

2025 - UVP March Newsletter

March is the cruelest month. You expect January to be wintry and February to follow suit, but March gives you tastes of spring, only to be followed by record setting blizzards. Several floods over the years were a direct result of terrible March snowstorms. We've often seen the truism "in like a lion, out like a lamb" reversed, prolonging our agony, waiting for warmer days.

Still March does have a few things going for it. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated March 17th; the day that all the O'Johnsons and O'Hansons pretend to be Irish so they can drink green beer (I'm Irish and that's a tradition that definitely misses me). Interestingly Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Britain to a "Romanized family" (I don't know what that means either). He did bring Christianity to the heathen Celts of Ireland and Irish missionaries, in turn, travelled all over Northern Europe bringing Christianity to the heathen O'Johnsons and O'Hansons (so maybe they can drink my share of green beer).

March 8th is International Women's Day, honoring the achievements of women (one of which is bringing you into the world, for which you should be eternally grateful) and advocating for gender equality. You don't have to go back very far in our history to see how far we have come in granting women's right, and you can watch, in our time, many of those gains being set back. We need the gifts and talents of all our people, especially in the Church, yet for centuries women were denied the right to become clergy. What would our churches be like if we had allowed women who had been called to the priesthood to serve during the last 2000 years? Maybe we would be experiencing people joining our churches in droves, instead of leaving organized religion by leaps and bounds.

March 14th (3.14) is Pi Day, celebrating the mathematical constant, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It has also become a perfect excuse to eat pie. Some honor the day by eating a whole pie in one sitting, I prefer sampling several different types to see which one is the best on that day. Apple, cherry, peach, pecan, chocolate, banana cream...so many choices, so little time.

But like the weather in March, it's not all good. March 10th 1876 is the anniversary of Alexander Graham Bell's first telephone call. I wonder if he could have envisioned eight people dining out together, but instead of talking to each other, playing on their phones?

And March 15th, 44BC was the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, made famous in William Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar" with his line "beware the Ides (midpoint) of March." It's become known as a portent of doom, although Caesar's murder provoked a series of civil wars that led to Octavius becoming Caesar Augustus; the same Augustus who ordered a census in the Holy Land, which led directly to Jesus being born in Bethlehem. God works in mysterious ways and God can, and does, use us, with or without our knowledge.

Although it rarely feels like it, March 21st is the first day of meteorological spring. All that means is the sun is directly over the equator (vernal equinox) and day and night are equal. It also means that spring will come, maybe not following our desired timeline, but like Easter it announces new life and new hope. Enjoy every day you've been given, even if it's not as ideal as you would like and always know that there are better days ahead.

Pastor John



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Prayer List

Lorie Arneson (Vonnie Jacobson's sister)
Ron Berry (Karen Smart's brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)
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
Stefan Horn
Stephen McCraven
Carlos Medina
Isaac Spaeth
Gabriel Mertz
Tucker Hansen

March 2025

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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>					<p>1 9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open</p>
<p>2 9am ALC with Communion ALC Annual Meeting 10:30am ILC Worship 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>3 9:30am ILC Quilting 12:30pm ALC/HLC Quilters</p>	<p>4 6-7pm BSF Bible Study at HLC 6pm—ILC 5 week Bible Study</p>	<p>5 6-7 pm Soup & Supper at ILC served by ILC 7pm Ash Wednesday Service at ILC</p>	<p>6 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9am HLC Worship with council installation 10am HLC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am ILC Worship with council installation 11:15am ILC Coffee & Fellowship 11:15am ILC Council Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:30am ILC Quilting 12:30pm ALC/HLC Quilters</p>	<p>11 6-7pm BSF Bible Study at HLC</p>	<p>12 6-7 pm Soup & Supper at ILC served by ILC 7pm Lenten Service at ILC</p>	<p>13 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry 5:30pm HLC Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9am-2pm Brew & Renew Open</p>
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2025



HLC Council Meeting Minutes February 2025 - Pending Approval

President Donna Scholl called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Donna Scholl, Jon Hellerud, Alli Tice, Cheryl Johnson, Darin Johnson, Pam Vandermeer, Jackie Hellerud, and Dean Nelson. Members not in attendance were Pastor Andrews, Chad Tice, and Gaylord Christianson.

Darin made the motion, seconded by Jon to approve the minutes from December's and January's council meetings. Motion carried.

UVP Parish Commission Update: No report
Secretary: Pam Vandermeer replaced Heidi Horn as council secretary.

Deacons: Jackie received information about new families in town, and will be passing on the newsletter to them along with welcoming them to Halstad.

Trustees: Nothing new to report. Still waiting on parts (heat exchangers) for the office.

Mission and Ministries: Renew's earnings for the year totaled \$8,472.58 which was a big help in paying bills. The ceiling in Renew's library has suffered some water damage. Confirmation photos need to be hung back up before the school reunion.

Board of Education: No report

Memorial Secretary: No report

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Cheryl moved money to cover a \$3,000 deficit of money spent and money brought in in January. CCL license for music broadcast was paid. Cheryl bought palms for Palm Sunday.

Pastor Report: Absent, no report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Kurt Vandermeer will be using the fellowship hall for Community Band rehearsals Sunday afternoons at 4:00

The funeral for Arlen Oanes will be at HLC on Tuesday, February 18th at 2:00.

HLC will be doing Wednesday Community Dinner on the 19th of February. Proceeds help fund the Honor Flight. The meal was discussed.

Holy Family, ILC, HLC and ALC are doing the community dinner Soup Kitchen March 19th at Immanuel Lutheran from 5-7 PM. HLC will bring tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and two pans of bars.

A supper and silent auction for the Honor Flight will be put on by area churches on March 1st from 4-8 PM. Contact Amy Sweeney @ 919-770-6812 if you can volunteer to help.

A HLC Palm Sunday dinner was discussed and decided upon for April 13th. The menu will include meatballs, potatoes, corn and dessert.

Council breakfast will be served February 16th, with breakfast pizza on the menu.

Donna tentatively set Aug. 20th for the Ada, Borup, West FFA to do a community dinner fundraiser for an agricultural trip to Italy.

Jon made a motion to adjourn/seconded by Dean. Donna led the council in The Lord's Prayer to conclude the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Pam Vandermeer

Please note location change of the HLC Freewill Community Supper - we are having the Lenten Soup Kitchen at Immanuel from 5-7pm. Kid's Club will be at ILC from 6-7pm

FREEWILL COMMUNITY SUPPER
new location this month only -
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hendrum

Lenten Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, March 19 ~ 5-7pm

.....➔ soups, breads and dessert ←.....

..... Monetary or canned goods or
..... non-perishable food items for
..... the Food Bank
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**HOSTED BY HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH &
AUGUSTANA, HALSTAD, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

Proceeds go to the Hendrum Food Bank and North Country Food Bank



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Tod & Becky Harrington (Team Leaders)
John Kolness & Netta Wenshau
Becky Kolness

FLOWER AND ALTAR GUILD

Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Faye DeLong and Pam Hedrich

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council February 16, 2025

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

Absent: none

Faye called the meeting to order at 11:41 am on February 16, 2025

Report Highlights:

- Pastor: on vacation February 18-26. Rev. Ernie Simmons will provide pulpit supply. Pastor John will be gone March 2 for the Augustana annual meeting, and March 12 (Lenten service). Wednesday Lenten services are at Immanuel, Maundy Thursday at Halstad Lutheran, and Good Friday at Augustana.
 - Secretary: Minutes from January 12, 2025 meeting.
 - Treasurer: will be available next month.
 - Deacon: 2025 Mission of the Year is the Norman County Safety Council. Immanuel will work with other area churches to host an Honor Flight on May 1, 4:30-8 pm, LRC in Halstad. Will find worship leadership for March 2 and March 12.
 - Trustee: Furnace work is done.
 - Board of Education: "Kids Club" continues on the third Wednesday of the month, 6-7 pm. Bible Study is underway.
 - President: Council installation will be held March 9 during worship service.
 - Vice President: we have a continued need to look at conserving energy in the church building to maintain our ability to provide ministry.
- Motion by Mike, seconded by Amy, to approve the reports. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Minnesota minimum wage increased to \$11.13/hour on January 1. Motion by Del, seconded by Bonnie, to increase church secretary Diann Prussia's wage to \$15/hour. Motion carried.
- Received a proposal from Church Mutual Insurance for property/liability insurance for an annual cost of \$7,819.74. No action taken.
- Immanuel (council and WELCA) will serve Lenten soup/sandwich meals March 5 & 12, 6-7 pm.
- March 19 is the Soup Kitchen with United Valley Parish and Holy Family Catholic Church at Immanuel, 5-7 pm. Bonnie will bring soup, Amy - bars/cookies, Faye - bread. Helpers are needed to serve.
- Easter Breakfast will be served Saturday, April 19, 8-10 am, with a skit (ILC) and Easter egg hunt (community club) following at 10 am.

Next meeting is March 9.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m., and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

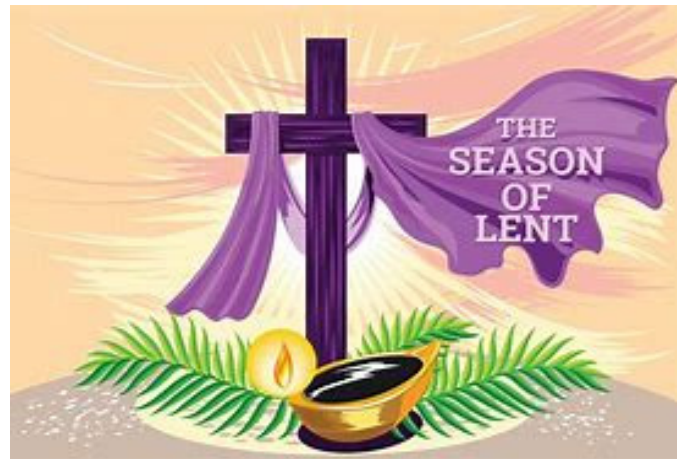
Respectfully submitted,
Becky Harrington

ILC Council installation will be held March 9 during worship service and ILC Council meeting is March 9 following worship.



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
150TH CELEBRATION DATE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

Immanuel WELCA, March 19, 1:30 PM.



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5, and ends on Thursday, April 17. It lasts six weeks before Easter. Lent is the religious period of fasting and repentance for Christians.

The Lenten Services are at ILC.
Maundy Thursday services at HLC
and Good Friday is at ALC.



Lenten Services

March 5 – Immanuel Lutheran
6-7pm Soup/Sandwich meal;
7pm Worship
(Immanuel - Serving)

March 12 – Immanuel Lutheran
6-7pm Soup/Sandwich meal;
7pm Worship
(Immanuel Serving)

March 19 – Immanuel Lutheran
5-7pm Soup Kitchen,
UVP & Holy Family; 7pm Worship
(Immanuel Serving)