

April Newsletter

I write this on Tuesday of Holy week. As I drove up to Halstad today on the skating rink called US Highway 75, I was surprised, because the two-day blizzard warning that turned out to be mostly a bust had expired two hours earlier, yet today the weather was much worse than during the two previous days. Leaving Moorhead, I pulled onto the highway praying that nobody was already on the road because I could not see them coming. I know, I should have turned around and returned home at that point, but again, it's Holy Week and I have too much to do. What struck me as I was driving was how often weather forecasts prove wrong. I know there are so many variables that it's difficult to be totally accurate and that we've come a long way from the days when a blizzard would come "out of nowhere" and catch people out hunting or strand people in their cars, but this prediction was a spectacular bust, at least between Fargo and Halstad. I am aware it was much worse south of us, but the forecast clearly covered our area.

And that led me to ponder how often humans let us down. Not just weather persons, but people in power, especially today. People who at least initially promised one thing but gave us something else. Like those who promised to uphold the constitution, only to try to destroy it. Please don't get me wrong. I'm not indicting all politicians. What would our communities be like without people willing to step up and step in when all those local jobs need to be done? But it does seem that the more power proffered by the position, the more some people

are willing to do in order to keep it. And that is increasingly disappointing.

And that led me to ponder life with a little less cynicism. Hopefully you have people in your life who love you enough to put your well-being before their quest for power, or position, or money; who are willing to invest their time and talents in you; who will put your interests before their own. And then I thought about those who don't have those types of people in their lives.

And that led me to think about how often we disappoint God (and that probably led you to think that, maybe, this guy should focus more on his driving). Over and over God has called us to be the kind of people who will put others first, who will invest their time and talents so all may come to know God's love. And over and over we fail to act as we know we should, with sins of commission and omission.

And that led me to think that God never disappoints. The God that died on the cross for us, so we can live, is willing to do whatever it takes to bring us to him. That God only has our best interests at heart. We just need to follow God's will for our lives and everyone will at least have the chance to live eternally.

Happy Seven Sundays of Easter

Pastor John

p.s. and now that you know what I do while I'm driving to work; you might want to give my car a wide berth.



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KIDS CLUB

WHO: 4th - 6th GRADE

WHAT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WHERE KIDS WILL LEARN ABOUT *Jesus's love and God's saving grace.*

WHEN: THIRD WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30PM - 6:30PM
(AFTER THE COMMUNION MEAL)

WHERE: HALSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH
304 5th ST E, HALSTAD MN

SPONSORED BY: UNITED VALLEY PARISH

Next Session:
Wednesday, April 17th
**RESURRECTION
JOY**

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
Stephanie Johnson
Yvonne Johnson
Cole Kaiser (son of Melanie Nelson's niece)

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

Family of Duane Trandem
Gloria Uekert (Amy Sweeney's mother)

Military Service of:

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

April 2024

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	<p>1</p> <p>9am ILC Quilters 12:30pm HLC Quilters</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm BSF - Women's Bible Study at HLC 6pm ILC Bible Study in Hendrum</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building 218-861-5700</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open 6pm—Hendrum Fire & Rescue 26th Annual Steak Supper & Fun Night</p>
<p>April 1 - April 8 Pastor on vacation</p>						
<p>7</p> <p>9am ALC with Communion 9:00am ILC Worship 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am ILC Quilters 12:30pm HLC Quilters</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm BSF - Women's Bible Study at HLC 6pm ILC Bible Study in Hendrum</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm UVP 7th & 8th Confirmation Classes at Grace in Ada</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</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>15</p> <p>9am ILC Quilters 12:30pm HLC Quilters</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm BSF - Women's Bible Study at HLC 6pm ILC Bible Study in Hendrum</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30pm ILC WELCA 6:30pm UVP 7th & 8th Confirmation Classes at Grace in Ada 5-7pm HLC Community Supper hosted by HBL 5:30-6:30 Community Kids Club at HLC during dinner</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9am ILC Worship with Communion & Senior Recognition and Quilt Blessing 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship 10am HLC Breakfast by council 10:30am HLC Worship with Communion & Senior Recognition and Quilt Blessing 11:30am HLC Council Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am ILC Quilters 12:30pm HLC Quilters</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm BSF - Women's Bible Study at HLC 6pm ILC Bible Study in Hendrum</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm UVP 7th & 8th Confirmation Classes at Grace in Ada</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9am ILC Worship 10:00 ILC Annual Meeting 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am HLC Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am ILC Quilters 12:30pm HLC Quilters</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6pm BSF - Women's Bible Study at HLC 6pm ILC Bible Study</p>	<p>Pastor John Andrews (c) 701-306-2575 (o) 218-456-2144</p> <p>Online Calendar www.uvparish.org/calendar</p>			

April 2024

Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter



Halstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Pending Approval

Sunday, March 17, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m.

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

Reports for January & February were reviewed.

UVP Parish Commission Update: No update

Secretary: Minutes reviewed.

Deacons: Jackie stated that she received money for Easter plants. The plan is to have a procession on Easter Sunday with plants and banners.

Trustees: Darin stated that HVAC was out twice last week, the units are leaking freon. The units are 22 years old.

Missions & Ministries: Brew and Renew brought in \$932. Volunteers are needed, split shifts could be an option.

Board of Education: Vacant position. Pastor stated Wednesday Sunday School has been working well.

Memorial Secretary: Report on file.

Treasurer: Report on file

Financial Secretary: Total deposits from January was \$11,906.35, total deposits from February was \$7,646.00.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John stated that there will be two baptisms in the near future. Saturday, March 23rd is the date set for the 1st Communion class. Pastor John will be on vacation April 1st – 8th (no confirmation class that week). Confirmation classes start again Wednesday, April 10th at Grace Lutheran Church.

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

Old Business: *Stucco for outside: tabled until spring.

New Business:

*Wednesday freewill dinners: March 20th – Soup Kitchen; April 17th – HBL; May 15th – Western Norman County Fund; June 19th – Kim H and Vonnie J; July 17th - Donna Scholl and class; August 21st – Holy Family; September 18th – OPEN; October 16th – ILC WELCA; November 20th – OPEN; December 18th - OPEN

*Council will be serving dinner again this year at Sugar Fest, which will be held on September 28th.

*Every third Sunday we will be collecting donations for the food pantry.

*Next council meeting – April 21st, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Jackie, seconded by Darin.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Heidi Horn, Council Secretary

POINTS OF INTEREST -

ALC/HLC/ILC calendar is online at
uvparish.org/calendar

- HLC Roof Fundraiser (\$34,000 remaining)
- Bible Studies at HLC on Tuesdays; ILC Tuesday Bible Study through April.
- Collecting non-perishable food items all month to be delivered on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Wednesday, April 17, 5-7pm Community Dinner at HLC - hosted by HBL - Kid's Club during dinner
- April 21 - 10am HLC Breakfast hosted by council
- April 21 - Senior Recognition and Quilt Blessing at HLC
- April 21 - 11:30am HLC council meeting
- Brew & Renew open 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9am-2pm
- April Birthdays
- April Faith, Care & Share: Matt & Emily Finney family; Matt & Angie Larson family*; Kurt & Pam Vandermeer
- April ALC Spic 'N Span: Angela Mickelson
- April Spring Care: Everyone

Senior Recognition

Sunday, April 21, 10:30am

Ryan Christianson Sam Melting
Wyatt Larson Charlie Scholl

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

05 Roberta DePope 18 Ames Fassino
10 Greg Schilling 20 Corey DePope
12 Kyle Hellerud 22 Mary Hellerud
12 Greg Strand 23 Gavin Nelson
17 Tracy Holte 27 Angela Mickelson

Quilt Blessing

Sunday, April 21, 10:30am - Quilt Blessing, sale and presentation of quilts to the graduating seniors.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

FREEWILL Community Supper

Halstad Lutheran Church - 304 5th St E

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
5-7PM
BUILD YOUR OWN
PASTA BAR



You pick the ingredients, we do the cooking.

Pasta: spaghetti, rotini

Meat: chicken, meatballs, sausage, pepperoni

Vegetables: onion, peppers, mushrooms, black olives

*Sauces: marinara (red), alfredo
garlic bread*

Special banana dessert for National Banana Day

HOSTED BY

Halstad Business League

ALL PROCEEDS HELP DEVELOP + GROW BUSINESSES IN HALSTAD.



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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ELEVATOR AVAILABLE



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APRIL FAITH CARE AND SHARE

Harley & Bonnie Scholl (Team Leaders)
Ray & Amy Sweeney
Paul Martinson and Karen Jacobson

FLOWER AND ALTAR GUILD

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Faye DeLong and Pam Hedrich

IMMANUEL CHURCH COUNCIL		
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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council March 24, 2024

The March 2024 meeting of Immanuel Lutheran Church was called to order by President Faye DeLong @ 10am on March 10, 2024.

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

Pastor's Report: 1. First Communion Class 9am-11am in the upper room of church on Saturday March 23rd; same day as Men's Pancake Breakfast. 2. Pastor on vacation the first week in April (pulpit supply is needed) and 2 Sundays in May while Pastor is on vacation. 3. Pastor will be needing a minor knee procedure. 4. There will be 1 student (9th grader) confirmed on May 12th. 5. Lenten services are going well.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed.

Deacon's Report: A Mission of the year in 2024 will be to consider Victims Assistance Program of Ada in Norman County. Deacon will do a bit of checking on this first..

Trustees: Bid has come in from Pete Jacobson for remodel of men's room to accessible door & restroom for both genders. This doesn't include flooring, painting, etc. Bonnie Scholl & Amy Sweeney volunteered to paint the restroom. Kris Delong will install flooring. New restroom fixtures will be purchased, in addition to "quick heat" water heaters kitchen, restroom. Trustees will check with a Hendrum resident on plumbing. Discussion of floor drain.

Discussion of a second bid for furnace duct inspection & cleaning. Paint, water heaters & flooring will need to be purchased.

Discussion of funds to cover water heaters and accessible restroom within budget

Immanuel will need to provide some soup & sandwiches on Lenten Service @ Halstad Lutheran on 3rd Wednesday with funds to support local food shelves—to include Immanuel.

Education: Kid's Club: Easter Egg Hunt & Skit @ Immanuel on March 23rd.

Next meeting will be April 14, 2024.

Meeting adjourned 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Todd

**Immanuel Church Council Meeting,
Sunday, April 14 following worship.**

WELCA Meeting: April 17, 1:30 PM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT IMMANUEL

Immanuel Women's Bible Study meets again April 2nd from 6-7 pm. We will meet for all 5 Tuesdays in April and end with the last lesson on Tuesday, April 30.

ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM PROJECT will be around \$20,000 with \$14,265 currently in the bathroom fund and only \$5,820 left to reach our goal. The envelope fundraiser is still underway. A series of envelopes represent different donation amounts and supporters select an envelope of their desired gift size, put their money in it, and return it. We give thanks for all the donations received. **This project will make our church building more accessible for those**



IMMANUEL MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST, EASTER EGG HUNT & EASTER STORY SKIT



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR RECOGNITION & QUILT BLESSING - APRIL 21