

August Newsletter

I am a dyed-in-the-wool Lutheran. The more I study the Bible, the more I'm convinced that we are saved by faith through grace; grace because even my belief in God is a gift of God's Spirit. All I can do is say thank you, and in response to all I've been given, help to pass that gift on to all God's children.

That said, I realize that American society has changed, and is continuing to change. When I was growing up, O those many, many years ago, everyone I knew went to church. It was often the center of the community, providing entertainment, fellowship and a family, even for those as blessed in that department as I was (my parents had eight children and they came from families with seven and eight kids). Most people would try to do business with fellow church members. Those who had no church home were frowned on, and occasionally shunned.

Today, those who go to church are sometimes frowned on, and occasionally shunned, by those who are "too smart" for God. Congregations from mainline denominations are closing every day. Church attendance continues to drop, as the atheism/agnosticism from both coasts continues to move into the center of our country. What are we

to do? Change? Change has been a constant since the beginning of God's church. Many are afraid that their church will be different from the congregation they remember. I'm afraid your church must be different from what it was.



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Remain faithful and God will remain faithful. Count your blessings and God will provide more. The Christian faith is not disappearing. There are parts of the world where it continues to grow by leaps and bounds, primarily in countries where Christians are being discriminated against, even persecuted, occasionally martyred. The more the church is oppressed, the more it seems to grow. Perhaps it wouldn't be a bad thing to have to swim against the stream to continue to worship.

Nonetheless we have to find new ways to do church. And that includes sharing resources with

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Prayer List

Ron Berry (Karen Smart's brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)
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
Mary Jacobs
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
Kaylee Trautner
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

our neighbors. In 1997 the ELCA formed full communion agreements with the Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church and the United Church of Christ. In 1999 we added the Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church and in 2009 the United Methodist Church joined the fold. Full Communion means we mutually recognize our Baptisms and can share Holy Communion. We can also share clergy. I could serve as a pastor in any of those denominations (not that I'm planning to go anywhere soon) and the next time you are looking for a preacher, you could call someone ordained by those other denominations.

But the question remains: what is God calling us to do, in this time and this place?

Partnerships in mission would probably be the best use of our resources. Feed Our Starving Children was one such opportunity. We have to be looking for new ideas for how to do church. If your idea comes with the proviso, "This may sound crazy, but..." that's exactly the kind we're looking for. There's nothing like the unusual to get people excited (OK, some people; you know, those who aren't terrified of change).

If you know of other opportunities to share ministry in our neighborhood, please let me know. Perhaps we can get some (crazy) people involved.

Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School

For all children, Kindergarten — 5th grade

August 12-15, 5 pm — 7 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hendrum

No cost — Meal provided

Older youth/adults welcomed to help

Questions? : Bonnie, 701-860-6470 or Becky 701-860-6280

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Sun

Mon Tu

Wed

Thu Fri

Sat

<p>Pastor John Andrews (c) 701-306-2575 (o) 218-456-2144</p> <p>Online Calendar www.uvparish.org/calendar</p>				<p>1</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9am ALC with Communion 9:00am ILC Worship 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:30pm ALC/ HLC Quilters</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9am ILC Worship 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship ILC Council Meeting following worship 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am HLC Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:30pm ALC/ HLC Quilters</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open</p>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Lutheran Church August 12-15 - 5:30-7:30pm</p> </div>						
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HLC Council Meeting May, June or July- no quorum established

KIDS CLUB



During Community Dinner
5:30pm – 6:30pm



Calling for rummage sale searchers:

Time to shop for layette items for this fall's God's Work Our Hands Day. *Nothing under 3 months size. *Sleepers 3mo-24mo. *Shirts 3mo-24mo, long or short sleeved. *Sweaters or sweatshirts that open in front 3mo-24mo. *New hand towels. *Flannel fabric to make diapers and blankets. *Each kit uses two blankets, two shirts, two sleepers, one sweater, four diapers and pins, one soap, one hand towel. *Cotton or knit – NO fleece items please.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Location: Halstad Lutheran Church



Featuring

*Joe's
Noel's
Famous
Recipe*

FREEWILL

Dine-in OR Take-out, call or text 612-703-2612

**Wednesday, August 21
5-7pm**

Freewill Menu:

Noel's meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes and corn
Homemade pies and ice cream for dessert

FOR SALE



*select homemade pies and
pre-mixed meatball mix*

Hosted by Holy Family Catholic Church



Immanuel Lutheran News & Views

We are a congregation strengthened by God's Word, Reaching out to all people with Christ's love.

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AUGUST FAITH, CARE AND SHARE

Pam Hedrich (Team Leader)
Brian & Deb Borgen
Dick & Nida Storsved

FLOWER AND ALTAR GUILD

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Faye DeLong and Pam Hedrich

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council July 14, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10am on 07/14/2024.

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

Absent: Pastor John Andrews, Mike Smart.

Pastor's Report: Comment is made that Pastor's knee surgery had to be postponed.

Secretary's Report: Discussed

Treasurer's Report Discussed. Comment is made that during summer months, thus far, no expense for heating or air conditioning.

Unfinished business:

- Discussion of insurance coverage continues. Council is checking with local agents. No decision yet. Faye to check with Mike Smart.
- Corn Feed evening of 08/28/2024.
- Kids' Club to continue during summer @ Halstad Lutheran Church.

Board of Education: Vacation Bible School to be Monday thru Thursday during evening, with meal, Aug 12th to 15th. Material for VBS is called SCUBA: "Diving into Friendship with God." Volunteers are still needed.

Deacon's Report: Info for Mission of the Year from Amy Sweeney: Project Lifesaver through Norman County Sheriff's office. Contact Matt Wagner, Chief Deputy, 218-784-7114. Project Lifesaver is a public safety program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate "at risk" individuals who are prone to life-threatening behavior or wandering. Those who may

qualify for this program, include individuals with Autism, Down Syndrome, Alzheimer's, and related disorders.

President's Report: Discussed. Next Council meeting to be Sunday, August 11th, after worship.

Mention of building repairs that are needed, include: Railing at back door, outside of church building, needs some repair @ bottom. Also, mentioned are EXIT signs in basement in case of fire, paper towels, extra key for lock on newly renovated restroom.

Board reports are approved following motion by Amy Sweeney; and seconded by Bonnie Scholl.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Cindy Todd

**Immanuel Church Council Meeting
Sunday, August 11, following worship.**

WELCA Meeting: August 21, 1:30 PM.

**Hendrum Family Fun Night
Wednesday, August 28**



Previous Immanuel Corn Feed
Corn Huskers

**DIVE INTO A FRIENDSHIP
WITH GOD!
AUGUST 12-15, 5-7 PM**



**VBS at Immanuel in Hendrum
for Children, K– 5th Gr.
No Cost - Meal Provided**

A single unforgettable Bible Message is emphasized consistently at every station, every day, ensuring that children can effortlessly recall and apply it in their daily lives.

QUESTIONS

Contact Bonnie Scholl @ 701-860-6470; or
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Thank You
Volunteers for your helpful hands in the cleanup tasks at Immanuel.