

# OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## UNITED VALLEY PARISH

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**Pastor John  
Andrews**



I had three experiences at the seminary that brought home the power of prayer. My first day back on campus after Summer Greek (two years of college level Greek in seven weeks, also known by several other names, none of which can be printed here), I ran into an older gentleman I had never met while walking across campus. He said "Hi, John" to me and when he noticed my perplexed look, he introduced himself as Wendell Frerichs. He was a retired professor who continued to do research on campus. He explained that he got a copy of the Seminary Directory as soon as it came out and started to pray, each day, for each student, by name, while looking at their picture. It allowed him to match names to faces and to personalize his prayers, especially after he got to know us. In my case, he added Juliana and our five children to his prayers. He had also prayed for me, and all of my classmates, through Summer Greek, even though he didn't yet know our names. I can't describe how it felt to know he was praying for me each day, but I wanted more of it.

Later that fall I was talking to Sister Dolores, one of my wife's two aunts who also happen to be nuns. Their order is headquartered in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and one of their ministries is to pray. Each nun at the convent took turns praying for an hour at a time, twenty-four hours a day. Sister Dolores and Sister Alice had added me to their prayer list and those nuns, most of whom I had never met, prayed for me all the way through the seminary.

I also found out that there were several people from Hope Lutheran in Fargo, including at least two pastors, who had also added me to their personal prayer lists, and continued to pray for me, day after day after day.

Their prayers apparently worked. After not attending school for twenty-seven years, I finished my undergraduate degree at NDSU and my Master of Divinity degree at Luther Seminary in five years. Nothing was tougher than Summer Greek. What would it have been like if people from North Dakota to Wisconsin hadn't been praying for me? I never had to find out, but I do know it helped. Living in the dorm at age fifty, wasn't nearly as much fun as it was at eighteen, yet I always had a sense of never being alone, that I was supported and loved throughout my time there. That was the power of prayer for me.

With that in mind, I propose that we make the next two months, the last two months of the church year, a time of focused prayer twice per day. If every member of all three congregations lifted a united voice to God in the morning and in the evening, it could be a powerful tool of hope, comfort and recovery for individuals in need of prayer and for their families. Start with the prayer list from the bulletin and add others as you learn of their needs. You could also find a daily devotional and incorporate that into your prayer life. You will be amazed at how often texts that seem to be randomly chosen will speak to you throughout the day. In a strange twist, you will get as much out of your efforts as those you are praying for.

For the next month, try to start and end your day in prayer, asking nothing for yourself, other than to hear God's call, then asking your Lord to use you as an instrument of God's grace for all those for whom you pray.

Next month I would like to add to your role as a prayer warrior.

Charis and Shalom, may God's grace and peace be with you. Pastor John

## Prayer List

Rebekah Amdahl (daughter of Bishop Bill Tesch)  
Elaine Borgen  
Peggy Bullis  
Anne Ebertowski  
Jonathan Grothe  
Terry Guttormson  
Westin Hage (son of Dustin and Tasha Hage)  
Katie Halvorson  
Darlene Hauge  
Robert Hawkins  
Former Bishop Arlen Hermodson  
Marlene Hetland  
Tom Hinkley (son of Janice Hinkley)  
Gary Johnson (father of Darin Johnson)  
Karen Jacobson  
Stephanie Johnson  
Yvonne Johnson  
Marilynn Krsnak  
Priscilla Lamby (aunt of Steve Johnson)  
Sam Larson  
Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)  
Mandi Lindgren  
Lynda Lohmeier (sister of Wally Jacobson)  
Regan Okroi  
Pastor Dale Pepelniak  
Harlan Rise  
Helen Rognlie  
Tom Socha  
Becky Todd  
Diane (Penny) Todd  
Jacquelyn Todd  
Duane Trandem  
Geri Viker

### **Military Service of:**

Colton Armstrong  
Steele Armstrong  
Dustin Beliles  
Riley Culp  
Stefan Horn  
Stephen McCraven  
Carlos Medina  
Isaac Spaeth

**Pastor John Andrews**

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**ILC Office Manager:  
Diann Prussia  
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# October 2022

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<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor John Andrews  <b>(c) 701-306-2575 - (o)218-456-2144</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Online Calendar <a href="http://www.uvparish.org/calendar">www.uvparish.org/calendar</a></p>						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10am-2pm Brew &amp; Renew Open</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9am ALC with Communion with coffee following            10:30am ILC Worship            11:30am ILC Coffee &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9am ILC Quilters</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9am ALC/HLC Quilters            6pm BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) at HLC</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building  <b>218-861-5700</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10am-2pm Brew &amp; Renew Open</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9am HLC Worship            10am HLC Coffee &amp; Fellowship            10:30am ILC Worship            11:30am ILC Coffee &amp; Fellowship            11:30am UVP 6th Grade Confirmation Class at Halstad            11:30am UVP Sunday School at Halstad</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9am ILC Quilters</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9am ALC/HLC Quilters            6pm BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) at HLC</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry            5:30pm HLC Council meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10am-2pm Brew &amp; Renew Open</p>
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<p><b>30</b></p> <p>REFORMATION SUNDAY            9am HLC Worship - Confirmation            10am HLC Coffee &amp; Fellowship            10:30am ILC Worship - Confirmation            11:30am ILC Coffee &amp; Fellowship</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9am ILC Quilters</p>					

# October 2022

## HLC Council Discussion Pending Approval Wednesday, September 14, 5:30pm

The HLC Council meeting was opened by Treasurer Cheryl Johnson in the absence of the President and Vice President at 5:30 p.m. Members attending: Maradee (Dede) Lee, Cheryl Johnson, Jackie Hellerud, Dean Nelson, Emily Finney, and Pastor John Andrews. Members absent: Jon Hellerud, Donna Scholl, Alli Tice, Chad Tice, Darin Johnson, and Gaylord Christianson.

Due to no quorum in attendance, the agenda was discussed but no voting was done.

Pastor John led, with council response, from Psalm 113:1-9 God the Helper of the Needy, which is the first Hallel on the first day of the eight-day Seder celebration. The reading was followed by prayer.

Reports were reviewed and discussed.

**UVP Parish Council:** Nothing yet

**Secretary:** August minutes are on file with no corrections.

**Deacons:** Jackie said that Alli would be giving her a list of new people in town to call on but she did not have it yet.

**Trustees:** Cheryl reported for Darin stating that the heat exchanger unit has not been purchased or installed yet. There is difficulty getting anyone to do the work.

**Missions & Ministries:** Brew & Renew Thrift Shop is again open on Saturdays and the third Wednesday evening of each month to coincide with the community dinners. Dearmina is now managing the store and is still in need of volunteers. There is no community dinner in September, but the store will be open from 10am to 6pm on Saturday, September 17th, for the Sugar Fest Day and HLC's BBQ Dinner.

**Board of Education:** Emily reported Sunday School and sixth grade Confirmation have started as of last Sunday and will continue on the second Sunday of each month from 11:30-1:30. Sunday School is for pre-K through 5th grade. SS will continue with the VBS theme until Christmas. The board set a date of Sunday, December 11, 12:30pm at HLC for the Christmas Program. Emily also stated that the UVP Education Board had

**September Meeting continued on next page...**



### POINTS OF INTEREST -

ALC/HLC/ILC calendar is online at  
[uvparish.org/calendar](http://uvparish.org/calendar)

- HLC Roof Fundraiser - **Tax Deductible Donation**
- HLC September Pending Approval Council Talk
- Thursday, October 13, 5:30 pm HLC Council Meeting
- Sunday, October 31, Confirmation
- Brew & Renew Thrift Shop Update
- Brew & Renew open Saturdays 10am-2pm
- October Birthdays
- October Faith, Care & Share: Bill Bentson; Jackie Hellerud\*; Noel Jacobson; Duane & Mary Trandem
- October ALC Spic 'N Span: Kathy Mickelson
- October Yard Care: Matt Finney\*; Darin Johnson

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2022 HLC Council Members: Jon Hellerud, president; Donna Scholl, vice-president; Dede Lee, secretary; Cheryl Johnson, treasurer/financial secretary; Alli Tice, memorial secretary; Board of Deacons, Gaylord Christianson, Chad Tice, Jackie Hellerud; Board of Trustees, Dean Nelson, Darin Johnson; Board of Education, Emily Finney

## ...September Council Meeting Continued

asked her to speak for the group regarding the Confirmation scheduling dilemma. Pastor John has met with Pastor Jack at Grace Lutheran, and they are working out the details including the use of "Here We Stand" as the teaching tool for joint Confirmation and the number of required sermon notes during the years of Confirmation. Grace Lutheran does not have Confirmation for sixth grade students. HLC would continue sixth grade Confirmation on the second Sunday of each month from 11:30-1:30 with the materials to be decided by Pastor John. Pastor John is asking anyone willing to mentor the Confirmation class with him to please contact him. He would like someone to commit to a full two years with these students to maintain continuity for everyone. Grace Lutheran pastor and council are in favor of combining the seventh and eighth grade Confirmation classes. Pastor John would take part in the teaching in Ada, but the rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) would still be in each of our local churches. Emily also said that we would help with expenses from our funds. Transportation or walking from the school on the west side of town to Grace Lutheran on the east side of town was also discussed again. Pastor would be willing to transport from school to Grace Lutheran since he is there anyway. One requirement at Grace Lutheran is that the Confirmation students attend one week of Bible Camp (any camp) before being confirmed. The cost is about \$550 per student and Grace Lutheran pays \$150 per student. Emily mentioned that fundraisers could be held to help defray the cost for our students.

**Memorial Secretary:** Report is on file.

**Treasurer/Financial Secretary:** Income: \$16,132.96 less \$1,152.00 memorials = \$ 14,980.96; Expenses: \$10,716.09. Net income: \$4,265.87. HLC also received a \$10,000 donation from the Harold and Frances Hage family in memory of their parents to be used as the trustees see fit. Cheryl said that Darin recommended this be applied to fixing the furnace and heat for the church offices. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Pastor:** Pastor John will officiate at a funeral at

Grace Lutheran in Ada this week as Pastor Jack Carlson is on vacation. Pastor John is also scheduled to perform two upcoming weddings for members at Immanuel. One will be west of Shelly and the other will be at the Hjekomst Center in Moorhead. Pastor met with the Synod office, and he needs to make a decision regarding a call, if we want to call him, within a few months. His wife, Julianna, has retired and would like them to spend some time traveling. Pastor said he would consider a one-year call if he could be granted six weeks of vacation during the year, possibly in two-week intervals. He will also begin asking for mileage compensation since he will be doing more traveling with Confirmation in Ada. More discussion will be held at the next council meeting.

**Old Business:** Cheryl said there is nothing new on the stucco information. She mentioned the need for workers and food donations for our annual BBQ Fundraiser set for this Saturday, September 17th, from 4-6 pm to coincide with "Sugar Fest". We will have the Brew & Renew Thrift Shop open from 10-6 and other events will be held at the beet park, weather permitting, or at Landmark (formerly NCW) and the LRC.

Dede mentioned that Dearmina has requested some training for this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. They will go over office procedures at that time.

**New Business:** Cheryl said she would like to request the internet speed upgrade from the local telephone company. There is no charge until January at which time the billing would increase by \$5.00 per month. Cheryl also passed out the existing HLC brochure and asked council to look it over and make recommendations for updates. The final preparations are being made for the BBQ Dinner from 4-6 on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next regular HLC Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 13th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The day needed to be changed due to Pastor John's Confirmation schedule in Ada on Wednesdays.

Discussion closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30 pm.

Maradee J. (Dede) Lee, Council Secretary

## HLC BREW & RENEW THRIFT SHOP

### WHAT WE ACCEPCT

### WHAT WE DON'T ACCEPT

Clothing & Footwear	Computers & Monitor
Sporting Goods	Keyboards & Mice
Household Goods	Printers & Fax Machines
Small Working Appliances	Old Paint
Linens	CRT TV's
Furniture	Broken or Stain Furniture
Outdoor Items (depends)	Hazardous Material
Jewelry	Broken or Chipped Glassware
Books	Weapons (including hunting knives or ammunition)
Board Games and Toys	Broken or Malfunction Items
Antiques	Large Appliances
Jewelry & Handbags	Tires & Batteries
Hats, Gloves, Scarves	Food Items
Seasonal Items	

Hi there,

It has been so much fun running the thrift store and seeing things that come in go out the door with customers. It seems everyone is always on a treasure hunt.

Here is the list of things that we accept for our store and things we do not.

**We accept donations Tuesday's from 1pm – 4pm.**

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Email: [dgustafson11413@gmail.com](mailto:dgustafson11413@gmail.com)  
 Phone/Text: 218-443-5372

We are also looking for volunteers Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Please contact me if you would like to take part in this. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time. We truly appreciate you!

Thank you and happy thrifting,  
 Dearmina Gustafson

## HLC ROOF FUND

We still have a way to go to finish paying for the roof. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all who gather in the church and future generations of church members.

There are many different ways for you can give to the roof fund.

1. A GoFundMe account has been set up so everyone who would like to help can go on our Facebook page (Halstad and Augustana Lutheran Churches) and click on the HLC Roof GoFundMe link.
2. Go on our website, [www.uvparish.org](http://www.uvparish.org), and click on "Giving" and then click on the "heart" above Halstad Lutheran Online Giving and donate directly to the roof memorial fund.
3. Mail a check or drop it off at church with "roof fund" in the memo line.

**REMEMBER, THE DONATION IS  
TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**



**God's Work, Our Hands Day was Sunday, September 11th, with kit blessings on September 18th.**

**We had a good turn out with congregation members getting kits ready for shipment. Thank you to all who donated supplies and helped pack kits.**

**Our mission could not be accomplished without your dedication to our church and ministry.**

**39 School Supply Kits**

**24 Personal Care Kits**

**24 Layette Kits**

**Along with 20 quilts donated, the ALC/HLC Quilters sent \$200 to Lutheran World Relief to help defray the cost of shipping our kits.**

H A P P Y

B I R T H D A Y

### October Birthdays

06 Lori Rufsvold	26 Ivy Christianson
07 Stephen McCraven	26 Kathy Holland
21 Peggy Bullis	27 Nicholas Gustafson
21 Wally Jacobson	30 Bret Holte
25 Cheryl Johnson	31 Helen Rognlie



## 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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Food Shelf: 218-861-5700

### ELEVATOR AVAILABLE



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Pastor John Andrews

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Phone: 701-306-2575

### OCTOBER FAITH CARE & SHARE

Tod & Becky Harrington (*Team Leaders*)  
Becky Kolness  
John Kolness & Netta  
Steve & Darlene Johnson

### Flower And Altar Guild

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

### Communion Preparation

Faye DeLong and Pam Hedrich

### Food Shelf Hours

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

IMMANUEL CHURCH COUNCIL		
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## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

### September 15, 2022

**Present:** Faye DeLong, Tod Harrington, Becky Harrington, Pastor John Andrews, Jodi Bachmeier, Diane Nelson, Del Schnabel. **Absent:** Mike Smart

Faye called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Pastor John led devotions. The opening question: Are members engaged? Motion by Becky, seconded by Jodi, to approve the board reports. Motion carried. Report Highlights:

- **Pastor's Report:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class meets the second Sunday of the month at 11:30; will meet with 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands and their parents. Pastor John is currently a term interim and is open to a call from our parish; he also expressed interest in increasing from four to six weeks of vacation (a compromise to retirement) and reducing salary by 1/26. Parish Council will need to discuss next. The NW Synod has training available to support lay leaders in ministry.
- **Education:** United Valley Parish education committee met. Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday Funday School will be second Sunday of the month, 11:30-1:30 in Halstad. Operation Christmas Child service project will happen this fall. First Communion: Maundy Thursday, April 6. Checking account balance: \$9,374.46.
- **Trustee:** Doing more dirt work around foundation. A new window air conditioner is needed in the office and window by the lift to be insulated before winter.
- **Deacon:** Ronald McDonald House (Mission of the Year) needs grab-n-go snacks; donations can be left at

the church. Suggested doing community ham/turkey bingo to bring people together this fall.

- **Treasurer:** August income for ministry: \$6,815.26; August expenses for ministry: \$4,890.90; net \$1,924.36; general fund balance: \$6,338.41.

**Unfinished Business:**

- We received a \$1,500 Go For It grant from the NW Synod to support our Family Meals ministry stemming from the *Practicing Resurrection: Experiencing Vitality* process. The goal is to connect with families by offering meals and family devotions to share during their meal. Becky, Diane, and Faye will develop the full action plan.

**New Business:**

- Motion by Tod, seconded by Jodi, to support 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students meeting at Grace Lutheran in Ada, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30. Motion carried. Pastor John will be an instructor. Looking for a small group discussion leader to assist; curriculum provided. Students will be confirmed in their respective churches.
- Communion will be held on the first and third Sundays.
- The Food Shelf moved from the church to the Hendrum Professional Building. Discussed options for the remaining refrigerator, upright freezer, and chest freezer. No action taken.
- The council will meet next October 20, 6:30 pm.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Harrington

**Immanuel Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 20 @ 6:30 PM.**

**WELCA Meeting: October 19**  
**@ 1:30 PM**

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**THANK YOU**

Dear Folks of Immanuel Lutheran:  
Thank you so much for your hospitality in sharing your beautiful church with us as we said good-bye to our Connie (Magnuson) Nygaard. We felt very welcomed and the look of Jesus is alive in this place!  
Blessings on your ministry!  
The family of Connie Nygaard

**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE** still has a need for snack foods. A basket is on the table in Immanuel entry.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you Arlen C. Meline for the generous donation to Immanuel Lutheran Church in memory of Bernice & Albert Meline and John Meline.

The amount of the check was the net proceeds from the sale of an antique tractor that had been in the family since 1938. It has been totally restored and has a new home near Alexandria, MN. God bless you!



Immanuel Quilting  
will be starting again  
Monday, October 3rd  
at 9 AM.

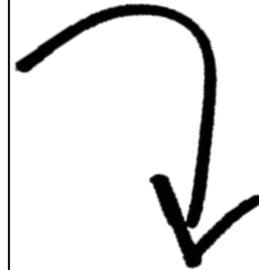
# Practicing Resurrection: Experiencing Vitality

## Immanuel Looking Forward Together



### What We've Done

- Participated
- ✓ Practicing Resurrection: Experiencing Vitality process
- Analyzed
- ✓ Statistics
  - ✓ Demographics
  - ✓ Interviews
- Examined
- ✓ Passions
  - ✓ Resources
  - ✓ Community Needs



### What We're Good At

#### Feeding Community

- ✓ Gospel
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Lefse
- ✓ Donuts



### What We've Learned

#### People

- ✓ Respect each other
- ✓ Enjoy fellowship
- ✓ Value stewardship

#### Community

- ✓ Spread Gospel
- ✓ Outreach
- ✓ Support projects

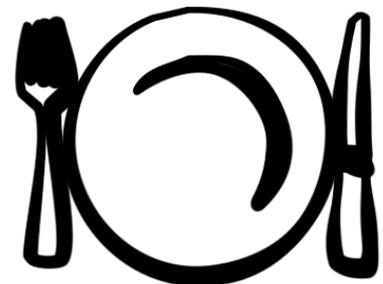
#### Structure

- ✓ Solid church building
- ✓ Affordable housing

### What We'll Do

#### Spread the Gospel

- ✓ Provide family meals
- ✓ Share family devotions
- ✓ Host music & fellowship events: Beer & Hymns, Songs & S'mores
- ✓ Connect with shut-ins, newcomers, and neighbors
- ✓ Care and Pray for community



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