We are moving to a new format to share information, news and updates in Kids Ministry.

Class Dojo is a communication system for families and teachers. This year, we will use Class Dojo to communicate with families in our kids ministry. Some of the features we'll be using are:

Announcements for Kids Ministry

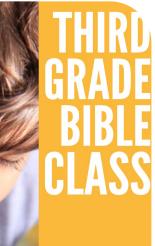
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- Communication between individual teachers and parents
- Sharing fun pictures and videos
- News about special events and opportunities in Treasure Kids
- Calendar
- Attendance
- And more...

Please note, we will no longer use Remind for Kids Ministry.

A link to join Class Dojo will be sent out once registered. Download the app and turn on notifications so you receive all alerts!

Kids Ministry is on Instagram! @hlc kidsmin



SUNDAY | 9.17.23 11:30 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

LUNCH PROVIDED

**REGISTER ONLINE** HAWLEYLUTHERAN.ORG/KIDS





### Parent and Teen Confirmation Meeting Wednesday, September 6

#### Grades 7 — 10: 6:30 p.m.

We'll share the calendar and sign up for meals, as well as news and updates regarding Sermon Notes, Service Hours, Acolyte and Tech Team.

#### Grade 11: 7:30 p.m.

This meeting is for teens who will be Confirmed and their parents. *Confirmation Service: Sunday, October 29 @ 11:00 a.m.* 

# REGISTER FOR TEEN MINISTRY

#### HAWLEYLUTHERAN.ORG/TEENS



#### Teen Game Day September 10 @ 12:30 p.m.

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Come on over to Paulson's Place for food, fun and football. We'll have wings, drinks and random stuff to eat. Bring snacks to share.

Watch the Vikings game, or just hang out. Who knows. Chaos may take place. Text or Snap Alex or Lisa Paulson for information or directions. Invite your friends!



#### Mission Meeting September 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

All teens grades 7—12 and their parents are encouraged to come and learn about Summer 2024 missions. We have two

great opportunities: a jr. high local/regional mission and an adventure into the wild for sr. high and college students. More details will be shared at the meeting.

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# OFFICE UPDATES



# About The Church Office

Interested in serving or volunteering to help with worship? Stop in the Church Office. Looking for Sermon Notes, Confirmation Schedules, Acolyte Information? It's in the Church Office. Need to schedule an event, reserve a room, or get information? You guessed it! Check in the Church Office. **Most** 

information is available on our website, so be sure to check there too! Reminder: We're still learning and are also intentionally making changes to processes to best serve the congregation *and* be good stewards of our time, talent and finances. Thanks for your patience. See you in the Church Office!

#### Here's what we need:

- Call/email the Church Office with your information.
- Let friends/family know we need updated information.
- Contact the Church Office directly and let us know if you have not received mail or emails. We don't know what we don't know! Thank you!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN SERVING TOGETHER AS **SUNDAY USHERS.** USHERING TOGETHER IS A SIMPLE AND IMPORTANT WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP!



# HLC UPDATES

## Call Team Update

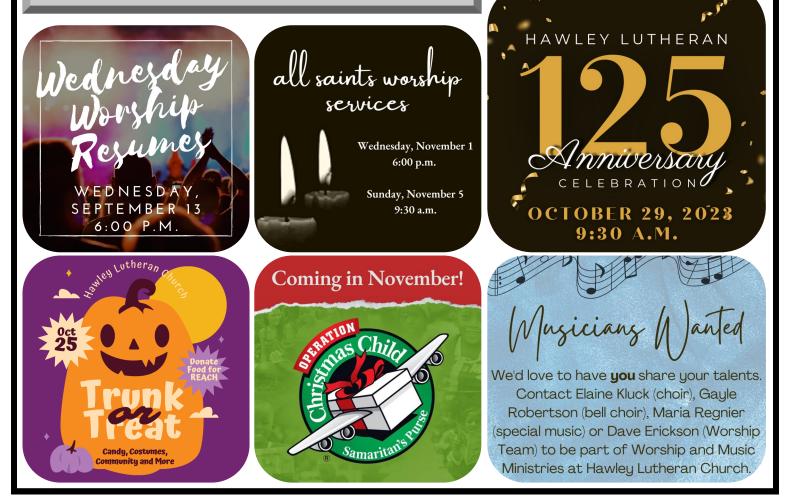
In June, a letter was sent outlining the process of calling a second pastor. A Call Team was formed and met for the first time in July. At this time, the focus is understanding the call process and dialogue about hopes and goals. We are early in the process, but are excited for the future. We will share updates as we move forward, via bulletin and announcements. Please note there is information about the call process on our website.

#### Now Is The Time Update

Included with this newsletter is a letter from our RiseUp/Now Is The Time Team about the next phase of our strategic plan. Please note there is a new tab for **Now Is The Time** on our website.

## Newsletter Focus

Going forward, the newsletter will focus on events outside the day to day life of the Church. Look for updates on Ministry Teams, Studies and Serving Opportunities in announcements, bulletins, social media, and the website. If you have questions, or would like something announced, contact the Church Office. To include an event in the Christmas/New Year newsletter, please submit by **November 1, 2023.** 



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August 15, 2023

Dear Hawley Lutheran Family,

It is an exciting time at Hawley Lutheran Church. We are being led **to welcome all people to** *lifelong faith in Jesus Christ*, through all God is doing at our Church. From our children to grandparents, and everything in between, there is excitement in the air!

Everywhere you look in scripture, you will find "*Now is the Time!*" Again and again in the Bible, there were moments when God said, "now is the time!" Now is the time, Noah, for you to build an Ark. Now is the time, Moses, for you to lead God's people out of Egypt, into freedom. Now is the time, Solomon, to build a temple. Now is the time, people, to do something new. God has always called his people to do something new. God himself did something new. Rather than remaining far off, God chose to come close to us in a new way through his son Jesus. Why? Because God knew then - and now - that *now is the time!* 

Today at Hawley Lutheran Church we believe God is saying, "**Now is the time!**" Now is the time to welcome all people to lifelong faith in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to expand our current ministries, and step into new opportunities. Now is the time to tend to our current facility and develop new spaces for the future. God is inviting us and urging us to respond to his call: Now is the time!

Coming this fall, we are going to dream big, pray faithfully and invite you to join us in the next chapter of Hawley Lutheran's story. We are transitioning from our *RiseUp* strategic planning to *Now is the Time.* This will allow us to welcome and lead even more people to a lifelong faith in Jesus through our ministries, through renovating our building.

We have a great need. We believe the Hawley Lutheran Family understands this need and will rise up, going above and beyond to meet the needs. We believe our faith and faithfulness will take us there.

God is doing incredible things at Hawley Lutheran, through us, through you. God is calling! **Now is the time!** 

Pastor Andrea Paulson Katie Lowry, President Now Is The Time Capital Campaign Team

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