

Augustana/Halstad/Immanuel - United Valley Parish

2026 - UVP April Newsletter

Juliana found this discourse on the web.

A Conversation with God by *Jacqueline Whitney*

You: Are you actually listening?

God: Every word, every thought, even the ones you don't say out loud.

You: Then why does everything feel so hard right now?

God: Because easy wouldn't change you and you need to change for where I'm taking you.

You: Can't you make it easier?

God: I could, but then you wouldn't be ready for what I'm giving you.

You: How much longer?

God: Stop asking "when" and start asking "why."

You: That's frustrating.

God: I know, but I'm not teaching you patience just to test you. You'll need it for what's next.

You: What if I can't do this?

God: You can't, but I can. And I'm doing it *through* you. That's the whole point.

You: I don't feel strong enough.

God: You're not supposed to. That's why you need me.

You: Okay. I'll try to trust you.

God: That's all I'm asking. One day at a time. *I'm not going anywhere!*

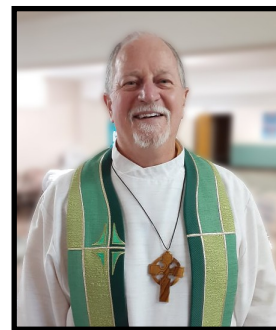
If you could text God right now, he would remind you: you're not supposed to be strong enough. That's why you need your Lord. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." It's often only when life gets out of our control that we turn back to God.

God always answers our prayers. Sometimes God gives us exactly what we want, other times the answer isn't what we want to hear. Sometimes God gives us something that will work better. Sometimes God says "not yet, you are not ready." And sometimes God's answer is "No, that's not good for you. You must ask for something else."

We also have to remember that God isn't a wish machine. You won't always get what you want, but you will be given everything you need to do God's will.

Even people with a very active prayer life often forget the second purpose of prayer. Yes, we can petition God for our needs, but real prayer is designed to be a two-way street. In prayer you are simply talking to God. Always take time to listen to God's side of the conversation.

Pastor John



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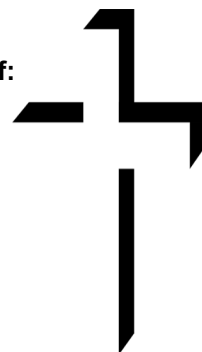
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Prayer List

Rod Ambuehl
Lorie Arneson (Vonnie Jacobson's sister)
Ron Berry (Karen Smart's brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen's mother)
Matt Finey
Terry Guttormson
Westin Hage (son of Dustin and Tasha Hage)
Katie Halvorson
Marlene Hetland
Ciara Hibl
Tom Hinkley (son of Janice Hinkley)
Alexis Holte
Cole Kaiser (son of Melanie Nelson's niece)
Silas Larson-Reinhart
Allison Lindgren (sister of Darin Johnson)
Paul Martinson
Roger Meline
Pastor Myron Nysether
Regan Okroi
Marcia Onsgard
Harlan Rise
Helen Rognlie
Harley Scholl
Virgil (Bud) & Lois Scholtz
Greg Strand
Becky Todd
Diane (Penny) Todd
Gloria Uekert (Amy Sweeney's mom)
Logan Wolden

Military Service of:

Colton Armstrong
Steele Armstrong
Dustin Beliles
Riley Culp
Ethan Hellerud
Stephen McCraven
Carlos Medina
Gabriel Mertz



April 2026

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<p>Pastor John Andrews (c) 701-306-2575 (o) 218-456-2144 Online Calendar www.uvparish.org/ calendar</p>			<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building</p> <p>7pm - Maundy Thursday Service & 1st Communion at ILC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7pm - Good Friday Service at ALC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am-2pm Renew Thrift Store Open</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>HAPPY EASTER</p> <p>7:30am ALC Worship with Communion 9am ILC Worship with Communion 10:30am HLC Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am ILC Quilting 12:30pm HLC Quilting at Heritage House 6pm BSF at HLC</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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Augustana & Halstad Lutheran Churches Newsletter 2026

HLC Council Meeting Sunday, March 8, 2026, Pending Approval

Council members present: Darin Johnson, Cheryl Johnson, Kyle Aasand, Pam Vandermeer and Pastor John

President Darin opened the meeting following church services.

Secretary: report supplied.

Trustee: Darin talked to Jeff Schmidt about terminating his position as church custodian at the end of February in the interest of saving money.

We would like to thank Jeff for his many months of service keeping the church clean. Darin replaced the roller on the vacuum cleaner.

Treasurer/ Financial Secretary: partial report supplied.

Pastor: Two children will be making their First Communion on Maundy Thursday at Immanuel.

Blessing of the Seeds was discussed, but no date was set as yet.

A motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Kyle to approve the reports as supplied. MC

Other Business:

- Faith, Care & Share will now take on the general cleaning for their month. Cheryl will get supplies and post a cleaning chart for the bathrooms.
- Pastor will receive reimbursement for office toner.
- Palms are ordered for Palm Sunday. Easter church service will be held in the sanctuary.

Next council meeting will be held April 12, 2026.

Pam made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl. MC The meeting was closed with the reciting of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Vandermeer

Freewill Community Dinner

BURGER BAR

BURGER
FRESH CUT
FRENCH FRIES
DESSERT

Wednesday, April 15
5-7pm

Join us at Halstad Lutheran Church

Sponsored by Western Norman Community Fund
Proceeds go to matching funds for development support through
Northwest Minnesota Foundation



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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John Kolness & Netta
Becky Kolness

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Debby Borgen and Becky Harrington

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Diane Nelson and Pam Hedrich

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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council March 15, 2026

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 10:05 am on March 15, 2026. She opened with devotions from "Don't Lose Sight of Your Nonprofit's Mission: Friendly Tips for Staying Focused." This month's tip emphasizes aligning all programs and activities with our mission.

Report Highlights:

- Pastor: Two 5th graders will take part in First Communion class on March 21 and receive First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Pastor is finalizing vacation plans for sometime in April.
- Secretary: Minutes from February 8, 2026 meeting.
- Treasurer: January income for ministry: \$7,642.23; January expenses for ministry: \$3,418.50; net \$4,223.73. February income for ministry: \$3,051.99; February expenses for ministry: \$7,338.35; net -\$4,286.36. General fund: \$7,841.27.
- Deacon: 2026 Mission of the Year is The Gideons International; they have been invited to have a presence at the annual corn feed in August. Area churches, including Immanuel, will be hosting a fundraiser for Hometown HOPE on April 12. We will provide three items for the silent auction.
- Trustee: Del is counting offering after worship and recruits another person to assist.
- Board of Education: Kids Club is held the third Wednesday each month, 6-7 pm at

Halstad Lutheran in conjunction with the community meal through May. The adult Bible Study has concluded for the season. Vacation Bible School plans are underway.

- President: Council was installed during the March 15 worship service.

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

Unfinished Business:

- Faye, Amy and Becky will interview an office manager candidate on March 16.

New Business:

- The men of Immanuel will host a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the general fund on Saturday, April 4, 9-11 am.

The next council meeting is April 19 following worship.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m., and we closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Harrington

**ILC Council Meeting
April 19 following worship.**

**Immanuel WELCA Meeting
April 15, 1:30 PM.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2,
7 PM worship at Immanuel Lutheran**

**Good Friday, April 3,
7 PM worship at Augustana Lutheran**

Easter Worship, April 5
Augustana Lutheran, 7:30am, Immanuel Lutheran, 9 am, Halstad Lutheran, 10:30 AM



World Autism Awareness Day is observed annually on **April 2nd** to promote acceptance, support, and inclusion for autistic individuals.