

Augustana/Halstad/Immanuel - United Valley Parish

2025 - UVP November Newsletter

Welcome to “almost winter.” It’s been an amazing fall. After recent years, it’s amazing we had a fall. Recently we’ve jumped from winter to summer and from summer to winter, with spring and fall weather totaling two or three days. This year it’s been a beautiful, traditional fall. Well, OK, much, much more beautiful than a traditional fall. But we all know what’s coming. This morning I had to scrape my car windows for the first time this fall, and it’s all downhill from here.

I’ve always had a love-hate relationship with November, and the older I get, the more that relationship shifts to the right. It’s my birth month, but I have to admit, birthdays aren’t nearly as much fun as they used to be. At least when I was running foot races I could look forward to the big birthdays. They give awards based on your age, usually in a range e.g. 20-29 and 30-39, so if you hit the big 4-0 you would lose a lot of faster competition.

November has always been a prelude to, if not the beginning of winter. I know the U.S. Military says winter doesn’t start until the Winter Solstice on December 21st, but in this part of the country at least, November so rarely listens to the commander in chief. I remember years when it snowed before my birthday and drifts continuously covered the ground through March. The National Weather Service (what’s left of it) is predicting a *La Nina* winter, which, in general, means colder and snowier winters on the Northern Plains. Won’t that be fun!

When I was young, about 100 years ago (my memory isn’t what it used to be either), winter was a time for play. Now just the thought of sledding for hours at a time gives me a backache and I’m exhausted just contemplating it. Then there are the blizzards. How many times has it started to snow as I leave the church and head for home? Just last winter, driving home from Confirmation in Ada on two different evenings, I found myself in ground blizzards where I couldn’t see ten feet in front of my car, yet I could see the stars above as clear as if I was looking through a telescope. The “blizzard” was only seven feet tall, but that didn’t make it any easier to see to drive.

41% of Americans prefer fall over all other seasons, with 24% choosing either spring or summer, and 11% preferring winter. Those who love fall must be hunters. Those who prefer winter are probably those crazy snowmobilers, who are always praying for more snow. And maybe that’s the key to learning to appreciate November again: find fun things to do that we can’t do other times of the year.

But it’s hard. Some people are “leaf-peepers” who will travel hundreds of miles to see the leaves turn colors. I see them and all I can think is what a pain it will be to rake them up (more backaches and exhaustion). Some wait all year to go hunting. I look at a big buck and see Bambi’s father. I talked to a Norman County deputy who hunts bear with a bow. That to me seems like a spectacularly bad idea. I’ve stood in slews before sunup with the sleet coming down waiting for the ducks to show and I would start adding up the cost (license, duck stamp, shells, shotgun, waders, camo clothes). Then I would balance my dislike of duck with my love of a good steak and realized that for the same amount of money I paid for that waterfowl, I could be eating filet mignon three times a week. And I wouldn’t have to get out of bed hours before the sun does, nor stand in a sleet storm with bone-chillingly *cold water* up to my waist, to get it.

Maybe I’ve just turned into a curmudgeon who needs an attitude adjustment. God has given me each day in November to do with as I will (within reason). Who am I to reject those gifts? Pray for me to learn to again appreciate all God has done for me and enjoy all the gifts God provides. This year I vow to try to once again love winter, although sledding is still out of the question. Maybe I’ll buy a riding snowblower. Maybe I’ll even pick up a snowmobile. With that combination, maybe then I too would pray for snow. OK, now I know I’ve gone too far. Still, enjoy each day you’ve been given.

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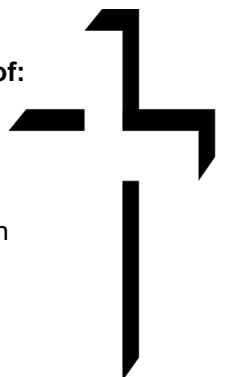
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Prayer List

Rod Ambuehl
Lorie Arneson (Vonnie Jacobson’s sister)
Ron Berry (Karen Smart’s brother)
Elaine Borgen (Brian Borgen’s mother)
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
Greg Strand
Becky Todd
Diane (Penny) Todd
Jacquelyn Todd
Gloria Uekert (Amy Sweeney’s mom)
Cyndi Weber (Netta Wenshau’s mother)
Marijo Vik
Netta Wenshau
Jessica Zinniel

Military Service of:

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



November 2025

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Fri

Sat

		Pastor John Andrews (c) 701-306-2575 (o) 218-456-2144		Online Calendar www.uvparish.org/calendar		1 9am-2pm Renew Thrift Store Open
2 9am ALC with Communion 9am ILC Worship 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship	3 9:30am ILC Quilting 12:30pm HLC Quilting at Heritage House 6pm BSF at HLC	4	5 6 pm ILC Bible Study	6 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry at Hendrum Professional Building	7	8
9 9am ILC Service 9:45 am ILC Council meeting 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am HLC Worship HLC Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex before service	10 9:30am ILC Quilting 12:30pm HLC Quilting at Heritage House 6pm BSF at HLC	11	12 6 pm ILC Bible Study Bible Study will begin again after Christmas	13 9:30am-4pm Hendrum Food Pantry 5:30pm HLC Council Meeting	14	15 9am-2pm Renew Thrift Store Open
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30 9am ILC Service 9:45am ILC Coffee & Fellowship 10:30am HLC Worship HLC Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex before service	Sunday, December 7, 11:30am-1:30pm HLC's Annual Men's Potato Dumpling Dinner and Silent Auction Save the date and tell your friends!					



**Augustana & Halstad
Lutheran Churches
Newsletter
2025**

Welcome two new members, one baptism & one Confirmand to Halstad Lutheran Church!

Welcome new members Kevin & Brooklyn Erickson and the Baptism of Dawson William Erickson. The church was alive with joy and baby sounds on Sunday, October 19th.



*Sustain Dawson William with the
gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the
spirit of counsel and might, the
spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the Lord, the spirit of joy in your
presence, both now and forever.
Amen*

**Welcome Josh Dye as the
newest Confirmation member
of Halstad Lutheran Church.
Josh was confirmed with
his family by his side on
Reformation Sunday,
October 26.**



COMMUNITY DINNER

Location: Halstad Lutheran Church

FREEWILL



Featuring

*Joe's
Noel's
Famous
Recipe*

Dine-in OR Take-out, call or text 612-703-2612

Wednesday, November 19
5-7pm

Freewill Menu:

Noel's meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes and corn
Homemade pies and ice cream for dessert

MEATLOAF PRE-ORDER SALE



*Meatloaf pre-orders
accepted until November 13
Please call or text
612-703-2612*

Hosted by Holy Family Catholic Church

**HLC'S
ANNUAL
MEN'S
POTATO
DUMPLING
DINNER**

Halstad Lutheran Church, 304 - 5th St E, Halstad, MN

Thrivent Funded

**\$15/adults
\$10/children**

Dine In, Take Out

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7
11:30am-1:30pm**

MENU

Potato Dumplings

Ham

Jiffy Corn Casserole

Lefse

Dessert

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$1



**DRAWING WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7,
DURING THE POTATO DUMPLING DINNER**
Tickets can be purchased at Renew Thrift Store
or through any of our wonderful quilters



Bid on our silent auction items, find
your hidden gem, and outbid everyone
to capture your treasure.

Money raised for the general fund.



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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NOVEMBER FAITH, CARE AND SHARE

Del & Clarinda Schnabel (Team Leader)
Mike & Karen Smart
Peter Jacobson Family

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
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Immanuel Lutheran Church Council October 5, 2025

Present: Faye DeLong, Mike Smart, Bonnie Scholl, Amy Sweeney, Tod Harrington, Becky Harrington

Absent: Del Schnabel, Pastor John Andrews

Faye called the meeting to order at 10:01 am on October 5, 2025.

Report Highlights:

- Pastor: Leading worship at Augustana this morning.
- Secretary: Minutes from September 7, 2025 meeting.
- Treasurer: September income for ministry: \$6,552.00; expenses for ministry: \$5,378, net \$1,173.94, general fund \$7,130.28. Church/parsonage insurance increased about \$40/month.
- Deacon: Lining up worship leaders for the first Sunday of the month when Pastor John is leading worship at Augustana. Sonja Meline will lead worship on November 2.
- Trustee: LED bulbs have been purchased for the fellowship hall. Ada-Borup-West High School is looking to do service projects. Faye will contact them about a couple church projects.
- Board of Education: Kids Club is held the third Wednesday each month, 6-7 pm at Halstad Lutheran in conjunction with the community meal (Immanuel WELCA serving supper October 15). Adult Bible Study is at Immanuel, Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, through November 11.
- President: Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 12.

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

Unfinished Business:

- Immanuel's 150th Anniversary was held on September 14, 2025. Thanks to the committee - Clarinda Schnabel, Bonnie Scholl, John Kolness, Diane Nelson - for planning worship, music, a catered meal, and an afternoon program that was enjoyed by 120+ people.
- The Bell Tower Memorial was installed for the 150th anniversary. Thank you to Brian Borgen and all who helped with the project.

New Business:

- Immanuel will have a table at the Community Halloween Party on October 31, 5-7 pm. Deck the Halls will be held in December; Immanuel will host the 25 Cent Store for children on the same day.

Next council meeting is November 9 following worship.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m., and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Harrington

Immanuel Tuesday night Bible Study has been changed to Wednesday night. It will be at the same time...6 PM. It will only be for the first 2 weeks Nov 5th and Nov 12th as we will be done with all of our session. We will start up again after Christmas.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY, OCT 15

Thank You Ada-Borup-West High School Volunteers for the service you provided at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Oct. 15th



When does daylight saving time end in 2025? Daylight saving time will end for the year at 2 a.m. local time on Sunday, Nov. 2, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep.

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR THE 25¢ STORE

Immanuel Lutheran is seeking donations of new items for its **25¢ Store**. The goal of the store is for kids to buy gifts for family and friends. Donations can be dropped off at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Gift items are especially needed for kids and men. We're also looking for gift bags and tissue paper. No clothing, holiday decor or wrapping paper, please.



The store will be held December 13, 9 - 10:30 am at Immanuel in conjunction with Hendrum Santa Day. This year, the store will be open to just kids - pre-school and school-aged children are welcomed!

Volunteers are also needed to set up and sort items for the store a day or two before the event. At the event, we need volunteers to cashier, bag/wrap gifts, help children shop, and takedown. If you can share your time, or have questions, please contact Becky Harrington, 701-860-6280 todbeckyh@gmail.com



THANK YOU IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thank You for welcoming Luther into the church and being a part of such a special day. We appreciate the box, quilt, Bible and engraved rock.

Kayla, Luther & Andrew