

# Augustana/Halstad/Immanuel - United Valley Parish

## 2025 - UVP August Newsletter

[This article was “borrowed” from a sermon given at the All-School Reunion service at Halstad Lutheran on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Sorry if you missed it. I had a lot of fun and there was potluck!]

There are over 70 passages that mention fish, fishing or fishermen in the Bible. There are several lists of Jesus’ apostles but Peter and Andrew, James and John are always mentioned first. Of course, they were fishermen. Why? Because fishermen are ideally suited to be apostles.

They have the right **attitude** and handle **adversity** well. They take what life deals them. If they’re not biting today, they are certain they’ll be biting tomorrow. And adversity comes to us all, but it seems to be attracted to fishermen. Sudden storms; the motor quits; if they run out of gas its always on the other side of the lake; mosquitoes, gnats and flies feast on them; then someone falls in from too much imbibing, yet they just keep coming back for more.

They have **purpose** and **persistence**. Nothing can stop a fisherman when he’s heard they’re biting. He would fish with purpose everyday of the week, if his wife would let him, because he knows he was born to fish. And if you see one guy on a lake with 300 holes drilled in the ice, you know you’re dealing with persistence. Either that or he got a new gas ice auger for Christmas and he can’t stop trying it out.

They go through life with **hope** and **happiness**. They live in hope that the big one’s going to take their line and run and fight, and run and fight, and run some more until they’ve got the makings of a great fish tale, and a picture to prove that the fish was the whopper, and not their story about catching it. If happiness isn’t coming their way, they create their own. Even if they aren’t biting, at least they’re out fishing and that beats working any day of the week.

And finally they have a deep **spirituality**. What could be more spiritual than sitting in a boat on a lake that looks like a sheet of glass, and for some reason the mosquitoes aren’t biting that day, but the sunnies are. And you’re sharing it with someone you love. And you KNOW there is a GOD and you come off the lake ready to tackle the world. Those are the kind of people our Lord is looking for.

Now we just need to get them into church, so we can send them out into the world to use their gifts, fishing for people like them, who God has prepared to follow his path.

I’ll close with some final thoughts:

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Prayer isn’t for us to give instructions; it’s for reporting for duty.

God makes you fishers of people. You catch ‘em; God will clean ‘em.

Pastor John



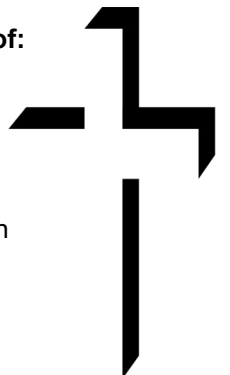
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**ILC Office Manager:**  
**Diann Prussia**  
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## Prayer List

Lorie Arneson (Vonnie Jacobson's sister)  
Ron Berry (Karen Smart's brother)  
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)  
Julie Brookshire  
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)  
Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)  
Paul Martinson  
Pastor Myron Nysether  
Regan Okroi  
Marcia Onsgard  
Harlan Rise  
Helen Rognlie  
Tom Socha  
Becky Todd  
Daniel Todd  
Diane (Penny) Todd  
Jacquelyn Todd  
Gloria Uekert (Amy Sweeney's mom)  
Marijo Vik  
Cyndi Weber (Netta Wenshau's mother)  
Netta Wenshau  
Jessica Zinniel  
**Military Service of:**  
Colton Armstrong  
Steele Armstrong  
Dustin Beliles  
Riley Culp  
Stefan Horn  
Stephen McCraven  
Carlos Medina  
Isaac Spaeth  
Gabriel Mertz  
Tucker Hansen





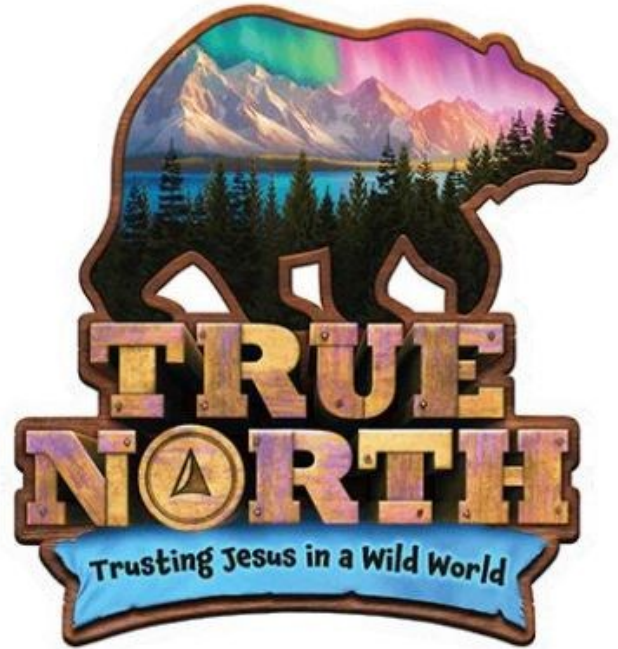
# UNITED VALLEY PARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Hendrum MN

Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> — Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm — 7:30pm

For all children, Kindergarten — 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
No cost — Meal provided

Older youth & adults welcomed to help  
Contact: Bonnie (701) 860-6470 or Becky (701) 860-6280



## August 11th through August 19th



# August 2025

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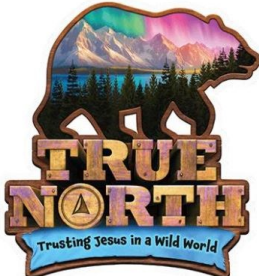
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Online Calendar <a href="http://www.uvparish.org/calendar">www.uvparish.org/calendar</a>						9am-2pm Renew Thrift Store Open
3 9am ALC with Communion 10:30am ILC Worship 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship	4 NO HLC Quilting in August	5	6	7 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building 5:30pm HLC Council	8	9
10 9am HLC Worship 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am ILC Worship 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship ILC Council Meeting following worship	11	12	13	14 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry	15	16 9am-2pm Renew Thrift Store Open
<b>UVP VBS (Vacation Bible School) at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 5-7:30 (M-Thur) K-5th grade - meal provided.</b> Volunteers can contact Bonnie @701-860-6470 or Becky @ 701-860-6280						
17 9am HLC Service with Communion 10am HLC Council Breakfast 10:30am ILC Service with Communion	18	19	20 1:30pm ILC WELCA 5-7pm Freewill Community Dinner hosted by Ada Borup West FFA and FACS	21 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry	22	23
24 9am HLC Service 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am ILC Worship 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship	25	26	27 Hendrum Family Fun Night including Immanuel Corn Feed	28 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry	29	30
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# Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter

## 2025



### Halstad Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 12, 2025 5:30 PM

**Members Present:** Pam Vandermeer, Darin and Cheryl Johnson, Alli Tice, and Pastor John. It was determined that we did not have a quorum to conduct business as usual.

**Pastor's Report:** Lydia Christianson is the new office manager/secretary. Discussion was had about a July 27th All School Reunion Service to be held outdoors at HLC @ 10:30 with it being a joint service. VBS at Immanuel August 11-14

**Treasurer/Financial Secretary Report:** A \$250 donation from Little Learners was given to the church.

**New Business:** A farewell/ thank you pot luck will be held June 29th following church services at HLC for Philip as this will be his last Sunday as organist. A gift has been ordered. Thank you Philip for sharing your time and your talent. Brats/hotdogs will be served at our HLC hosted dinner on July 16th.

Next council meeting will be held July 10th @ 5:30  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Vandermeer  
HLC Council Secretary

### Halstad Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 10 - pending approval

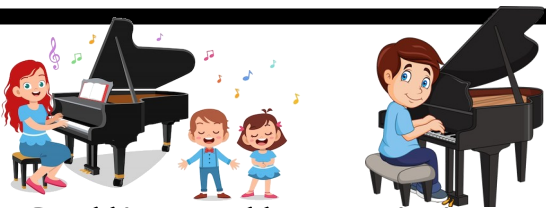
Those in attendance: Pastor John, Alli Tice, Donna Scholl, and Pam Vandermeer There were not enough members in attendance to have a quorum. An informal meeting followed.

**Pastor's Report:** Lorraine and Andrew Jossund will provide the music for the joint service to be held July 27th at HLC. It will be an outdoor 10:30 service (weather permitting) with a potluck to follow. No luck finding a piano player for services. Stacey Christianson will cover the Augustana service, and Clarinda Schna-

bel will play one Sunday a month until we find someone. We will continue to follow leads. Pastor will be covering for Grace Lutheran in Ada and also for the Shelly church at the end of July.

**Other Business:** HLC will host the community supper on July 16, 2025. Hot dogs, brats, beans, chips, pasta salad and bars will be on the menu.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Vandermeer  
HLC Council Secretary



### Calling all musicians!

Halstad Lutheran Church is looking for someone to share their piano talent during our weekly services. You don't need to be a member - just someone who loves to play and uplift others through music.

Please spread the word and help us fill our church with beautiful sound!

Call 218-456-2144, leave message or [hlp@rrv.net](mailto:hlp@rrv.net)

### School Supplies Needed for School Kits



- 70 page, one subject, spiral bound notebooks
- 24 pack boxed crayons
- Blue or black ink stick pens (like BIC) (NO gel pens)
- #2 UNSHARPENED wooded pencils with eraser ends

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A bowl of tomato soup with a slice of bread, a plate of salad, and a pan of baked tomato soup with a slice of bread.



## 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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P.O. Box 130  
Hendrum, MN 56550

Church: 218-861-6218  
Food Shelf: 218-861-5700

### ELEVATOR AVAILABLE



You can contact  
Pastor John Andrews

Email: revjohn52@yahoo.com  
Phone: 701-306-2575

### AUGUST FAITH CARE AND SHARE

Pam Hedrich (Team Leader)  
Brian & Deb Borgen  
Cindy Todd

### FLOWER AND ALTAR GUILD

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Diane Nelson and Pam Hedrich

IMMANUEL CHURCH COUNCIL		
PRESIDENT	Faye DeLong	218-456-2640
V. PRESIDENT	Del Schnabel	218-861-6284
TREASURER	Tod Harrington	701-860-6280
SECRETARY	Becky Harrington	701-860-6280
DEACON	Amy Sweeney	919-770-6812
BOARD OF ED.	Bonnie Scholl	701-860-6470
TRUSTEE	Mike Smart	218-861-6420

## Immanuel Lutheran Church Council July 13, 2025

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

**Absent:** none

Faye called the meeting to order at 11:27  
am on July 13, 2025

### Report Highlights:

- **Pastor:** July 27 will be a joint UVP service, 10:30 am, Halstad Lutheran Church east lawn with potluck to follow. The service is in conjunction with the Pirate-Panther All-School Reunion.
- **Secretary:** Minutes from May 18, 2025 meeting. There was no June council meeting.
- **Treasurer:** May income for ministry: \$3,315, expenses for ministry: \$7,915.27, net -\$4,600.27, general fund - \$76.13; parsonage taxes was a large May expense. June income for ministry: \$10,496.68, expenses for ministry: \$4,699.33, net \$5,797.35, general fund \$6,064.15; parsonage rent is up-to-date.
- **Deacon:** Signs talking about the Mission of the Year, National Child Safety Council/Norman County, are in the entry way.
- **Trustee:** No damage to the building from the June 20/21 storms. Mike will spray weeds around the foundation and sidewalk, and pressure wash the lower exterior brick. Faye reached out to Laughing Earth in Ada for landscape ideas and will follow up on the church bell. Del is contacting a welder about new front railings. All projects are scheduled for completion by the 150th anniversary celebration.
- **Board of Education:** VBS is planned for August 11-14, 5-7:30 pm, for K-5th grade at Immanuel.



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

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Immanuel's 150th Anniversary will be September 14, 2025; committee is planning on worship, catered meal, afternoon program.

### **New Business:**

- The Community Needs Fund exists to provide limited financial assistance to people in need. Previously, undesignated coffee donations were allocated to this fund. The current balance is \$1,308.72. Consensus to redirect future undesignated coffee donations in the general fund. Motion by Amy, seconded by Bonnie to authorize up to \$20 per request for gas from the Community Needs fund. Payment will be made directly to the business. Requests for assistance beyond gas will be considered individually by the council. Motion carried.
- Immanuel will host the corn feed in conjunction with Hendrum Family Fun Night, August 27. WELCA serving committee will organize. Proceeds will be divided ½ to our Mission of the Year and ½ to the general fund.

Next council meeting is August 10 following worship. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m., and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Harrington

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**MONDAY, AUG. 11 - THURSDAY, AUG. 14**

United Valley Parish Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, August 11 through Thursday, August 14; 5 pm - 7:30 pm. VBS is for children Kindergarten-5th Grade  
No Cost - Meal provided.

## **HENDRUM FAMILY FUN NIGHT IMMANUEL WELCA QUILT RAFFLE - AUGUST 27**



**The quilt is displayed at Northwestern Bank in Hendrum. Tickets are available at the bank, WELCA members and other local businesses.**

### **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

is starting in September at Immanuel. It will be a nine session study on Fruit Of The Spirit. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control. Old and New Testament passages highlight each quality and inspire us to nurture the Spirit's fruit in our lives. You don't need to be a member of Immanuel to take part. Books will be available for \$10 from Clarinda Schnabel at the end of August. Any questions, ask Clarinda or Bonnie Scholl. Sessions are tentatively planned to meet from 6-7pm, September 16<sup>th</sup> and finish on November 11<sup>th</sup>. It's a great way to study the Bible and enjoy some fellowship.

**Next Immanuel council meeting is August 10 following worship.**

# Welcome to the Hendrum **Family Fun Night!**

## **Wednesday, August 27th**

in Hendrum, Minnesota from 4-8 p.m.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



## **Classic Car & Antique Tractor Show**

On Main Street from 4-8 pm - Trophies Awarded - Door Prizes  
Contact Sarah at 740-466-6371 for Information

### **Fireman's Games**



Demonstrations  
and Other  
Activities  
starting at 5.  
Waterball  
Competition  
7-8 pm.

Hendrum Community Club

## **HEN-DRUM ART SHOW**

Please bring your finished piece to either Sugar Mama's or Northwestern Bank in Hendrum during their business hours from now until 3:00pm on August 27. At FFN the community will vote for their favorites, with prizes for the top 3 winners.

On Main Street with  
**THE JOSSUND FAMILY**  
5-6 pm



Helicopter Rides  
4 - 6 p.m.



## **Corn Feed Meal**

Served at the Hendrum  
Fire Hall from 5:00-7:00  
by Immanuel Church  
**Free Will Offering**



Sugar Mama Bakery  
Pie Eating Contest - 6:30pm

- Library Story Walk by Hendrum Library Link
- Pie Bake Off - Sponsored by Sugar Mama Bakery 6 pm
- Yard Games 4 - 8 p.m.
- Backseat Driving Contest - Prizes!

- Quilt Raffle Drawing by Immanuel WELCA
- Kid's Raffle - Winner @ 8 p.m.
- Barrell Train Rides 4 - 8 p.m.
- Lots More Fun for the Whole Family!



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