

Elstad ~ Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

~ June 2015 ~

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Elstad ~ Highland Prairie
Summer Worship Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DETAILS
Sunday, June 7	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion
Sunday, June 14	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Outdoor Service/Dinner in fellowship hall/Open House/Vintage Base Ball
Sunday, June 21	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion
Sunday, June 28	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Holy Communion
Sunday, July 5	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion
Sunday, July 12	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Outdoor Service/ Dinner/ Ball Game
Sunday, July 19	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion
Sunday, July 26	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Holy Communion
Sunday, August 2	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion
Sunday, August 9	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Outdoor Service/ Dinner/ Car Show
Sunday, August 16	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion
Sunday, August 23	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Holy Communion
Sunday, August 30	10:00 a.m.	Elstad	Holy Communion/Music Festival
Sunday, September 6	10:00 a.m.	Highland Prairie	Holy Communion

Prayer Corner

Scriptures tell us to pray without ceasing. Let's be known as a praying congregation. Please keep Allen & Kay Howe, Josh & Steve Howe, JoAnn Anderson, Brogan Lee, Eric Johnson, Don Anderson, Ashley Bergen, Sharon Knutson, Carol Eggert, Arlan Peterson, Gunnar, Linda Wilson, Richard Lombard, David Howe, Lila Jameson and all who are ill or in need of your prayers.

Intentional Interim Work Begins

We have worshiped together and celebrated the Holy Season of Easter. We have started to know each other and now it is time to begin the intentional work that happens during the time of interim. The first group to create is called the Transition Task Force. This group will gather information of many kinds from various sources and people to be used in creating a congregational profile. The commitment will be 3-4 months and a few members of the Transition Task Force will move on to join the Call Committee. The Transition Task Force will be composed of people from both congregations and well balanced in age and gender. Please prayerfully consider who might be a good member of this committee and submit their name or yours to a council president or Pastor Marie.

Rethinking Confirmation:
Signs of Life in Times of Change
July 29-31, 2015
Luther Seminary
Saint Paul, Minn.

Join with concerned ministry leaders to assess the current state of confirmation and imagine fresh possibilities. Special attention will be given to signs of life and inspiring stories of faithful and effective innovation in youth discipleship.

Please contact Pastor Marie if you are interested in attending. Scholarships may be available.

Office Hours

Pastor Marie spends 2-3 days each week in the church office.

Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday 9:00am until ?
Drop-in visitors are welcome although calling first is recommended as office hours change from day to day based on meetings and visitation schedules.

Sunday, June 14th Outdoor Worship Service

Special music by Carla Burton

Following worship we'll have dinner in the fellowship hall following church service (free will offering)

*Parsonage Open House

*Vintage Base Ball game time 1:00 p.m.

TWINS GAME

Twins tickets are available at a discounted price for groups of 25 or more.

If there is enough interest between Elstad ~ Highland Prairie, we would like to take advantage of this opportunity for the Twins game on Saturday, July 11 game time at 305p.m.

If you are interested, please let either myself or Lisa Chiglo know.

Quilting at Highland Prairie

Second Wednesday of each month

9:30 a.m. during the summer.

All are welcome!

Elstad Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday March 8, 2015

The Meeting was held Elstad Lutheran Church with President Larry Topness calling the meeting to order at 8:20pm.

Roll call was taken with Larry Topness, Jerry Evenson, Michelle Rein, Jennifer Nepstad, Jodie Daniels, John Rein and Vicky Topness present. A quorum was called. Lisa Chiglo-Parish Secretary and Pastor Marie, and Kyle Chiglo were also present.

The Agenda was reviewed. Michelle requested addition of adding discussion of hanging options for the Sunday School Motion by Jerry, seconded by John to approve.

Secretary's report from January 11 2015 meeting was postponed and will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Treasurer's report was given and reviewed. A \$1000 donation was made to Elstad Lutheran Church from Prosper Lumber Company and the suggestion of Christopher Nelson, the funds have been placed in the funds for the water treatment. Motion made by Vicky, second by Jerry to accept report as presented. Report will be placed on file for audit at a later date.

President's report was given by Larry. We have had very positive feedback about Pastor Marie and her ministry to us. We are thankful she is here.

Pastor's Report was done during the joint parish meeting. Please review the Parish Council Minutes. Pastor Marie continues to plan for her mission trip to Haiti.

There was continued correspondence with Minnesota Department of Health regarding the nitrate level in the drinking water. Further discussion is under "Old Business". We also received correspondence with formal documentation of our contract with Pastor Marie

Old Business:

1) High Nitrates in the Water

A grant application has been submitted to the state of Minnesota requesting funds to help defer some of the cost related to a water treatment system. Duane Bakke has been very helpful in pursuing this. The application included a statement that we will proceed with installation of a water treatment system within specified timeframe after receiving the grant. We will continue to provide drinking water.

2) Steeple Repairs

Steeple repairs continue to be problematic. We continue to pursue contractors to assist us. If Gingrich Construction is unavailable, we may need to pursue alternative options. Jerry will contact him again this week. Leigh Volkman near Bratsburg may be an alternative option, he is a member of HP.

3) Mowing

Jerry did talk with Lawstuens and they are willing to continue to do the ground mowing.

4) Kitchen Floor Tile Repairs

Ryan Danielson has been contacted to look at the repairs needed to the kitchen floor. He is available and will address these issues in the next few weeks. The cost estimate was \$300. It was recently noted tiles were loose in the men's bathroom. This is considered a WELCA expense, WELCA has agreed to proceed with the council recommends for repair. A motion was made to approve the repairs in the kitchen, as well as the men's bathroom. Vicky made motion to accept repairs, Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

5) Fire Extinguishers

Fire Extinguishers have been reloaded and replaced.

New Business

Elstad Council Contacts and Term

The Elstad Council contacts and Terms were reviewed and updated with Lisa.

Facebook Updates

This is an option for improved communication. May include worship services times, activities within the church, and contact information. The challenge is maintaining appropriate updates. Zion Lutheran Church Anna Wentzil 507-213-9276. Jodie will assist in setting this up. Motion made to proceed with Facebook page. Motion by Michelle to approve, Second by Vicky.

Means to Recruit Young families

Ideas are welcome!

Outreach models include advertising programs or people contacting people in the area. Personal invitations are always best.

Ideas to encourage families with children include: Welcome bags for the kids. Noisy offering for kids (and others) for a specific cause. Be welcoming to parents and thank them for coming.

Recruit a new choir director, our choir has been a powerful ministry in the past. It has also served to draw new members to our church. We need to continue this wonderful work but we need to recruit a new director to do so.

Sunday School Project Board

Ideas were discussed for options to allow the Sunday School kids to display some of their work and have a more visible presence.

Reviewed list of homebound members at assist Pastor Marie and update our files.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jerry, second by Jodie, meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Minutes reviewed, corrected, and approved by the Elstad Lutheran Church Council Sunday May 17, 2015.

Submitted by Michelle Rein, Elstad Council Secretary

Elstad budget April 2015	
Budget April	7804.83
Received April	4647.00
Under April	3157.83
Budget YTD	31,219.32
Received YTD	22,746.00
Under YTD	8473.32

Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, March 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Johnson at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call: all members present except Kay Dahl

A quorum was called.

Devotions were given by Gordon with a reading from the Good New Book.

Approval of the agenda with the addition of Pastor Marie's Haiti trip and the secretary report for the newsletter. A motion by Sarah and second by Lyle the agenda was approved.

Pastor's report: Pastor Marie AK Anderson commended the council on a good job.

Secretary's report: the February 8, 2015 secretary's report was read with a motion by Sarah and second by Charles to approve, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: given by Karen with the budget to date and parsonage and Sunday school balances listed also emailing the treasurer's report was discussed; motion by Lyle and second by Steve, treasurer's report passed. Report available for review and subject to audit.

Committee reports:

Church- none

Grounds- logging completed with some mess to clean up.

Worship- Sarah discussed the joint upcoming services and what has gone on historically.

Youth & Education- we need to establish what our requirements are for confirmation and decided it should be discussed at the Parish meeting.

Old Business: committees were talked about with Gordon coming up with a list of who is on each committees

New Business: membership meeting was discussed- we need to get people to voice their concerns.

Marriage standards need to be addressed. Pastor Marie stated that we need to have a protocol on Traditional marriage. This needs to be worked on with a transition group. Also if the person performing the ceremony needs to be ordained by any certain organization.

Pastor Marie Haiti trip- discussed some of what takes place on her trip. Donation options were discussed with a motion by Karen, second by Steve to give \$500 toward the Haiti trip, motion passed.

Secretary report in newsletter- traditionally the secretary report was put into the newsletter with out being approved at the following meeting; this is not the proper way to print it. A motion by Lyle and second by David to have the minutes approved before printing in the newsletter, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by David and second by Charles motion carried; meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Reviewed, corrected, and approved by the Highland Prairie Council May 17, 2015

Submitted by Highland Prairie Council Secretary, Kyle Chiglo

Elstad-Highland Prairie Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 8, 2015

The Meeting was held at Elstad Lutheran Church with Elstad President Larry Topness calling the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call was taken with Gordon Johnson, Karen Bakken, Kyle Chiglo, Allen Skalet, Jerry Hallum, Dave Larson, Chuck Pederson, Lyle Meldahl, Larry Topness, Jerry Evenson, Jennifer Nepstad, Vicky Topness, Jodie Daniels, John Rein and Michelle Rein present. Kay Dahl, and Sarah Bearbower, were absent. A quorum was called.

Others present: Lisa Chiglo—Parish Secretary, Pastor Marie Anderson

Devotions were given by Gordon Johnson.

Agenda was reviewed and motion by Vicky and second by David to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Members to address the council: None

Secretary's report was given and approved as read. Steve made motion to approve, Jerry second. Motion carried.

President's report was given. Things continue to go well, there are no acute concerns.

Pastors Report was given. Pastor Marie is enjoying her time here. She complimented the parish on our ability to work together and encouraged us to continue to focus on growth in this area. She reviewed her plan to split her time between the parsonage and her home. She already has a couple weddings planned. She is looking into shut-ins, hospital visitations, and nursing home visits. She would welcome company! The office has limited records, she will be working with us to update records for the next call. She continues to get to know our parish and our individual needs.

The Synod Assembly is upcoming. The focus is "Enough Food for All". As a result of a previous continuing education commitment, Pastor Marie will not be able to attend, but encouraged members to attend as they are able.

There was no correspondence.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

Many Parsonage locks have been updated.

CO2 detectors and smoke detectors need to be placed.

Inside painting and ceilings in upstairs bedrooms need some repairs. Threshold pieces need to be placed.

Downstairs bedroom needs to be painted.

Downstairs bathroom ceiling needs to be repaired.

Larry has a bed available that Pastor Marie may use in the parsonage if she wishes.

Parsonage Committee includes Jerry, Larry, Gordon, and Kay. They will continue to work on necessary improvements in the parsonage.

New Business:

Pastor Marie would like the council to consider and clarify confirmation requirements and marriage requirements. These are topics that need to be addressed before we move forward and consider our next pastoral call process.

Confirmation is an area that needs to be discussed. There needs to be an opportunity to allow people to express their concerns in a constructive manner. Then a work group should be set up to address these concerns and outline acceptable standards as a parish. Once this is completed, we can share our expectations and values for confirmation with our next call pastor. This still leaves our current 7th and 8th grade students in limbo. We can meet with those families and determine goals for them, perhaps focusing on the Catechism. This can address both our long term and short term needs for confirmation and will focus on specific goal setting. This work group should also include the education leaders from both congregations.

There also needs to be a review of policy regarding weddings , with specific consideration given LGBT unions. The marriage policy should be reviewed and updated by the parish, (or each church can specify their wishes) and something that we are comfortable with in the absence of a specific request. This also will be an important topic to be considered as we look at our next call pastor. The current marriage policy at Elstad does refer to marriage as a union between one man and one woman. We need to determine if this statement reflects Elstad's current wishes, we also need to determine if it is important that HP and Elstad have the same policy. This issue has become more prominent since LGBT unions have become legal in Minnesota. Another topic to address within the marriage policy is whether a Lutheran minister needs to officiate, or co-officiate, any ceremony held within our parish or on our parish grounds. Also, do we want to put limitations on our called pastor that would affect his/her ability to participate in a LGBT union, even if this were to occur outside of our physical premises.

This is a topic that will require much prayerful consideration. After consideration, we can be address this further at our next parish meeting.

Gordon made motion to adjourn, Vicky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closed in Prayer by Pastor Marie

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Reviewed, corrected, and approved by the parish council May 17,2015

Submitted by Michelle Rein, Elstad Council Secretary

Summer Preaching Theme

This summer the sermons will take us back to the Old Testament, where we will become reconnect with our ancestors in faith. We will cover the period of history when God's people ask for a king so they can be like their neighbors. Through the success and challenges met by the first kings and the prophets who served those kings we will see how God remained faithful.

Let's Read

The Book of Forgiving

by Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu

You are invited to read and discuss a book with me this summer. We will meet twice and you can come to either or both discussion. Tutu is an international recognized writer and humanitarian. In this book he joins with his daughter, an Anglican Priest. Both Women and Men are invited into the discussion.

June 23 chapters 1-5 Aug 18 chapters 6-10

2015 SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly was held on May 8-9, 2015 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minnesota. The theme this year was “For God So Loved the World” with a special focus on caring for creation. Tammy Walhof, Director of Lutheran Advocacy – Minnesota, served as the event’s keynote speaker, and Mary Minette, ELCA Director for Environmental Education and Advocacy, served as both Bible study leader and church-wide representative.

Highlights of the event included two vibrant worship services, six different workshop options on Saturday morning, a variety of food ministry videos and display boards from congregations around the synod, the celebrations of ordination anniversaries and retirements, the honoring of rostered leaders who have died, and time set aside for meaningful fellowship among voting members. Beverly Wise, a voting member from Zion Lutheran Church in Stewartville, shared, “By being here, you really get a bigger picture.”

Additional focal points of this year’s Synod Assembly included:

Voting for various synod positions as well as 2016 churchwide representatives

The naming of the Global Mission/Companion Synods Table from a committee into an official table

Discussion and passage of the 2016 Synod Budget

Rev. Mike Ward of the Gronlund Sayther Brunkow Consulting Firm sharing about the synod’s visioning and feasibility study

Presentations of service awards and debt retirement awards

Malaria Campaign report

Saturday worship preacher Professor Jacob Erickson

The passing of three resolutions: 2015:01 – *Minimum Compensation Guidelines*, 2015:02 – *A Resolution Requesting the ELCA Church Council to Develop a Strategic Plan for Mission Funding for Consideration by the 2016 Church-wide Assembly*, and 2015:03 – *Support, Collaboration, Celebration, and Thanksgiving for Lutheran Campus Ministry*

An offering total of nearly \$10,000 that will be split between Channel One and the ECHO Food Shelf

This year’s Social Media Team was comprised of 10 volunteers from around the synod who committed to using their Twitter and Facebook accounts to spread the word on the assembly’s highlights. Over the course of the two days, the hashtag #forgodsoloved2015 was used more than 300 times!

During his official report near the end of the event, Bishop Delzer shared, “I love this church. I love this synod and the way we live out what it means to walk together.” His message included affirmation to voting members and congregations for the multitude of ways they work together. He also encouraged continued support of our Enough Food for All initiative to end food insecurity in southeastern Minnesota by 2020.

For photos, resources, and videos from the 2015 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly, please visit: <http://www.semnsynod.org/assembly2015>

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND SUMMER FUN

ELSTAD-HIGHLAND PRAIRIE PARISH



Worship Service in “The Bowl”

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP
(free will donation)



*Elstad-Highland Prairie Hayseeds
Vintage Baseball Team*

- June 14th 10:00am Outdoor Worship Service with Special Music by Carla Burton
11:00am Lunch in the Fellowship Hall (free will donation)
Parsonage Open House
1:00pm Vintage Baseball Games
(Elstad-Highland Prairie Hayseeds, Rochester Roosters, Lanesboro Excelsiors)
- July 12th 10:00am Outdoor Worship Service with Special Music
11:00am Lunch in the Park (free will donation)
1:00pm Vintage Baseball Games
(Elstad-Highland Prairie Hayseeds, La Crescent Apple Jacks, Lanesboro Excelsiors)
- August 9th 10:00am Outdoor Worship Service with Special Music
11:00am Lunch in the Park (free will donation)
1:00pm Car Show
- Sept 13th 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service with Special Music
10:00am Coffee and Treats in the Park
1:00pm Vintage Baseball Games
(Elstad-Highland Prairie Hayseeds, La Crescent Apple Jacks, Lanesboro Excelsiors)

LOCATION: HIGHLAND PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

All Birthdays & Anniversaries are listed according to the information on file. If you see an error please contact....

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1~ Ron Stensgard
~ Janette Dragvold
~ Madalynn Keller
3~ Helen Kopperud
~ Glen Johnson
~ Glen Bakken
~ Ruth Moraski
4~ Lynnette Pederson
~ Kelly Bearbower
~ Andrew Bacon
5~ Tony Knutson
~ Siena Heydt-Nelson
8~ Jason Dragvold
~ Kortnie Woxland
9~ Richard Todd
~ Christopher Berge
10~ Julie Koop
11~ Bob Brand
~ Jessica Rebhahn
~ Lisa Chiglo
12~ Irma Wangen
~ Jay Dahl
~ Elissa Beach
~ Lakyn Lind
~ Carter Ask
~ Adam James
13~ Kathy Dahl

~ David Lombard
14~ Riley Koop
15~ Wendy Will
~ Tom Dybing
~ Chris Schwichtenberg
~ Andrea Waldron
16~ Paul Ehler
17~ Tate Lind
18~ Alison Feine
~ Wilson Storhoff
19~ Julie Dragvold
~ Allyson Lee
20~ Gary Wangen
21~ Tony Semmen
~ Karl Bergen
22~ Kalin Dahl
23~ Scott Meldahl
~ Rebekah Solum
24~ Jeffrey Self
25~ Cindy Howe
~ Sari Rein
~ Kyson Klug
26~ Lucile Ask
~ Kim Halverson
~ Annemarie Pedreson
27~ Dick Haight
~ Cathy Bakkum
~ Deb Topness
~ Andrew Nepstad
28~ Kristi Berge

~ Avalon Jacobson
29~ Charles Mierau
~ David Howe
~ Kari Drinkall
~ Jesse Rustad
~ Joshua Howe
30~ Sherrie Nurkala
31~ David McHan
~ Bryce Peterson



2~ David & Lori Bakke
4~ Todd & Michelle James
7~ Mike & Brenda Chiglo
9~ Irving & Marjorie Abrahamson
~ Richard & Jennifer Nepstad
12~ Casey & Shannon Ingvalson
16~ Russ & Sheryl Stadmueller
17~ David & Barb Lee
~ Adam & Bobbie Jo Eide
19~ James & Irma Wangen
20~ Ron & Martha Stensgard
21~ Murton & Sharon Boyum
~ Erik & Lisa Sievers
25~ Truman & Pat Dahl
~ Duane & Angel Bakke
27~ Steve & Lynn Ryan
29~ Glen & Karen Bakken

JUNE 2015

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Visit our websites at...

elstadlutheranchurch.org

highlandprairielutheranchurch.org

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 HP- Tabitha 1:00 @ Ann Meldahl's Bulletin Deadline	4	5	6
7 Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m.	8	9	10 WELCA quilting 9:30 with meeting @ 1:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Aiken/ Hungerholt Wedding
14 Outdoor Worship at HP 10:00 a.m. Parsonage Open House Vintage Base Ball 1:00 Hungerholt Reunion H.P. Council 5:30 p.m. @ Parsonage	15	16	17 EL- Elizabeth 6:30 p.m. @ Park Lane in Preston Bulletin Deadline	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 Worship @ EL 10:00 a.m.	22	23	24 Bulletin Deadline	25	26	27
28 Worship @ HP 10:00 a.m.	29	30				

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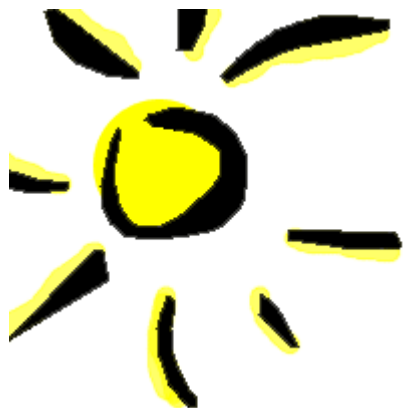
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Newsletter

HIGHLAND PRAIRIE
ACOLYTES/READERS/GREETERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

ACOLYTES: JENS LIND, TRENTEN CHIGLO
READERS: JENS LIND, DARYL THOMPSON
GREETERS: LYLE & ANN MELDAHL

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

WORSHIP AT ELSTAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 2015

ACOLYTES: TRENTEN CHIGLO, PAULA HOWE
READERS: TRENTEN CHIGLO, DAVID LARSON
GREETERS: DOUG LIND FAMILY

ELSTAD
ACOLYTE/READER/USHERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

READER: PETER HOLM

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

READER: CAROLYN SMITH

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015

WORSHIP AT HIGHLAND PRAIRIE

USHERS: MIKE CHIGLO, JOHN OVERLAND,
DAVID LAWSTUEN, STEVE STORHOFF,
COLIN BAKKE