Augustana/Halstad/Immanuel - United Valley Parish

May Newsletter

This month I would like to focus again on prayer. Martin Luther said, "The more I have to do, the more time I spend in prayer." For the month of May, when nature springs back into life, I would like you to grow your prayer life.

Start in the morning, before you get out of bed. Thank God for getting you through the night and ask God to prepare you for the day. Take some time during the day to speak directly with your Lord. Certainly bring your concerns to your protector, but when you do, make sure you take time to listen to what God is saying to you. And every evening, without fail, close your day with prayer.

You should certainly spice it up with a daily devotional and spend some time each day reading the Bible in a year.

What precipitated this was an e-mail I received from Heidi Droegemueller, one of the Vice Presidents from Luther Seminary. If you are really ambitious, you might sign up for her class.

Pastor John

Hello Friend.

There are times in life when I just don't have the words to express what's on my heart. Some of those times are when I'm praying. Can you relate?

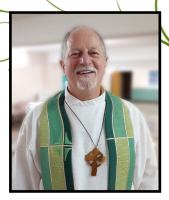
When I don't know what to pray, I turn to the Book of Psalms. The raw honesty and authentic emotion of the Psalms has made them relatable to every generation since they were written. This insightful book of the Bible is a powerful resource for believers, providing us with the words to pray when we just don't know what to say.

Are you looking to connect with God on a deeper level through the Psalms?

I am excited to offer a free online course called Exploring the Book of Psalms. It offers valuable insight into the history, context, topics, background, and theology of these wonderful Hebrew poetic songs.

Discover the rich themes and heartfelt prayers which will help you give utterance to your own pleas and praises to the Lord. Whether you are a seasoned believer or new to the faith, this course is perfect for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of the Book of Psalms and its application to our lives.

The five-session course is completely online, with a new session emailed to you each week, to be explored at your convenience. You can start enjoying the free online course today: https://www.luthersem.edu/resources/psalms-course/



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God has given us the treasure trove of the Psalms to help us express our hearts when our own words fail us. Let's do all we can to become more familiar with this wonderful book of Scripture.

Best regards,

Heidi A. Droegemueller, CFRE Vice President for Seminary Relations Executive Director of the Luther Seminary Foundation Luther Seminary

Prayer List

Rebekah Amdahl (daughter of Bishop Bill Tesch)

Julianna Andrews

Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)

Anne Ebertowski

Jonathan Grothe

Terry Guttormson

Westin Hage (son of Dustin and Tasha Hage)

Katie Halvorson

Steve Harris

Vicki Harris

Darlene Hauge

Robert Hawkins

Former Bishop Arlen Hermodson

Marlene Hetland

Tom Hinkley (son of Janice Hinkley)

Ardyce Holte

Karen Jacobson

Gary Johnson (father of Darin Johnson)

Stephanie Johnson

Yvonne Johnson

Cole Kaiser (son of Melanie Nelson's niece)

Priscilla Lamby (aunt of Steve Johnson)

Sam Larson

Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)

Mandi Lindgren

Lynda Lohmeier (sister of Wally Jacobson)

Ron Ohren

Regan Okroi

Pastor Dale Pepelniak

Harlan Rise

Helen Rognlie

Tom Socha

Amy Sweeny

Diane (Penny) Todd

Jacquelyn Todd

Duane Trandem

Geri Viker

Leah Williams

Military Service of:

Colton Armstrong

Steele Armstrong

Dustin Beliles

Riley Culp

Stefan Horn

Stephen McCraven

Carlos Medina

Isaac Spaeth

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9am ILC Quilters	6pm Immanuel Bible Study	12:30pm ALC/ HLC Quilters	9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry		9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open
			6:30pm UVP 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation in Ada	at Hendrum Professional Building 218-861-5700		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am ALC with Communion 10:30am ILC Worship	9am ILC Quilters	6pm Immanuel Bible Study	12:30pm ALC/ HLC Quilters	9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry		
11:30am ILC Coffee & Fellowship ILC April/May Council Meeting following worship			6:30pm UVP 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation in Ada	5:30pm HLC Council Meeting		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Happy Mother's Day	9am ILC Quilters	6pm Immanuel Bible Study	12:30pm ALC/ HLC Quilters	9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry		9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open
9am HLC Worship Senior Recognition, Quilt Blessing and Blessing of the Seeds at HLC			1:30pm ILC WELCA			
10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am ILC Worship 11:30am ILC Coffee & Fellowship			5:00-7pm HLC Community Freewill Dinner			
11:30am-1:30pm 6th Grade Confirmation at HLC 11:30-1:30pm Sunday School at HLC			6:30pm UVP 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation in Ada			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	Pastor John Andrews (c) 701-306-2575 (o) 218-456-2144		
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Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter

May 2023

Mother's Day

May 14th

HALSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING PENDING APPROVAL

Thursday, April 13th, 5:30pm

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

Pastor John led with devotions from Psalms 16:1-11 Reports for March were reviewed.

Secretary: Minutes reviewed.

Deacons: Easter Baskets were passed out Easter Sunday, Jackie mentioned there are a few left over.

Trustees: Darin stated that there is a roof leak. As soon as the snow melts, they will be able to get up there and see what caused it to leak. Darin said the leaky parts in the flower room have been replaced. He also talked about the heat pump had shut down, it keeps the temp at about 62. There is not a lot of flow, one pump will be replaced to see if that helps.

Missions & Ministries: Jacked stated that Dearmina has resigned completely from Brew & Renew. Thank you Dearmina for everything you've done. Jackie said there have been a couple meetings since then. They are looking at doing more advertising for Brew and Renew, such as flyers in the bags at the grocery store and inserts included with the City of Halstad utility bills. Brew and Renew will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with specials every day. All the information on this will be included on the flyers. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Brew and Renew store.

Board of Education: Sunday school starts April 14th.

Memorial Secretary: Report on File

Treasurer: \$3,500.00 was transferred from parsonage savings. ELCA loan balance as of March 31st was \$59,422.67. ELCA savings balance was \$30,129.74.

Financial Secretary: Total deposits for March, including the \$3500.00 transferred from savings was \$14,503.16.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation starts again for one month and then there will be a break for summer. This will be every Wednesday until done.

Motion made by Donna and seconded by Alli to approve reports for March.

Old Business: Darin stated that they are shopping for Stucco, found some that should work great. This project will take place after the snow melts. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this.

New Business: *Palms that were supposed to be for Palm Sunday accidentally got delivered to the wrong door and were found frozen.

*Wednesday freewill dinners: May 17th, Halstad Business League; June – Lions Club; **July-OPEN**, **August-OPEN**

*Senior Recognition Sunday will be held May 14th

*Quilt Blessing Sunday will be held May 14th

*Blessing of Seeds will be May 14th

Next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Darin, seconded by Dean. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Heidi Horn, Council Secretary



12 Kyle Hellerud

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17 Tracy Holte

18 Ames Fassino

20 Corey DePoppe

05 Duane Trandem

22 Mary Hellerud

05 Roberta DePoppe

23 Gaven Nelson

10 Greg Schilling

27 Angela Mickelson

POINTS OF INTEREST -

ALC/HLC/ILC calendar is online at

uvparish.org/calendar

- HLC Roof Fundraiser Tax Deductible Donation
- April Council Minutes Pending Approval
- May 14th Senior Recognition, Quilt Blessing, Blessing of the Seeds and Mother's Day
- Thursday, May 11th, 5:30 pm HLC Council Meeting
- Thursday, May 17, 5-7pm—Freewill Community Dinner at HLC sponsored by Halstad Business League—Syttende Mai
- Brew & Renew open 1st & 3rdSaturdays 9am-2pm —
 Volunteers needed
- May Birthdays
- May Faith, Care & Share: Donna Scholl Family*; Bonnie
 Oanes; Russ & Shannon Watt Family
- May ALC Spic 'N Span: ALL CLEAN
- May Lawn Care: Darin Johnson*; Chad Tice; Matt Larson



Summer Calendar

Twice a month 9am-2pm

For clean and good condition donations, call Jackie at (218) 456-2433 or Pam at (218) 456-2403 to set up a time

Saturday, May 6

Half price pictures, frames, home decor

Saturday, May 20

\$5



All clothing you can fit in a bag

Saturday, June 3



Half price all furniture Saturday, June 17

\$5



All clothing you can fit in a bag

Saturday, July 1



Half price craft kits, supplies, sewing notions and sewing machines Saturday, July 15

\$5



All clothing you can fit in a bag

Saturday, August 5



Half price shoes Saturday, August 19

\$5



Back to school clothing sale

Located at 304 5th St E, Halstad, MN (Halstad Lutheran Church South Door)

VEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Add yourself to our email list to receive updates on new items - cherylaj@rrv.net

Varme Pølse (VARM - uh PULL-se): Hot dogs

Full Høt Døg Bar for those that do not wan served Norwegian style, wrapped in lefse their dogs wrapped in lefse

Lefse

Rømmegrøt

305 5th St E - Halstad, MN Halstad Lutheran Church





Mmmm... it's so good!

Menu:

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Immanuel Lutheran News & Views

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MAY FAITH CARE & SHARE

Kris & Faye DeLong (Team Leaders)
Steve and Christy Jacobson
John and Lorraine Jossund
Janet Nelson

Flower And Altar Guild

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

Communion Preparation

Faye DeLong and Pam Hedrich

Food Shelf Hours

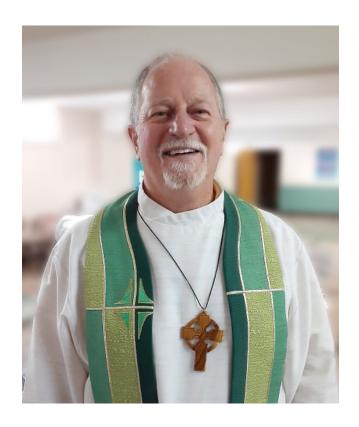
Thursdays 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. 218-861-5700

IMMANUEL CHURCH COUNCIL **PRESIDENT Faye DeLong** 218-456-2640 V. PRESIDENT 218-861-6284 **Del Schnabel** TREASURER **Tod Harrington** 701-860-6280 SECRETARY 701-860-6280 **Becky Harrington DEACON** 919-770-6812 **Amy Sweeney** BOARD OF ED. 218-861-2725 Jodi Bachmeier TRUSTEE 218-861-6420 **Mike Smart**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN APRIL/MAY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 7 AFTER WORSHIP

WELCA Meeting May 17 @ 1:30 PM

IMMANUEL WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY'S @ 6:00 PM
THRU TUESDAY, MAY 23



AND THE VOTES ARE IN...

All three congregations have voted YES to officially call Pastor John Andrews.

He has been serving as our interim since November 2021.





May Day - May 1

In the 1800s and early 1900s, people would mark the first of May by hanging baskets of flowers or sweets on

neighbors' doorknobs, knock on the door, and yell "May Basket!" then dash away before being discovered



National Day of Prayer - May 4

Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May.. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." For many, prayer is an integral part of daily life.



Cinco De Mayo May 5



Mother's Day May 14

Mother's Day is a

celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

Ascension Day – May 18

We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven by celebrating Ascension Day, which occurs on the Thursday, which is 40 (or 39) days after Easter.

Armed Forces Day - May 20



is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, and it is the day Americans celebrate their military. It is a

special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

QUILT BLESSING May 21

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS - May 21

Virginia Elizondo Shelby Lee, Sheyenne Lee

MEMORIAL DAY May 29

On Memorial Day, the **US Flag** should be flown at half-mast from dawn until noon only. From noon to dusk it should be flown at full.

Some people **wear a red poppy** in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem.