

OCTOBER

2025

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Highland
Prairie
Sunday
Worship
9am

Office Hours

Pr. Jackie: Wednesdays 8-4 & by appointment.
Courtney Lee: Sundays 12-2p & by appointment.
Please call or email to schedule a time.

Elstad
Sunday
Worship
1030 am

A MESSAGE FROM THE EHP PARISH OFFICE

ADMINISTRATOR COURTNEY LEE



Fall is my favorite time of year.

I love watching the trees as their leaves change color—it's such a beautiful reminder of the season's transformation. I also enjoy all the cozy fall scents that fill the air. Lately, I've been trying to slow down and really take in the beauty of God's creation.

Just a quick reminder:

If you haven't already filled out an updated member form, please take a moment to do so. Also, worship assistant binders are available at both churches.

If you're able, please take a look at the calendars and sign up to help out. It makes a big difference and helps me enter names into the newsletter in a timely manner.

Thank you so much!

~ Courtney, Parish Administrator

PASTORS CORNER

A decorative banner with a brown string and two acorns at the ends. The banner features five pennants: a green one with a white chevron pattern, a yellow one, an orange one with white polka dots, a light orange one, and a red one with a white chevron pattern.

Dear friends in Christ

October often feels like the church's "back-to-school" season. Sunday school has begun, Wednesday nights echo with laughter and learning as our confirmation students are diving into big questions of faith, fellowship events bring us together in ways that nourish both body and soul. In these rhythms of education and gathering, I'm reminded of how the Holy Spirit works among us in the most ordinary ways. I see God's hand at work—teaching us, shaping us, and blessing us through one another.

Confirmation especially reminds me of what it means to belong to a community of faith. Our young people are discovering what it means to belong to this faith family. They are learning that faith is not something we keep tucked away, but something we practice—through prayer, service, and love of neighbor. Our young people are learning not just in their class time, but also from watching you, their congregation, live out the promises made at baptism: to support, encourage, and walk alongside them in faith. Confirmation is not just about memorizing or finishing a class—it's about being rooted and grounded in the faith that has carried generations before us. It is about asking good questions, wrestling with real-life faith, and being surrounded by a congregation that promises to walk alongside our young people as they grow. In every conversation, every shared meal, every word of blessing, they discover what it means to live as God's beloved people.

Fellowship is like another classroom of faith. Whether it's coffee hour, a potluck, or a service project, these moments are part of our mission too. Around tables of food, in service projects, or even just in a warm conversation over coffee, we practice being Christ's body together. These moments shape us to see the world with compassion and to respond with care, where we learn how to live out the gospel in simple, ordinary ways—we learn how to love one another, how to forgive, how to celebrate joys, and how to share burdens. In these gatherings, God's blessings show up—sometimes in laughter that makes our sides ache, sometimes in the quiet presence of a friend who simply sits with us

As we start to fill up our Buckets of Blessing, let us remember these little buckets aren't just about dollars and cents; they are about our mission. They are about tending to the gifts God has entrusted to us so that we can keep serving all people in Christ's name.

As the Autumn leaves begin to change, may we be reminded of the unchanging call God has given us: to serve, to bless, and to love—all people, without exception. In the energy of our children, in the faith of our confirmands, in the joy of our fellowship, and even in the filling of a simple bucket, God is at work making us a people of blessing for the sake of the world.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jackie

Parish Happenings



Birthdays

- 1~** Charles Semmen, Danette Grimsrud-Walsh
- 2~** Olive Peterson, Sylvia Passow
- 3~** Jensyn Storhoff, Michael Fox
- 6~** Valerie Howe
- 7~** Alyssa Berg
- 9~** Beth Smith, Amy Jacobson
- 12~** Amber Arends, Carol Fogal
- 13~** Mary Carlson, Garion Bedney, Jayde Butler, Carsen Nelson
- 15~** Cathy Bakke, Creighton Hoiness, Dominic Humble
- 17~** Brandon Rustad
- 18~** Larry Topness, Alison Freese
- 20~** Joyce Dahl
- 23~** Sharon Howe, Don Paulson
- 24~** Mila Topness, Erik Nelson, Courtney Gravos-Hahn
- 25~** Melody Paulson
- 27~** Tyler Knutson
- 28~** Merlin Halverson
- 29~** Karen Mierau
- 31~** Adam Woxland, Brittany Johnson, Hayden Stensgard

Anniversaries

- 7~ Ian & Marcasia Short
- 9~ Chase & Kirsten Bakke
- 13~ Mike & Andrea Pepin
- 16~ Ken & Helen Jacobson, John & Kathy Abrahamson
- 17~ Josh & Kristi Rein
- 27~ Don & Melissa Paulson, Mitchell & Nicole Paulson



We love to celebrate with you, if we have missed somebody's Birthday or Anniversary, please email the church office so we can add them to the list!



In our Prayers

The family of Adam Daniels in the loss of his mother, Darlene, Steph Dahl for the loss of her niece, Joe Johnson, Darrel Highum, Ken Jacobson, Sylvia Markegard, Glen Bakken, Josh, Jason and Laura Dahl as well as for all who are ill, suffering or in need of prayers.



We are looking for talented crafters, makers, and vendors to be part of this special event! This is a wonderful opportunity to share your creations, while helping raise funds to feed our community.

Booth fee: \$30 goes to the

Feed My Neighbor Holiday Bazaar

Highland Prairie

December 6 9-3

Feed My Neighbor Ministry

Whether you create handmade goods, art, jewelry, seasonal items, baked goods or unique gifts, we'd love to have you join us. Together, we can make a difference —every table helps fill another plate.

To register or learn more, contact:
 Courtney Lee : (507) 864-2731 or elstadhighlandprairieparish@gmail.com
 or Pr. Jackie Short: (507) 517-0769 pastor.highlandprairie.elstad@gmail.com

Parish Continued...



The last bottle of Syrup has been sold! Thank you to everyone who supported this venture!

Fundraiser total: \$1085

Elstad: \$434

Highland Prairie: \$434

Bowl: \$217

Piano * FREE *****

to a Good Home!

Contact Brenda Markegard for more information



“Growing, questioning, & walking together.”

Naomi BIBLE STUDY

Evening Bible study

4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Join us as

We will begin our study of the **“Women of the Bible”**

We will be exploring different ways to engage with the bible through conversation, study and “Bible Journaling”.

Grab your bible and join us on

**October 28th
at Elstad**

For more information or to arrange a ride please reach out to Pastor Jackie!



Book Club

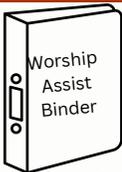
“Stories that spark conversation.”

October Book Club will meet on

Monday, October 20th @ 6pm at Highland Prairie.

We need to pick which book we will be reading. Send your choice to Pr. Jackie asap so we can all get

1. Overbooked and Overwhelmed
2. Seeking Him
3. 7 Men and 7 Women
4. Welcome to the Basement
5. The Places We Get Stuck and the God Who Sets Free
6. Chosen People
7. Even If

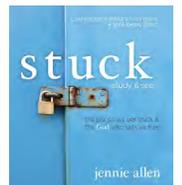
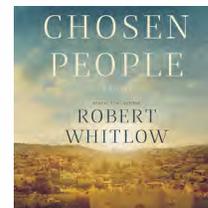


Worship Assist Binders

It's simple! Anyone can sign up!

There is no age requirement or limit, and training is available.

Our hope is by having these binders, it will allow our congregation to sign up for dates in advance help with worship assist. We would like to have the dates for the upcoming months filled in by the **15th of the month** so that we can have the information for our newsletters.



I would like to Thank both Congregations for all their Prayers and cards and visits and gifts and all the food that was brought into Robert and Jesse!! It was greatly appreciated! It is so good to be back home and to be able to be with my Church family again! We are so fortunate to live in such a caring community!! Thank you again and God Bless!!
Shelly Nelson

Notice of Land Rent Opportunity for 3-year lease.
Bidding is now open for the parcel of land currently known as the **Church 40**. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please send your sealed bid to the following address:
Elstad Highland Prairie Church
Attn: Land Bid
43267 Bowl Drive
Peterson, MN 55962
All bids must be received no later than November 1, 2025.

BUCKETS OF BLESSINGS

A joyful, hands-on stewardship campaign inviting all members and friends of our congregation's to care for our church home. Just as drops of water can fill a bucket, the small gifts we share; spare change, extra dollars, or folded bills—add up to make a big impact.
Together, we can “Repair & Restore: One Pail at a Time.”

How It Works

- Each household is invited to bring home a Buckets of Blessings pail from the back table.
- Throughout the coming weeks, we are all encouraged to place spare change, extra cash, or intentional gifts into their buckets.
- When your bucket is full bring it to church as an offering of gratitude and support and place it in the large pail up front. Your gifts will be used for the repair and maintenance ministries of our church.



Kindness has a beautiful way of multiplying. One simple act can brighten someone's day, spark hope, and remind us all of God's love at work in the world. We'd love to celebrate and lift up the many ways kindness is being shared in our congregation and community.

Have you witnessed or experienced an act of kindness recently—big or small? Maybe it was a helping hand, a thoughtful note, a smile at just the right time, or an unexpected gift. We invite you to share your story so we can encourage one another and spread the light of Christ's love even further.

Send your stories of kindness to , and we'll highlight them in an upcoming newsletter
Together, let's keep kindness flowing—one act, one story, one heart at a time.



OCTOBER

Parish & Community ~ **Fall Youth Activities**

10/16: Cardboard Box City @ Highland Prairie 4pm

10/19: Fall Festival & Trunk or Treating 12 @ HP

10/25: Corn Maze 7-10

Mark your Calendar

NOVEMBER

11/22: 9:30 am

Feed My Starving Children



Confirmation

October 1: 7th-9th Grade Confirmation Starts

6:30pm everyone will meet at **Elstad**

October 21: Confirmation Banquet at 6pm

October 26: Confirmation at **Highland Prairie**

November 2: Confirmation at **Elstad**

Confirmation Parents!!! Be sure to check your email and sign up to bring a meal for confirmation. Confirmation starts **October 1st**! We hope the kids are getting excited! **Parish** you can help too! If you would like to help feed the youth you can supply a meal, or help fill our freezers with frozen pizzas. I know for sure the 9th grade class are big fans of Special K bars!

CARDBOARD BOX CITY

Spend one night in a cardboard box to help those who sleep many nights in a box.

Contact Pr. Jackie to sign up or for more information.
(507) 517-0769

- Join us as at Highland Prairie to spend a night outside in a cardboard box, simulating homelessness to help raise awareness about housing insecurity.
- **How it Works:** Each participant will gather boxes & sponsorships from friends, family, or community members. ALL funds raised will be donated to SEMCAC for the **Homelessness Prevention Home Advocacy & Resource Assistance Homelessness Prevention fund.**

We will gather on **Wednesday October 16th starting at 4pm** at Highland Prairie. We will build our cardboard box homes for the night, have dinner at the "SOUP Kitchen" starting at **6pm**. Spend some time together as a **COMMUNITY** at **7pm** playing games & talking around the campfire at. At **8pm** Results of the Community **"Best Box" Contest & Worship**

Invite a friend because ALL are WELCOME !!!
This is a **COMMUNITY** event!!

FREE Family Fall Festival

Join us for a Family Fall Festival filled with fun, laughter,
and sweet treats!

When: October 19th @ 12:00-2:00

Where: Highland Prairie (43267 Bowl Dr.)

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of:

- ✦ Trunk or Treating
- ✦ Games & Activities
- ✦ Crafts & Fall Fun
- ✦ Lunch

Come in costume!!



Sign- up to decorate your trunk & come celebrate fall with friends and neighbors.

All are welcome—bring a friend!

We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!



The Newsletter is Going Electronic!

Due to cost and efficiency, the parish board has approved discontinuing bulk mailing.

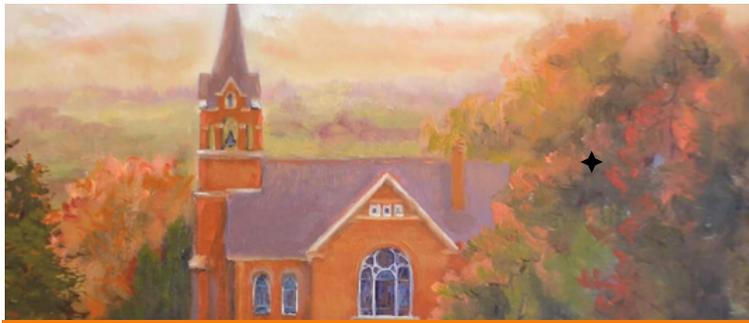
Going forward, newsletters will be available:

- By email
- On our Facebook page
- On our website
- At church



If you don't have access to any of these options, please contact the church office. We'll be happy to add you to our new mailing list.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



Elstad

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30

**Congratulations to the Winners of
the Elstad Raffle !!**



**John Overland
Dick Haight**



**Krissy Overland, Chuck Lee
Sonia McCabe, Sue Ostrem, Lynette
Larson**

We still need people to Sign Up to Teach Sunday School

The children will join us in worship one week and then the following week they will gather for traditional Sunday School. For this to be possible we need volunteers to teach.

Lessons will be prepped and ready for you to share.

If you are willing to sign up for a week share God's love with our kids add your name to the clipboard on the back table.



**Thank you for
helping
make this a
successful Sunday
School year !**

Bible Studies

The Leah Circle will meet on October 8th at 2pm at Park Lane. We use the bible study is from "The Gather" magazine, all are welcomed to join. Reach out to Carol Dixon for more information if interested in joining.

The Esther Circle will meet at 9:30 on October 9th at the Haight Home. Reach out to Ruth Abrahamson for more information if interested in joining.

Elizabeth Circle meets at 8:45 AM at Park Lane Contact Lori Bakke for more information .

Naomi Bible Study :will meet at 6:30 pm on October 28th! We will continue our study of Eve. Grab your bible and join us on as we exploring and engage with the bible through conversation, study and "Bible Journaling".

Elstad WELCA

WELCA talking

WELCA will be serving coffee before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Coffee will be served at **9:15 each Sunday morning**. The Esther circle will be meeting on October 9th at the home if Dick & Diane Haight, 9:30 a.m. World Hunger is the 2nd month of the year to receive offerings of donations.

Any questions? Refer to Carolyn Smith or Ruth Abrahamson.



Highland Prairie

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30



Committee Meetings:

Worship: 1st Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30pm
Education: 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 5:30pm
Joint Ministry: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm

HP Church

Gutter update, two quotes received WRC \$5,550.00 and Eli Hochstetler \$3,416.00. Council approved to proceed with the lower bid.

Feed My Neighbors Ministry

Homemade Meals Available for Those in Need

On Saturday, September 27, Kristi, Kate, Mary, Sharon, and Courtney came together to cook up some comfort food—Tater Tot hotdish and apple crisp—with love and care. Together, we prepared 29 frozen entrees and 7 desserts to share with anyone who could use a warm meal.

If you know someone who could benefit from a homemade dish, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd be happy to arrange a delivery.

Let's take care of each other

HP Education

Continuing with community Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of the Month. Will try and mail out postcards to raise attendance.

HP Grounds

We are currently seeking dedicated individuals to join the Ground Committee. This committee plays a vital role in overseeing the maintenance, safety, and overall presentation of our shared outdoor spaces. Your involvement would contribute significantly to the planning and execution of grounds-related projects, ensuring our church grounds remain both functional and welcoming. If you are interested in serving on the committee or would like further information about its responsibilities, please contact David Markegaard or Steve Howe.

October Council Meetings @ HP

Highland Prairie:

Thursday, October 9 th 6:00 pm



HP Worship

NO

Meeting in September.

This is a community event so **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Invite a neighbor, cousin, friend! WE are so excited to spend time together!

October 5th FAITH BUILDERS @ Highland Prairie

ALL are Welcome ~ Bring a Friend

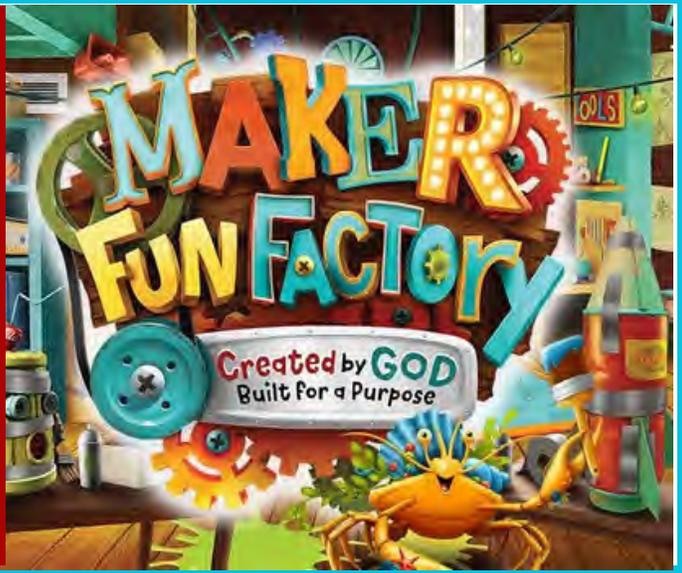
Bring a friend and get a Prize!

Learn
Play
Create

Pre K-
6th Grade
3-5 pm

Games
SNACKS
& LOTS of
FUN!!!

7th - 12th Grade
5-7 pm
Dinner & Bible
Study



Stop into “**He Brews**” and share a cup, and enjoy fellowship, conversation, and connection. “**He Brews**” is a welcoming spot to pull up a chair and stay awhile!
“**He Brews**” is self-serve and will be supported by free-will donation.
Hebrews 10:24–25 reminds us: “**Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another.**”



Highland Prairie Lutheran Church

Donating Just Got Easier!
We're now accepting donations through PayPal.
You can scan the QR code or go to the link below to support us:
<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/QEZFS7JDXUYCY>
Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you to everyone that helped with the Church garage sale especially **Kate Gellersen** for the awesome idea and the arranging the location.
We raised just over \$800.

Highland Prairie Council Report September 14, 2025

President Val Howe called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm

Council Members present were Robert Anfinson, Kristi Gudmundson, Mary Gudmundson, Val Howe, Amy Jacobson, Courtney Lee, Chellsey Lind, David Markegard, and Mike Pepin. None were absent.

Devotions were given by Amy Jacobson. A quorum was determined, and a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of accounting software and gutter bids was made by David, Chellsey seconded. Motion carried.

Congregation members wishing to address the council. None

Treasurer's Report was given by Courtney Lee for July and August. The Month-to-date information provided was income of \$2769.00, expenses of \$11,248.91; Expenses exceeded income by \$8,479.91. A motion to approve the July and August reports acknowledging that the reports are inaccurate due to Church Windows software and we are working to rectify or find a new software program to use was made by Amy Jacobson, Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report – Prioritize items needing to be done. Request from R-P Schools for advertising options.

Pastor's Report – Will be given at the Parish meeting. **Correspondence** – None

Committee Reports: Church Committee – Sewer cap pending responses; Gutter update, two quotes received WRC \$5,550.00 and Eli Hochstetler \$3,416.00. **Grounds Committee** – Branches continue to be picked up, trimming maintained, tree by Rest House needs to be removed. **Worship Committee** – None. **Youth & Education Committee** – Community Sunday School next offering October 5th, Book Club begins September 15th, Evening Bible Study begins September 16 h , Confirmation Dinner set for Tuesday, October 21 st , Confirmation Worship Service is October 26th . Peterson/Rushford Valley Youth Group first event went really well, September they will be doing Chores and Corn Maze events, Cardboard Box City set for October 16-17 th . **Outreach Committee** – Family Fall Fest/Truck or Treat on October 19 th . Any ideas contact Val Howe or Chellsey Lind. **Feed Our Neighbor's Update** – Freezer purchased, containers available. Group meal prep day Saturday, September 20th 8:00 am.

WELCA – Served 2 funerals-August 1 st and 29th. Looking ahead to a busy October with Thank Offering 5 th and Harvest Meal 12th. **Endowment Committee** – None

Old Business – Update on ordering hats/shirts – bids are \$30 and \$18.18 for hats from Kelly Printing – on hold for possible new logo. Removal of Biesanz stones in cemetery – Cemetery Committee requests they be removed – Option to sell them is being explored. Council fundraiser ideas tossed around beginning with Buckets of Blessings, Memory Tree, Tractor ride possible in June 2027.

New Business – October Council meeting needs to be changed due to Harvest Fest Dinner on the 12 th discussed. A motion to change to Thursday, October 9th 6:00 pm was made by Kristi Gudmundson, David Markegard seconded. Motion carried. Church Windows financial program was discussed. A motion to replace it with a user friendly program to be purchased by Treasurer, Courtney Lee was made Amy Jacobson, Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried. Gutter replacement bids – A motion to accept the bid from Eli Hochstetler for \$3416.00 was made by Amy Jacobson, Kristi Gudmundson seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve as read was made by Mike Pepin, Chellsey Lind seconded. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 5:30 p.m. was made by Chellsey Lind, Amy Jacobson seconded. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted. Mary Gudmundson

Next Meeting October 9th, 6:00 at Highland Prairie

EHP Parish Council Report September 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Highland Prairie President Val Howe.

Council Members Kathy Abrahamson, Amber Arends, Jennifer Nepstad, Morgan Knutson, Matt Nelson, Gene Topness, Tanya Wolfs, Robert Anfinson, Kristi Gudmundson, Mary Gudmundson, Val Howe, Amy Jacobson, Courtney Lee, Chellsey Lind, David Markegard and Mike Pepin were present. No one was absent.

A quorum was determined and a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Gene Topness, Chellsey Lind seconded. Motion carried.

Devotions were given by Robert Anfinson.

Congregation members wishing to address the Council: None

Presidents' Reports – Val Howe updated Highland Prairie Council info highlighting the Community Sunday School and fundraisers for recent expenses, upcoming events. Gene Topness updated Elstad Council info highlighting the raffle drawing held today.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jackie Short shared her report of visits and ministry items noting Thrivent representative will visit on September 21 st at Highland Prairie. September 28 th Elstad Sunday school begins, Fall Theological Conference attendance October 12-14, Confirmation Banquet Oct 21 st 6:30, Confirmation Oct 26th . Feed My Starving Children at Eagen November 22nd .

Correspondence – None

Old Business: Syrup Ministry – 2 bottles left

Generous together update

Church 40 bid request needs to be advertised to receive bids by November 1 st .

New Business: Newsletter issues with bulk mail permit and new requirements – Discussed changing to only mailing those that need a paper copy, providing copies at each church, and emailing the balance. Safety Protocol information shared by Pastor Jackie Short with the recommendation that each church establish a plan.

The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve as read was made by Amber Ahrends, Mike Pepin seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer was made at 6:23 p.m. by Morgan Knutson, Chellsey Lind seconded.

Motion carried.

Next Elstad-Highland Prairie Parish meeting will be at 5:30 pm on November 09, 2025, at Elstad.

HP September Income	\$3389.91
Received in September	\$53766.65
Under for September	-\$50376.74
Highland Prairie budget YTD	\$77,400.00
Received YTD	\$33484.91
Under YTD	\$43915.09

Elstad budget for September	\$7665.00
Received in September	\$4926.00
Under for September	\$2739.00

Elstad Council Report September 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Topness at 6:28 p.m.

Roll call: All council members were present. A Quorum was called.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Matt Nelson, seconded by Kathy Abrahamson. Motion carried.

Congregation members present to address the council: None

Pastor's report: No additional report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed by the council. Morgan Knutson made a motion to approve, seconded by Matt Nelson. Motion carried. Report will be placed on file and audited at a later date.

President's report: None

Correspondence received: None

Old business:

- **Raffle Ticket Fundraiser** - The council sold \$4,820 in raffle tickets. Special thanks to Granny's Liquor and the Lanesboro Sales Commission for also selling tickets at their businesses.
 - The drawing was held after the service on Sept. 14. Congratulations to the winners:
 - \$500 - John Overland
 - \$250 - Dick Haight
 - \$100 - Krissy Overland, Chuck Lee
 - \$50 - Sonia McCabe, Sue Ostrem, Lynette Larson
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- **Sunday School** - The Elstad Sunday School program will start Sept. 28 and will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Vicky Topness and some high school youth will be helping to teach. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.
- **Construction update** - The tuckpointing and steeple shingling projects were completed in July, and then shortly after, storms came through and blew off some more of the church roof shingles. The contractor came back to repair those as well.

New business:

- **Church repairs** - President Gene Topness informed the council of future church repairs to consider, including:
 - **Interior:** Plaster that is bubbling near/around the organ and upstairs ceiling tiles/plaster that needs repair. Matt Nelson is checking with a contractor who could possibly do this work.
 - **Exterior:** Roof replacement - When the contractor came back to repair the shingles that blew off during the storm, he noted the church roof shingles are in pretty rough shape. His bid to replace the roof came back at just over \$28,000. No action will be taken at this time.
- **Lawn repair** - The deep ruts in the church lawn caused by the lift used to repair the church steeple will be filled in with dirt and seeded this fall.
- **Storage Shed** - The council discussed cleaning out and removing old items in the shed that are no longer needed.
- **Buckets of Blessings** - Pastor Jackie shared a stewardship campaign idea for our church families to participate in. How it works:
 - Each household will receive a small bucket labeled Buckets of Blessings.
 - Throughout the coming weeks, families and individuals are encouraged to place spare change, extra cash, or intentional gifts into their buckets.
 - On our collection Sunday, buckets will be brought forward as an offering of gratitude and support for the repair and maintenance ministries of our church.
 - Amber Arends made a motion to approve, Morgan Knutson seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was given. Motion to approve was made by Amber Arends, seconded by Gene Topness. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Amber Arends, seconded by Morgan Knutson. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next council meeting is at Elstad on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Tanya Wolfs, Council Secretary

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pastor Office 8-4 HP Bible Study 1:30pm Bell Choir Practice @ 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30p-8pm	2	3	4
5 HP- 9am Elstad- 10:30am Faith Builders Pre-K-6th 3-5pm	6 Bible Study Bethlehem 9am	7 Worship Committe 6:30pm	8 Pastor Office 8-4 Quilting and Potluck @ 9:30am Bell Choir Practice @ 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30p-8pm	9 Ester Circle 9:30am Council Meeting 6pm @ HP Bulletin Items Duel	10	11
12 HP- 9am Elstad- 10:30am Fall Harvest Fest 11a-1p @ HP	13 Bible Study Bethlehem 9am	14 Education Committee Meeting 5:30pm	15 Pastor Office 8-4 Bell Choir Practice @ 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30p-8pm	16 Cardboard Box City 6:30pm @ HP Bulletin Items Duel	17 Newsletter Items Duel	18
19 HP- 9am Elstad- 10:30am Fall Festival 12p-2p HP- 9am Elstad- 10:30am	20 Book Club 6pm @ Elstad Bible Study Bethlehem 9am	21 Confirmation Banquet 6:30pm	22 Pastor Office 8-4 Bell Choir Practice @ 5:30pm Confirmation 6:30p-8pm	23 Bulletin Items Duel	24	25 Hale Stensgaard & Julissa Trejo Weddding @ HP Corn Maze 7-10pm
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October 2025 Newsletter

Highland Prairie Acolytes/Readers/Greeters

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Acolyte: Slade Pepin, Mathew Gudmundson
Readers: WELCA
Greeters:

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Acolytes: Dominic Humble, Hudson Lee
Readers: Dominic Humble, Kay Dahl
Greeters: Chellsey Lind

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Acolytes:
Readers: Mathew Gudmundson, Kristi Gudmundson
Greeters:

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Acolyte:
Readers:
Greeters:

Elstad Acolytes/Readers/Greeters

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Acolyte: Mason Wolfe
Readers: Mason Wolfe, Elizabeth Circle
Greeters:

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Acolytes:
Readers: Marcia Randall
Greeters:

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Acolytes:
Readers: Lori Bakke
Greeters:

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Acolyte:
Readers: Diane Haight
Greeters: