

HAWLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lent at Hawley Lutheran

Dear Hawley Lutheran,

Lent is a powerful time of year, as we turn our attention to what God has done for us on the cross in Christ Jesus. Truly, there is no other love like that. During Lent, Christians around the world enter a time of solemn repentance, focusing on the love of God demonstrated in Christ Jesus. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22) with the imposition of ashes, calling us to 40 days of reflection as we make our way to Holy Week and the great day that is Easter. We want to share some opportunities for worship and ministry that will take place this Lenten season.

First, we are excited to begin two sermon series throughout Lent. Our Sunday series, **Mosaic: Discovering Jesus** is designed to be a focused, deep, theological look at why we have four gospels and what each one reveals about Jesus. **Love Like That**, our Wednesday series, will focus on the crazy love of God. With different sermon series this season, we hope you will join us for both services. Throughout the Lenten season, weekly ministries for all ages continue, providing opportunities to help us grow in faith.

In addition to weekly ministry, mark your calendars for the following events:

First Communion Retreat (5th graders + parents/guardians) | March 19, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Blended Worship + First Communion | April 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tennebrae Service | April 7, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Family Egg Celebration for Kids PreK – 4th Grade | April 8, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Services | April 9, 2023

With so many ministry opportunities, there are countless ways to serve Hawley Lutheran Church. Whether in worship as an usher, worship assistant or tech team, helping with meals and fellowship time, or serving in our kids or teen ministry, we'd love to get you connected in service at our church. We also encourage individuals and families to be intentional in exploring God's Word. We invite you to stop in the office or visit our webpage to pick up the Lenten Reading Plan. This plan includes daily scripture passages and lessons selected from the sermon series to meditate on between worship services.

May this Lenten season beckon you to return to the Lord, entering into His suffering and sacrifice on the cross, gaining a new perspective and deepening sense of wonder and life of worship for Jesus Christ.

soli deo gloria | to God alone be the glory

Pastor Andrea Paulson

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WORSHIP



HOLY WEEK

April 2 | Palm Sunday
Worship | 9:30 a.m.

April 5 | Holy Week Wednesday
No Worship or activities
Confirmation for 9/10 Grade

April 6 | Maundy Thursday
Worship + First Communion | 7:00 p.m.

April 7 | Good Friday
Tennebrae Worship | 7:00 p.m.

April 8 | Holy Saturday
Family Easter Celebration | 9:30 a.m.



Ash Wednesday | February 22, 2023

We'll begin with contemporary songs of praise, then make our way to the contemplative and reflective posture of lent with a short message, **Love Down in the Dust**, followed by communion and imposition of ashes.



Wednesday Series: Love Like That

The love of God in Jesus is no generic kind of love. What does it mean to take heart and live for a love like *that*.

Week 1: Love So Rich

Week 2: Love That Spares No Cost

Week 3: Love That Comes In Many Ways

Week 4: Love That Deals With Sin

Week 5: Love That Gives Live Meaning

JOIN US FOR EASTER

APRIL 9, 2023

SUNRISE WORSHIP +
COMMUNION
7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST SUPPORTING
YOUTH MISSION TEAM
8:30 A.M.

WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.

Sunday Series: Mosaic

Have you ever wondered why there are four gospels? And how they all fit together? Each gospel account was written for a specific audience, revealing a different aspect of Jesus' purpose for coming. Mosaic will bring depth and beauty to the mission of Jesus, our savior, as we explore Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



Serve This Easter

We have many opportunities to serve at Holy Week and Easter worship services:

Door Holders and Greeters: Easter Sunday (both services)

Ushers: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday (both services)

Worship Assistants: Easter Sunday (both services)

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KIDS MINISTRY



First Communion Retreat
for 5th graders + parents
March 19, 2023 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
First Communion: April 6 | 7:00 p.m.
RSVP by March 12 | office@hawleylutheran.org



HAWLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 8 | 9:30 A.M.
EGG HUNT | PRESCHOOL - 4TH GRADE
EASTER BUNNY | PHOTO BOOTH
CRAFT | EASTER STORY TIME

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

FIRST COMMUNION
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 26
MARCH 26
APRIL 9

NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 22
APRIL 5

What we're learning in Treasure Kids:

Preschool: Jesus' showed us how He loves. He loved children and welcomed them. Jesus loved people no matter what they had done and forgave them. And His love for us is the same.



Kindergarten — 4th Grade: All people have value because they were created in God's image. God values us and wants a relationship with us. God sent Jesus to make that possible.




the Crew
5th - 6th Grade Ministry

Crew (5th/6th Grade):
On February 1, our Crew kids spent the evening serving at Feed My Starving Children. They had a great time. During Lent, Crew will read the Gospel of Matthew together!



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TEEN MINISTRY

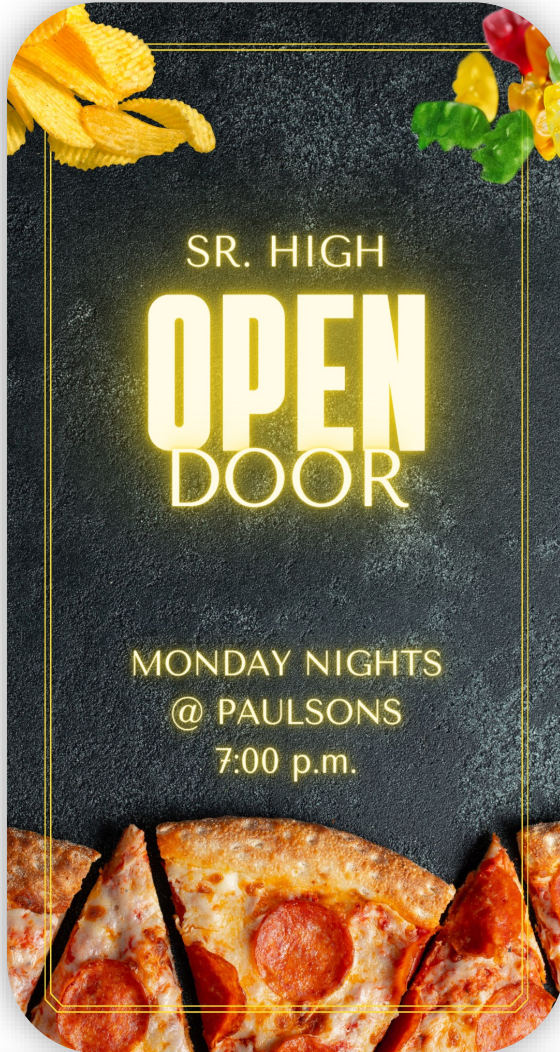
Mission 2023



Next Steps Meeting
February 26
5:00 p.m.

**Registrations are in.
Let's go!**

We will have a meeting Sunday, February 26 for all mission participants and parents to plan next steps for summer missions. Fundraising, schedule, next steps and more. Mark your calendars now!



VBS: June 11—15

Follow Jesus here, there and everywhere!

VBS 2023 will inspire kids to:

DO What Jesus Says
BELIEVE Who Jesus Is
LOVE Who Jesus Loves
SHARE What Jesus Did
GO Where Jesus Leads

To register your child, or to volunteer, visit hawleylutheran.org

Check out the bulletin board in the Church Office for updated information on sermon notes, acolyte and tech team!

REGISTER FOR CAMP



Did you know...

Hawley Lutheran provides a 1/2 campership for EVERY kids and teen attending a Christian bible camp?

We will provide transportation to Inspiration Point Bible Camp for the following camp dates:

Sr. High (9th - 11th Grade) | June 25 - 29
Jr. High (6th - 8th Grade) | August 6 - 11
Explorers (3rd - 5th Grade) | July 16 - 20

Register today!

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HLC UPDATES



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Karly Havens
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Worship Times

Traditions | Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday

Modern | Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

Communion 2nd and 4th Wednesday

Office Hours

Monday 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Tuesday 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

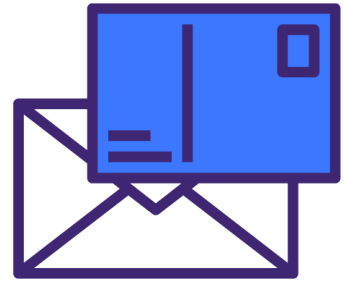
Wednesday 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Thursday 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Friday STAFF SABBATH

MEMBERSHIP

U P D A T E S



We are in the process of updating our Membership information and format. We will be transferring to a new platform, Planning Center. This is going to be an intensive task, but when finished, we hope to have a more streamlined and method of communication, calendar, volunteer scheduling and more, with fewer issues pertaining to email, spam and lost information. The Church Office staff will be reaching out to all members via email, form letter and phone.

How you can help:

- Let your friends/family know we need updated information
- Let us know if you have not received mailings or emails
- Volunteer to help us make calls, sort and input information
- Contact Tiff or Karly if you'd like to assist with project.

Contact Info



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*please note our new email address



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Did you know you can get \$250 to support the ministries of Hawley Lutheran?

Thrivent Action Teams are small groups organized for service projects, events or fundraisers. Thrivent provides a **\$250**

debit card as seed money for supplies and other project needs.

It's a simple, easy way to financially support the ministries of our church and is available to all members. Not a Thrivent member? For \$20 you can become an associate member and apply for an action team! Learn more at thrivent.com or contact Pastor Andrea for more information!

HLC UPDATES

JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

VISION COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday January 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Katie Lowry

ROLL: Katie Lowry, Nelaina Daggett, Cindy Byklum, Tiffany Fossen, Jane Eklund, Gerry Kluck, Tori Leister, Mark Redepenning, Pastor Andrea Paulson, Josh Proski, Megan Aakre, Phil Stahl. Absent: Dylan Olson. **OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Andrea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Tiffany Fossen made a motion to add 'Annual Meeting Plan' to the January agenda, seconded by Gerry Kluck. Motion approved. Mark Redepenning made a motion to approve the January agenda, seconded by Gerry Kluck. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES: Tori Leister made a motion to approve the November Minutes, seconded by Tiffany Fossen. Motion passed.

OPEN FORUM/GUEST: Phil Stahl representing Personnel Team

FINANCE REPORT: Josh Proski

Revenue for the month of November was \$27,459.01; Monthly Expenses=\$17,501.62; Net=\$9,957.39; Checking balance as of 11/20/2022=\$98,119.89; FTV balance=\$61,370.03; Memorials balance=\$115,693.80; Loan=\$111,550.00 YTD Revenue=\$290,292.56; YTD Expenses=\$301,674.50; YTD Net=-\$11,381.94. *December numbers as there was no meeting; Revenue= \$54,440.20; Monthly Expenses=\$66,627.15; Net=-\$12,186.95. Checking balance as of 12/20/22=\$86,429.06; FTV balance=\$64,278.57; Memorials balance=\$124,133.80; Loan=\$111,500.00; YTD Revenue=\$344,732.76; YTD Expenses \$368,301.65; YTD Net=-\$23,568.89.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee Update: The Nominating Committee: Nelaina Daggett, Scott Jorgensen, James Odegaard, Owen Aakre, and Tim Pederson have been in touch with each other, and are working on names for Vision Council replacements.

B: 2023 Annual Budget

C: Final Review Year End

- **Review 2022 budget** Even with a few unexpected expenses, the year ended on a good note for giving donations. Just a reminder that online giving takes 2 days to process, and to keep this in mind for end of the year giving.
- **Updated Recommendation on Payroll for 2023 Budget From The Personnel Team.** Mark Redepenning made motion to approve the Personnel Team's recommendation for budget 2023 salary. Tori Leister seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Team Reports

- **Rise Up Team:** The Rise Up Team is in the process of assembling a capital campaign team. They also are in contact with Calgary to set up an in person meeting to discuss insights, and brainstorm.
- **Christian Education** Had discussions on upcoming events such as Easter, and VBS.
- **Mission Trip Update:** New Mexico; There are 15 people signed up; also need input from families on their wants, needs, fears, and expectations for missions.
- **Council Retreat Discussion:** 1) Discussion on lessons learned from current council members, how to improve the experience for new Vision Council members to help them familiarize themselves into their new role, and plan for 2023.
- **Staff Reports**
- **Dates To Remember:**

February Executive Council Meeting - Feb. 16th at 5:30pm

February Council Meeting - Feb. 21st at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: Nelaina Daggett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tori Leister. Motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER

On behalf of the Vision Council, I would like to THANK Nelaina Daggett, Tori Leister, and Tiffany Fossen for all of their hard work, all the time they put into their Vision Council roles, and also to the Teams they are a part of. Not only have they served Hawley Lutheran Church, and the congregation, but to God. The Vision Council would also like to WELCOME the new members just joining Vision Council.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

HLC UPDATES

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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January 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Katie Lowry

SCRIPTURE READING/PRAYER: Pastor Andrea Paulson

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN: Chuck Carlson was appointed Parliamentarian.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Secretary Tiffany Fossen declared the quorum met with 88 congregation members in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT VERBAL/WRITTEN OF NEW DISCIPLES QUALIFIED TO VOTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1) 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes - Maggie Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2022 annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Maria Regnier. Motion passed.

2) Special Congregational Meeting October 12, 2022 - Tim Pederson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vicki Carlson. Tim Pederson rescinded the motion to and amended it to revisit later in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vicki Carlson. After revisiting the motion and discussion, Tim Pederson made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicki Carlson. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Josh Prosocki. Review the full balance sheet in the annual report attachment.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT: President Katie Lowry. Read in the annual report.

PASTOR REPORT: Pastor Andrea Paulson. Read in the annual report.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

1) Endowment Team Nominations/Approvals - A motion was made by Rob Olson to nominate Wade Bakke, seconded by Chuck Carlson. Motion passed.

2) Rise Up Team Update - Eric Strafelda. The Rise Up Team has assembled a new Capital Campaign Team who will consist of; Vicki Carlson, Chuck Carlson, Stephanie Hockett, Pat Hockett, James Odegaard, and Maggie Walker.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Election of New Vision Council Members - Chuck Carlson made a motion to approve nominees: Chelsea Anderson, Laurie Boeshans, and Josh Salber. Motion seconded by Kristy Redepenning. Motion passed.

2) Election of 2023 Nominating Committee - The 2023 Nominating Team will consist of Nelaina Daggett, Tiffany Fossen, Tori Leister; Maggie Walker, and Lindsey Pederson both were self nominated. Chuck Carlson made a motion to cease nominations, and approve all nominees. Motion seconded by Tim Pederson. Motion passed.

3) 2023 Budget - Maggie Walker made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. Motion was seconded by Josh Salber. After discussion, motion passed.

4) Operating Loan - Eric Strafelda made a motion to extend the line of credit to the amount of \$40,000.00. The motion was seconded by Wade Bakke. Motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nelaina Daggett, seconded by Cindy Byklum. Motion passed.

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Calendar is correct at time of printing. All activities are subject to change. Please inform the Church Office of any calendar additions or changes.</p>			1 1:30 Befrienders 2:00 Prayer Shawl 3:30 GRAPPLE 5:00 Community Supper 6:00 Worship 7:00 Kids Min CREW 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 In the Word	2 10:00 HLS Women Bible Study 6:30 Parish Ed Meeting	3 Staff Sabbath Office Closed 4:30 RiseUp Team Meeting	4
5 8:20 Choir Practice 9:30 Worship Comm 10:30 Treasure Kids 10:30 Fellowship 5:00 Moms of Faith 5:00 Bell Choir	6 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Sr. High @ Paulson's	7 9:00 Prayer Team 10:00 Staff	8 1:00 Bible Insights 3:00 Prayer Shawl 3:30 GRAPPLE 5:00 Community Supper 6:00 Worship Comm 7:00 Kids Min CREW 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 In the Word	9 10:00 HLS Women Bible Study	10 Staff Sabbath Office Closed	11
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