

2025 - UVP January Newsletter

Juliana found this on the internet. Sorry, it was anonymous so I can't attribute it to anyone.

10 Ways to Support Your Church

1. Attend regularly
2. Give generously
3. Love radically
4. Bring others consistently
5. Volunteer joyfully
6. Share Jesus willingly
7. Fellowship purposely
8. Show up energetically
9. Pray fervently
10. Encourage faithfully

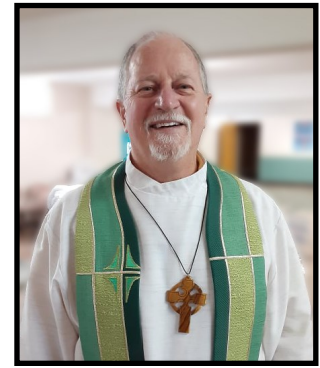
All of which sounds like my last 10 sermons.

We need you to attend regularly. Your flame helps keep my flame burning and vice versa. Our numbers for people watching online are pretty remarkable, and I'm glad we can offer the opportunity to worship for people who can't get to the sanctuary, but many of those people could, and should, be attending a live church service, even if it's not in the United Valley Parish. One day you may need the faith of others to help you

Annual Meeting for the 2024 Church Year:

- ♦ *Sunday, January 26 - Immanuel Lutheran*
- ♦ *Sunday, February 2 - Augustana Lutheran*
- ♦ *Sunday, February 9 - Halstad Lutheran*

All reports due in the offices during the week of January 13.



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through a challenging time or a period of immense grief. Stay connected.

Give generously, especially at the end of the year. The tax code has been changed. People who used to pencil out their taxes and give money to the church, rather than to the government, before filing their income taxes are no longer doing that because the standard deduction has increased so much. Charitable deductions often now are strictly for charity, not for tax deductions. The church, however, still needs to pay the bills. Be there for us, so we can be there for you.

Pastor's story continued on next page...

Prayer List

Lorie Arneson (Vonnie Jacobson's sister)
Ron Berry (Karen Smart's brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)
Jonathan Grothe
Terry Guttormson
Westin Hage (son of Dustin and Tasha Hage)
Katie Halvorson
Marlene Hetland
Tom Hinkley (son of Janice Hinkley)
Cole Kaiser (son of Melanie Nelson's niece)
Becky Kolness
Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)

Paul Martinson
Pastor Myron Nysether
Regan Okroi
Harlan Rise
Helen Rognlie
Tom Socha
Becky Todd
Diane (Penny) Todd
Jacquelyn Todd
Marijo Vik
Netta Wenshau

Military Service of:

Colton Armstrong
Steele Armstrong
Dustin Beliles
Riley Culp
Stefan Horn
Stephen McCraven
Carlos Medina
Isaac Spaeth
Gabriel Mertz
Tucker Hansen

Loving radically involves stepping out of your comfort zone, seeing people the way Jesus sees them, as children of God; not as a drain on society, but someone who can add to our huge melting pot of humanity. The United States wouldn't exist without immigration and we need the rejuvenation "outsiders" can bring.

Inviting others to church should be job number two (number one should be bringing your family to church, so they too can learn to pass on their faith). The best evangelist I knew was a third-grader who kept inviting her friends to Sunday School. Several of them ended up bringing their families, who eventually joined the church.

Your church is a volunteer organization. A pastor, an organist and a pianist, a part-time secretary and a part-time custodian are the only paid staff for the parish. We have many who volunteer joyfully; we just need more of them. In every church in which I've been a member, 20% do 80% of the work. Come and share the load. It will be worth your time and talent, because I guarantee you will receive more than you give.

Sharing Jesus with others, including family and friends, should be like breathing. You have been given the greatest gift of all time! If you love them, pass it on!

In this day and age of the internet, we, as a society, are increasingly connected, yet more and more isolated. Humans are social creatures designed to interact with each

other. Electronic communication won't give you the same bond you make talking to people live, face-to-face. Make fellowship part of your daily routine, but especially on Sunday mornings.

Sunday might be your one day to sleep in and God did tell us to rest on the 7th day, but God also made it very clear that Sunday was to be reserved for worship. Enthusiasm can be contagious. When I don't have any, give me some of yours. I promise to return the favor when your fervor is waning.

We have been commanded to pray for one another. Grab the prayer list and start there. But as you pray don't forget to take time to listen for what God is asking you to do. Prayer isn't meant to be just a wish list. It's intended to be a two-way street, with communication going both directions.

And finally, be faithful and encourage others to do the same. When you see someone down, help them up. When you see someone sad, lift them up. When you see someone experiencing pain you've already endured, use your experience to help them through. And when you see someone happy, celebrate their triumphs. Your Lord wants all of us to experience joy. Do your part to make that possible.

You also might tape the list to your bathroom mirror as a reminder, morning and evening, of whose you are.

Pastor John



January 2025

Sun

Mon

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Sat

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Online Calendar
www.uvparish.org/calendar

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9:30am-4pm
 Hendrum Food
 Pantry at
 Hendrum
 Professional
 Building

9am-2pm Brew &
 Renew Open

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9am ALC with Communion
 10:30am ILC Worship
 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship

9:30am ILC
 Quilting
 12:30pm ALC/
 HLC Quilters

6-7pm BFS Bible
 Study at HLC

6:30 - 7th & 8th
 Grade Confirmation
 at Grace Lutheran

9:30am-4pm
 Hendrum Food
 Pantry
 5:30pm HLC
 Council Meeting

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9am HLC Worship
 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30am ILC Worship
 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship
 11:25am ILC Council Meeting

9:30am ILC
 Quilting
 12:30pm ALC/
 HLC Quilters

6-7pm BFS Bible
 Study at HLC

6:30 - 7th & 8th
 Grade Confirmation
 at Grace Lutheran
 5-7pm HLC's
 Freewill Community
 Dinner hosted by
 Evie Holte, Kyah &
 Brayden Chenault
 5:30-6:30 Kid's Club
 meet during dinner

9:30am-4pm
 Hendrum Food
 Pantry

9am-2pm Brew &
 Renew Open

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 10am HLC Council Breakfast
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 Hendrum Food
 Pantry

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 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30am ILC Worship
 ILC Annual Meeting
 after Worship
 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship

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Attend Your Church

Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter

2025



HLC Council Meeting Minutes December 2024 - pending approval

Thursday December 12th, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

The HLC Council meeting was called to order by Donna Scholl. Members attending: Alli Tice, Cheryl Johnson, Darin Johnson, Jon Hellerud, Heidi Horn, Jackie Hellerud, Dean Nelson and Donna Scholl. Members absent: Pastor John Andrews, Chad Tice and Gaylord Christianson.

Meeting opened with The Lord's Prayer

Reports for November were reviewed.

UVP Parish Commission Update: No update

Secretary: Minutes from November were reviewed.

Deacons: Jackie has been passing out newsletters.

Trustees: Darin stated that the heat has gone out in the Pastors office, secretary's office and quilting room. We discussed buying new units to replace these.

Missions & Ministries: The Renew Thrift Store has been doing well.

Memorial Secretary: Report reviewed.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: In November \$17,775.33 was deposited, which includes \$10,000 from the ELCA savings account. \$11,192.56 was paid out in expenses.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation students will be doing the bell ringing at Hendrum Infinity on Saturday, December 14th. Pastor John mentioned the possibility of a joint service with a potluck to celebrate Immanuel's 150th year this coming summer during the school reunion. The planning committee will discuss this further. Christmas in the Barn at Karen Brommenschenkel's is this Sunday at 5:30pm.

Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Jon to approve reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: *Christmas undecorating will take place after church on January 12th.

*Proposed budget for 2025 was reviewed. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Darin to approve the proposed budget.

*Men's Dumpling Dinner on Sunday, December 1st brought in \$4,936.71. 223 meals were served, 143 dine in and 80 take-out orders and 198 individual dumplings were purchased, with a total of 628 dumplings made. The silent auction went well, it brought in \$715. Stacey's Rommegrot

was a success, which brought in \$68.

*Council breakfast will be held this Sunday, December 15th.

*Wednesday freewill dinners: December 18th – Close Up, Layne Leiser and Evie Holte; January 15th – Close up; February 19th – HLC Council; March 19th – Lent soup supper; April 16th – OPEN; May 21st – OPEN; June 18th – OPEN; July 16th – OPEN; August 20th – OPEN; September 17th – Close Up

*Next council meeting – Thursday, January 9th @ 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jon, seconded by Dean

Heidi Horn, Council Secretary

HLC'S
**FREEWILL
COMMUNITY
DINNER**

Halstad Lutheran Church
304 5th St E

**HOSTED BY EVIE HOLTE,
KYAH & BRAYDEN
CHENAULT**

**RAISING MONEY FOR A
CLOSE-UP TRIP TO
WASHINGTON DC
IN THE SPRING**

**5-7 PM | WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 15**

**DINNER MENU:
BBQ Pulled Pork
Sandwiches, Mashed
Sweet Potatoes,
Chips, Pickle**

**Winter Mini Cakes
For Sale**



Flavors: Hot Cocoa,
Black Forest,
Vanilla Almond

**2 for \$5 or
\$3/each**





Immanuel Lutheran News & Views

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JANUARY FAITH CARE AND SHARE

Rick & Diann Prussia (Team Leaders)
Donna Lee; Tammy Lee & Family
Diane Nelson, Elyse Fassino

FLOWER AND ALTAR GUILD

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Faye DeLong and Pam Hedrich

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council December 8, 2024

Present: Faye DeLong, Del Schnabel, Tod Harrington, Amy Sweeney, Mike Smart, Pr. John Andrews

Absent: Bonnie Scholl, Cindy Todd,

Faye called the meeting to order at 11:22am.

Pastor's Report:

- Annual meetings coming up: Immanuel 01/26/25, Augustana 02/02/25, Halstad 02/09/25; will need to arrange for someone to lead services those two weeks.
- Attending anti-racism training 12/10/24. Boundaries training next 6-weeks.
- Bell ringing with confirmation students at Deck the Halls event 12/14/24.

Secretary's Report: Will need to approve November and December during January's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: November Income: November Expenses: Net Income: Deacon's report: • Working on Faith, Care & Share for 2025 • Looking for 2025 Mission of the Year ideas

Trustees: Discussed duct cleaning again. Previously got two quotes; Del found blue prints of church, including sump pump system. Will get copies made; Have fire extinguisher trainings Education: Kids Club 12/18/24. Adult bible study wrapped up.

President's Report: None.

Motion to approve board reports as presented by Amy, seconded by Tod. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ideas for 150th Celebration discussed. With no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:57am and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: January 12, 2025, after worship.

Respectfully submitted:
Amy Sweeney (notes)
Faye DeLong (typing)

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council November 17, 2024

Present: Bonnie Scholl, Cindy Todd, Amy Sweeney, Del Schnabel, Faye DeLong, Pastor John Andrews, Tod Harrington.

Absent: Mike Smart

ILC's Council Meeting was called to order 11/17/2024 @ 11:50 am.

Pastor's Report: First Communion is planned for Spring 2025. Fewer sermon notes have been turned in than required.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: Insurance coverage for church building is now liability only, due to cost. Insurance for parsonage to remain the same. Current Mission of the Year is a program with Norman County.

Deacon's Report: RE: Mission of Year 2025 & to consider deciding, WHO/WHAT will be recipient, soon to be ready for New Year. Some ideas are briefly discussed: a national disaster, Halstad Lutheran Memorial Home.

Unfinished Business: More info is needed about duct cleaning & the washing of outside of church.

With the 150th anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church, suggestions for some of those on committee, for 2025 summer, are John Kolness & Clarinda Schnabel & Bonnie Scholl (WELCA). Others will be needed.

President's Report: Motion is made by Tod & seconded by Amy to instruct Council members for 2025, to share with new Council members, aware of where things are located & how to use same; fire extinguishers, keys, drain tiles, sanctuary doors open awkwardly. etc. Motion carried.

Tod has Immanuel's insurance information, to include, policy. John Kolness has copy of 125th ILC reunion book.

The 25 cent store for kids & others to be a Saturday in December. It was recommended

that items to be \$1.00 for adults to purchase items. Deck the Halls celebration will be @ former school (now called Infinity).

Halloween party was a success, with about 75 children attending. Christmas in the Barn will be located @ Karen Bromenschenkel's rural address on Hwy 200.

Next Council meeting to be 12/08/2024.

Christmas Eve service @ Immanuel 5:30p. Hanging of the Greens to be December 1, 2024, during the worship service.

Adjourned meeting @ 12:32p.

Respectfully Submitted with delay.
Cindy Todd

THE 25 CENT STORE welcomed 80 kids plus 30 adults on Dec. 14 to experience the joy of giving. Thank you to the 18 volunteers who set-up/packed up, helped kids shopped, wrapped gifts, cashiered, and greeted our guests. A special thanks to all who donated money or gifts to the store, especially Thrivent, Halstad Telephone Company, REACH, and HLC Renew Thrift Store. Funds raised (\$337) support the Halstad Lutheran Church Giving Tree. We're already planning for next year; if you're shopping after-Christmas sales, we'd welcome gift bags and gift items for the store. Donations can be brought to the church. Joy to the World!

ILC Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th

Immanuel's Annual Meeting is held the **fourth Sunday in January** each year. The reports will be for the period from January 1 through December 31 for the previous year.

submission of reports needed at least 14 days prior to the **third Sunday in January** because the annual report should be printed and available for distribution on the Sunday before the meeting.