

# HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry



Are you looking for a church that is quaint and small; where everyone knows your name, where you are not just a number and get lost in the crowd, where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, and the Word of God is taught in truth and purity? Then come and worship at one of the congregations of HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry!

HLS Rural Lutheran Ministry is a parish of three Lutheran congregations that pool their resources to do God's mission in this community and to the ends of the earth. This rural Lutheran Parish includes Hegland, Lysne and Solem Lutheran Churches. They have been joyfully serving God and neighbor together since 1993.

Hegland is a beautiful brick building nestled among pine trees. It was established in 1886 and has its roots in the Norwegian Free Lutheran Church. The members enjoy pulling together to serve the church and the local community. Hegland is around six miles south of Hawley and can be found at 25494 40th Ave. South. Sunday worship is at 9:00 AM followed by Sunday School and fellowship. Hegland is known for its tender and delicious Roast Beef Suppers on the first Sunday in October. They also serve on Steamer Hill the Sunday of the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion every Labor Day weekend. While driving west on Clay County

Road 26, two miles from the intersection of Co. Rd. 33 and if you look to the south you will see a beautiful white church building on the prairie. This is where the members of Lysne Lutheran Church gather to worship God and have Christian fellowship. Lysne is about nine miles north of Hawley and is found at 20500 80th Avenue North. Here you will find a small and warm congregation of believers who have been gathering since 1898. Lysne worships at 9:30 am every Sunday morning and the church service is followed by Sunday School and fellowship. Lysne is well known for its church suppers and dinners as well as many craft bazaars.

Solem is located at 3767 280th Street South, which is about 7 miles south of Hawley. Solem was founded in 1872 and is going strong. Solem, like Lysne, comes out of the old Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Solem is most noted for its choir and Syttende Mai Smorgasbord. Solem also serves at the church food stand on Steamer Hill the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Sunday worship time is 10:30 each Lord's Day. To better meet the needs of busy families, Solem has elected to have Wednesday Night School at 6:30 at the HLS Parish Center.

The HLS Parish Center is located at 423 6th Street downtown Hawley across from Valley Premier Bank.

The members saw the benefit of not duplicating services and that there is strength in numbers, so Hegland, Lysne and Solem host many joint activities and mission projects at this beautiful facility.

One of the most noticeable activities is the Wednesday evening FREE suppers. Supper is served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. This is free and open to people of all ages. You can come and go as your schedule allows. After supper people gather for more fellowship and Bible Study, Confirmation and Wednesday Night School.

If you enjoy quilting or want to learn more about this craft, every Tuesday and Thursday morning there are happy folks working in the Parish Center Quilting Room. Women's Bible Study is held every Tuesday at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

Every Friday night at 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous group meets in our comfortable lounge and youth room called "Cam's Corner." The coffee pot is always on. This Friday Night Big Book Meeting is an open meeting, meaning everyone is welcome to attend.

HLS is served by Pastor Tom Olson and the Office Manager is Becky Meyer. If you need more information about these Christ centered churches, please give us a call at 218-483-4706 or visit us on our website [www.hlsrural.org](http://www.hlsrural.org).

# Hawley United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church is one of the oldest Congregations serving the Hawley Community. It was founded in 1881 and moved to the current building at 1031 Main Street in 1996.

We meet to worship God together on Sunday at 8:45 A.M. We feel that the fellowship of worshipping and praying together guides and supports us through the week. Fellowship is after the worship service at 9:45 A.M.

The Methodist Church practices open communion on the first Sunday of the month to all and any who believe that Jesus Christ is their Savior. We follow John Wesley, our founder's belief of serving grape juice.

Serving missions in the community, country and world is a part of our ministry as a Methodist. We continue to serve the community through the use of our building by various



groups. We host a Veteran's Day Brunch to honor those who served; we host a Christian Movie night on the third Wednesday of each month; make quilts to give with the REACH baskets at Christmas; 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. we host the REACH/LSS Caregiver Support Group; and share monetary gifts as well as other projects for Methodist programs. A new project in 2016 was estab-

lishing a small community garden on the church grounds which we hope to expand as needed. If you would like to participate and grow a few veggies, contact the church at 218- 483-4567 during office hours: Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. As of 2018, we have a little Pantry at the end of the driveway for those in need. If you would like more information or would like pastoral needs, contact Pastor Eric Renner at 701-218-7150 or the church.

# Lake Eunice Thrives after more than a Century of Faith

Lake Eunice Evangelical Church has been serving the community for 125 years. It began in 1893.

The Lake Eunice Evangelical Free Church had its beginning as a Bible Study and Prayer Group in homes. They also held Sunday school classes in various homes. In the winter of 1893 it was apparent that they needed a church building. On March 12, 1893 with 26 members present, they incorporated as a church, with William Melin from Minneapolis, Mn as the chairman, and John Danielson from Horace, North Dakota as the secretary. The church was then registered as the Swedish Mission Church of Christ, a non-denominational organization.

The church is presently served by Pastor Dale Robins and his wife Patricia. He has been the pastor since June 1, 2000.

Lake Eunice Evangelical Free Church has always been active in supporting missionaries. We have an active mission committee that meets once a month. At this time we are supporting several missionaries:

- Broken Heart Ministries, Minneapolis, MN



- Reach Global in Toulouse, France
- Faith Christian School, Detroit Lakes, MN
- Reach Global, Southeast Asia
- Chosen People Ministries, Israel

Lake Eunice Evangelical Free Church Congregation is committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and strives to follow the Biblical direction of Mark 16:15 to all peoples.

Through the years, Lake Eunice Evangelical Free Church has always had a strong Sunday School for all ages. The playground is a wonderful addition to the church grounds.

Lake Eunice Evangelical Church

has an active Youth Group. The church has two teams; Sunnyside Care Center Ministry team and Lake Eunice Evangelical Free Church Worship team.

There is Ladies Bible Study Group on Fridays. The church is also active in the High Mileage Group and WMS (Women's Missionary Society).

The church is also involved in Operation Christmas Child.

For more info, check out our website at [www.lakeeuniceefc.org/](http://www.lakeeuniceefc.org/) or call us at 439-3255 and leave us a message. We invite you to come and join us for worship each Sunday

# WORSHIP: A reminder to Explore; Share; & Enjoy the life God gives us! Gran-Park-Rollag Parish



Sweaty! Tired! Worn Out! What a joy a warm, cleansing, and refreshing shower can be.

Worship is like a shower for the soul- and church is meant to be a place where you can bring your sweaty, tired, and worn out self to God and leave all your cares and concerns in God's hands.

All churches in the Hawley Community provide a space for you to come, unload, and be renewed as you clothe yourself with God's Spirit of compassion and kindness. The Hawley Ministerial invites you to find a place of worship to help you appreciate the gifts God has blessed you with and to share those gifts with one another. If you have a church home, please welcome someone who doesn't. If you don't have a church home, come explore and find healing and hope.

The Gran-Park-Rollag Parish is a rural three-point parish south and south-east of Hawley. We've been in partnership since around 1900 and



provide an uncluttered setting to nestle into God's creation in the Rollag area.

Gran is at 11976 230th St. South; go south on County 31 from the only stop light in Hawley about 13 miles (you see it when you head to Barnesville to watch the Nuggets play the Trojans). Gran is surrounded by farm fields and evergreen trees and provides a homey atmosphere of "c'mon in and sit a spell."

Park is at 29464 80th Ave. South and is a bit more of a challenge to get to unless you're familiar with the Turtle Lake area. Lakes country laughs at straight roads but the journey is worth it for the scenery and the warm welcome.

Rollag is the southern most church in the town of Rollag at 10501 Hwy. 32 South. (Grong Lutheran is the northern most church). When you come to the Rollag area, you have a visual of what the Rollag, Norway region looks like so you can say you've been to "God's Country"!

The Gran-Park-Rollag Parish provides worship each Sunday at 8 a.m.;



9:30 a.m.; and 11 a.m. (Gran & Park rotate a month at a time at either 8 or 11- with Rollag at 9:30 and Sunday School at 10:30 at Rollag (all times are posted in the Hawley Herald).

The Gran-Park-Rollag Parish provides a traditional worship service in a conversational setting- inviting people to bring all their cares and concerns to God. Through worship and service opportunities, people are encouraged to share their experience, strength, and hope with each other.

The Gran-Park-Rollag Parish has formed a collaboration with Living Grace Lutheran to expand our pastoral staff so we can offer more options for worship, service, and connection with God and each other.

Our parish office number is 218-937-5499. Also, please check out the Hawley Herald church section for contact information and updated activity schedules. Our continued prayer is all people will find a church home which helps nourish your soul.

# Grong Free Lutheran Church is only 147 years young and expecting great things from God

Grong Free Lutheran Church is 147 years old. The church was founded as a Free Lutheran congregation. It was then an ALC affiliate. It returned to its roots as an AFLC (Association of Free Lutheran Congregations). Our emphasis is on the WORD. The message follows an expository approach. A verse-by-verse explanation of the text is expounded. The Holy Spirit is expected to provide individual applications.

The church is bathed in prayer and preaches the Word. We have no frills or modern techniques to draw people. We have a beautiful setting with old-fashioned hospitality. Hymns are used that are theologically sound. Prayers are from the heart. Sins are confessed and forgiveness is offered. The Word is read and preached with humility but with boldness, which depends on the Holy Spirit. Members are expected to hold the pastor accountable for what is preached. Our goal is to equip those who believe in Jesus Christ, to reach out to a lost world,

to provide encouragement in a confusing and conflicting world and to be faithful by going and making disciples. We strive to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ is nurtured for those seeking to know that there is a God who loves, provides and forgives.

Grong has a purpose to share the WORD, equip the saints, provide fellowship and encouragement and expect the saved to go on a Mission outreach, both at home and abroad is essential! Grong currently supports a transition home (eSimphiwe) in South Africa. Grong also supports the Kolphe boys orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This year we are supporting Ethiopia Reads. A local writer of books for children who once lived in Ethiopia has a mission to encourage Ethiopian children to become readers. When the hour of worship is over, the study has been completed. Hymns are sung, prayers have long been released from lips and hearts, the doors



closed and the cars have driven away. Jesus should be the one remembered; His Father glorified. If you are looking for a fellowship that teaches the Jesus of the Bible, Grong welcomes you.

We respect the past, live in the present and plan for tomorrow. Call 701-361-9568 if there is an interest in getting back to the Bible. Pastor Gary will be available to visit with you.

# Hawley Lutheran Church: On the corner of 8th St. and Joseph

Hawley would be a great place for you! If you want to be a part of a Christian church and you are in Hawley on a Sunday or Wednesday come visit us! Hawley Lutheran has been around the Hawley Community for one hundred and twenty years and has grown to be a church that is large enough to celebrate and still small enough to care. We freely associate with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and we offer ministry for the whole family. Our Mission reflects the teaching of Jesus and inspires us to live purposefully and joyfully as God's children. Our mission has four parts.

Inviting All People to Journey with Us!

Faith is much more of a journey than it is a destination. We use the "come and see" approach to connecting with our church. Everyone is welcome here and are invited to journey with us. What we all need is hope and Jesus offers us hope in the gospel. Jesus was a man and he was God. He suffered and died and on the third day rose again and he sits at the right hand of the Father. Jesus came to earth to show us all God's great love, forgiveness and life. Jesus did all this for you. You are invited to come and hear more about Jesus and join with families of fellow believers.

Worship Our goal is to provide meaningful worship to reconnect us to our heavenly Father and redirect us in seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We worship God with our lives, our instruments and voices, with our offerings and prayers.

We have two weekly opportunities to worship at Hawley Lutheran. Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM is our traditional worship service. We use an incredible pipe organ for the rich hymns of old. Our Wednesday worship is led entirely by our Wednesday Worship Team at 6:00 PM. Our full

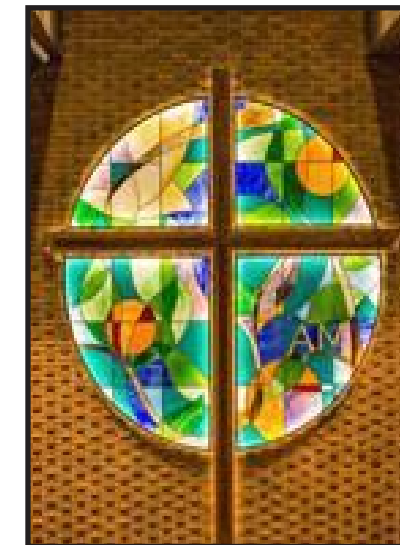
band uses the best of today's worship songs to draw us closer to Jesus with beautiful spirit-filled worship. Both services include a children's message and a message where God's word is faithfully taught. Communion is served twice a month.

Grow in Faith Being a disciple of Jesus is the core of who we are. Jesus said to make disciples of all nations and here at Hawley Lutheran disciples of all ages are being made to become life-long followers of Jesus.

We have discipleship ministry that covers all ages and life phases. We have full Sunday and Wednesday School during the school year, along with Youth Group. We have an exciting Confirmation and Youth Ministry as well as a number of adult small groups. The best way to get current information on these opportunities is to visit our website. [www.hawleylutheran.org](http://www.hawleylutheran.org). If you are looking for a new chapter in your faith life, Hawley Lutheran could be the place where you will see God growing your faith and opening your life to see life from His perspective. We really can be more in love with Jesus every year that we live. That is our prayer for every person who is connected to HLC in any way.

Serve in Jesus Name here and beyond ourselves.

Jesus came to serve and we also strive to serve our community and world. This summer our High School youth will be serving our local community through our 'Live It' Mission. In 2014 our church began a very special partnership with Lutheran Churches in Nicaragua. Mission allows us to see God's world from other perspectives and to see God's care for all his people in every circumstance. Our mission to serve also reaches out locally through REACH and the Churches United for the Homeless where each month we lead a Birthday



Bash at the shelter in Moorhead. Mission happens wherever any one of us shows compassion and care to another in Jesus name.

If you are looking for a church to call home or just happen to be in Hawley on a Sunday or Wednesday, stop in and see us. When you visit notice the beautiful stained glass feature that illuminates our sanctuary with a Latin style cross, colors and symbols of life and creation and the simple words, "I am." Jesus is the head of the church, He always has been and always will be. The altar has the Greek letters Alpha and Omega inserted into the glass artwork. This reminds us that Jesus is the beginning and end and everything in between. When we stay focused on that reality it puts what we do and don't do, how we fail and succeed into perspective. He calls us to trust him through all the challenges of life and His church is to be a place where we continually get readjusted by His word, His priorities and His love. God does meet us where we are and brings us to where He is. God bless you in your journey. If you have questions about the church, call us or stop in. We look forward to meeting you. Our church phone number is; (218)483-3396.