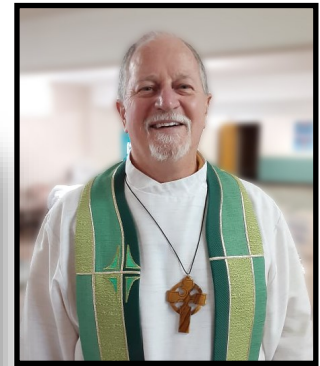


September Newsletter

Back to school! Three little words that can put fear in a heart like only “some assembly required” can for a father the night before Christmas. It can evoke so many emotions: trepidation and anxiety for some; anticipation and delight for others. So much depends on previous experiences, or a lack of them. Kindergarten wasn’t offered back when I played with the dinosaurs (a family joke-when Jessica studied dinosaurs at school, she came home and asked me if I played with them when I was little-I wrote her out of my will), but first grade was just as nerve-wracking. Where to go, when to be there, when to go home, what will I have to do, who will I have to do it with? Amazingly almost everybody survives to go through the anxiety of the next school year and the next.

Because of my Dad’s job and the size of our family (with seven kids, we would always move to a bigger house, whenever we could find one), we moved a lot when I was growing up. Ninth grade was the first year I was in the same school two years in a row. I did manage to attend Grand Forks Central High School all three years, even though my parents moved to Fargo in November of my senior year.

All that change made me resilient, able to tackle new experiences. We all need those opportunities to test our ability to adapt, to teach us we can survive, even thrive, in new settings. It’s not always pleasant, but it is necessary for growing up, something some do



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better than others. For most people, their high school years weren’t the highlight of their life. When you talk about back to school for those who have graduated, reunions can be a time to try to recapture the magic for some. For others it can trigger a desire to go back only if they could retain the knowledge they’ve learned over the intervening years. Maybe they would like a do-over, to make the experience something other than what it was. But it can also be a time to make lifelong friends. You just have to put in the effort.

When our children reached school age, Juliana would celebrate back to school with some of those

Pastor’s story continued on next page...

Prayer List

Ron Berry (Karen Smart’s brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen’s mother)
Luella DeLong
Anne Ebertowski
Jonathan Grothe
Terry Guttormson
Westin Hage (son of Dustin and Tasha Hage)
Katie Halvorson
Darlene Hauge
Marlene Hetland
Tom Hinkley (son of Janice Hinkley)
Tracy Holte
Stephanie Johnson
Cole Kaiser (son of Melanie Nelson’s niece)

Sam Larson
Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)
Mandi Lindgren
Lorie Merkle
Pastor Myron Nysether
Regan Okroi
Harlan Rise
Helen Rognlie
Tom Socha
Dick Storsved
Diane (Penny) Todd
Jacquelyn Todd
Barb Wagar
Barb Wagar

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

friends, throwing a party on the first day of school. But after Jacob got into school, she was asked to become a para-educator by a principal we knew from church. She enjoyed the job and had almost all the same days off as our kids, but then she was back to celebrating the last day of school with our kids, while her friends lamented having to entertain their children all summer long. Now that she's retired, Juliana can throw a party anytime she wants, although now she prefers to go out to eat with those same friends.

I thought my days of school induced anxiety were long over, until God rather insistently kept tapping me on the shoulder, suggesting (ordering/demanding?) that I return to school so I could go to seminary. It had been over 27 years since I last attended Luther College. I had never used a computer, and for those who haven't been in school recently, a computer is now essential to getting an education. I admit it was a little like the first day of first grade when I attended my first lecture at NDSU. Somehow I survived and thrived, although I kept getting mistaken for a professor whenever I walked across campus. Luther Seminary was better in that respect, because 40% of my classmates were over 40. I believe that percentage has increased over time, as has the percentage of female students (now over 50%). Apparently I'm not the only one who was slow to follow my call.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday September 8, 2024!

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

When I started seminary I had two kids in college and one still in high school. It felt like I was stepping off a cliff, hoping God would catch me. God did! God has always been with me, especially when I needed God most. And the lesson I learned was, you have to operate on faith, in order for faith to work. And that will work whenever you are faced with going back to school, or getting a new job, or committing to a new, lifelong relationship, or keeping the flames burning in a long-term relationship, or retiring without driving your spouse crazy (no, that isn't an announcement). Trust God to be there for you, and God surely will be.

Happy first day of school, in whatever learning environment you choose to participate, because we must never stop learning if we are going to fulfill our call to a priesthood of all believers.

Pastor John

God's Work, Our Hands

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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September 2024

Sun

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<p>9am ALC with Communion 10:30am ILC Worship 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>12:30pm ALC/ HLC Quilters</p>		<p>7:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting at Grace Lutheran for parents and students</p>	<p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building</p>		<p>9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open</p>	
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September 2024

Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter

HLC Council Meeting Minutes August 18 - pending approval

Sunday, August 18, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m.

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

Reports for April, May, June & July were reviewed.

UVP Parish Commission Update: Next meeting August 21st @ 6:00 pm.

Secretary: Minutes from April were reviewed.

Deacons: Reviewed the Newsletter delivery/mailling list.

Trustees: Darin stated that the west side needs a coolant flush as it is leaking. Mud jacking on the north sidewalk has been completed.

Missions & Ministries: Brew and Renew name has been changed to Renew Thrift Store and has a new logo. The store has been doing well.

Board of Education: Vacant position.

Memorial Secretary: In April & May \$8000 was transferred from Brew and Renew to the general fund to pay bills.

Treasurer: Cheryl stated that we brought in \$16,000 and paid out \$11,000.

Financial Secretary: Reports reviewed.

Pastor's Report: Kyle and Regan have joined the Church. There were 22 kids that attended Bible School

at Immanuel, it went well. Pastor stated that there are three Confirmation students this year. Church will switch times on September 8th, Halstad's service will start at 9:00 AM. God's Work, Our Hands will be Sunday, September 8th.

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

Old Business: *Repair to the inside water damage needs to be completed.

*Work on repairing and painting the outside of the Church building, possibly start on it during God's Work, Our Hands on the 8th.

New Business: *Change of worship time for HLC to 9 am beginning September 8th.

*God's Work, Our Hands Day is September 8th.

*HLC's Annual BBQ will be Saturday, September 21st.

*The new name of the thrift store is Renew Thrift Store

*Wednesday freewill dinners: August 21st –Holy Family; September 18th – NO DINNER HLC Annual BBQ September 21st; October 16th – ILC WELCA; November 20th – Close Up, Layne Leiser and Evie Holte; December 18th – Close Up, Layne Leiser and Evie Holte

*Next council meeting – Sunday, September 15th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jon, seconded by Cheryl.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Heidi Horn, Council Secretary

Calling All Members

Join us for Halstad Lutheran Church's 6th Annual BBQ Dinner on Saturday, September 21 (poster on next page)! We're calling all ice cream and pie enthusiasts to share their heavenly creations. We need your divine homemade ice cream and pies. If you can bless us



with a delicious treat, please call Cheryl at 701-430-3610 and let her know the type and flavor. Your culinary miracles will make this event a slice of heaven!

Thank you.





Sunday, September 8
Chore clothing encouraged

**God's Work
Our Hands**

Begin work after
9am short service

We have a long list of jobs needing completion. Please do your best to make it. Bring your kids - great learning experience to give back to the community.

To Do List: (supplies will be provided)

- Assemble layettes, school bags, personal care kits for LWR
- Trim branches in the church lot
- Replace light fixture in north side hallway
- Outside repairs to wall on north side of building
- Basement clean up
- Locate smells - add water to drains, find any leaks
- Go through tunnel and find leak on the west side.

POTLUCK DINNER WILL BE SERVED FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Halstad Living Center
Auxiliary invites you to the

POTATO DUMPLING DINNER

Wednesday, September 25th

5:00pm-7:00pm

at the LRC in Halstad

580 - 2nd Ave W



Adults \$15

Children 12 and under \$7

Individual dumpling \$4

Take out dinner available



**Halstad Living Center
& Heritage House**

Members of Lutheran Homes

† HALSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH
304 5TH ST E, HALSTAD, MN

6TH ANNUAL BBQ DINNER

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

FOOD - SHOPPING - BOUNCY HOUSES - COTTON CANDY

Menu:

- ribs, chicken,
- scalloped potatoes,
- potato salad,
- sub salad,
- Traeger beans,
- buns, pie,
- homemade
- ice cream



\$15 \$7

ADULTS

CHILDREN UNDER 12



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

JOIN US

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:30AM-1:30PM

THRIVENT FUNDED



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Becky Kolness

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council August 11, 2024

Meeting was called to order @ 10:09 am.

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

Absent: Pr. John Andrews & Mike Smart.

It was mentioned that worship in September @ Immanuel will likely change start time, pending UVP Council meeting. Change will likely begin 1st Sunday in September.

"God's Work Our Hands" will be Sunday, September 8th with some community projects. Some ideas are pressure washing parts of the church, packing school kits for students, consider insulating bell tower.

September's Council meeting will be **THIRD SUNDAY in SEPTEMBER.**

Pastor's Report: There will be 3 confirmation students this year.

Treasurer's Report was shared by Tod.

Brief discussion on heat and air conditioning. No action is taken.

Board of Education: VBS is coming up in August with free evening meal served. Volunteers are being sought for various duties.

Partial restroom, in former office, room near pulpit, will be closed off.

New fixtures/flooring in women's restroom is in the works for a future time.

Deacon's Report: Half of proceeds from corn feed will go to Immanuel's mission-of-

the-year. Diann Prussia will be contacted about allowable funds from Thrivent as part of corn feed funds.

Motion by Del & second by Todd to accept Board Reports.

Further discussion on costs of insurance and how to go forward. No action taken at this time. Tod & Faye will check into this further.

Meeting's adjourned 10:51am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Todd

**Immanuel Church Council Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 15, following worship.**

WELCA Meeting: Sept. 18, 1:30 PM.

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

“God’s Work Our hands” Sunday is
Sunday, September 8, 2024.

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WORSHIP TIME CHANGES

HALSTAD LUTHERAN – 9 AM

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN – 10:30 AM

**PERLEY/LEE FIRE DEPT.
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE FEED**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
9 AM - 2 PM
Perley Fire Hall, 205 Main Street,
Perley, MN**

FREE WILL OFFERING

Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Milk, Coffee, Juice

Put on by the Citizens of Perley!

Thank you to: Doug & Jean Ohren,
American Crystal Sugar, Gary Cares and
the numerous raffle donors.

Immanuel VBS - August 12-15



SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God

There were 24 students throughout the week who came to VBS with 12 adult and 2 student helpers.