

New Year's Resolutions for the Uncommitted

I promise to stop procrastinating... tomorrow.
I will eat less sugar...next month.
I will drink more water...disguised as coffee.
I will drink less coffee at work...by switching to espresso.
I will go to the gym...at least once...even if it's just to look around.
I will avoid things that make me fat...like scales and mirrors.
I will walk more...especially to the fridge.
I vow to breathe more deeply...especially around annoying people.
I will learn to meditate...hopefully without falling asleep.
I will find more hobbies...so I can quit them along with my New Years Resolutions.

New Year's Groaners (also known as "Dad Jokes")

What is a New Year's resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.

What was Dr. Frankenstein's New Year's resolution?

To make new friends.

What do you call someone who says they know all the words to Auld Lang Syne?

A liar.

What New Year's resolution should a basketball player never make?

To travel more.

Where can you go to practice math on New Year's Eve?

Times Square.

Why did the man stand on one leg at midnight on New Year's?

He wanted to start the year on the right foot.

What did the woman say when she was offered a raisin on New Year's Eve?

"No thanks. I already have a date."

What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve?

Chill out.

Why do you need a jeweler on New Year's Eve?

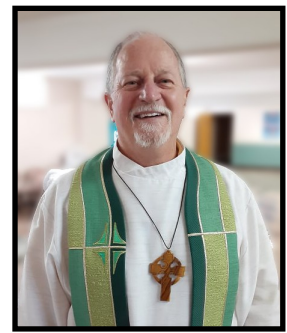
To ring in the New Year.

What did George Washington do in the days leading up to New Year's?

He made a New Year's revolution.

This New Year choose to be happy. Look for humor wherever you can find it. Hang out with others who bring you happiness. Bring happiness to others. Reconcile with someone in your family you've had a disagreement with. Call or visit a friend you haven't seen for awhile. Make a new friend and share your joy with them. Have a joyous 2026!

Pastor John.



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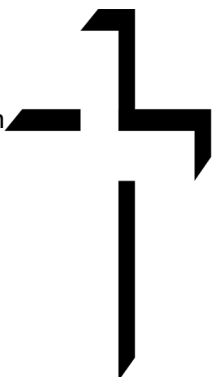
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Prayer List

Lorie Arneson (Vonnie Jacobson's sister)
Ron Berry (Karen Smart's brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)
Jonathan Grothe
Terry Guttormson
Westin Hage (son of Dustin and Tasha Hage)
Katie Halvorson
Marlene Hetland
Tom Hinkley (son of Janice Hinkley)
Cole Kaiser (son of Melanie Nelson's niece)
Becky Kolness
Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)
Paul Martinson
Pastor Myron Nysether
Regan Okroi
Harlan Rise
Helen Rognlie
Tom Socha
Becky Todd
Diane (Penny) Todd
Jacquelyn Todd
Marijo Vik
Netta Wenshau

Military Service of:

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



January 2026

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<p>Pastor John Andrews (c) 701-306-2575 (o) 218-456-2144</p> <p>Online Calendar www.uvparish.org/calendar</p>				1 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building	2	3 9am-2pm Renew Thrift Store Open
4 9am ALC with Communion 9am ILC Worship 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship	5 6pm BSF at HLC	6	7	8 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building	9	10
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United Valley Parish Annual Meetings - Participation is Encouraged

January 25 following worship - Immanuel Lutheran

February 1 following worship - Augustana Lutheran

February 8 following worship - Halstad Lutheran

January

Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter 2026

Halstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Sunday, November 16, 2025

President Donna Scholl called the meeting to order following church services.

Present: Cheryl & Darin Johnson, Pam Vandermeer, Chad & Alli Tice, Donna Scholl, Jackie Hellerud, Pastor John

Trustee: Heat is now in the kitchen.

Board of Ed: None existent, but discussed whether it should be revived in the future.

Memorial Secretary: Balance of \$12,500 in the account.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Purchased baptism candles. Sonia Meline is not wanting to be paid for playing in church. She stated that that is her offering to the church. Thank you, Sonia.

Pastor: There are 3 confirmands. Attendance is up in the church.

A motion was made by Darin and seconded by Chad to approve the reports as supplied.

New & Other Business: Council breakfast will be discontinued for now and revisited in the spring.

Kim and Lori will talk to someone at the school about The Giving Tree.

The meal was discussed for the dumpling dinner fundraiser. Same as last year. Dessert will be strawberry jello cake. We will again have deliveries. Darin will call Dean about making the dumplings.

Previous insurance was cancelled as of October 23rd.

Church decorating for the holidays will be November 23rd.

Halstad Lutheran Church will have the community dinner on December 17th.

The church doors have not been opened a few times for Sunday morning services, so Cheryl will speak to Jeff about that.

The meeting concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be held December 14th after church.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Vandermeer

Halstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Pending Approval

Council Present: Dean Nelson, Jon Hellerud, Pam Vandermeer, Pastor John, Jackie Hellerud, Cheryl and Darin Johnson, Donna Scholl, and Alli Tice

President Donna Scholl called the meeting to order.

Special thanks to those who decorated the church for Christmas.

Trustees: Darin explained that the west side of the building is on one heat pump. There is heat to the Sunday School rooms and the kitchen. The heat pump to the fellowship hall is out. The kitchen doors and the east/west doors to the Narthex can remain open.

Secretary: Minutes viewed.

Memorial Secretary: Report viewed.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Pastor has been switched to United Healthcare.

Pastor: Philip will play for the Christmas Eve services. Sonia will preach at both services December 28. Pastor will be on vacation February 1st.

A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jackie to approved the reports as supplied.

Other Business:

The Sunday School account will be transferred to the UVP Educational account. Donna and Faye will get together and figure out how much will be transferred. The balance in our Sunday School Fund is \$2800.

The Dumpling Dinner was a success with 174 meals sold. The Annual Meeting is the second Sunday in February.

Santa was secured for Santa Day on December 17th during the community dinner. We have several months available for community dinners in 2026.

Jon Hellerud and Dean Nelson announced their resignations from church council. Cheryl is also looking for someone to take over the treasurer position.

Jackie asked if Christmas songs can be played on the carillon.

The next council meeting will be Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Vandermeer



Immanuel Lutheran News & Views

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strengthened by God's Word,
Reaching out to all people
with Christ's love.*

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Steve & Christy Jacobson
John & Lorraine Jossund

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Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Diane Nelson and Pam Hedrich

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council December 14, 2025

Present: Faye DeLong, Bonnie Scholl, Amy Sweeney, Tod Harrington, Becky Harrington, Del Schnabel, Pastor John Andrews **Absent:** Mike Smart

Faye called the meeting to order at 9:58 am on December 14, 2025.

Report Highlights:

- **Pastor:** Will be gone December 28; Sonja Meline will do pulpit supply. Three students are in confirmation.
- **Secretary:** Minutes from November 9, 2025 meeting.
- **Treasurer:** November income for ministry: \$3,890.00; expenses for ministry: \$5,552.80, net -\$1,662.80, general fund \$7,364.77.
- **Deacon:** Gideon, Jon Peterson, provided a temple talk on December 7; \$110 was raised to provide 67 Bibles. Sonja Meline will lead worship on the 1st Sunday in January.
- **Trustee:** The office needs some new light bulbs.
- **Board of Education:** Kids Club is held the third Wednesday each month, 6-7 pm at Halstad Lutheran in conjunction with the community meal. The United Valley Parish Education bank account has been closed, with funds transferred into the Halstad Lutheran Church accounts. Faye will follow up to understand the process to track/use funds when education needs arise.

Motion by Tod, seconded by Amy, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

- **Unfinished Business:**

The 25 Cent Store welcomed 77 kids on December 13 and raised \$240.10 for the

Halstad Lutheran Giving Tree. Christmas in the Barn will take place December 14, 5:30 pm, at the Karen Friesz Farm (Brommenschenkel). Christmas Eve Service at Immanuel, 4 pm.

New Business:

- Immanuel's annual meeting is January 25, 2026, following worship. Annual reports will be due in early January.
- Nominating committee of Diane Nelson, Cindy Todd, and Pam Hedrich will seek volunteers for Council vice president, secretary, trustee and board of education plus other miscellaneous positions.

Next council meeting is January following worship. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m., and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Harrington

ILC Church Council - January 11th following worship.



IMMANUEL'S ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

after worship (approx. 10am). All annual reports need to be submitted to (church secretary) no later

than January 14 so they can be printed and available at worship January 18th.

IMMANUEL'S BUDGET

Many people wait until the end of the year to make a financial contribution to their church. The 2025 year ended Dec. 31st. If you have forgotten to tithe, please include a note with your contribution so that you can be given credit for the 2025 year.



Offering

"CLIMATE CHANGE"

We found the plans for our church from 1958. A lot of thought and expertise went into it so the building would serve the congregation for many years to come. At that time, no one thought too much about utility costs. Energy costs were low and stable until the oil embargo of the early 1970s. Fuel oil was only 16¢ a gallon and electric was cheap. Since then, we have started to pay attention to the cost to heat our houses and drive our cars. Unfortunately, we didn't really think as much about the cost increases for the church. That has now changed.

In the '90s the church foundation was insulated and off-peak electric heat was added to save on heating costs. In more recent years, we insulated the roof and put wind and impact resistant shingles on the church. Just recently we replaced lighting with LED bulbs, insulated the bell tower and are now paying closer attention to the usage of the church with programmable thermostats. When one considers the volume of our church it's like heating and cooling 3 or 4 houses! We just had our 150th anniversary and look for ways to continue to 200 years, so we continue to find ways to improve efficiency.

You may have seen the donation jar that was put up on the table as you enter, making a joke by naming it "Climate Change". We are referring to donating your pocket change to help maintain the 'climate' in the church. Maybe one of us unshaven guys should dress in old clothes and say

"Thank you and God Bless".
Del Schnabel, Council Vice President

ALL IMMANUEL REPORTS must be submitted to the church office by **8 AM, January 14th**. The Annual Reports will be ready for distribution on January 18, 2026.